

Iceberg D-26 Calves off an ice shelf along the Princess Astrid Coast

April 8, 2016, Suitland, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) named a new iceberg that calved from the Princess Astrid Coast in Antarctica. The iceberg broke off the ice shelf earlier this week and has drifted less than a mile from where it calved.

D-26 is located at 69°21' South, 29°31' East, in the Amery Sea. The iceberg measures 18 nautical miles on its longest axis and two nautical miles on its widest axis. Analyst Chris Readinger confirmed iceberg D-26 using the MODIS image shown below.

Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally sighted. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

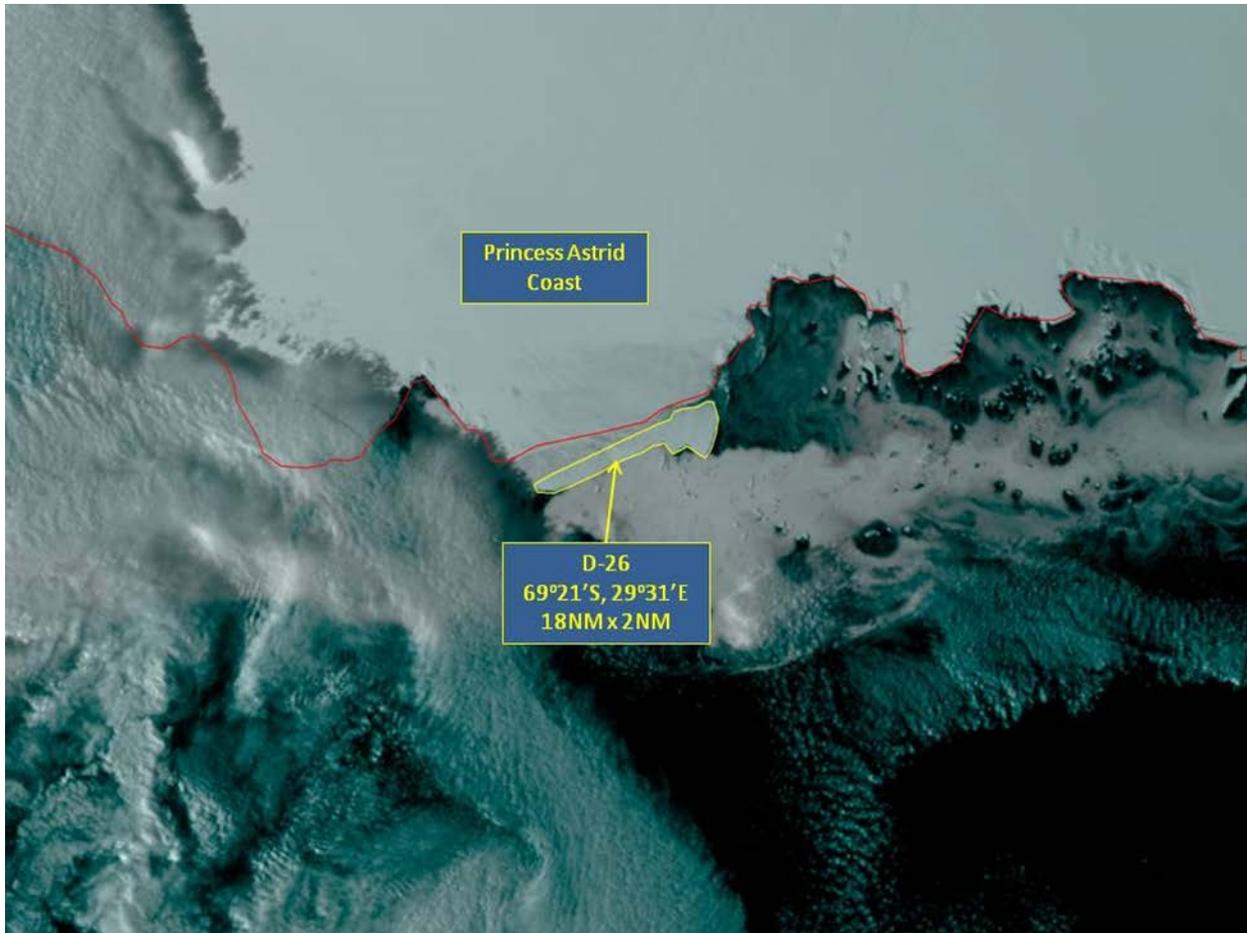
- A = 0-90W (Bellingshausen/Weddell Sea)
- B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)
- C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)
- D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea)

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by the USNIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, C-19 is sequentially the 19th iceberg tracked by the NIC in Antarctica between 180-90E (Quadrant C).

Information on Southern Hemisphere icebergs are posted to the website every Friday, with size, position, and remarks at http://www.natice.noaa.gov/pub/icebergs/Iceberg_Tabular.pdf.

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MODIS image of D-26 dated April 8, 2016

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