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**Summary:** Antarctica currently has exceptionally little ice—the lowest ever seen in June. On June 12th the continent's sea ice covered just 10.7m square km. That is 1.15m square km below the previous minimum record for that date, from 2019, and 2.3m square km below the average for 1981-2010. The first difference represents an area a little larger than Colombia; the second an area the size of Mongolia—with three Britains tacked on. It is not yet clear why there has recently been such a precipitous drop in Antarctica's sea ice, nor why it rose somewhat before that.

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