



The lowest temperature on earth, -88.3°C , was recorded at the Soviet Union's Vostok Station. On a "warm" summer day the temperature on the polar plateau might soar upwards to $^{\circ}\text{C}$. One of the many dangers created by Antarctic cold is that due to the extreme lack of moisture one is not aware of how cold it really is.

Antarctica, the coldest, driest, windiest place on earth, is indeed strange and awe inspiring. It is only recently that permanent stations have been established so that man can live and work in relative comfort. Even after more than 20 years of scientific investigation Antarctica still remains as the least known continent.

