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The Australian Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands lies in a remote and stormy part of the globe, near the meeting-point of Antarctic and temperate ocean waters.

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EEZ around Heard Island and the McDonalds Islands led to the proposal for a marine reserve in 2001. The reserve was designed based on all scientific data available at the time, including...

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