

Arctic sea ice hits record winter low

Arctic sea ice reached its annual maximum extent on March 22, the lowest level in the 47-year satellite record and 80,000 sq km smaller than the previous lowest in 2017

ARCTIC SEA ICE

Since satellite monitoring began in 1979

Median ice edge

1981-2010

Mar 2025



Sea ice 2025
14.33m sq km

ARCTIC
CIRCLE

Sea of
Okhotsk

RUSSIA

North
Pole

Alaska
U.S.
CANADA

Greenland
DENMARK

Gulf of
St. Lawrence
Virtually ice free

1981-2025
15.64m sq km

ANNUAL
SEA ICE EXTENT
1979-2025

Million sq km
15

