

IAATO Operator Vessel Patterns in Antarctica

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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.



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IAATO's Mission and Vision

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



IAATO Areas of Operation

IAATO estimated % of visitors travelling to Antarctica by sector 2022/2023. Number of vessels is not absolute for each sector. Some vessels may fall under air/cruise and traditional tourism in the same season, for example.

Tourism type	No of vessels	% Visitors travelling
Traditional seaborne tourism, Peninsula	48	60
Cruise only, Peninsula	7	34
Air/Cruise, Peninsula	14	5
Ross Sea, Continental	6	<1
Yachts	7	<1
Deep field	4 Operators	<1



Deep Field Operators



Types of Vessel Operations

Cruise Only: 501 Pax or more



Types of Vessel Operations

Category 1: 13 - 200 Pax

Category 2: 201 - 500 Pax



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Types of Vessel Operations

Yachts: 12 Pax or Less



Activities from Vessels



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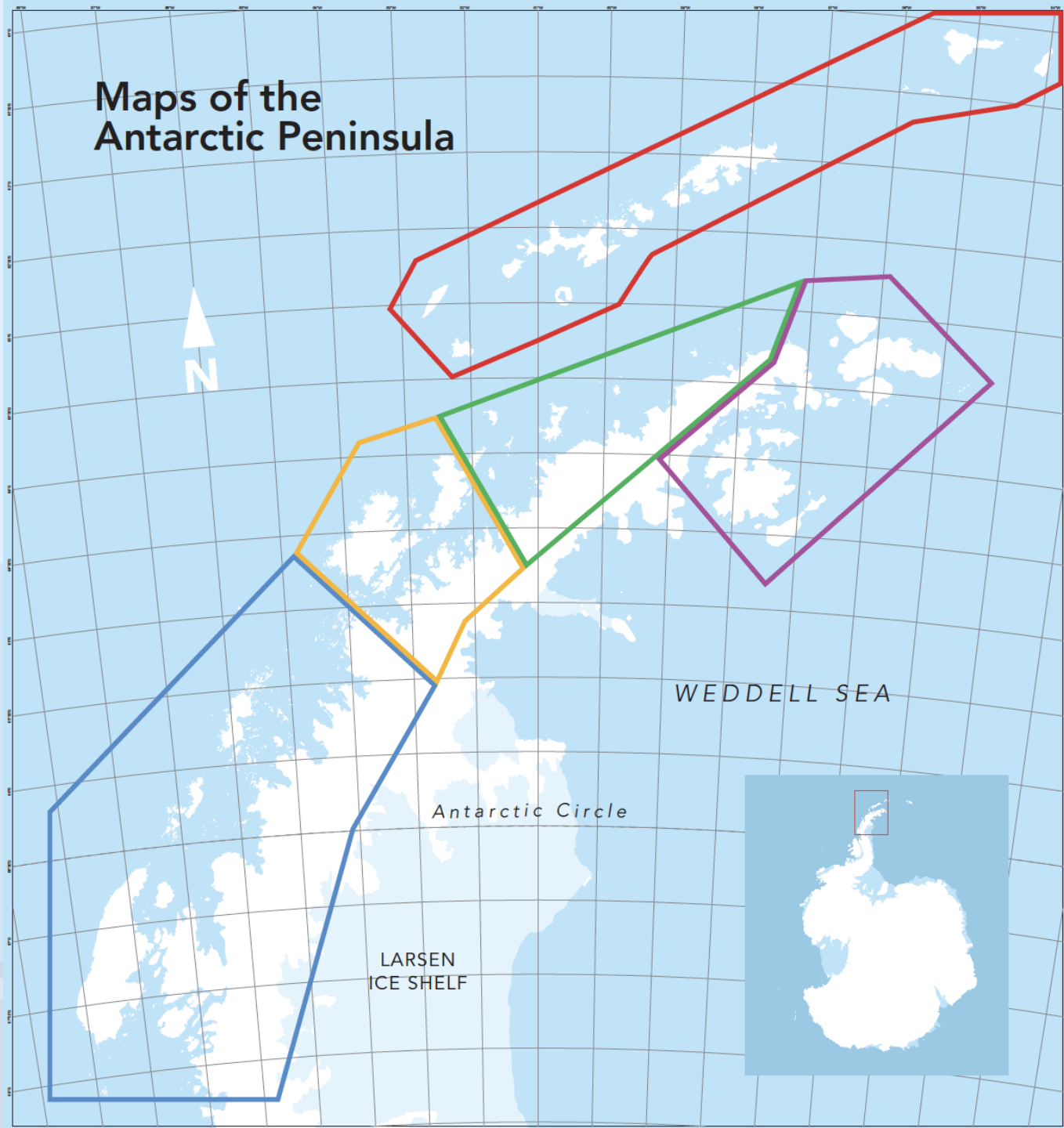
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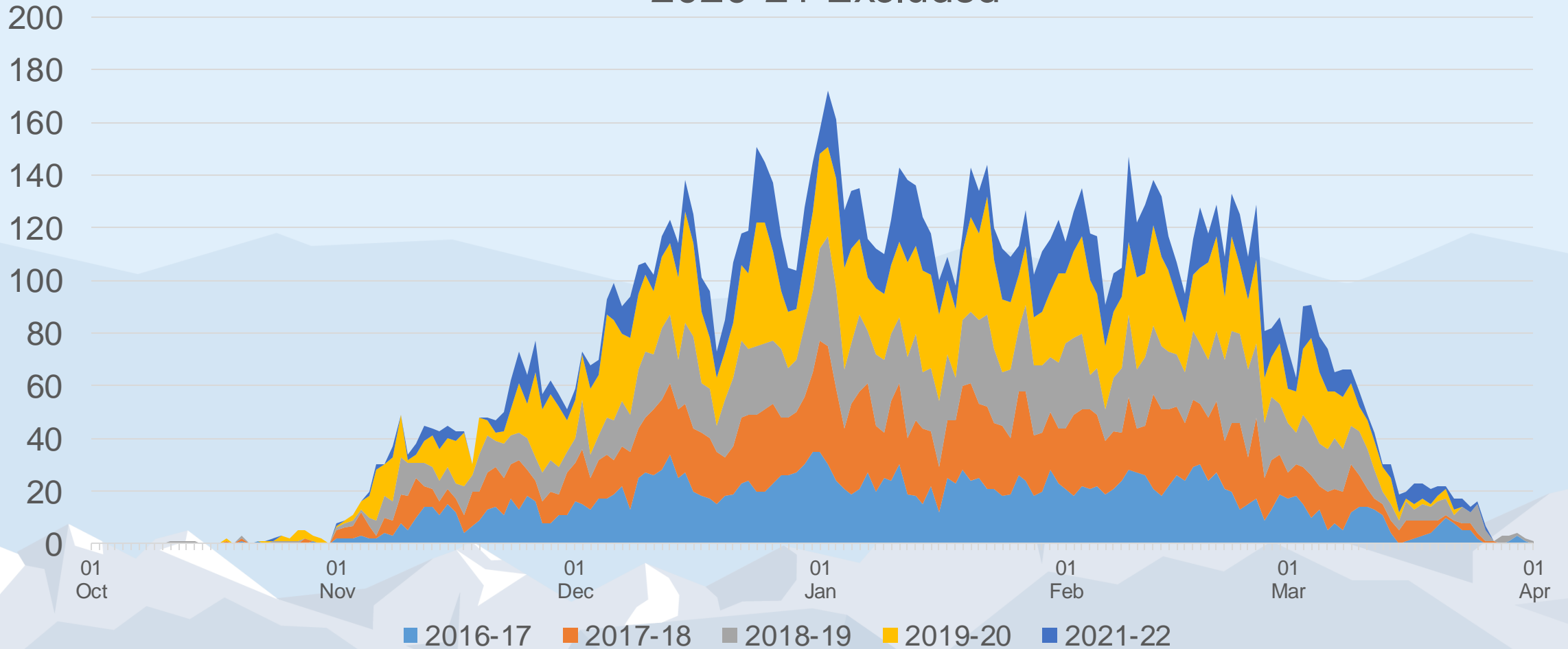
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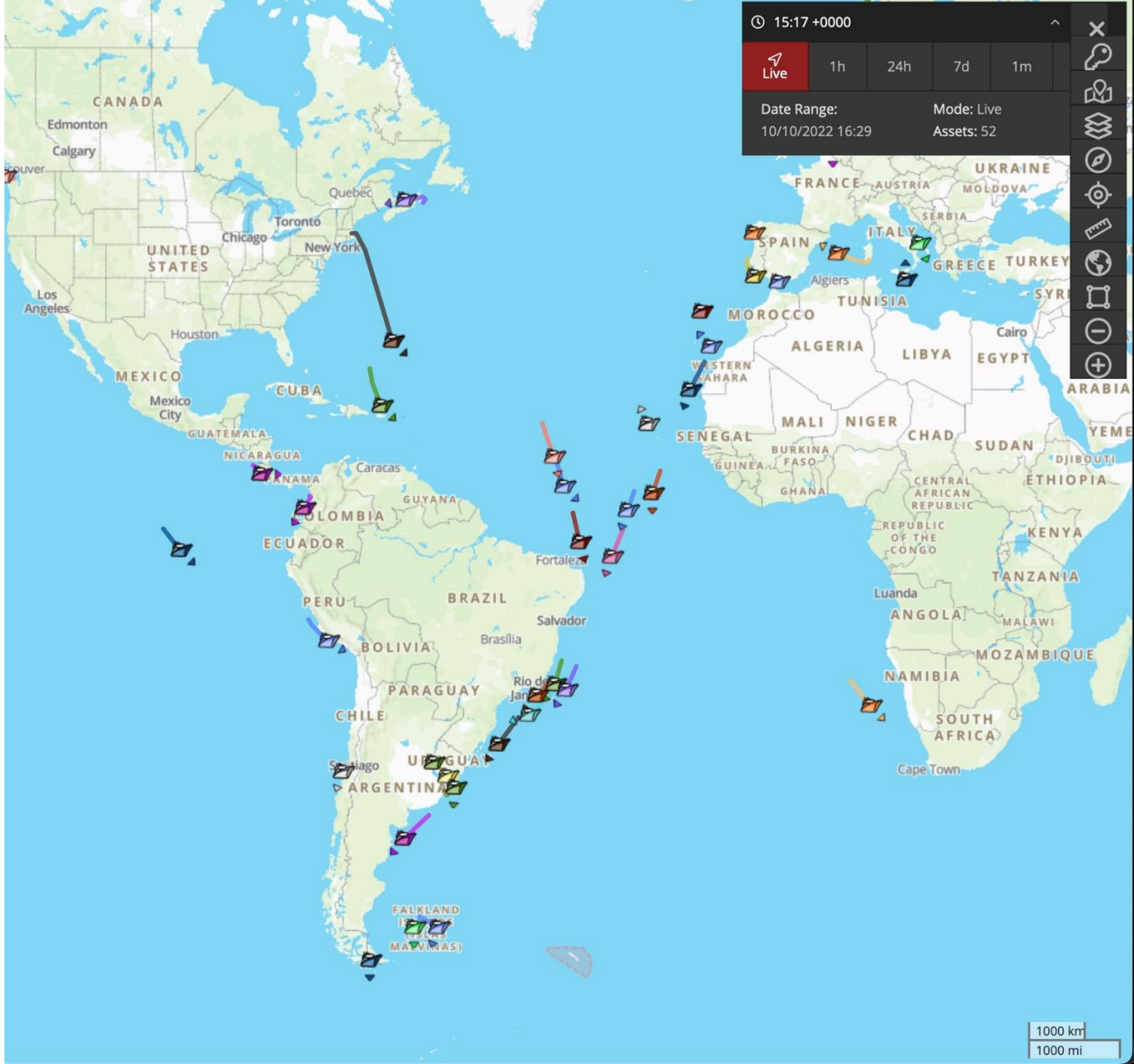
Maps of the Antarctic Peninsula



Number of Landings Per Day October- April 2016-2021*

*2020-21 Excluded



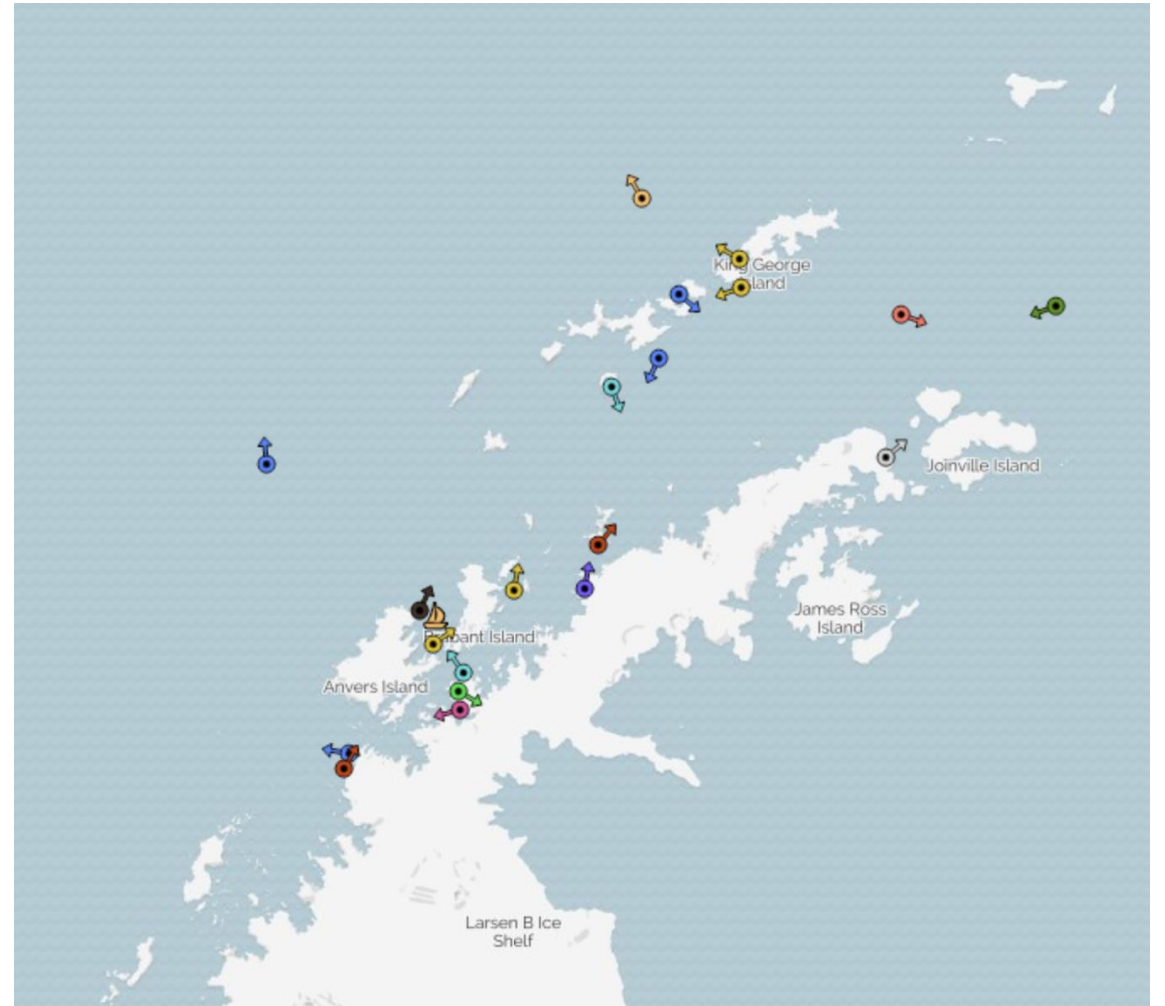


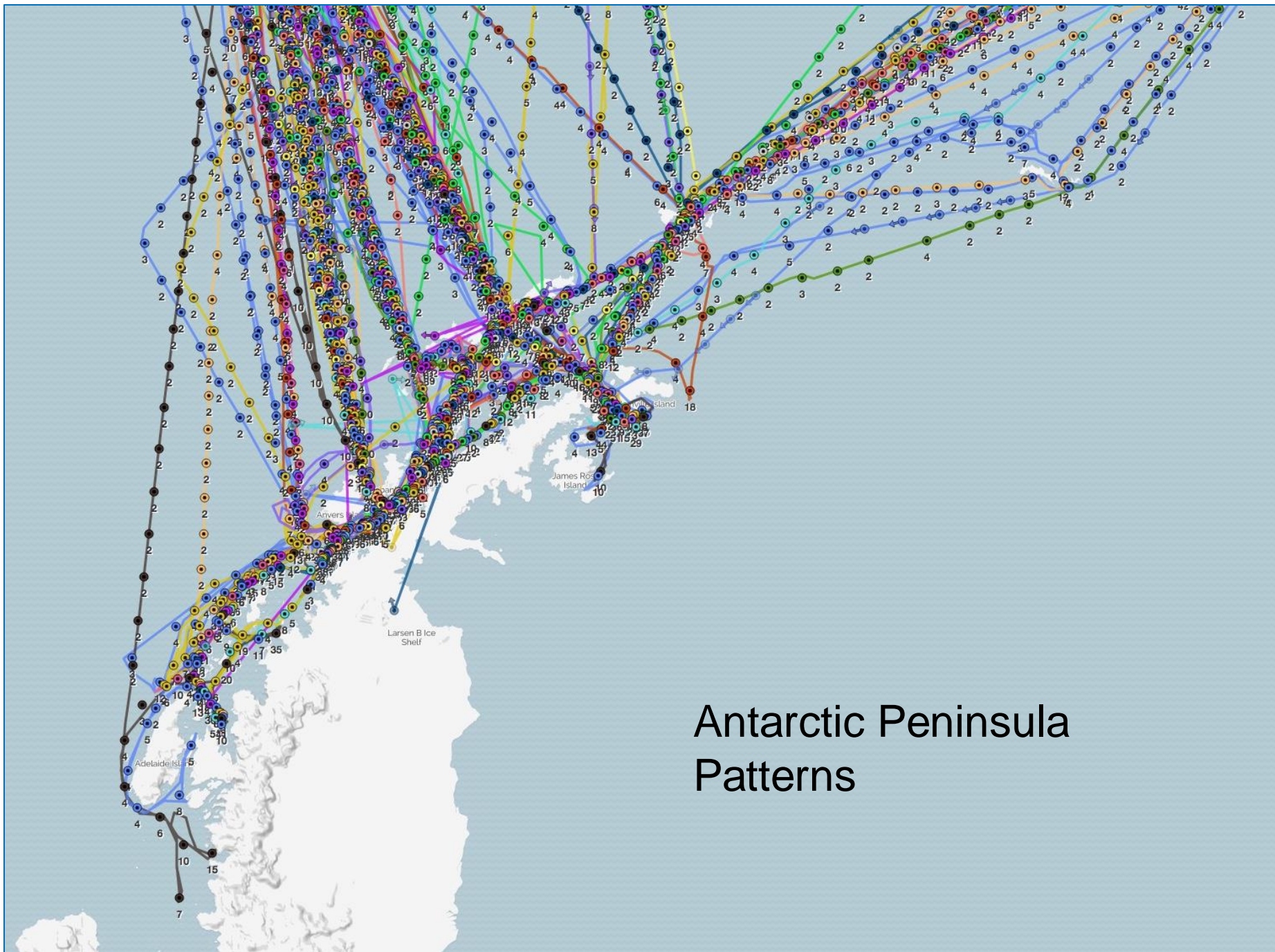
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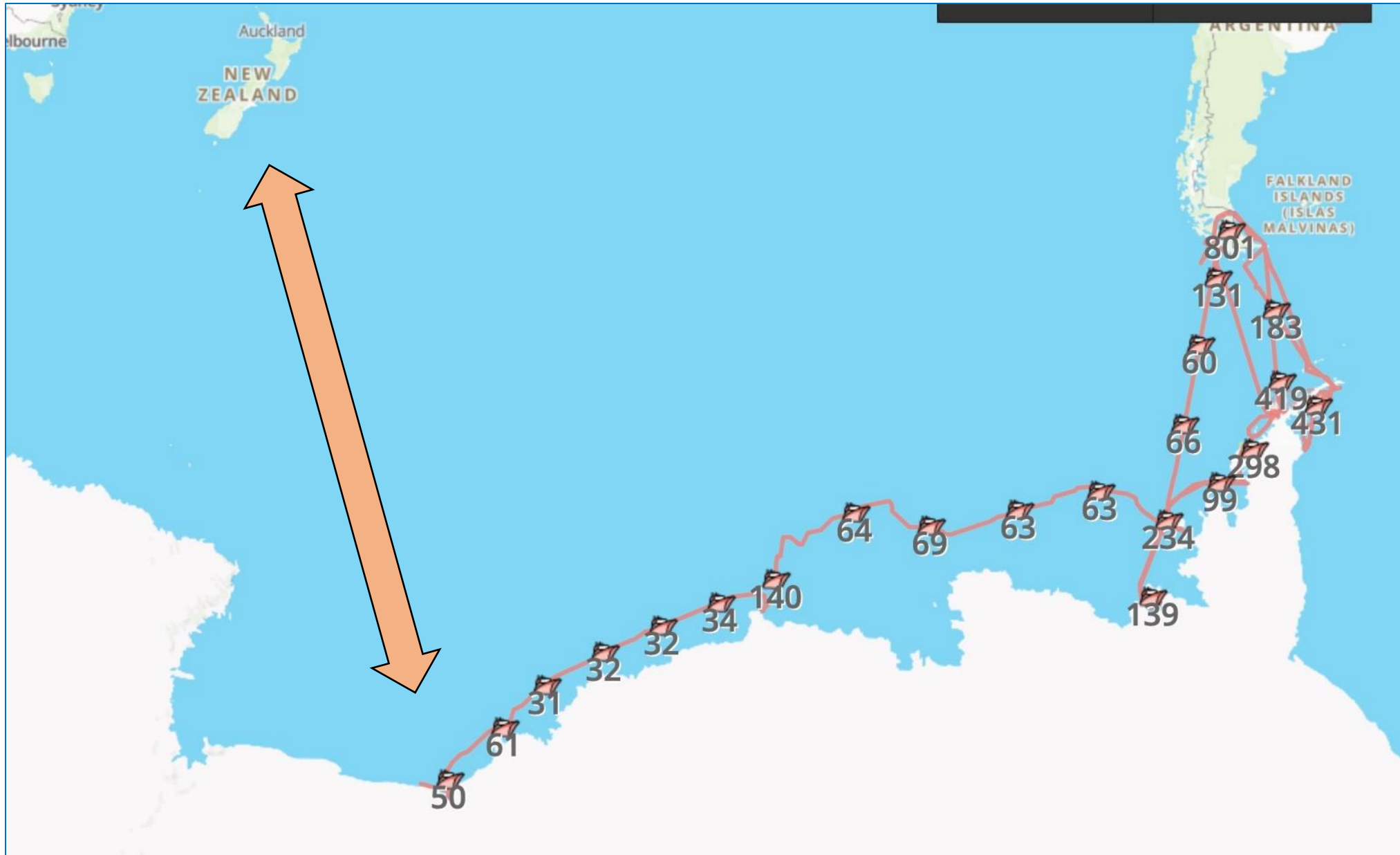
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Antarctic Peninsula Patterns

Semi-Circumnavigation and Ross Sea Patterns



Thank You.

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