

Southern Ocean

Fun facts for kids



The Southern Ocean, established as a distinct ocean by the IHO in 2000, is the world's youngest.



The Southern Ocean features the Antarctic Circumpolar Current, the world's strongest water current.



The Southern Ocean is famed for its freezing temperatures and fierce winds.



The Southern Ocean hosts diverse marine life, such as penguins, seals, whales, fish, and krill.



The Southern Ocean is surrounded by ice formations like glaciers and ice shelves from Antarctica.



The Southern Ocean is a key area for scientific research in climate, oceanography, and marine biology.



Antarctica's waters are designated as a marine protected area to safeguard its ecosystems and wildlife.



The Southern Ocean has remote islands such as South Georgia, the Falklands, and the South Orkneys.



Southern Ocean whaling: countries conducted commercial operations until mostly banned by 20th-century agreements.



Exploring the Southern Ocean is challenging due to harsh weather and remote location.



The Southern Ocean offers spectacular views of the aurora australis, or southern lights



The Southern Ocean hosts large krill populations, crucial for the Antarctic marine food web.