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the effects of its loss is vital for all those working with and studying global climate change. Building on the success of the previous edition, the second edition of *Sea Ice*, now much expanded and in full colour throughout, includes six completely new chapters with complete revisions of all the chapters included from the first edition. The Editors, Professor David Thomas and Dr Gerhard Dieckmann have once again drawn together an extre
