



Colossal A23a Iceberg Stuck

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The world's largest iceberg, **Colossal A23a** (3,672 sq. km), is stuck about 70 km from [South Georgia Island](#), likely avoiding ecological harm to its wildlife habitats.

- A23a **broke** from the **Filchner Ice Shelf (Antarctica) in 1986** and remained stuck in the [Weddell Sea](#) for over 30 years and started **drifting north in 2020 towards** South Georgia Island.
- **Nutrients released** from the iceberg's grounding and melting **may boost marine food availability**, supporting the **regional ecosystem**.
- **South Georgia Island**: The **UK** administers South Georgia (also **claimed by Argentina**) as a [British overseas territory](#).
- **Icebergs**: Icebergs are **large floating masses of freshwater ice** that break off (calve) from **glaciers or ice shelves** and drift in oceans or seas.
 - Since ice is **less dense than water**, **90%** of an iceberg stays submerged, with only the top visible.

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