

Giant iceberg set for disastrous collision

Scientists are saying that a collision of the world's biggest iceberg with the British Overseas Territory of South Georgia, is almost inevitable, putting the local wildlife at risk

Sea floor depth
(metres)

0
1,000
2,000
3,000
4,000

150km

SOUTH
GEORGIA

Grytviken

A68a

Position on
December 8

Dubbed A68a,
iceberg is 4,200sq km
in size and only 50km
distant from south shelf edge

30km
20 miles

ARGENTINA

With draft of around
200m, scientists fear
A68a could ground
itself off island,
blocking vital
foraging routes
for seals and
penguins

Dec 2020

South
Georgia
Island

Nov 2020

Oct 2020

Sep 2020

Apr 2020

Feb 2020

Nov 2019

Feb 2019

Jul 2017:
Iceberg
calves off
ice shelf

CHILE

500km
300 miles

SOUTHERN
OCEAN

Larsen C
Ice Shelf

ANTARCTIC
PENINSULA

ANTARCTICA



King penguins
on South Georgia