

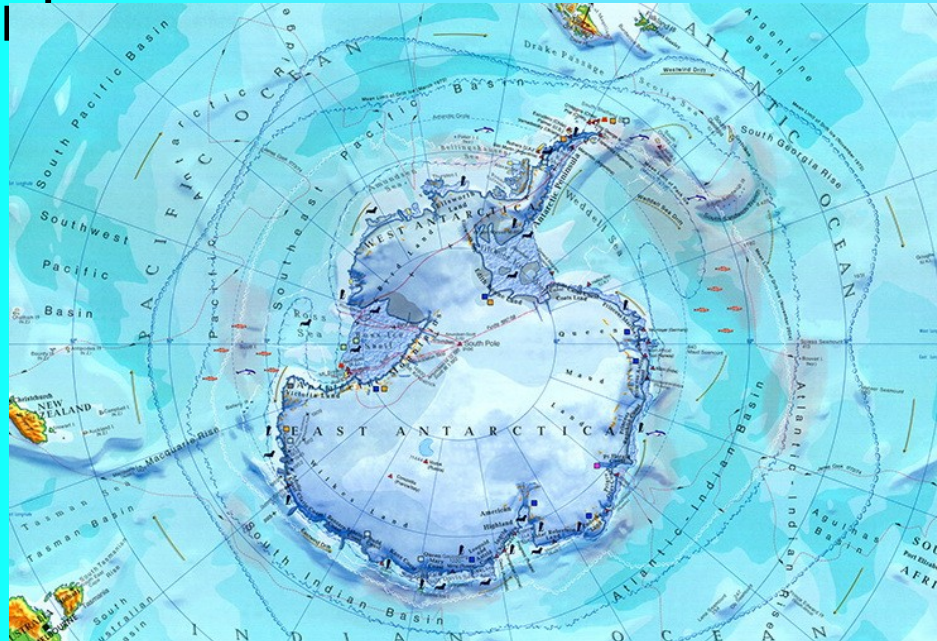
ANTARCTICA

- Land of ice -



About continent

- ✧ It's surrounding the **Earth's South Pole**;
- ✧ It's ringed by the South Atlantic, South Pacific and Indian Ocean;
- ✧ Is the southernmost, coldest, windiest and most remote continent.

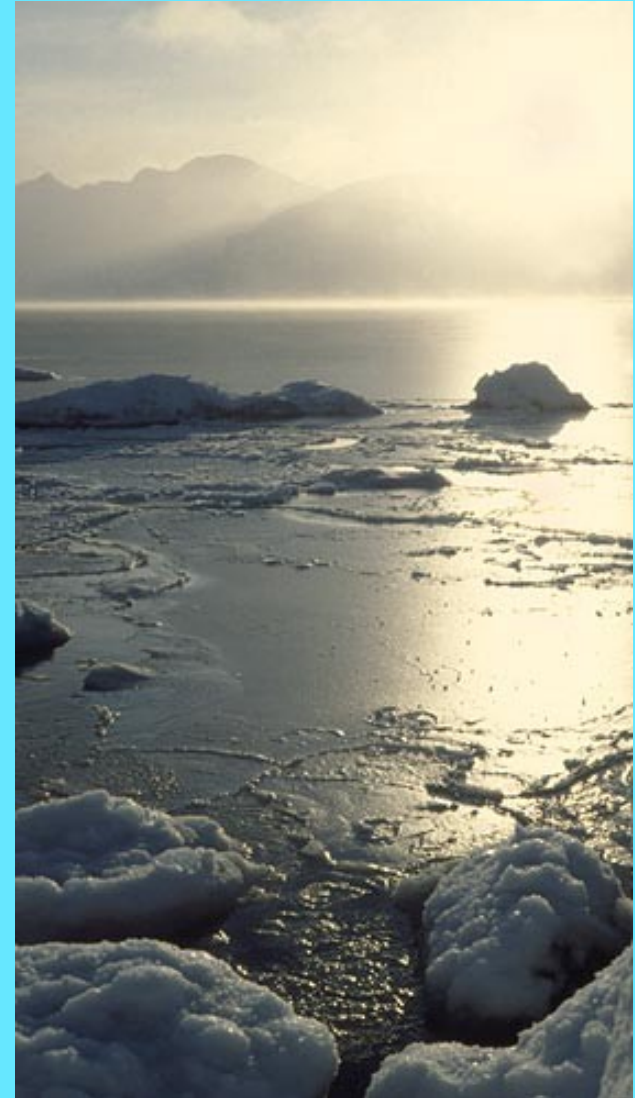


- ⌘ Fifth largest of the Earth's seven continents - it covers about 14 million square kilometres;
- ⌘ It was the last continent to be discovered - 1773 by James Cook;
- ⌘ Covered by ice (98%) and has no permanent human population;
- ⌘ Neglected.



Land and climate

- ✧ Air temperatures fall below -80°C in winter and rise only to -30°C in summer;
- ✧ Precipitation: mainly as snow or ice, with occasional rain;
- ✧ Antarctica holds 70% of the Earth's freshwater, and 90% of Earth's ice.



- ⌘ Daylight during the summer and darkness during the winter;
- ⌘ Jagged coastline;
- ⌘ 70 lakes;
- ⌘ The highest point:
Vinson Massif -
4,892 m;
- ⌘ Several volcanoes -
Mount Erebus - 3,794.



Animals

- ⌘ A wide variety of animal life;
- ⌘ There live about 40 species of seabirds:
- ⌘ Penguin country.

