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Ocean birds carry metals inland May 30, 2010, *Science News* - Biologists has found that metals, ingested by Arctic seabirds feeding in the ocean, end up in the sediment of polar ponds. They found significant differences based on the birds' diets with higher concentrations mercury and cadmium in sites inhabited by Arctic terns, while nearby eider sites recorded higher amounts of lead, manganese, and aluminum. The patterns of metals in the sediments matched those recorded in the different bird tissues. > [full story](#)

Sherpa's warn of increasing hazards on Mt Everest June 1, 2010, *BBC News* - Sherpa guides for the world's highest peak warn that melting ice, reduced snow fall, and rock falls are making climbing more treacherous. Meanwhile, the US-based group [Extreme Ice Survey](#) has installed a number of cameras in the Everest region to record the rate of melting ice and snow. The cameras are programmed take a photograph every 30 minute to provide a time-lapse record of changing conditions. > [full story](#)

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