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Tibet: Field trip conclusions

Voice Over

Did the scientists visiting Tibet reach any different conclusions about the Raymo/Ruddiman hypothesis?

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I think it's one of the most interesting ideas to have developed. I should say that geologists are inclined to favour the idea because it does involve physical processes that they're interested in, but I really haven't seen anything in the last three weeks which would persuade me that this is a scientific truth, but it remains an interesting concept.

Voice Over

The jury is still out on whether the mountains and plateau cause climate change or are just a part of the feedback mechanism that stops the Earth's climate overheating. But there's no doubt that the uplift of the highest and the largest plateau on Earth coincides with a period of extraordinary global cooling.