

Earthshots

Selkirk Island, Chile



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These swirling clouds appeared over Selkirk Island in the southern Pacific Ocean. The island's highest point is nearly a mile (1.6 km) above sea level. Wind-driven clouds flow around this obstacle and form these large, spinning eddies. The second image is a closer look at the well-defined swirls nearest to the island.

| Date | Satellite | Bands | Res | Path | Row |
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| Sept. 15, 1999 | Landsat 7 ETM+ | 7,4,1 | 30 m | 6 | 83 |

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