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IAATO Operational Considerations

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Who is IAATO?

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International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO)

Founded in 1991 to advocate and promote the practice of safe, environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic



Safe, environmentally responsible private sector travel

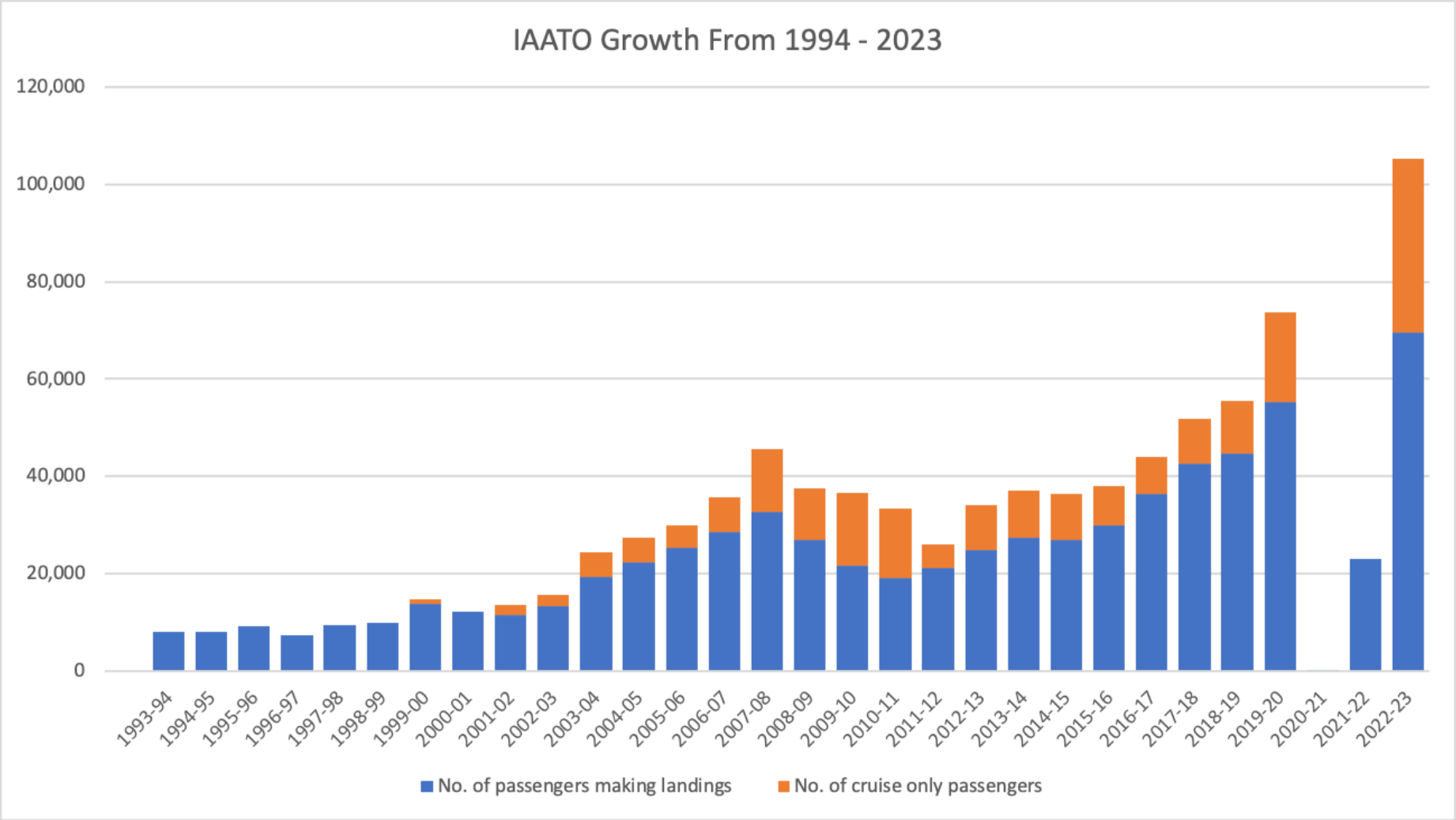
- Operate within the Antarctic Treaty System
- No more than a minor or transitory impact
- A corps of ambassadors for Antarctica's continued protection



Tourism Trends in Antarctica

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Tourism Trends



2023-2024



Cruise-Only Visitors

43,224



Landed Visits

80,251



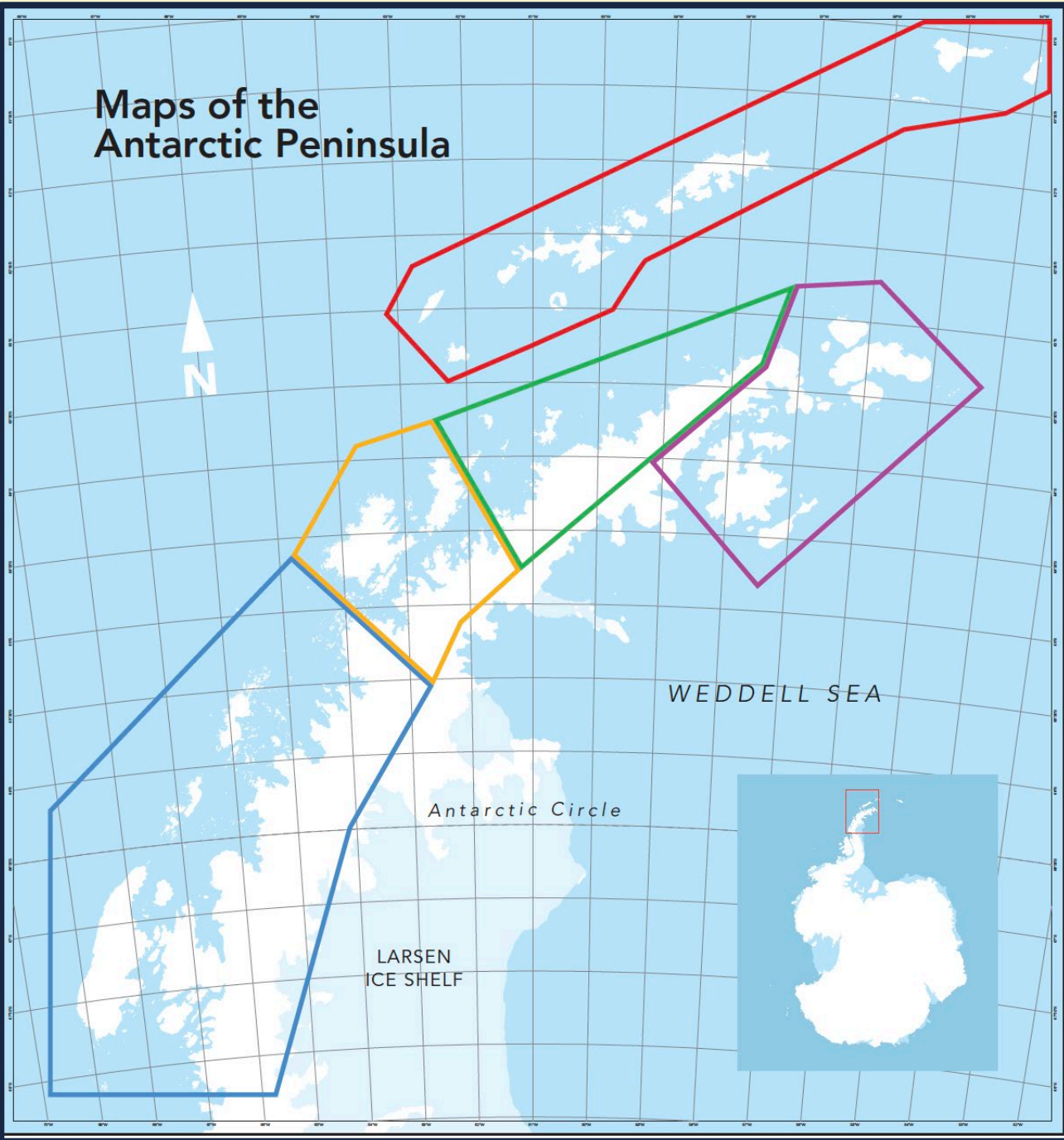
Deep Field Visitors

787

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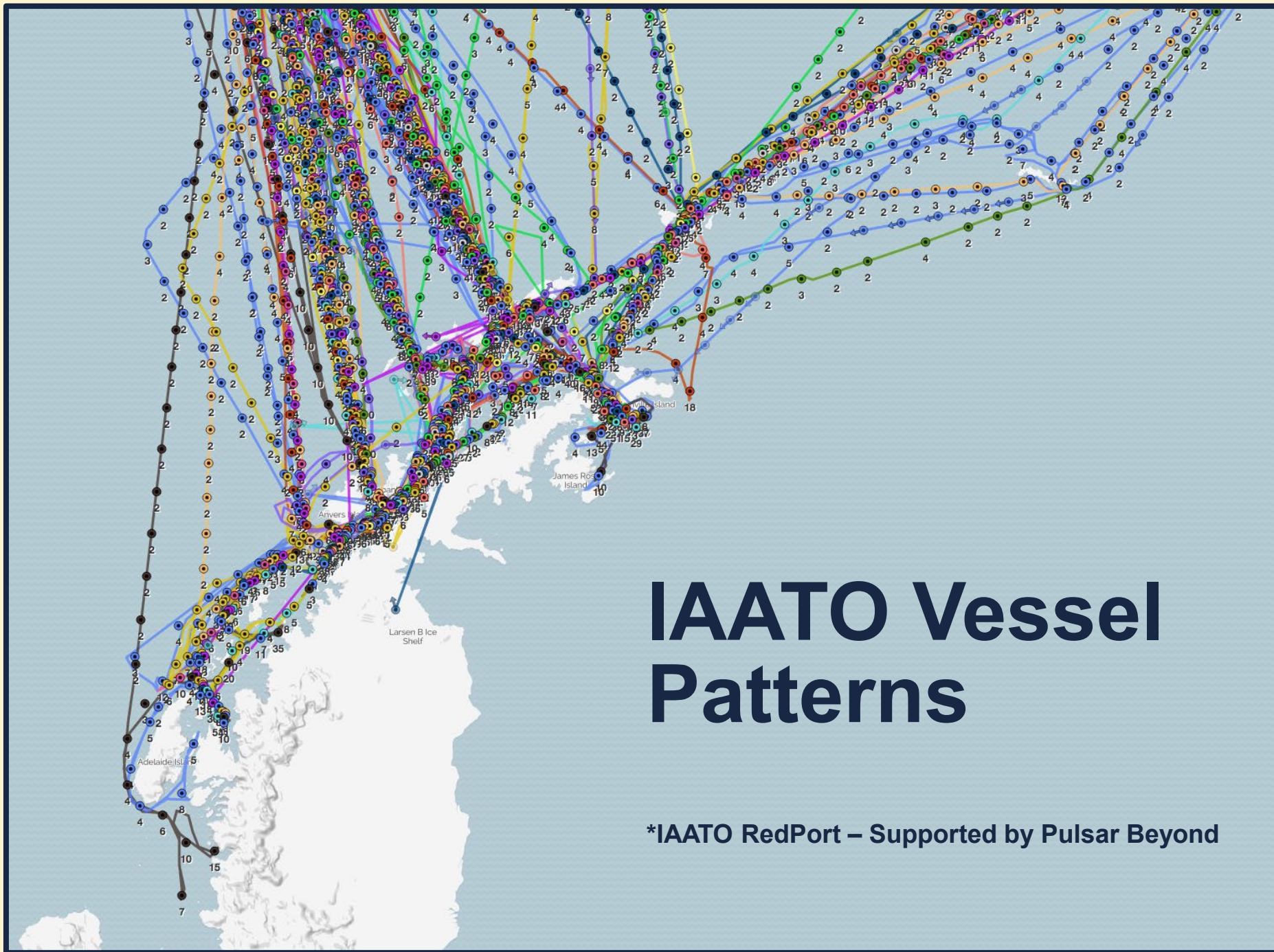
IAATO Areas of Operation

Maps of the Antarctic Peninsula



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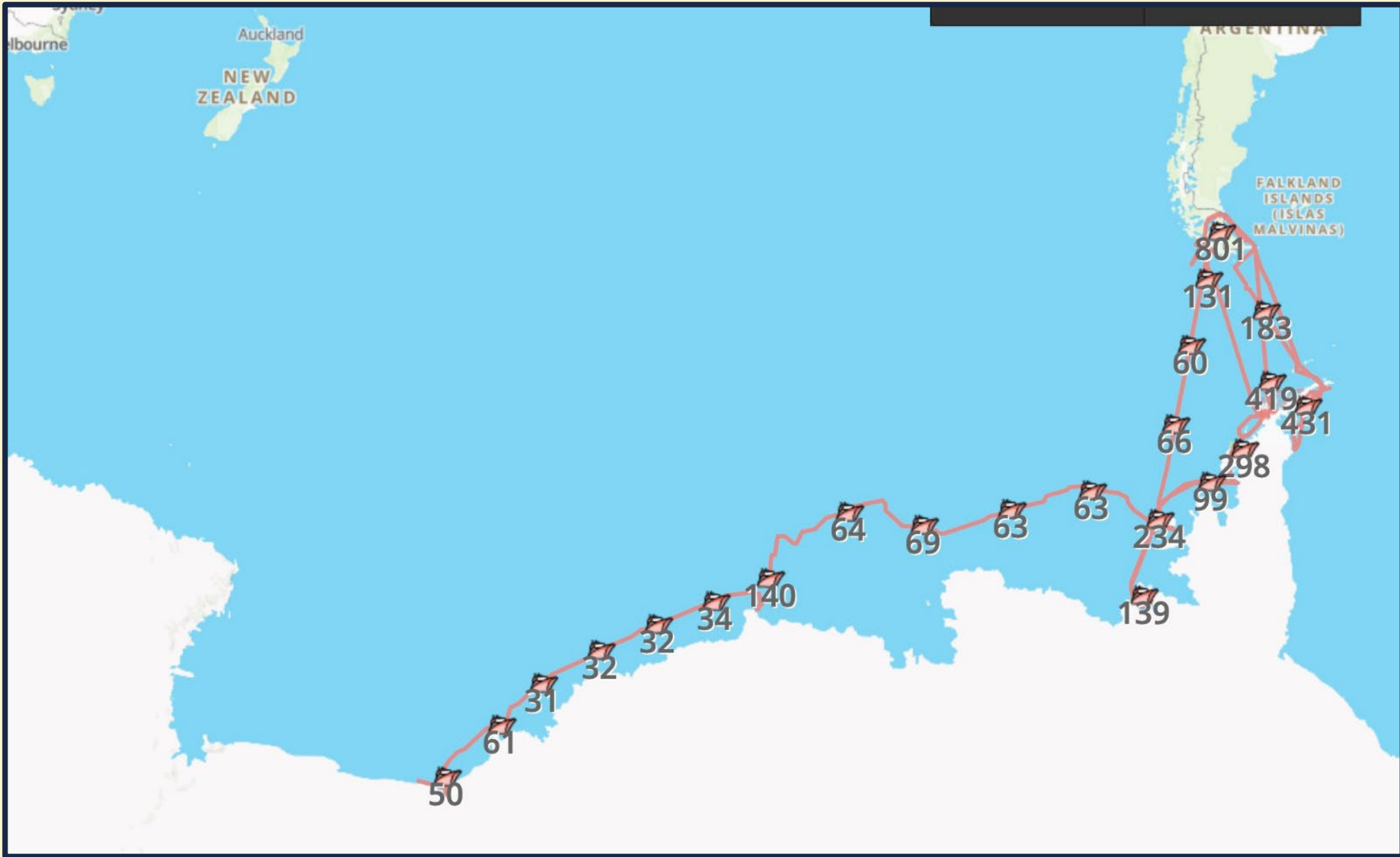
- Deep Field
- Yachts
- Traditional Seaborne Tourism
- Air-Cruise Tourism
- Ross Sea Tourism



IAATO Vessel Patterns

*IAATO RedPort – Supported by Pulsar Beyond

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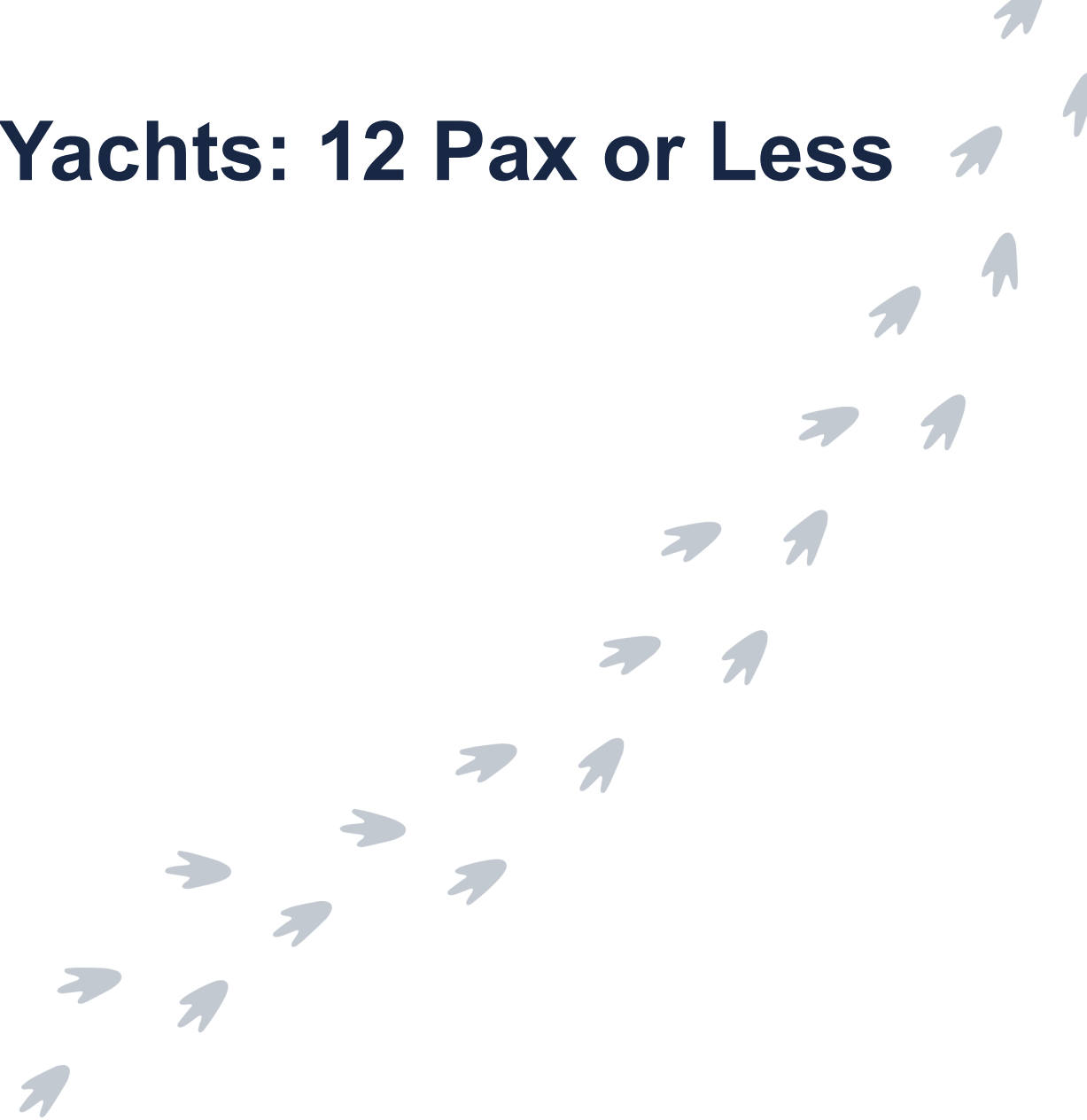
IAATO Vessel Operations

Cruise Only: 501 Pax or more





Yachts: 12 Pax or Less



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Category 1: 13-200 Pax

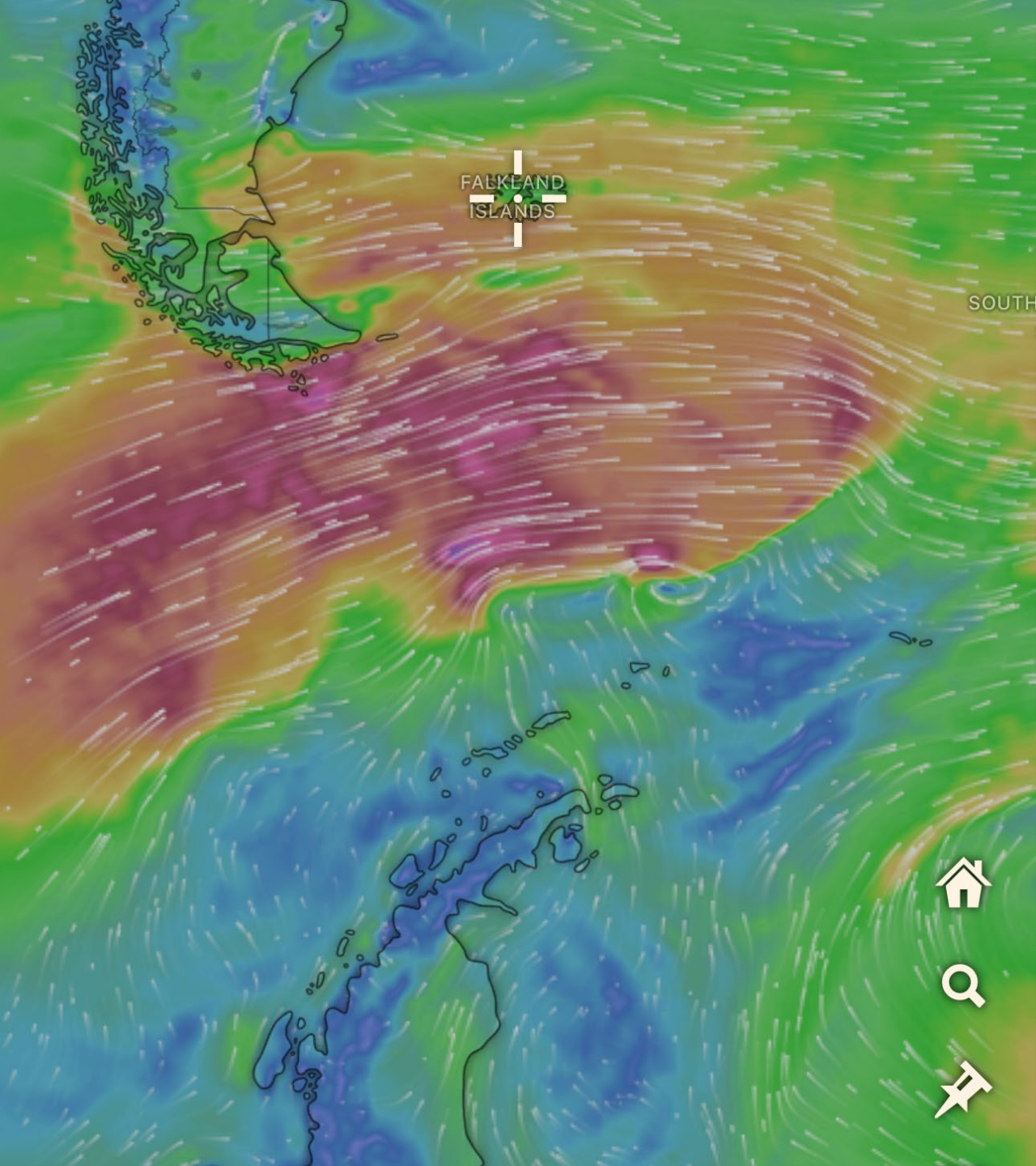


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Category 2: 201-500 Pax

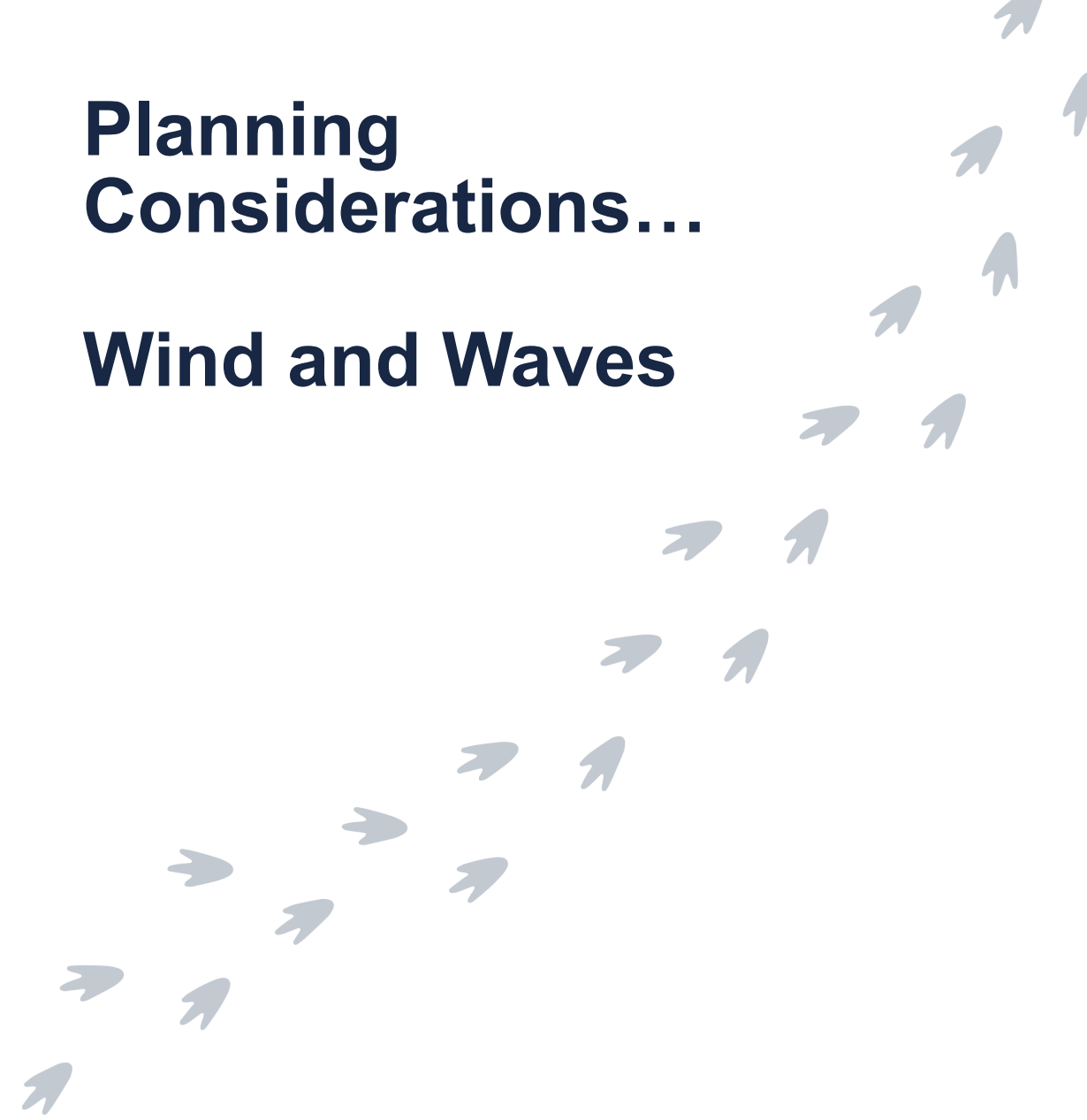


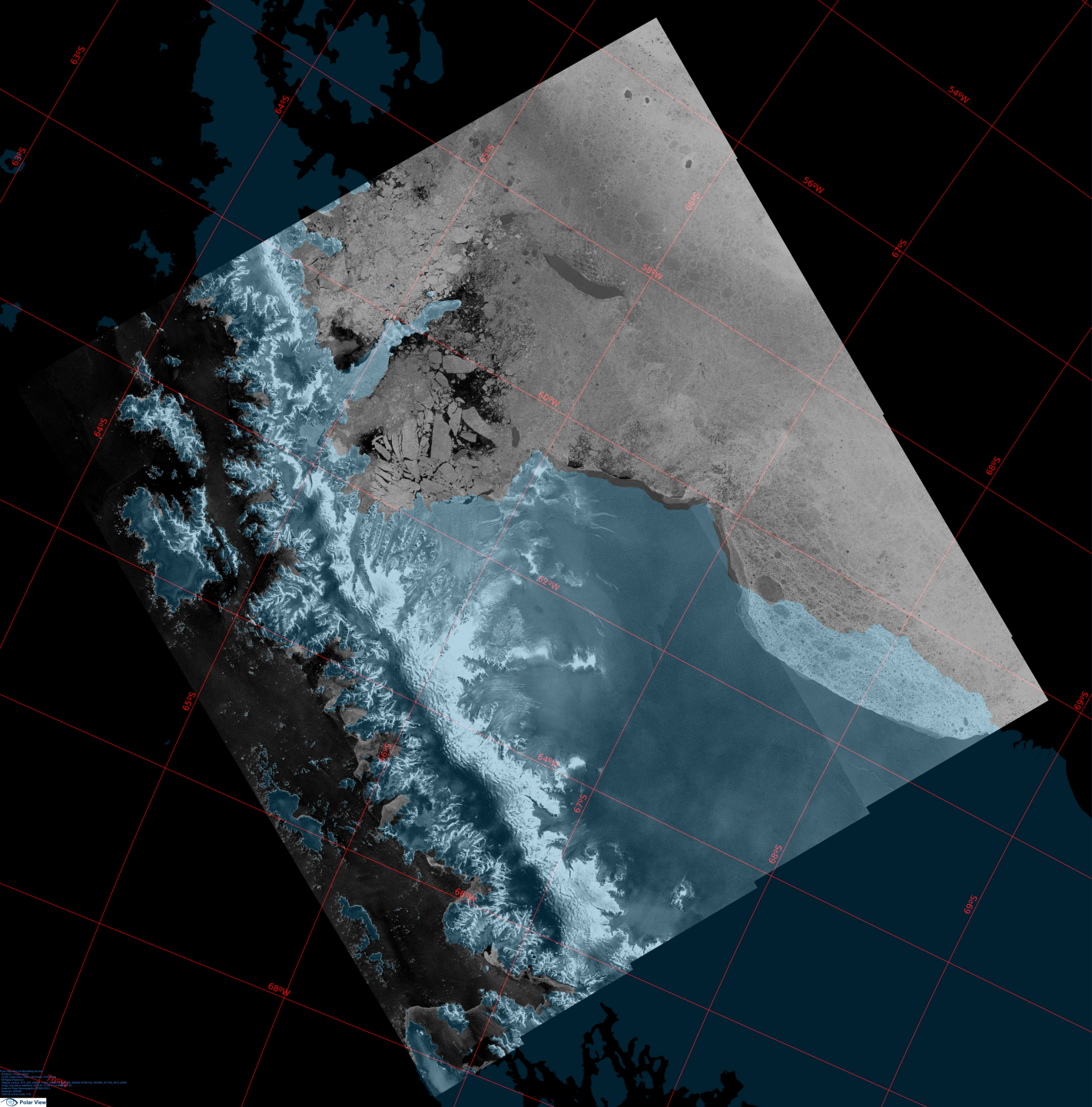
Planning Considerations



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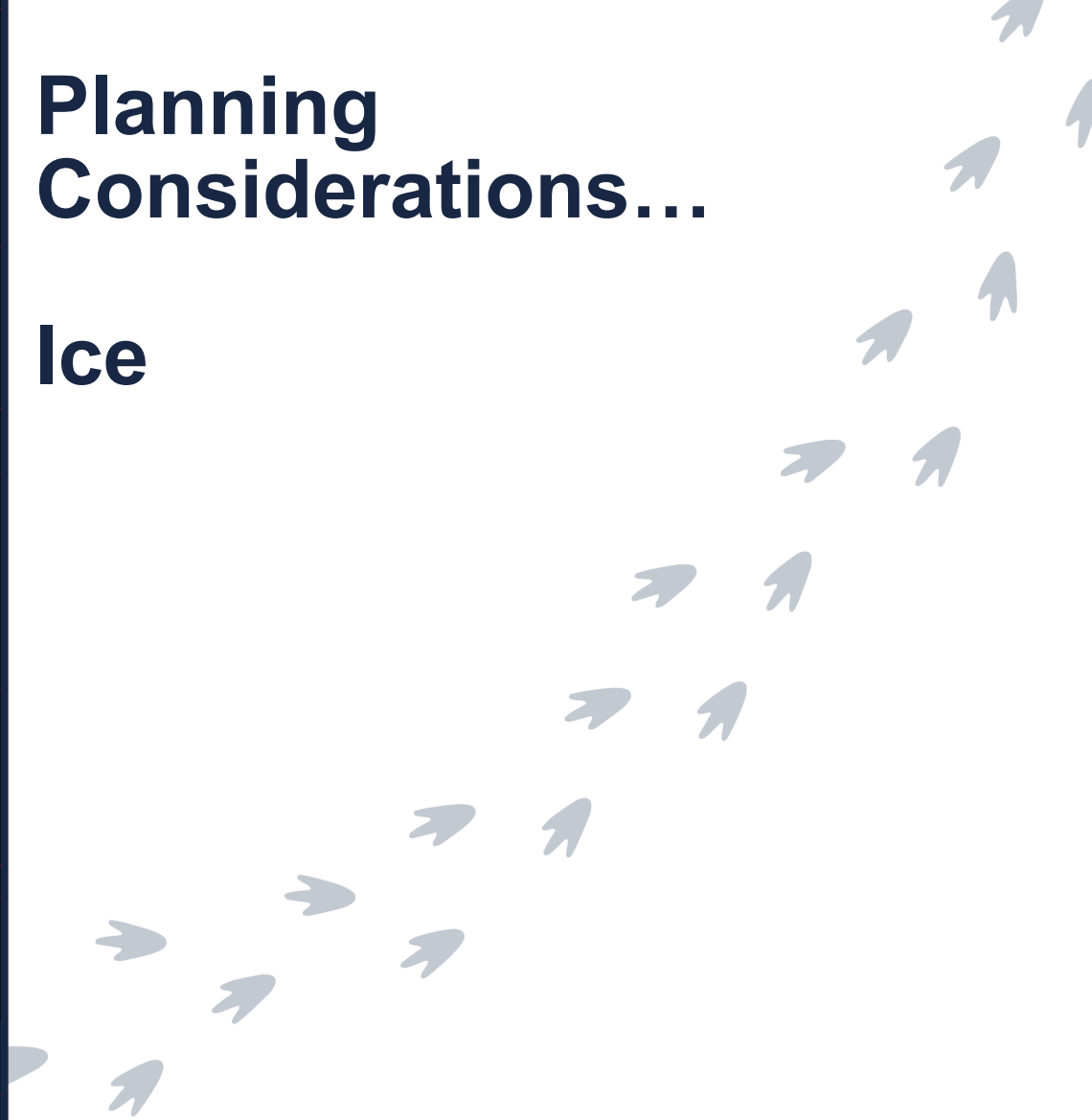
Wind and Waves





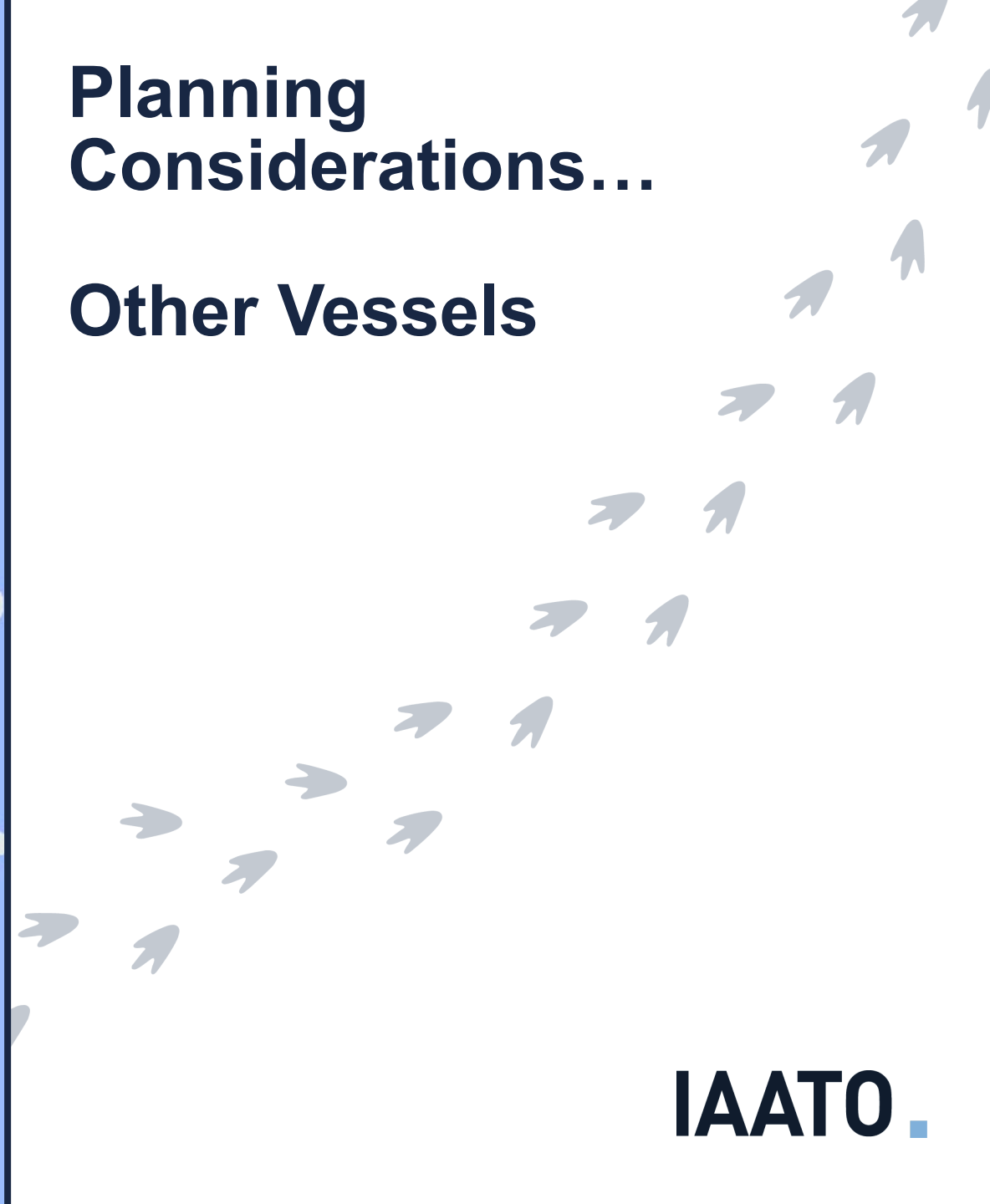
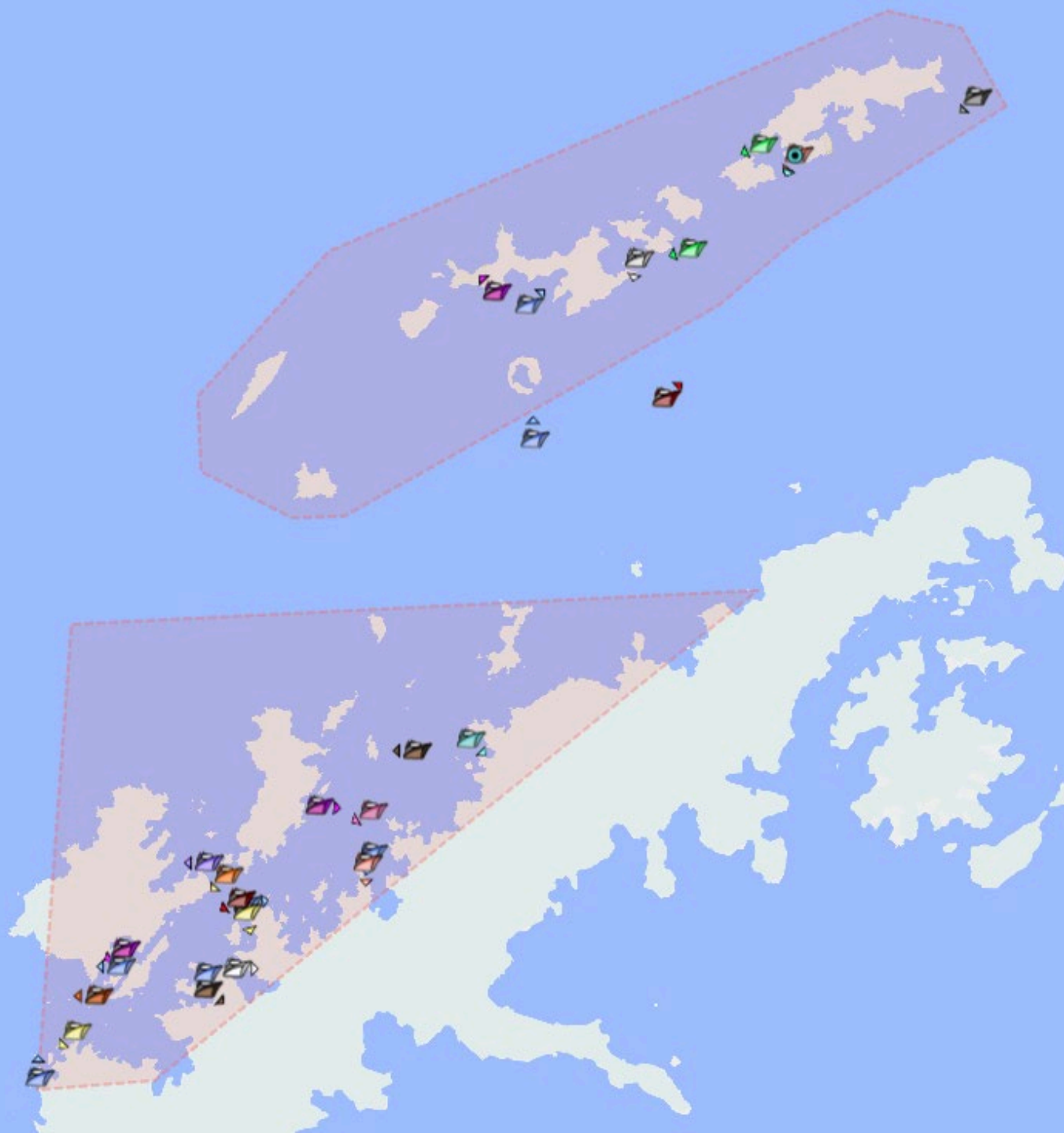
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Ice



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Other Vessels







Dynamic Risk Assessment

A close-up photograph of an Adelie penguin standing on a snowy, icy landscape. The penguin is shown in profile, facing right. It has a black head and neck with a distinctive white ring around its eye. Its body is white, and its wings are dark. The background is a soft-focus view of snow and ice, with some blueish tones from the sky or water. The overall mood is serene and cold.

Questions?

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Thank You



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