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North Pole Unfrozen as Temperature Soars

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Storms in Iceland and Greenland pushing warm air northwards

Stormy weather in the North Atlantic has brought balmy weather to the world's northernmost point.

The temperature in the North Pole [hit 42 degrees Fahrenheit](#) on Wednesday morning, which Discovery News says is [50 degrees higher than average](#) for this time of year. Storms over Iceland and Greenland, fairly common in winter, are pushing warmer air to the Arctic.

Fluctuations in temperature are actually not uncommon in the Arctic region, [Mashable reports](#), but a 50 to 60 degree shift is very notable. There have reportedly only been three other times since 1948 that temperatures in the North Pole have hit or risen above freezing in December.

These high temperatures could impact sea ice formations that are already at historic lows in other seasons.



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