

# ● Protecting Antarctica

Answer the following questions using information from the textbook.

1. Why does the size of Antarctica appear to double during the winter? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What effect does the freezing and thawing of this ice mass have on other areas of Earth?

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3. What percentage of the Antarctic land mass is free of ice? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How is Antarctica important to birds and seals? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How is Antarctica important to researchers? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What minerals are thought to be located in Antarctica? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What concerns do some people have regarding the mining of these mineral resources?

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8. What agreement was reached by many nations of the world regarding Antarctica in 1991?

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9. Why do some people feel that Antarctica's resources should be mined?

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