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### **Icebergs A-68H and A-68I Calve from Iceberg A-68A in the South Atlantic Ocean**

29JAN2021, Suitland, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) has confirmed two new icebergs calved from A-68A in the South Atlantic Ocean. As was anticipated upon the calving of A-68G yesterday, a large fissure that formed in iceberg A-68A has resulted in the calving of icebergs A-68H and A-68I. The new iceberg A-68H is located at 56° 13' South, 35° 32' West. A-68H measures 11 nautical miles on its longest axis and 5 nautical miles on its widest axis. The new iceberg A-68I is located at 56° 17' South, 35° 30' West. A-68I measures 19 nautical miles on its longest axis and 3 nautical miles on its widest axis.

A-68H and A-68I were first spotted by USNIC Ice Analyst Michael Lowe and confirmed by USNIC Ice Analyst Chris Readinger using the Sentinel-1A image shown below.

Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally sighted. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

A = 0-90W (Bellingshausen/Weddell Sea)      C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)  
B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)      D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea)

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by USNIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, C-19 is

sequentially the 19th iceberg tracked by USNIC in Antarctica between 180-90E (Quadrant C). Icebergs with letter suffixes have calved from already named icebergs, where the letters are added in sequential order. For example, C-19D is the 4th iceberg to calve off the original C-19 iceberg.

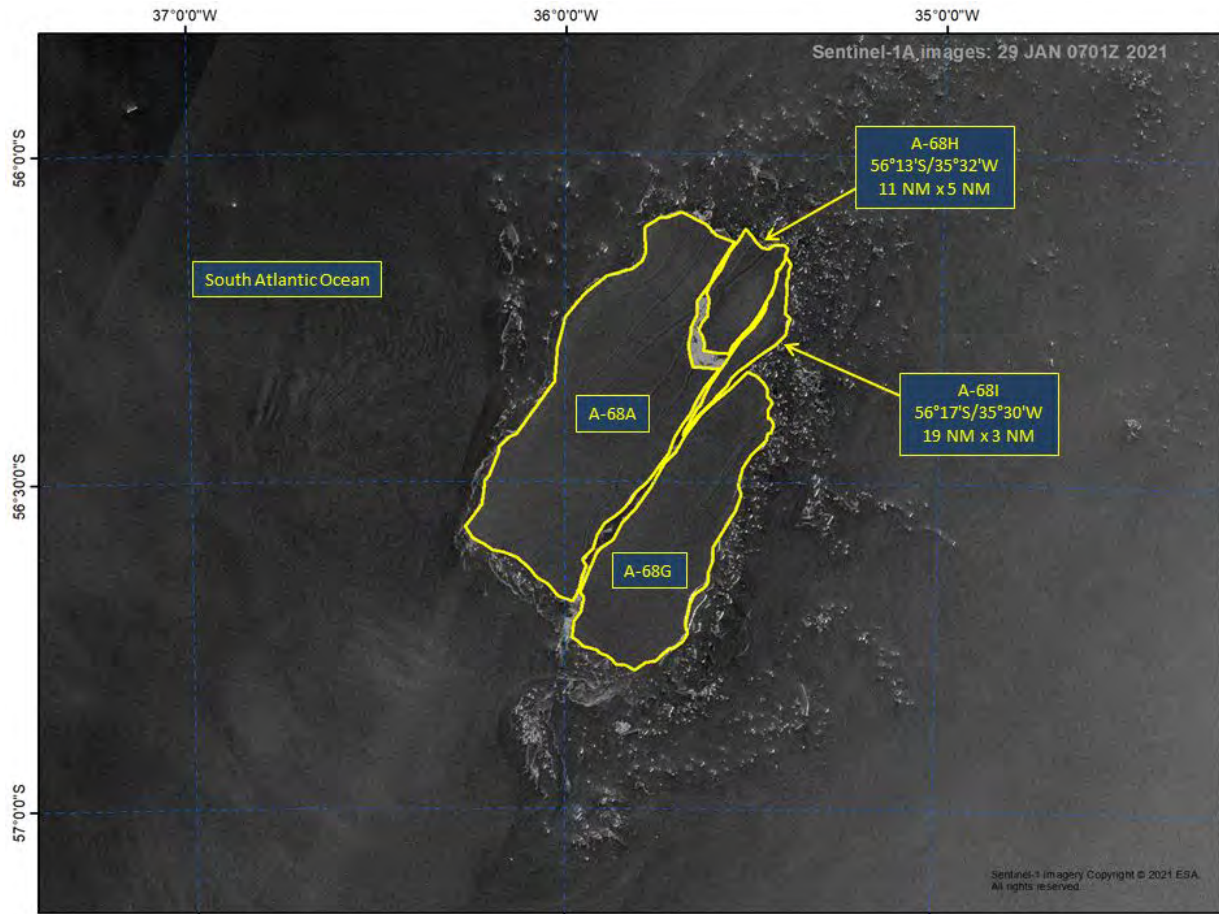


Figure 1: Sentinel-1A image of A-68A, A-68G, A-68H, and A-68I, January 29, 2021

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