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# Global warming threatens Arctic

The Arctic ice is _____ at a dangerous speed and may completely _____ by the end of this century. This is _____ to scientists at America's National Snow and Ice Data Centre (NSIDC). Experts said recent satellite images showed the _____ of sea ice was the lowest it has _____ been. An area five _____ larger than the UK has disappeared since 1978 and the melting is getting faster. This year was the warmest _____ summer in 400 years. Dr. Mark Serreze from the NSIDC said the worrying _____ of melting ice caps is because of global warming.

The NSIDC's _____ Dr. Ted Scambos said the Arctic Circle is melting so quickly that it may never _____. He said the Arctic is caught in a dangerous _____ that man cannot reverse. Less sea ice means the Earth cannot reflect the suns rays and _____ itself. Warmer seas then melt more ice. The _____ of sea ice in one year increases the loss in the next year. Current ice loss is _____ at eight percent per decade. This means there may be no ice at all _____ the Arctic summer of 2060. Dr. Scambos warned: "It is _____ certain a long-term decline is underway."

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