

Change in the grounding line can result in very rapid changes in glacier and ice-shelf behaviour for example, see.

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Under the of the ice flowing outward from the centre of the , the ice in these shelves moves seaward at 0. Almost all of Antarctica is covered in ice. Bovendien is de berg geleidelijk aan aan het smelten en uit elkaar aan het vallen, waardoor er in feite enorme hoeveelheden ijskoud zoet water in de oceaan wordt gedumpt.

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Ice scouring is a devastating disturbance on the polar benthos and is more significant as disturbances of the same magnitude in non-polar regions as the fauna and flora has slower recovery rates. The grounding zone is the region between point F on the figure below, where there is no tidal movement, and point H, which is the seaward limit of ice flexure, where the ice is free-floating. The location and orientation of the keel marks suggests icebergs were entrained a southwestward flowing coastal current, most likely during the last glaciation.

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Around Antarctica, scouring is more evenly distributed.

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