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HEARD ISLAND: SOUTHERN OCEAN SENTINEL

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HEARDED Island has been forged by fire and ice from the sea floor in one of the most isolated places on Earth. It lies 1 500 kilometres from Antarctica, 4 000 kilometres from Australia and 3 750 kilometres from Africa. Its discovery, post-dating that of Antarctica by 33 years, was not until 1853 when the Master of the *Oriental*, Captain John Heard was advised to sail a Great Circle route to Australia. This discovery was one of the few recorded occasions when an island was mistaken for an iceberg. Usually, and possibly in the case of Kemp's putative sighting of the island in 1833, the reverse was true. As on most subantarctic islands at the time, the action of sealers had a major impact on its pristine fauna resulting in near-extinction of some species within just a few years.

Heard Island lies undisturbed in the Southern Ocean, a sentinel for our current studies on climate change, biological responses and commercial fisheries. There is a wealth of information on the physical environment and the plants and animals on Heard Island buried in books, sealers' logbooks, scientific papers, climbing journals and geographical magazines. This book, written by experts in their fields, brings these disparate sources together in 15 review chapters with associated appendices to form a cohesive whole — the story of Heard Island, a Southern Ocean sentinel.

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