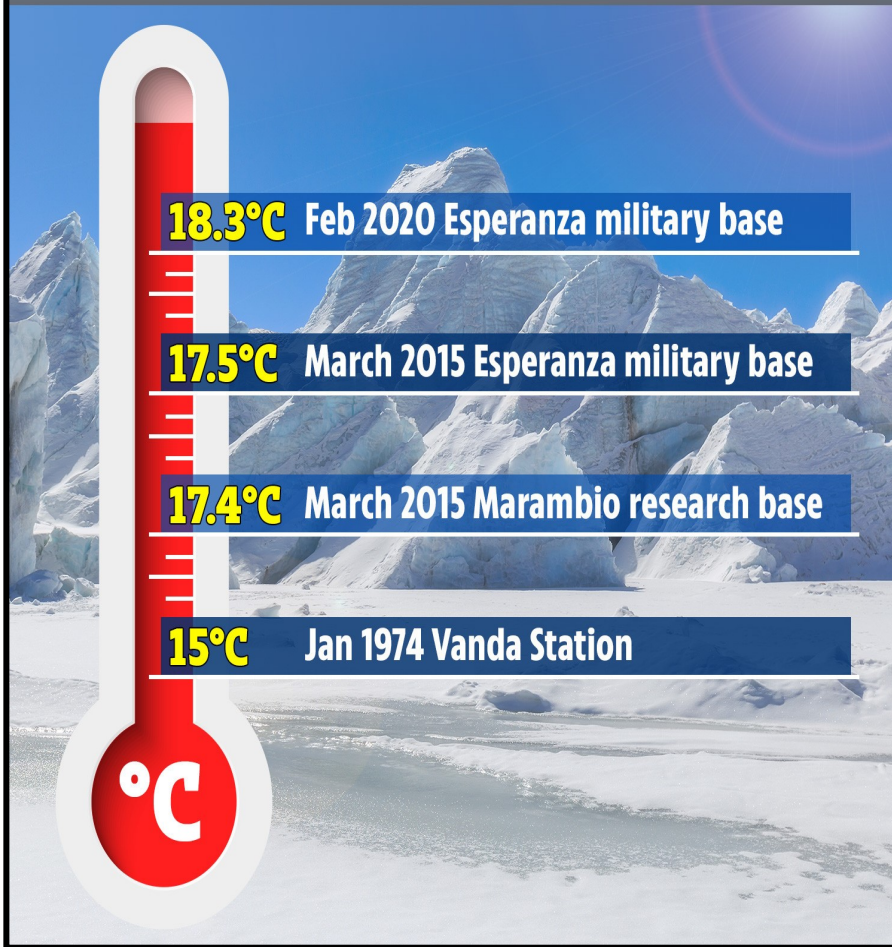


ANTARCTICA'S RECORD HEAT

Antarctica logged its hottest temperature on record on February 6, 2020.



WATCHING THE WORLD



READING PROJECT

No. 08

Prof. Daniel Nicolás

2020

ANTARCTIC HEATWAVE

A temperature of 18.3C was recorded at a research base in Antarctica - the highest the mercury has ever reached on the White Continent.



FEBRUARY 6, 2020 Antarctica has logged its hottest temperature on record at an Argentinian research station.

PROJETO "WATCHING THE WORLD" (2020)

SUNNY ANTARCTICA HITS 18.3C AS WEATHER STATION REPORTS "HOTTEST TEMPERATURE ON RECORD"

The mercury jumped to 18.3C yesterday at the Esperanza military base, which sits on the northern tip of the continent's peninsula.

It smashed the previous temperature of 17.5C on record at the remote station.

In a tweet on Friday, Argentina's meteorological agency disclosed the record – the highest logged at the base since records there began in 1961.

"At midday Esperanza Base recorded a new historic temperature record (since 1961) of 18.3 degrees Celsius," they wrote.

"This temperature beat the previous record of 17.5 degrees Celsius recorded on March 24 2015."

Argentina has had a presence in Antarctica for the past 114 years, including several scientific research bases.

The Esperanza base was the site of the first ever shots fired in anger in Antarctica in 1952 when an Argentinian shore party sprayed a machine gun over the heads of British Antarctic Survey scientists unloading supplies from a boat.

Argentina issued a diplomatic apology following the incident.

Global warming driven by human activities has been blamed for Antarctica's rising temperatures.

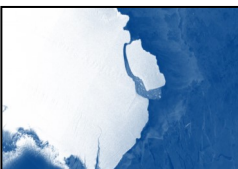
The continent's average temperature has risen 0.5C a decade since 1957.

Its heating ice sheets are falling apart, threatening to cause dramatic rises in global sea levels.

The rate of ice loss from five Antarctic glaciers has doubled in the past six six years and is five times faster than in the 1990s, according to recent research.

Also on Thursday, a second Argentinian Antarctic base recorded its highest temperature for February since 1971.

The Marambio Base on Marambio Island logged highs of 14.1C, beating a previous record set in February 2013.



In other news, an iceberg the size of London recently broke off Antarctica – and it wasn't due to climate change.

The Mont Blanc glacier weighing 245million kilos 'could collapse' sparking evacuation – and climate change is being blamed.

And, experts think climate change could cause areas of the ocean to turn a "deep green" colour by 2100.



(THE SUN)

2

PROJETO "WATCHING THE WORLD" (2020)



3