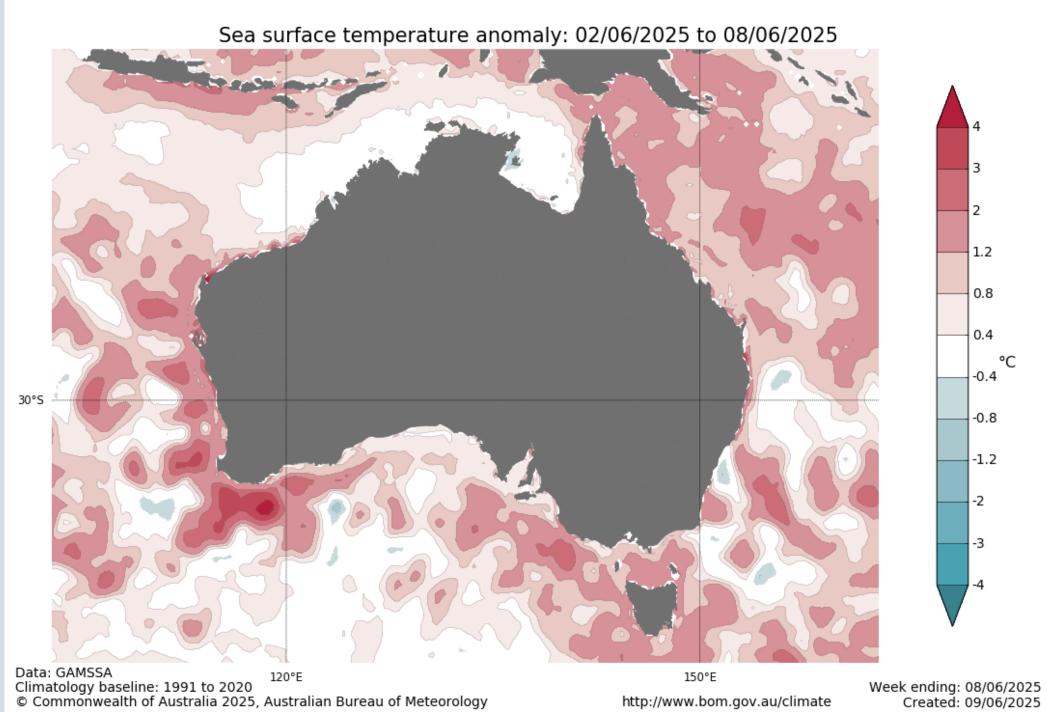
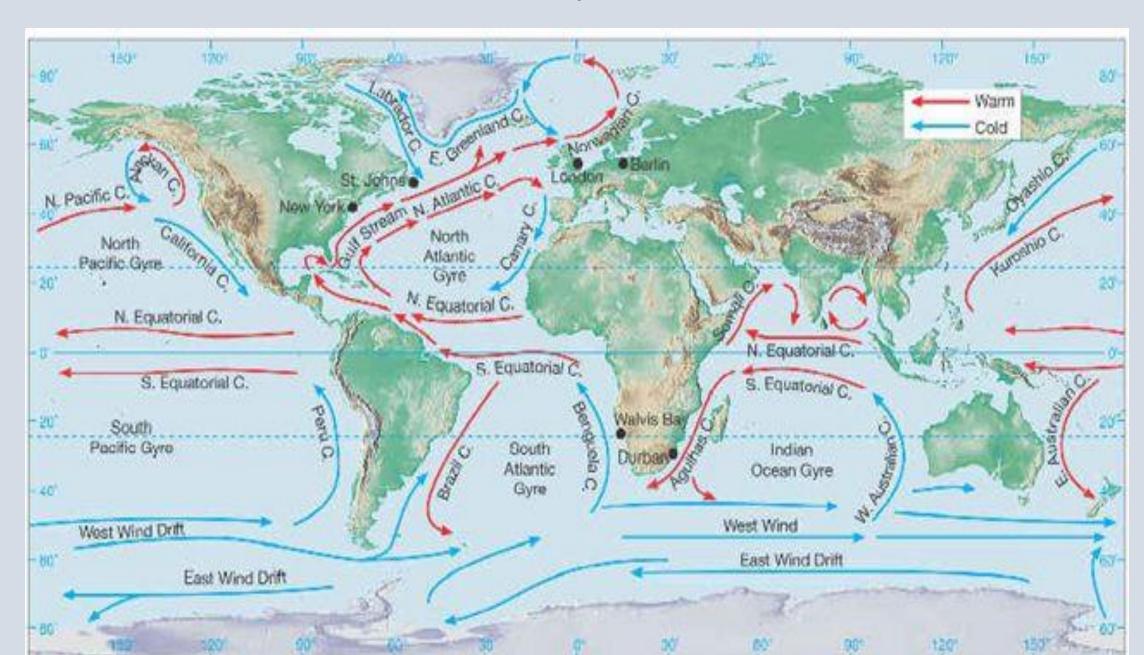


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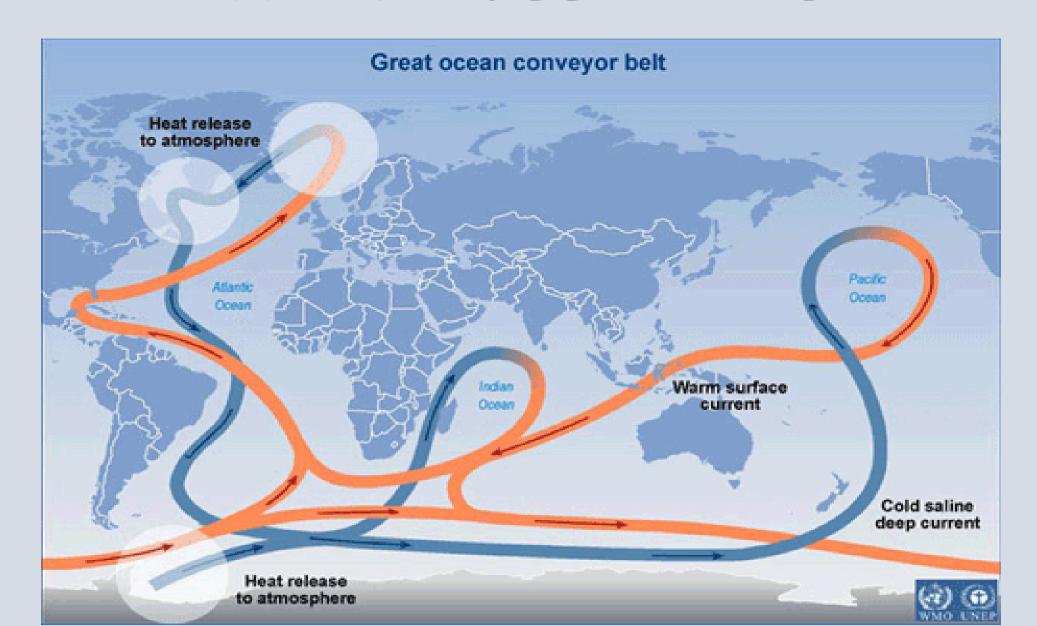
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Warm and cold surface ocean currents



SHALLOW & DEEP CURRENTS

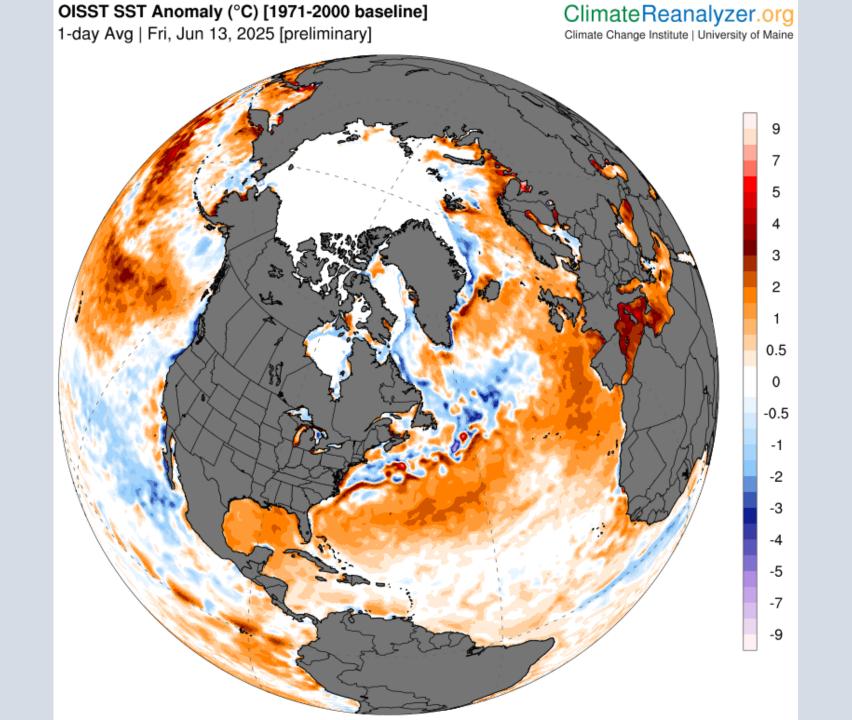


ATLANTIC GULF STREAM CURRENT

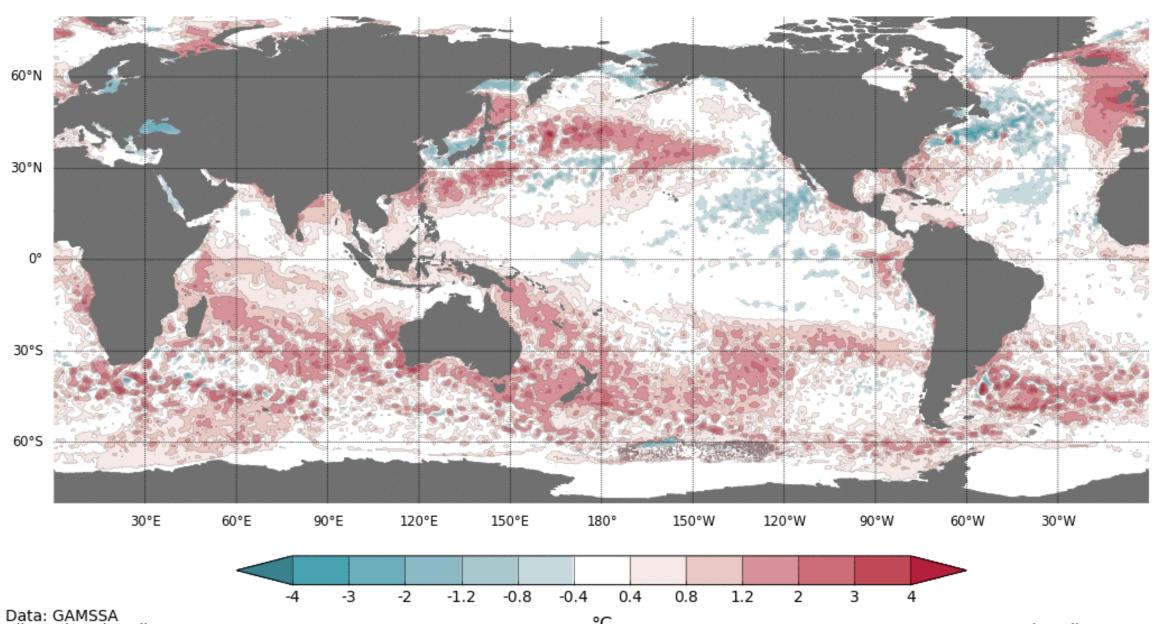


- AT ICE FORMATION, SEA WATER BECOMES SALTIER, DENSER & SINKS
- THIS DRIVES GLOBAL BOTTOM WATER CIRCULATION
- SINCE 2004, THE GULF STREAM HAS SLOWED BY 10-15%
- BILLIONS OF LITRES OF COLD FRESH WATER ARE POURING INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
- ?? EFFECTS UNKNOWN





Sea surface temperature anomaly: 19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025

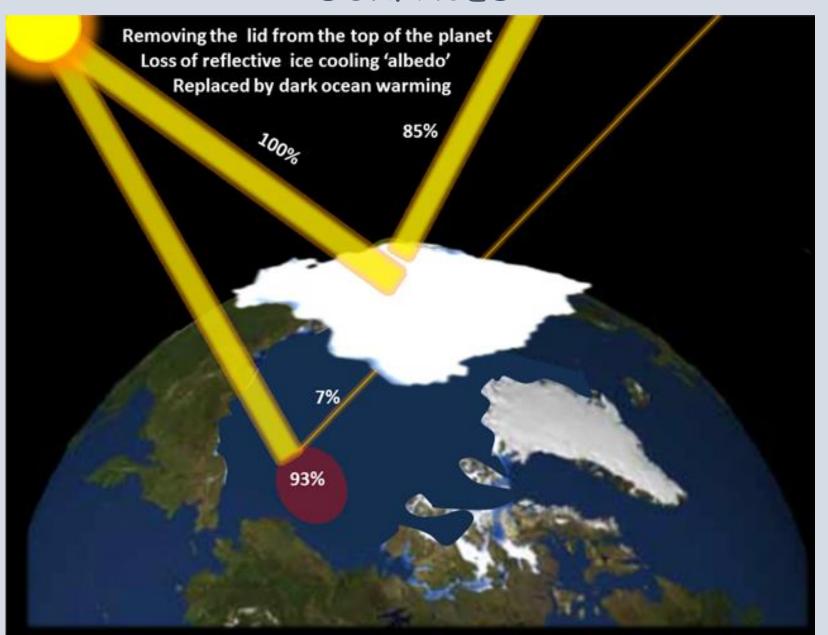


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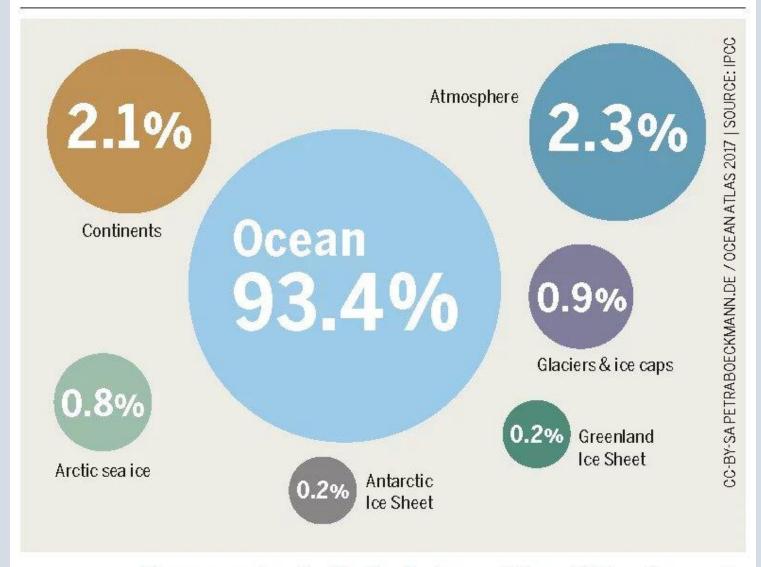
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REFLECTIVITY OF LIGHT AND DARK COLOURED SURFACES

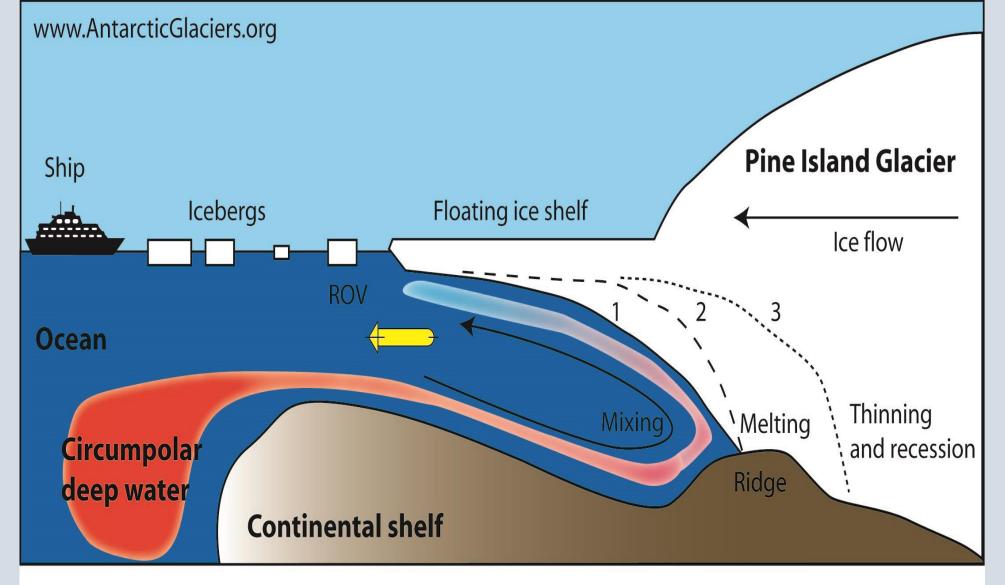


Where Does the Warmth Go?

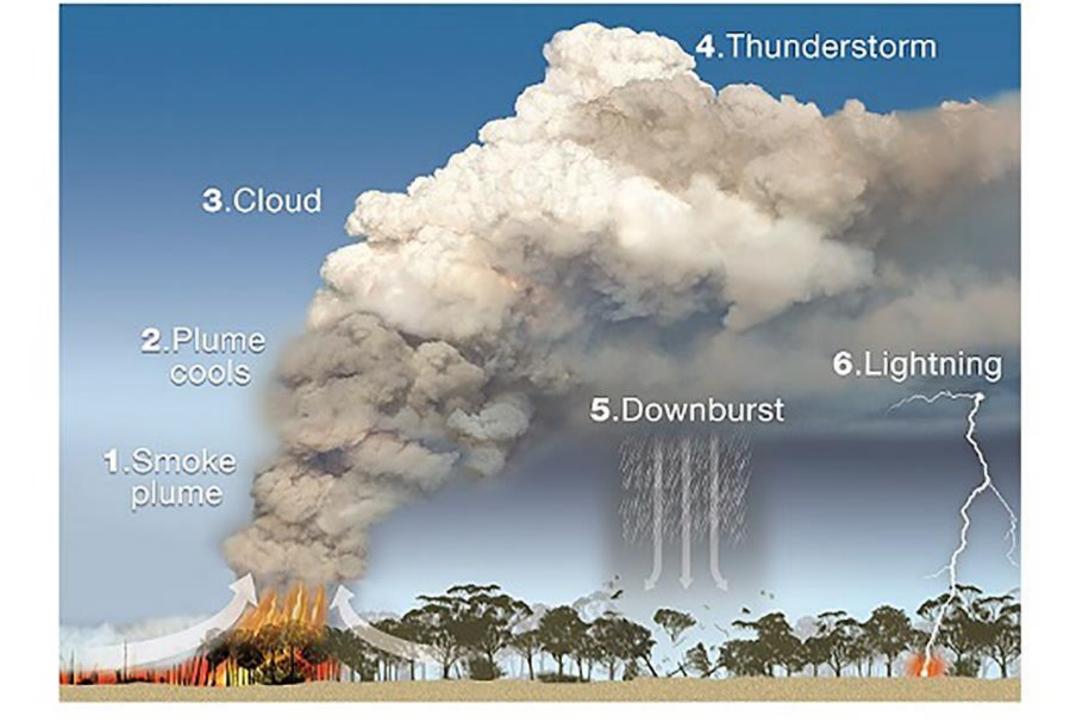


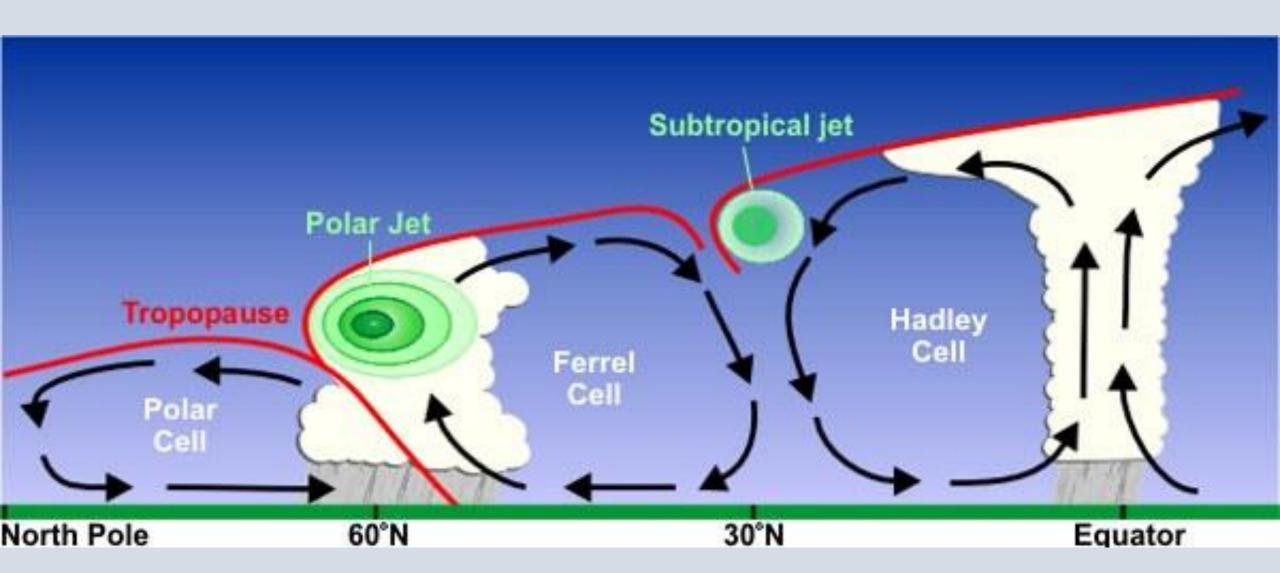
The ocean absorbs the lion's share of the additional warmth resulting from human CO_2 emissions, which supplements the natural greenhouse effect.



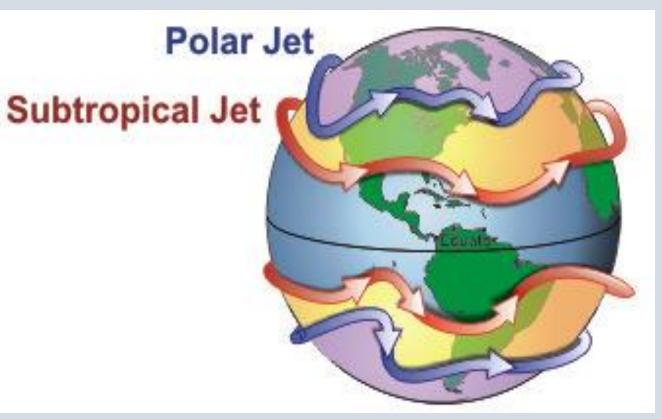


- 1. Early 1970s. Pine Island Glacier is grounded at a bedrock ridge.
- 2. Warm, inflowing Circumpolar Deep Water melts the base of the glacier. The glacier steepens and accelerates.
- 3. Present day, observed by a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). Glacier is thinning and receding.





JET STREAMS



- Jet streams are rapidly moving rivers of air, high up in the atmosphere
- Polar jet streams restrict polar air to the polar region
- A weakening, meandering polar jet stream is allowing cold air to move further away from the poles & warm air to travel towards the poles
- Weather systems (highs & lows) can persist longer over one area

