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Ninnis Ice Shelf Calves to Form an Iceberg in the Eastern Wilkesland Sea

January 31, 2019, Suitland, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) has named a new iceberg that calved from the Ninnis Ice Shelf in Antarctica. C-36 is located at 67°58' South, 147°51' East, in the eastern Wilkesland Sea. The iceberg measures 23 nautical miles on its longest axis and 16 nautical miles on its widest axis. The iceberg was discovered by Jan L Lieser, Lead, Sea Ice Service at the University of Tasmania and confirmed by USNIC Analyst Chris Readinger using the Radarsat-2 image shown below.

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>

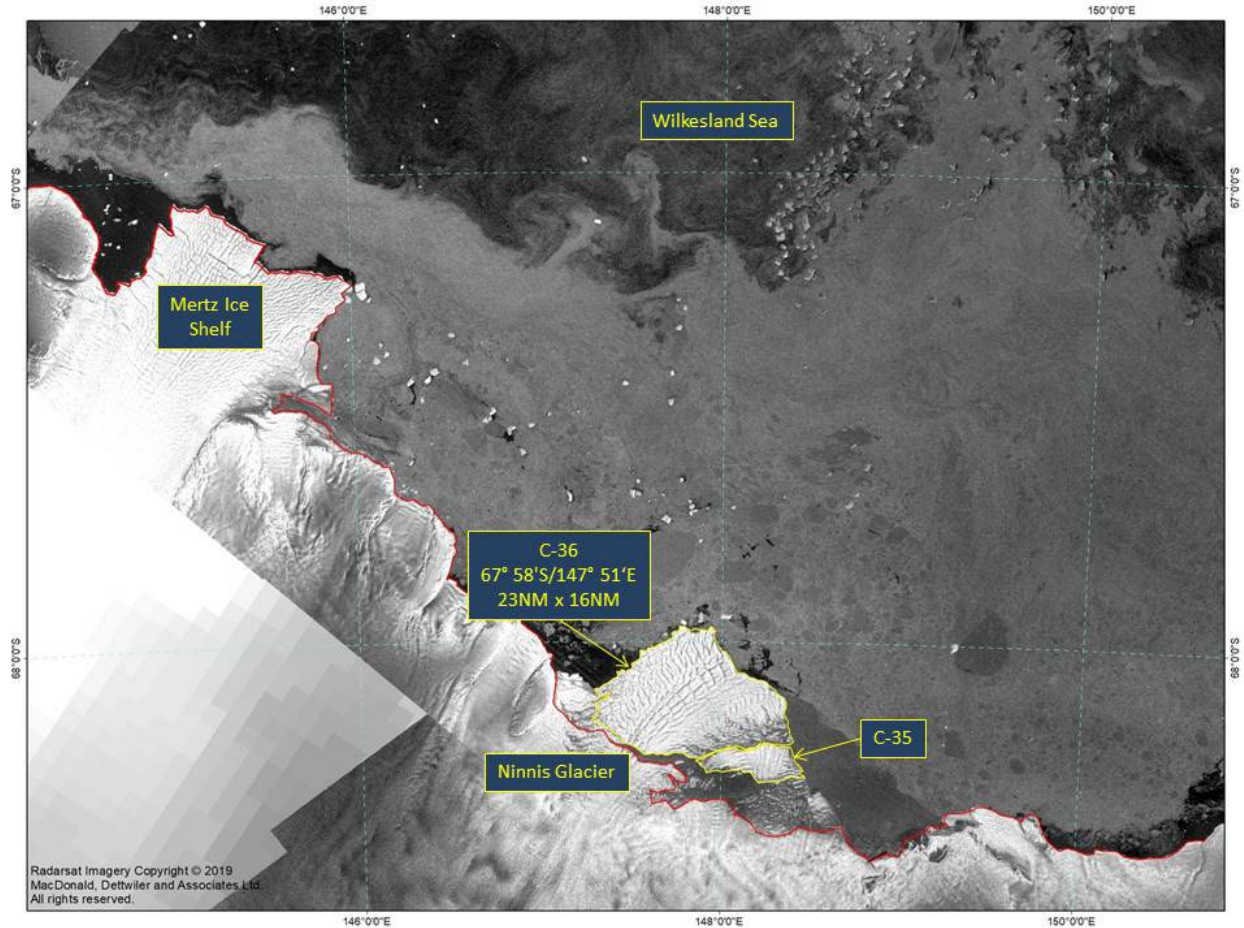


Figure 1: Radarsat-2 image showing C-36 dated January 26, 2019

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