

U.S. National Ice Center

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Iceberg D-25 Calves into the Amery Sea

January 29, 2016, Suitland, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) named a new iceberg that calved from the ice shelf near the Kemp Coast.

D25 measures 13 nautical miles on its longest axis and 8 nautical miles wide and is located at 69°20' South, 37°57' East in the Amery Sea.

Analyst MST1 Matthew Tyson confirmed the new iceberg using Sentinel-1 image shown below.

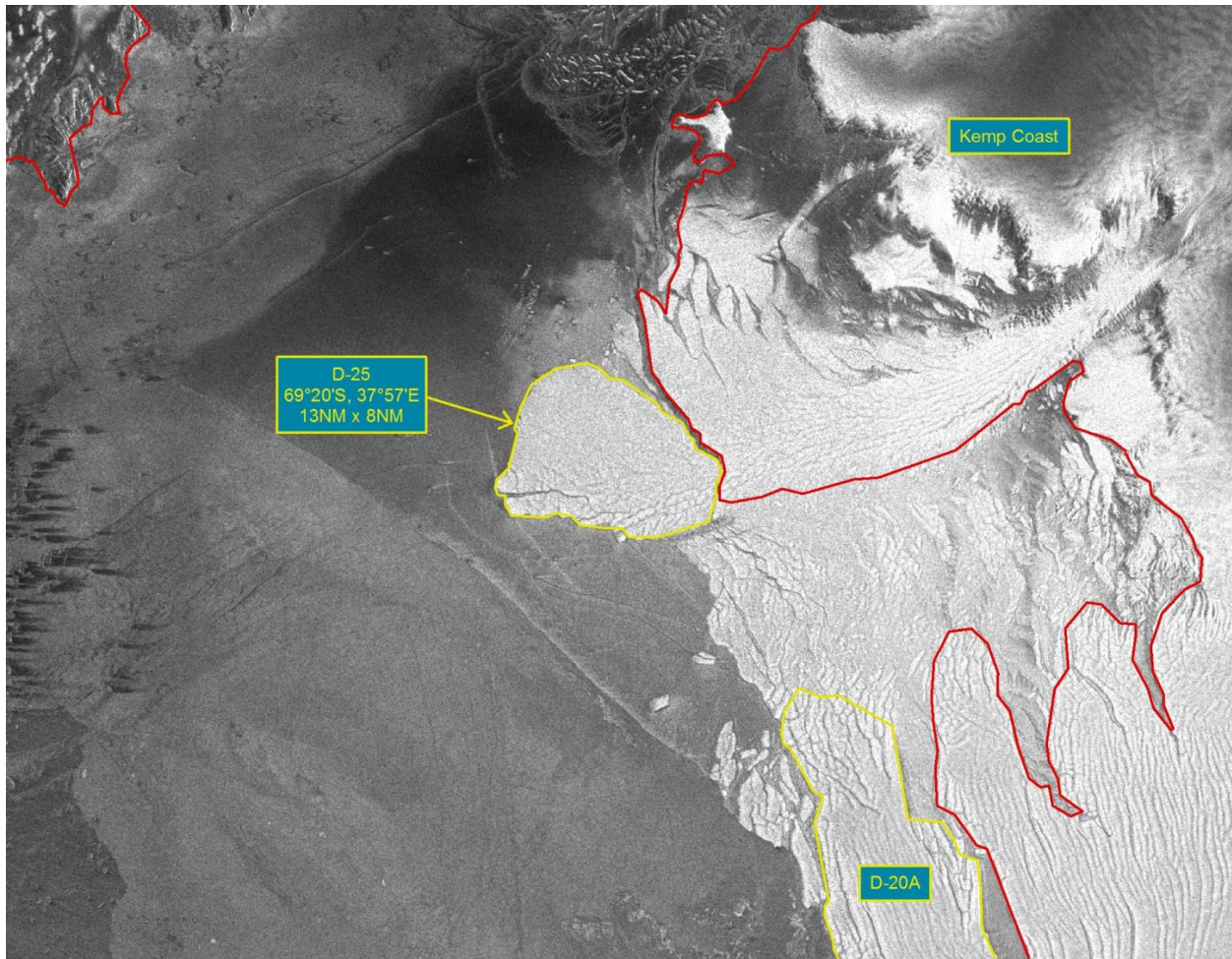
The criteria for icebergs in the Southern Hemisphere for the NIC to begin tracking is that the iceberg must either be at least 10NM along any axis or the iceberg must have an area of twenty square nautical miles or greater.

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

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

Iceberg positions are analyzed weekly and are available on the USNIC webpage at:
<https://usicecenter.gov/Products/AntarcIcebergs>



SENTINEL-1 image of D-25, January 28, 2016

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