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Alarming declines in Antarctic sea ice during both summer and winter prompted an urgent call to action from ASPeCt, emphasizing the need for increased polar research support. Led by ASPeCt and backed by the Arctic Sea-Ice Working Group, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) issued a statement. The statement implores national and international programs to prioritize long-term observation efforts and crucial research to address critical knowledge gaps in both polar ice zones. This will enhance our collective understanding of Earth's system processes, ultimately aiding predictions of future environmental changes.

[The full WHO press release can be found here.](#)