



ON THIN ICE

by Henry M. Mix, Boas Schwarz



SYNOPSIS

Large areas of Arctic Russia and Siberia used to be no-go zones for decades. For the first time, our team was able to enter some of these zones to discover dramatic degradations in Siberia's waters, soil and air. The film is highly topical, alarming and provides gripping imagery from a little known and rarely seen frontline of climate change. It features the sheer dimension of the transformations and sheds a light on serious consequences for Siberia's native human population and wildlife. Gigantic canyons, "mega slumps", are opening up where endless taiga forest used to be. Hundreds of massive rifts are blasting off from the deep, exhaling methane, which has a 30 times stronger greenhouse effect than carbon dioxide. Rivers run low and large dunes in dry riverbeds make parts of Central Siberia look like the Sahara. Forest fires are rushing over the taiga every year and the once ice-locked Northeast Passage becomes navigable. Enormous layers of permafrost are thawing and are...

FESTIVALS

2020

Best Science Film – Green Screen IFF

Best Central European Film – EKOFILM FESTIVAL

Best Film – WFFR Rotterdam

Audience Award – Darss Nature FF

2021

Special Prize of the City of Potsdam – Ökofilmtour Festival

Best Feature Film – Gran Paradiso FF

German Conservation and Sustainability Film Award – Naturvision FF

Grand Prix – Mountainfilm IFF

CAST AND CREW

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52 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

AUF DÜNNEM EIS

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Sustainability, Nature/Animals, Ecology/Environment, Economy, Science

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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