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Vi lever alle på den samme planet. Uanset hudfarve, nationalitet eller sprog deler vi et fælles hjem: Jorden. Denne erkendelse burde være et samlende udgangspunkt for menneskeheden, men alt for ofte overskygges den af politiske interesser, magtspil og konflikter. Vores planet er smuk, mangfoldig og sårbar, og den tilhører os alle – ikke kun de stærkeste.

Grønland er et af de smukkeste og mest særprægede steder på Jorden. Et land præget af enorme, uberørte vildmarker, små maleriske bosættninger og en natur, der både er storslået og nådesløs. Dybe fjorde skærer sig ind i landskabet, og det arktiske hav omgiver landet med sin rå kraft og sit evige nærvær. Her mærker man naturens storhed og menneskets lille plads i helheden.

At leve så langt mod nord, midt

i Arktis, stiller ekstreme krav til mennesket. Levevilkårene er barske, og naturen sætter klare grænser for, hvad der er muligt. Mennesket kan tilpasse sig meget, men aldrig uden hensyntagen til de rammer, som naturen fastlægger. I Grønland er denne balance mellem menneske og natur ikke et valg, men en nødvendighed.

Grønlands befolkning er ikke stor i antal, men som alle andre folk rummer den en rig kultur, stærke traditioner, egne drømme og håbet om en fredelig fremtid. Det er et folkefærd som alle andre, med et grundlæggende ønske om tryghed, værdighed og fredelig sameksistens med nabolandene.

Jeg fandt selv fred og ro i sindet under mine mere end tyve år blandt grønlændere. At leve tæt på både menneskerne og den vilde arktiske

natur gav en særlig forståelse for stilhed, fællesskab og respekt for omgivelserne. Grønland var for mig et sted, hvor tempoet var langsommere, og hvor livet blev levet med en dyb bevidsthed om naturens magt og menneskets ansvar.

Derfor er det svært at begribe, at Grønland i dag verbalt trues med voldeligt overfald fra en af vores egne allierede, USA. For de fleste af os har det været utænkeligt, at et sådant scenarie overhovedet kunne opstå. Alligevel lever den grønlandske befolkning nu med en reel frygt og forbereder sig mentalt på det værst tænkelige.

Efter de amerikanske trusler står det klart, at det Grønland, jeg kendte, er forandret for altid. På den ene eller anden måde synes landet at bevæge sig mod en fremtid som militariseret

område, hvor tilstedeværelsen af fremmede magter og militære interesser vil kaste lange skygger. Angsten for krig risikerer at blive en fast del af hverdagen for en sagesløs befolkning, som blot ønsker at leve i fred i deres eget land.

Grønlands skæbne minder os om, hvor skrøbelig freden er, og hvor vigtigt det er at huske, at vi alle deler den samme planet. Ingen nation, uanset størrelse eller magt, har ret til at true et andet folks fred og fremtid. Vores fælles ansvar må være at beskytte både Jorden og de mennesker, der kalder selv de fjerneste egne for hjem.

Ugens fotografier er fra flyrejser med helikopter og fastvinge fly i juni 2015.

Our Shared Planet & The Fragile Peace of Greenland

We all live on the same planet. Regardless of skin colour, nationality, or language, we share a common home: Earth. This realization should unite humanity, yet it is too often overshadowed by political interests, power struggles, and conflict. Our planet is beautiful, diverse, and vulnerable, and it belongs to all of us—not only to the strongest.

Greenland is one of the most beautiful and distinctive places on Earth. It is a land shaped by vast, untouched wilderness, small, picturesque settlements, and a nature that is both magnificent and unforgiving. Deep fjords cut through the landscape, and the Arctic Ocean surrounds the country with its raw power and constant presence. Here, one feels the grandeur of nature and the smallness of humankind within the greater whole.

Living so far north, in the heart of the Arctic, places extreme demands on human beings. The living conditions are harsh, and nature sets clear limits on what is possible. Humans can adapt to much, but never without respect for the boundaries imposed by the natural world. In Greenland, this balance between humanity and nature is not a choice but a necessity.

Greenland's population is small in number, yet like all peoples, it possesses a rich culture, strong traditions, its own dreams, and a hope for a peaceful future. It is a people like any other, with a fundamental desire for security, dignity, and peaceful coexistence with neighbouring countries.

I myself found peace and calm of mind during my more than twenty years living among Greenlanders.

Living close to both the people and the wild Arctic nature offered a special understanding of silence, community, and respect for one's surroundings. For me, Greenland was a place where the pace of life was slower and where life was lived with a deep awareness of the power of nature and humanity's responsibility.

It is therefore difficult to comprehend that Greenland is today being verbally threatened with violent attack by one of our own allies, the United States. For most of us, it was unimaginable that such a scenario could ever arise. Yet the Greenlandic population now lives with a real fear and prepares mentally for the worst conceivable outcome.

Following the American threats, it is clear that the Greenland I once knew has been changed forever. In

one way or another, the country now appears to be moving toward a future as a militarized area, where the presence of foreign powers and military interests will cast long shadows. The fear of war risks becoming a permanent part of everyday life for an innocent population that simply wishes to live in peace in its own land.

Greenland's fate reminds us how fragile peace truly is, and how vital it is to remember that we all share the same planet. No nation, regardless of its size or power, has the right to threaten another people's peace and future. Our shared responsibility must be to protect both the Earth and the people who call even the most remote places home.

This week's photographs are from helicopter and fixed-wing flights in June 2015.



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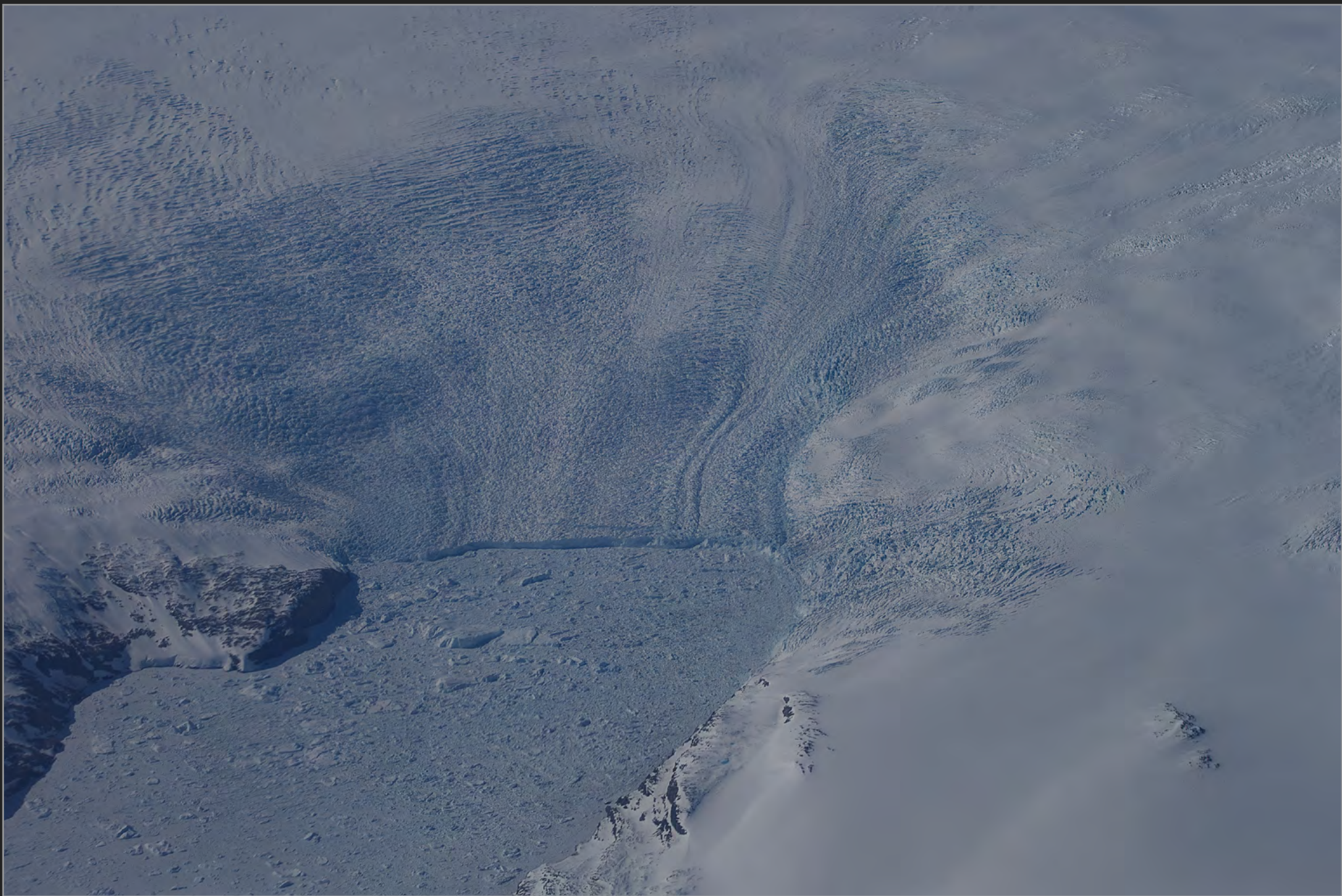
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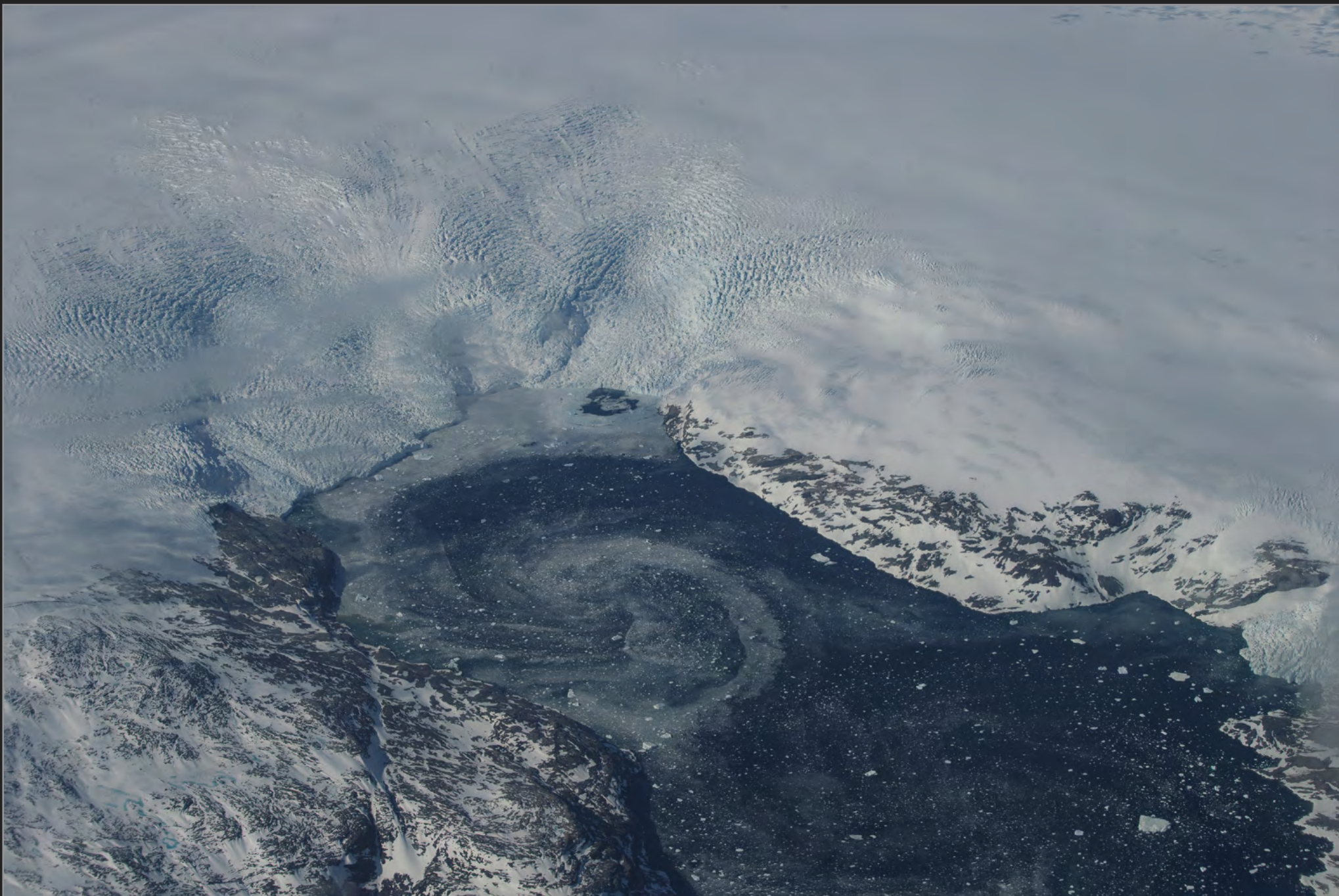
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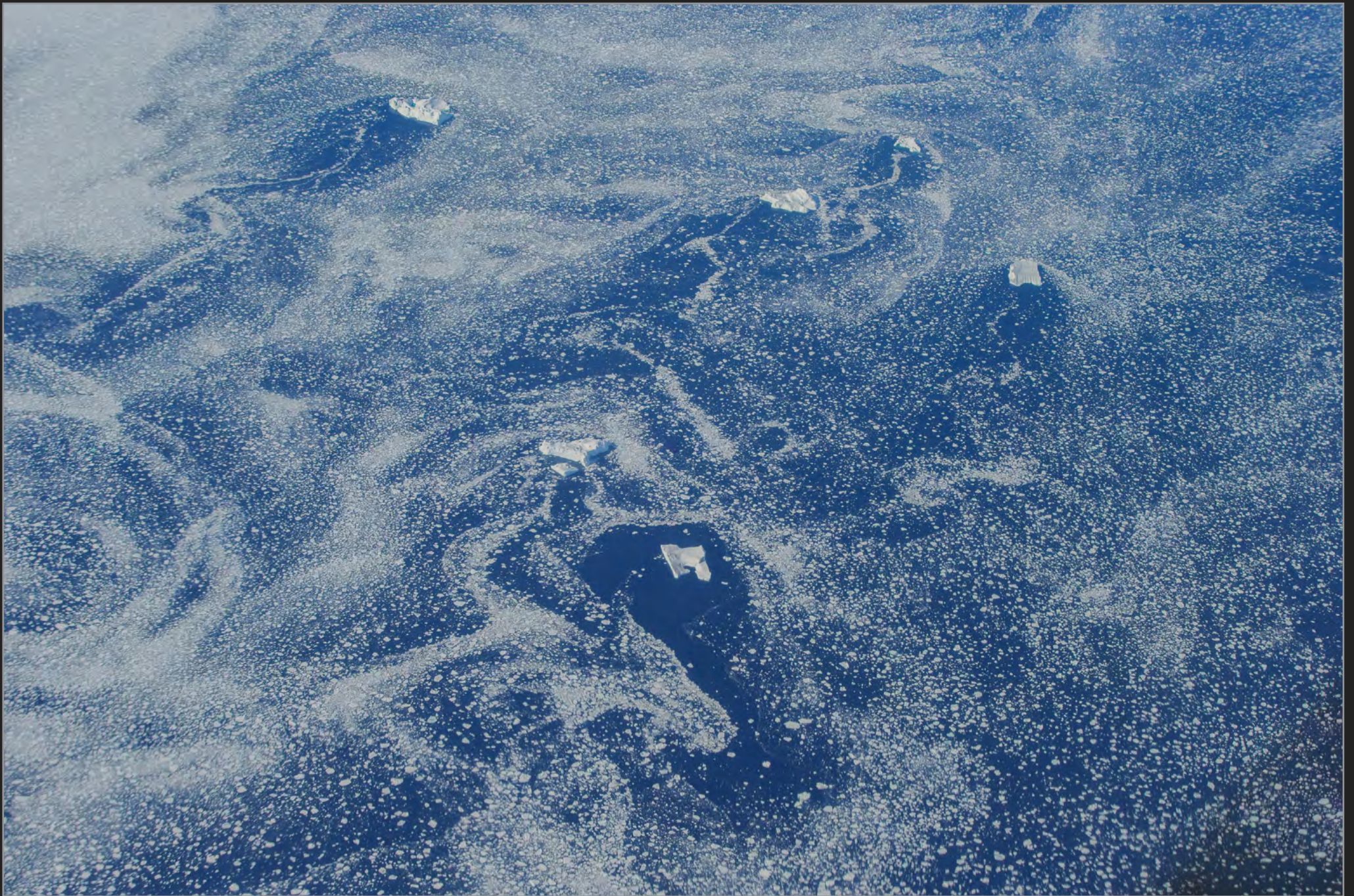
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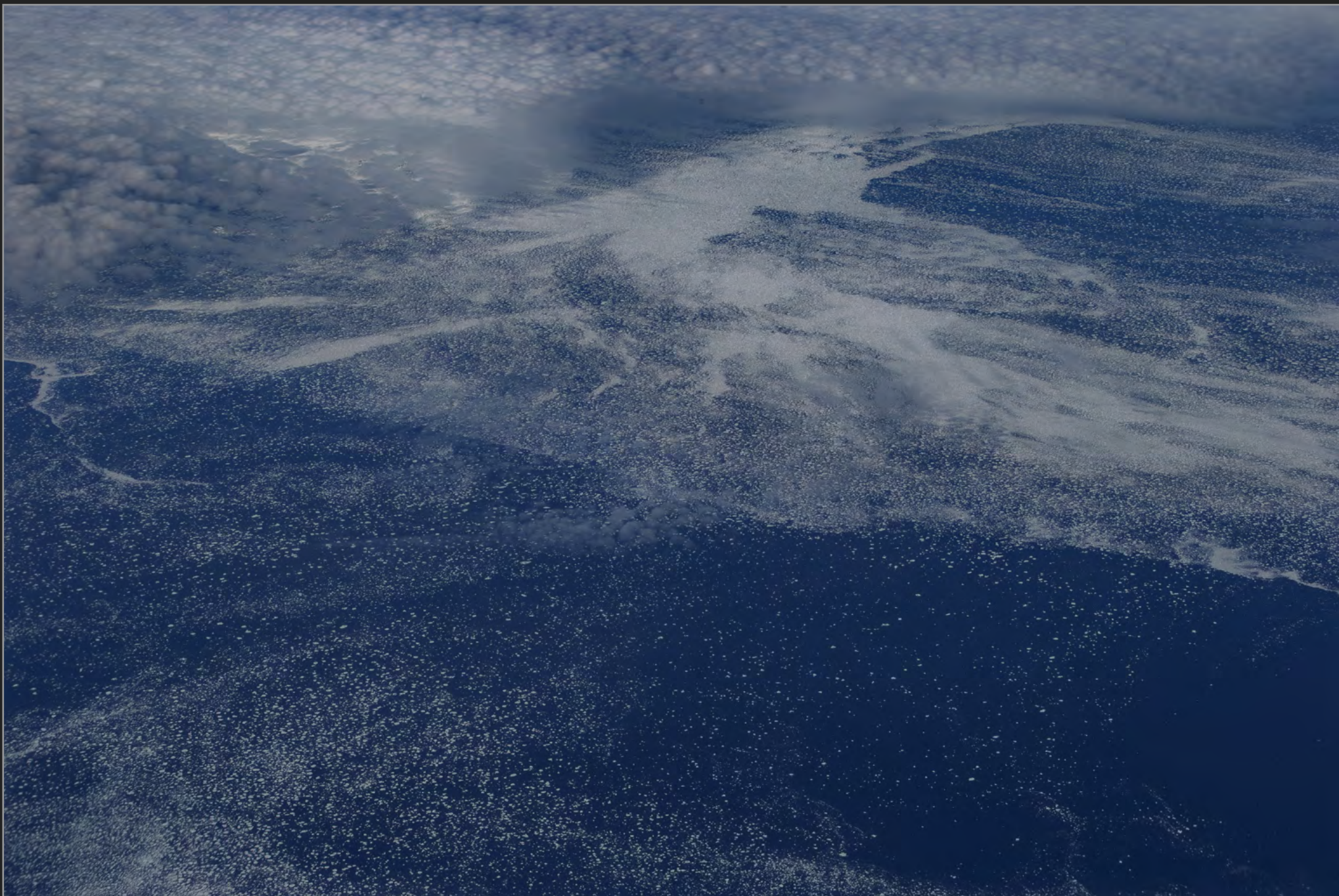
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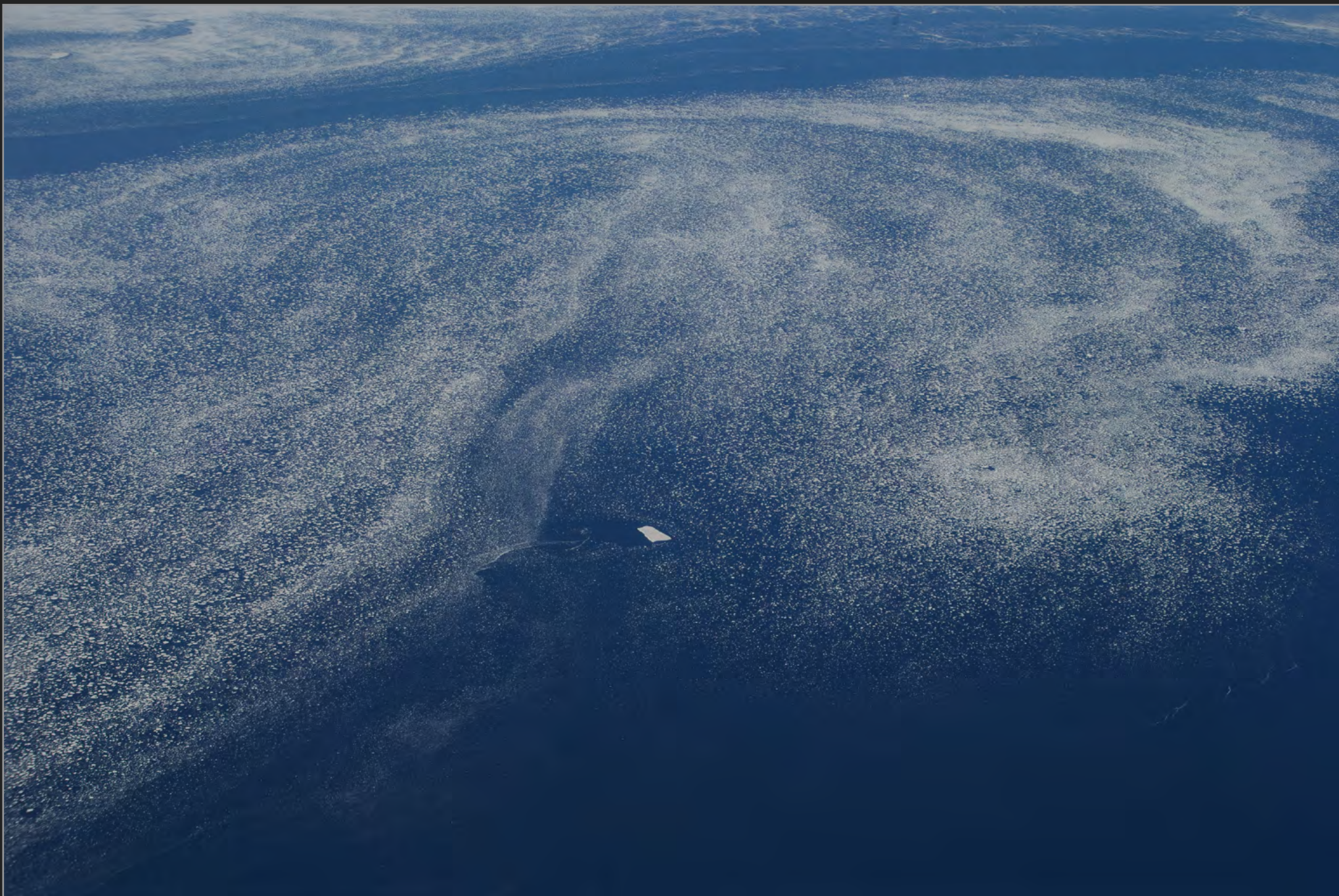
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