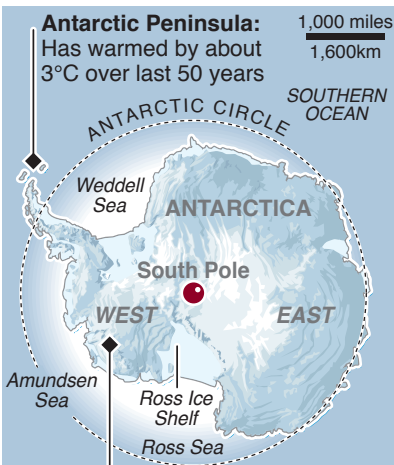


# State of Antarctic climate

Sea levels could rise twice as fast as previously predicted due to melting sea ice around West Antarctica, according to the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research. However, the hole in the ozone layer is protecting East Antarctica from global warming, bringing a 10% increase in sea ice since 1980



**West Antarctica ice sheet:** Warmer water getting under edges of sheet is accelerating flow of ice into ocean