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Pluto in close-up

Stunning images beamed back to Earth by New Horizons have enhanced Pluto's mystique. By RICHARD A LOVETT.

As recently as June, Pluto was one of the most mysterious objects in the Solar System – so remote scientists weren't even sure of its size. Today, we not only have a clear measure of its diameter (2,370 kilometres, give or take 20 kilometres), but we know it has a red-streaked polar cap, steep →

Detailed pictures of Pluto taken by the New Horizons spacecraft have revealed a smooth ice cap near its equator, with flowing glaciers.

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