

# melting ice a **hot** topic?

ask a glaciologist



As glaciers melt in the world's great mountain ranges, water supplies to rivers will be affected. In Europe, eight out of nine glaciated regions show significant retreat. Between 1850 and 1980, glaciers in the European Alps lost approximately one-third of their area and one-half of their mass.



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