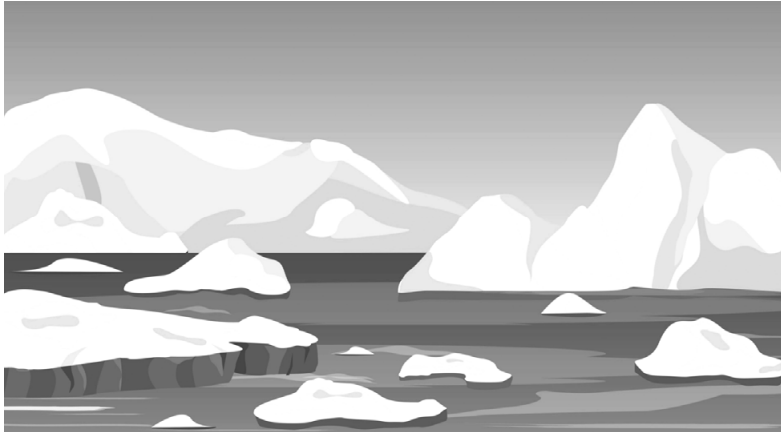


### Time capsule turns up in Donegal



- 1 A time capsule that washed up in Donegal, a county in Ireland, provides a scary warning about 33, according to the surfer who found it. Sophie Curran and her friend Conor McClory discovered the capsule while walking along the shoreside of Bloody Foreland in Gweedore. But it wasn't immediately obvious what it was. "It's a strange looking thing," Ms Curran said. "We thought it was a bomb or someone's ashes... we didn't want to open it."
- 2 Through a friend of her brother, they were able to find out that it was actually a Russian time capsule from 2018. And, of course, once they knew it was safe to open, they were quick to do so. "There was a whole array of pictures, letters, things from the ship it came from, the itinerary, the menu – they had corks from their wines and everything." Naturally, most of the information was written in Russian, although there were some letters in English. It's thanks to them that Ms Curran was able to identify one of the passengers who had contributed to the capsule – an Instagram blogger from St Petersburg.
- 3 The blogger, Sveta, was aboard a nuclear-powered icebreaker. Ms Curran said that the blogger 35, as it was expected that the time capsule would probably stay put for 30 years. One of the only letters written in English in the capsule expanded on this. "Everything around us is covered by ice," it read. "We think by the time this letter is found there will be no more ice in the Arctic." The time capsule's premature discovery is almost like a warning about global warming, with Ms Curran saying that it's really scary that the ice melted so quickly.

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