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00:00:06,820 --> 00:00:12,180

This year researchers witnessed for the first time evidence of an ice mass separation triggered by a tsunami.

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Until this discovery scientists could only speculate this was possible.

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The large mass of ice separated from the coast of Antarctica on a part of the continent called the Sulzberger Ice Shelf.

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The Tohoku earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in March of this year also generated sea swell that propagated across the ocean.

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Within 18 hours the first series of waves bombarded the ice shelf, located 8,000 miles away, ultimately resulting in the ice shelf's collapse.

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Evidence of the separation was first observed in images captured by NASA's Aqua and Terra satellites.

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Looking through a hole in the clouds, researchers spotted a single iceberg roughly the size of Manhattan, drifting in the open ocean.

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Using radar imagery from a European Space Agency satellite, scientists discovered not only one, but two large icebergs.