



# NOAA STAR Sea Surface Temperature

## ***Sea Surface Temperatures at STAR: The “O” in NOAA***

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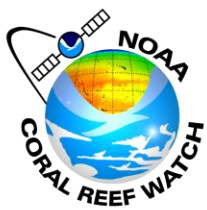


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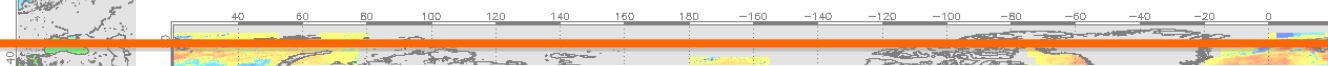
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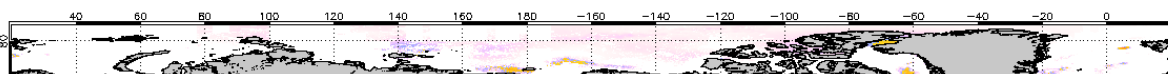
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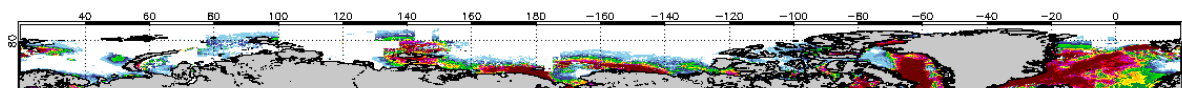
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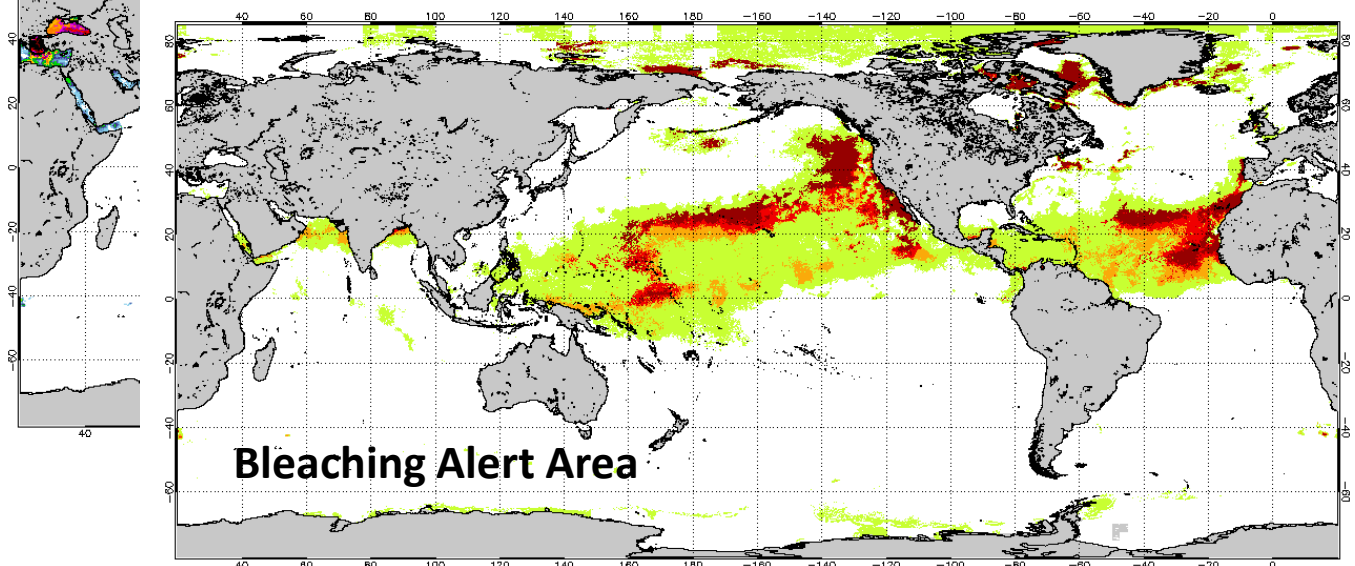
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NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5-km Blended Geo-Polar Nighttime Degree Heating Weeks 17 Oct 2014



NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5-km Blended Geo-Polar Nighttime Bleaching Alert Area 7d Max 17 Oct 2014



No Stress Watch Warning Alert Level 1 Alert Level 2

Coral –  
specific



## SOCD Organization

SOCD Chief: *Dr. Paul M. DiGiacomo*

### Ocean Sensors Branch

Chief: *Dr. Alexander (Sasha) Ignatov*

- Sea Surface Temp, Ocean Winds, Ocean Optics & Water Quality (e.g. Chesapeake Bay)

### Marine Ecosystems & Climate Branch

Chief: *Dr. Menghua Wang*

- Ocean Color, Coral Reefs, Sea Ice, Synthetic Aperture Radar, Blended SST

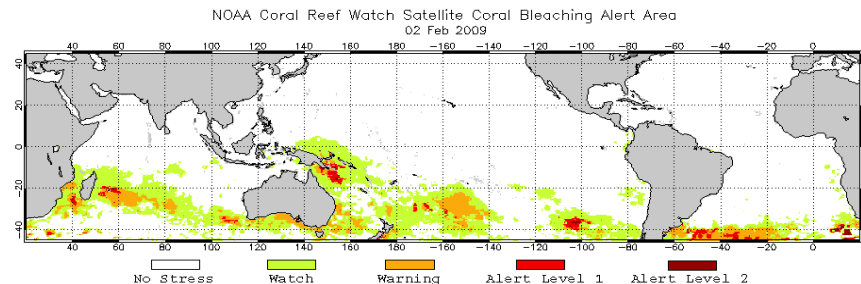
### Laboratory for Satellite Altimetry

Chief: *Dr. Laury Miller*

- Sea Level, Bathymetry, Waves, Sea Ice/Climate

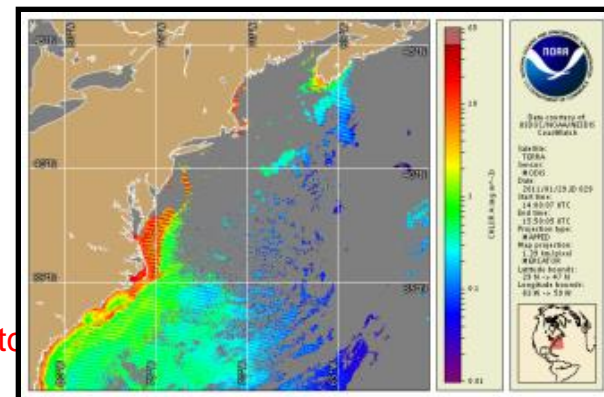
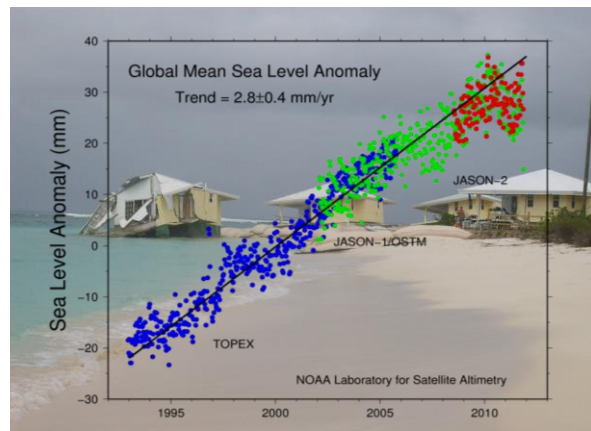
## Science Teams: R&O

- Sea Surface Height
- Sea Surface Roughness
- Sea Surface Salinity
- **Sea Surface Temperature**
- Ocean Color Radiometry
- Ocean Surface Vector Winds
- CoastWatch/OceanWatch/PolarWatch
- Coral Reef Watch
- Sea Ice and Polar Dynamics

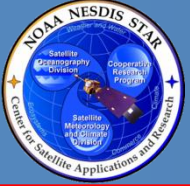


## Major Programs/Activities

- **JPSS: Ocean Color & SST EDRs**
- **GOES-R: SST (& Ocean Dynamics)**
- JASON Satellite Radar Altimeter Program
- NOAA GCOM Program Scientist
- National Ice Center Chief Scientist
- **Non-NOAA Sensors: Winds, SAR, SST etc**
- Marine Optical BuoY (MOBY)
- Coast/Ocean/PolarWatch & Coral Reef Watch





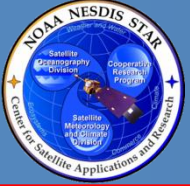


# NOAA STAR Sea Surface Temperature



- **NOAA STAR Measurement-Based Approach:** providing multi-sensor data sets and derived products to users that are of highest quality and fit for their applications
- **Advanced Clear-Sky Processor for Ocean (ACSPO):** The NOAA enterprise processing system for polar-orbiting and geostationary satellite SST data products; NRT and time-series
- **Analysis-level SST products for users:** GHR SST L2P geostationary; Geo-Polar SST analysis products; NRT and time series; ocean heat content product suite





# NOAA STAR Measurement-Based SST



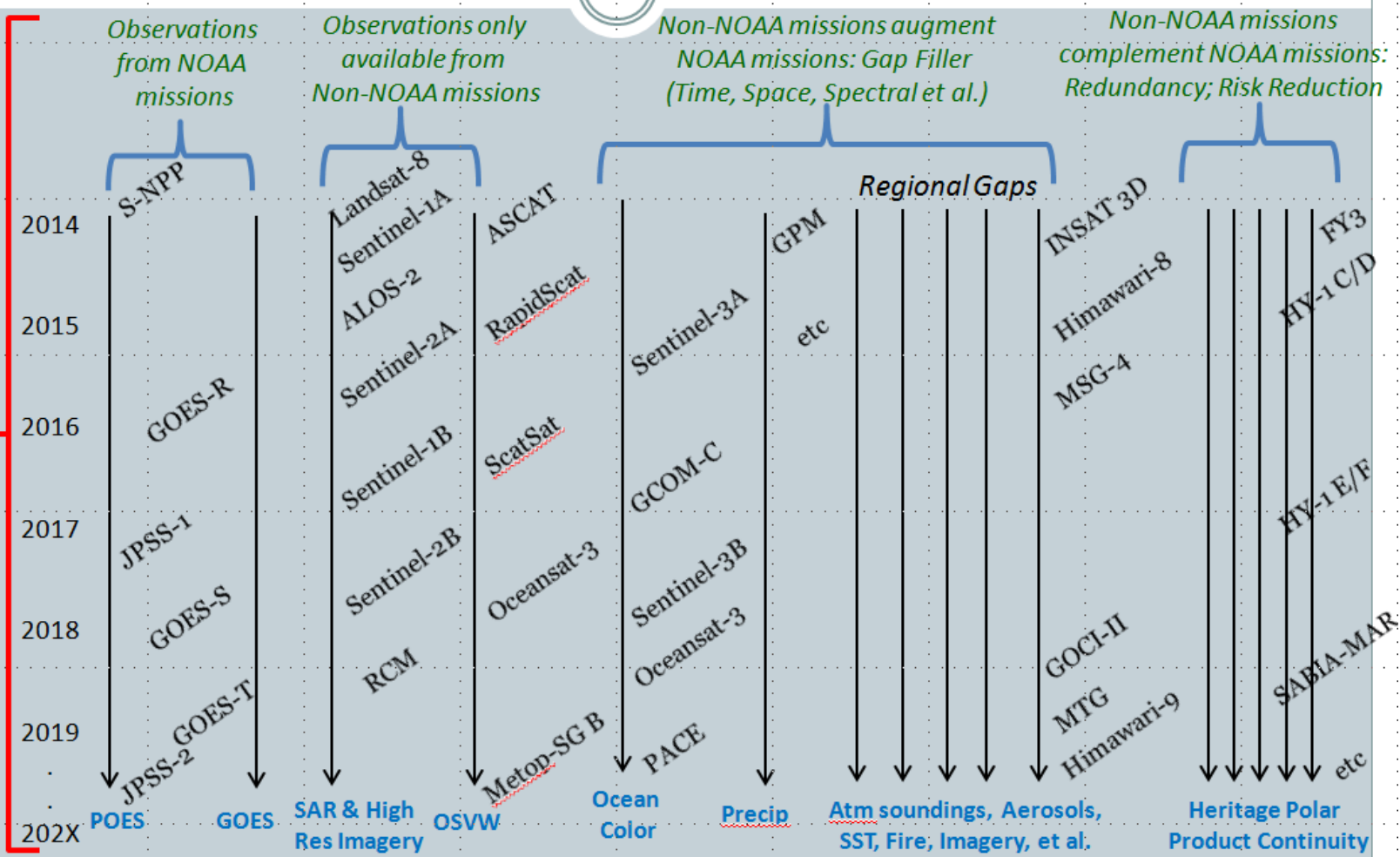
- **Operational:** Both near real time **and long-term time series** required for operational applications
- **Science:** Essential at every step, not only product development
- **Requirements:** Expected to evolve through iterative process of product development and user feedback
- **Measurement-Based:** Mission agnostic approach; users need fit-for-purpose observations and derived products for their applications
- **Integrated:** Fundamentally integrating non-NOAA observations, including enterprise algorithms and reprocessing



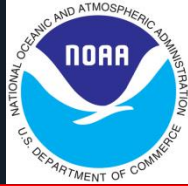
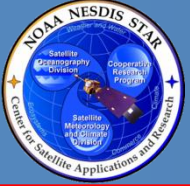
# Measurement-based approach in support of users: Ensuring continuity & coverage

**Observing System Highways:** Utilize satellite data from NOAA & non-NOAA missions  
 Leverages existing science, technical, programmatic et al. infrastructure in NESDIS

Scientific enterprise approach along observing system "highways":  
 Cal/Val; Algorithm & Product Development; Data Distribution,  
 Application Development; User Engagement







# Advanced Clear-Sky Processor for Ocean

ACSPO is the NOAA Enterprise SST system

## Polar Products

- ✓ **S-NPP VIIRS**
- ✓ **NOAA/19 and Metop-A/B AVHRR/3**
- ✓ J1 (NOAA-20) will be launched in early 2017

Future JPSS satellites: J2 (2021), J3 (2016), J4 (2031)

## Geostationary Products

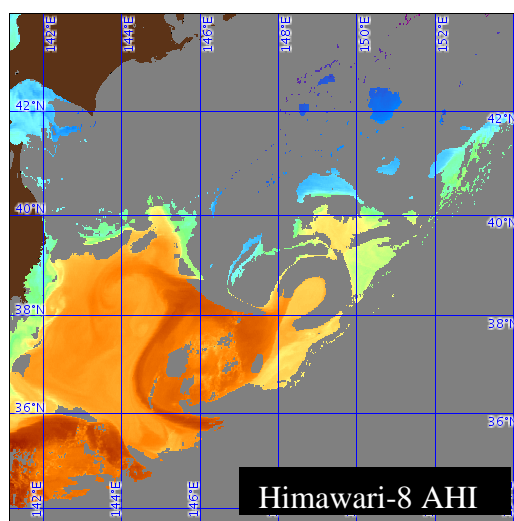
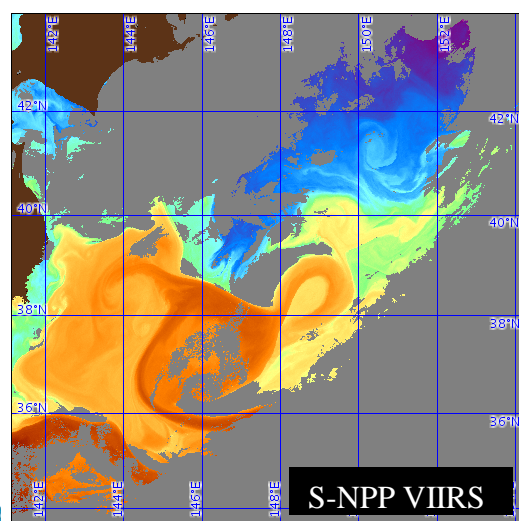
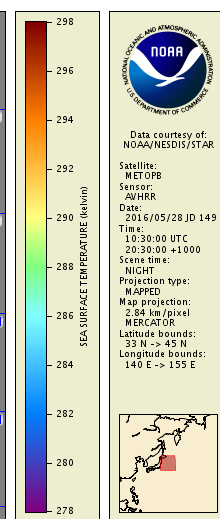
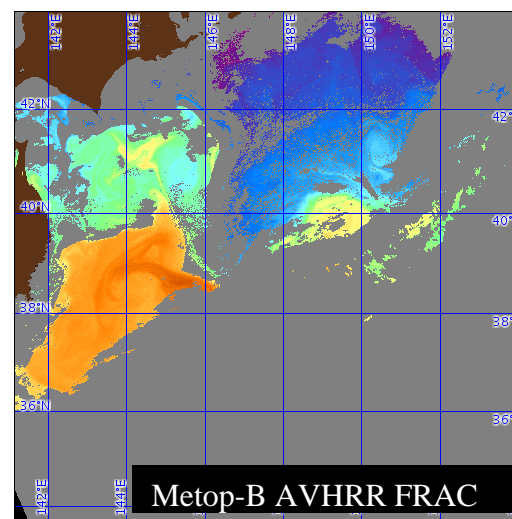
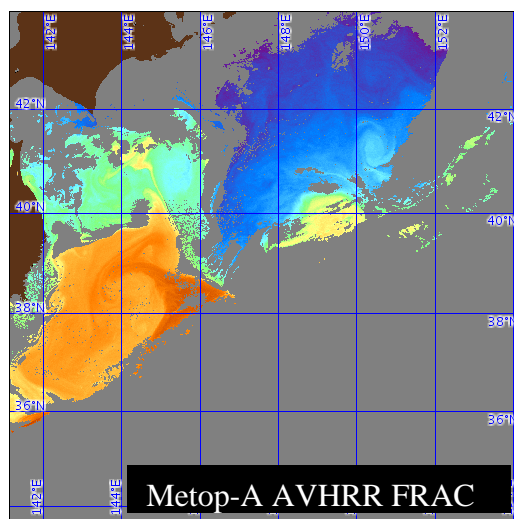
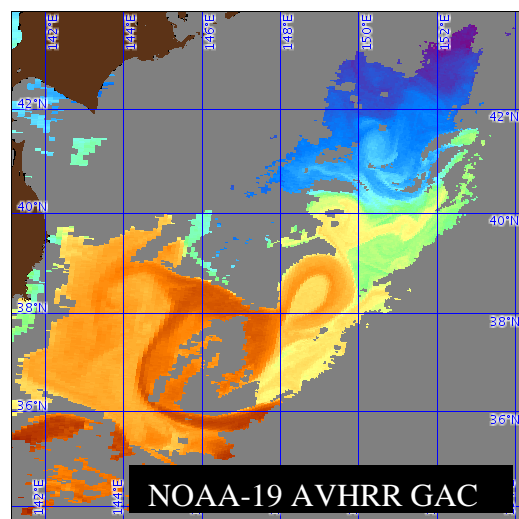
- ✓ **Himawari-8 AHI**
- ✓ GOES-R will be launched in Oct'2016

Future GOES satellites R series: GOES-S, -T, -U (launch schedule TBD)





# ACSPO SST, Kuroshio Current (28 May 2016)



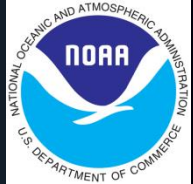
- ACSPO SSTs produced from AVHRRs (NOAA/GAC, Metop/FRAC), VIIRS (S-NPP), AHI (Himawari-8). L4 producers are encouraged to use those
- There are users' requests for various flavors of hi-res L3s – Un-Collated, Collated, Super-Collated. We are working to produce a uniform L3 line

[www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/sst/arms/](http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/sod/sst/arms/)





# ACSPO Reanalysis (RAN)



Several ACSPO Reanalyses (RAN) are currently underway and several planned in near-future

Advanced/Completed RANs (under evaluation and archival)

- ✓ S-NPP VIIRS RAN1 (Mar'2012 – Dec'2015)
- ✓ AVHRR GAC RAN1 (Jul'2002 – Dec'2015)

RANs Planned/Underway

- ✓ AVHRR GAC RAN2 (1994 – pr)
- ✓ Himawari-8 AHI (Mar'2015 – pr) planned



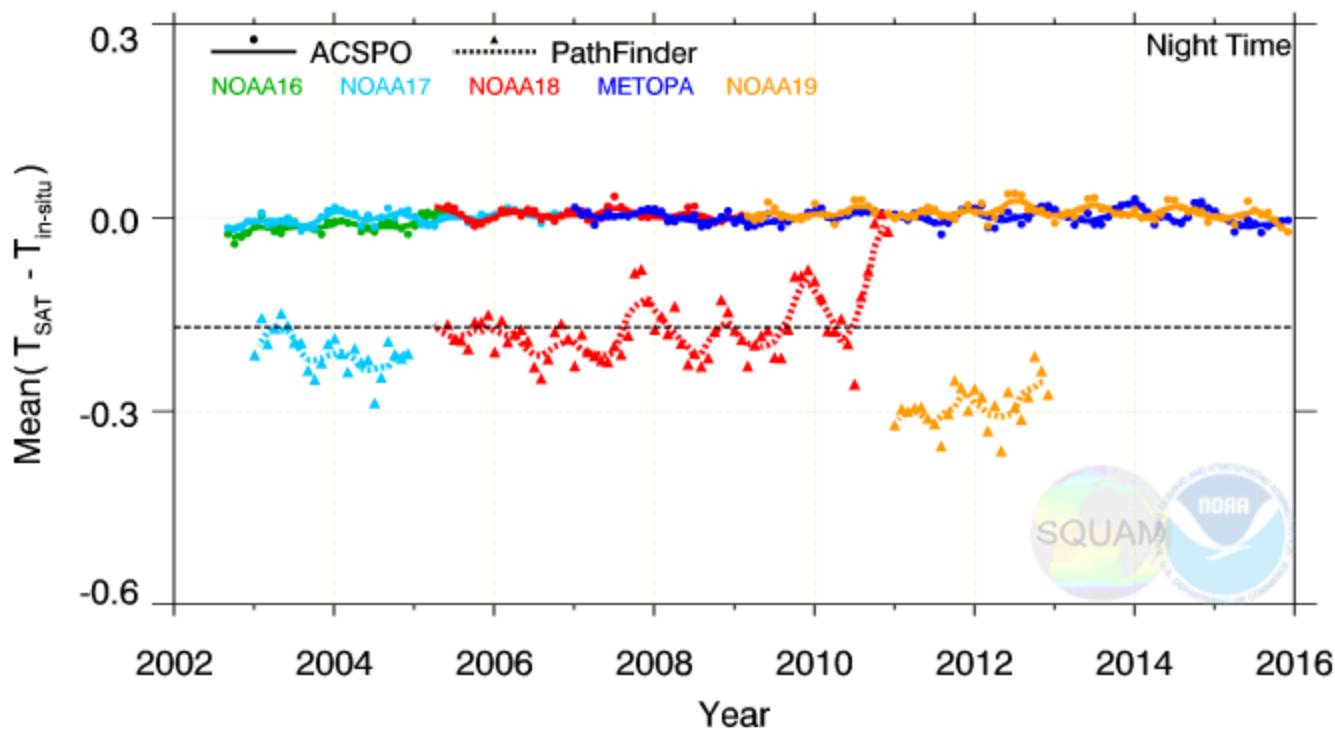






# AVHRR GAC RAN1 Validation: BIAS

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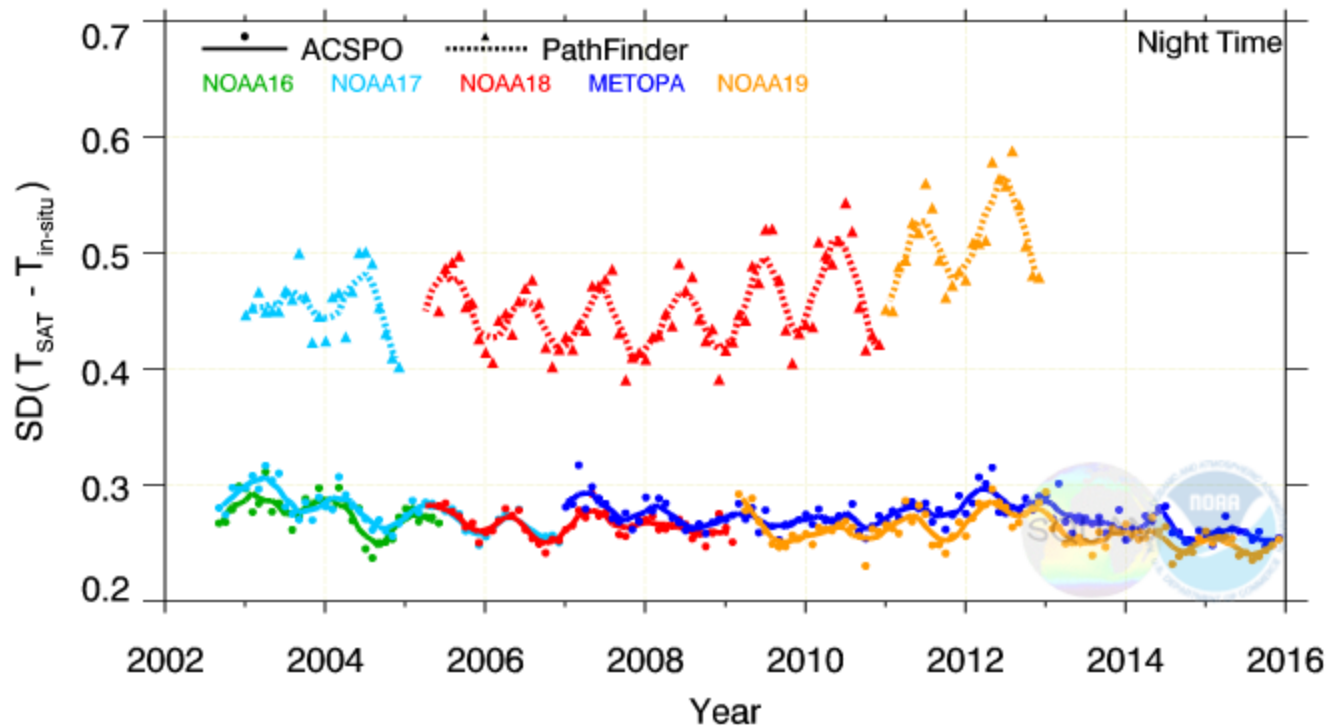


- RAN1 is produced from 2 satellites (whereas PFV5.2 from only one)
- RAN1 SST are more stable & cross-platform consistent than PFV5.2
- Note that PFV5.2 is a “skin product” and a -0.17 K bias is expected



# AVHRR GAC RAN1 Validation: Std Dev

ACSPO v2.41 0.02° L3U



- RAN1 SDs are smaller than PFV5.2
- RAN1 SDs are more stable in time & cross-platform consistent





# NOAA STAR Geostationary and Analysis-Level SST

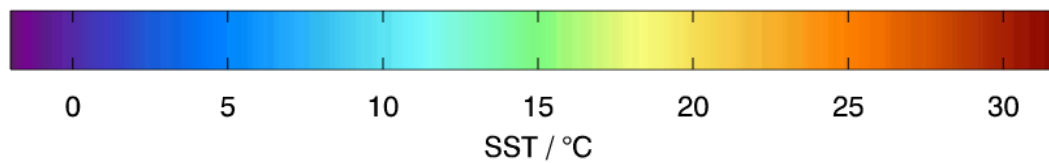
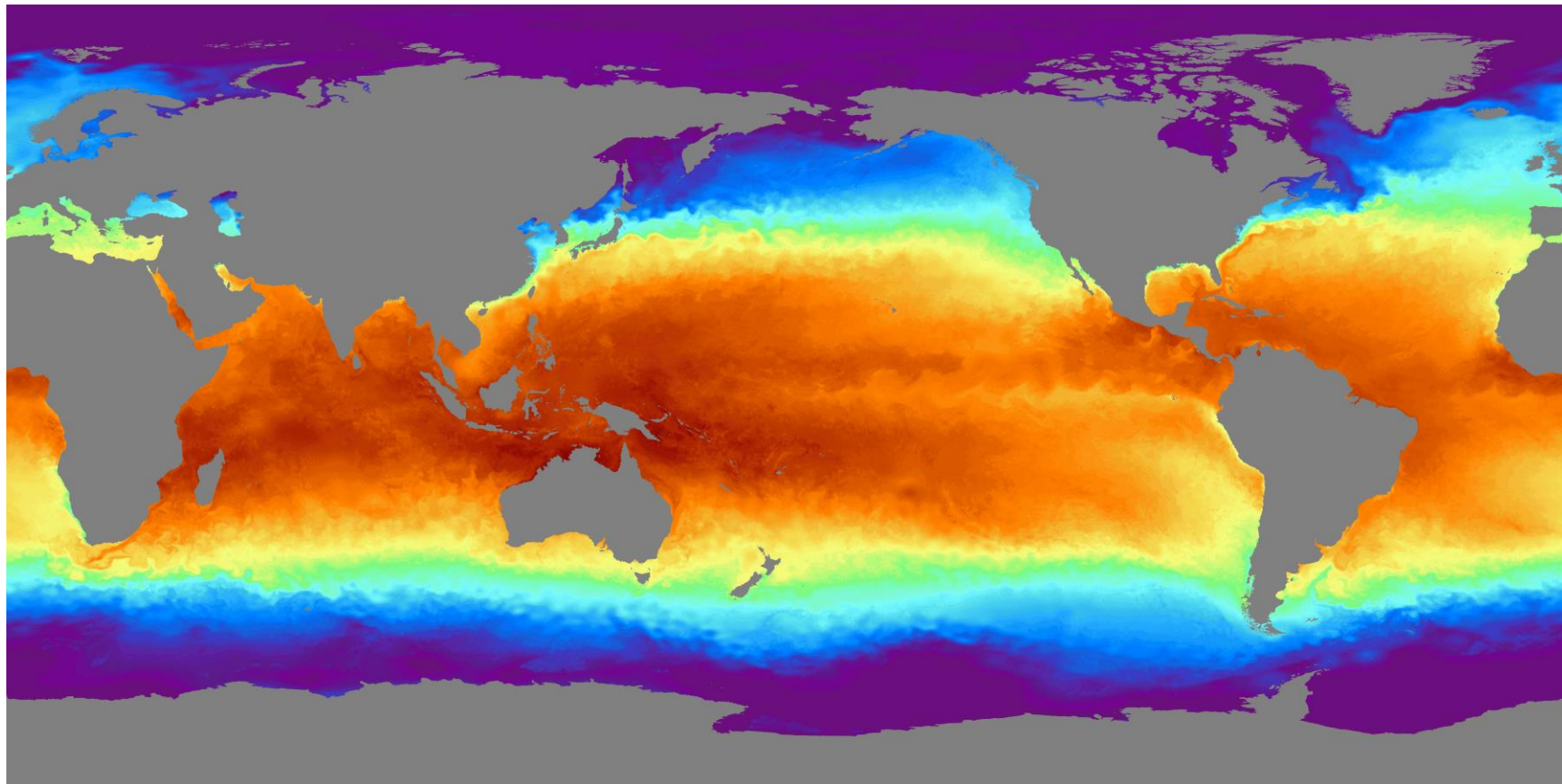
## Analysis-level SST products for users

### GOES SST Products

- *GOES-East; GOES-West; Meteosat-10*
- **AMSR-2 SST**
- **Blended SST Products**
  - *5-km Global SST Analysis*
  - *5-km Global Nighttime*
  - *5-km Global Diurnally Corrected SST Analysis*
- **Reprocessing (2002-2015):**
  - *Geostationary data (GOES, MSG, MTSAT)*
  - *Geo-Polar SST Nighttime Analysis*
- *All in GHRSSST L2P & L4*
- **Oceanic Heat Content Products**
  - *North Atlantic; North Pacific; South Pacific*



# 5-km Global Blended SST Analysis





# Ocean Basins

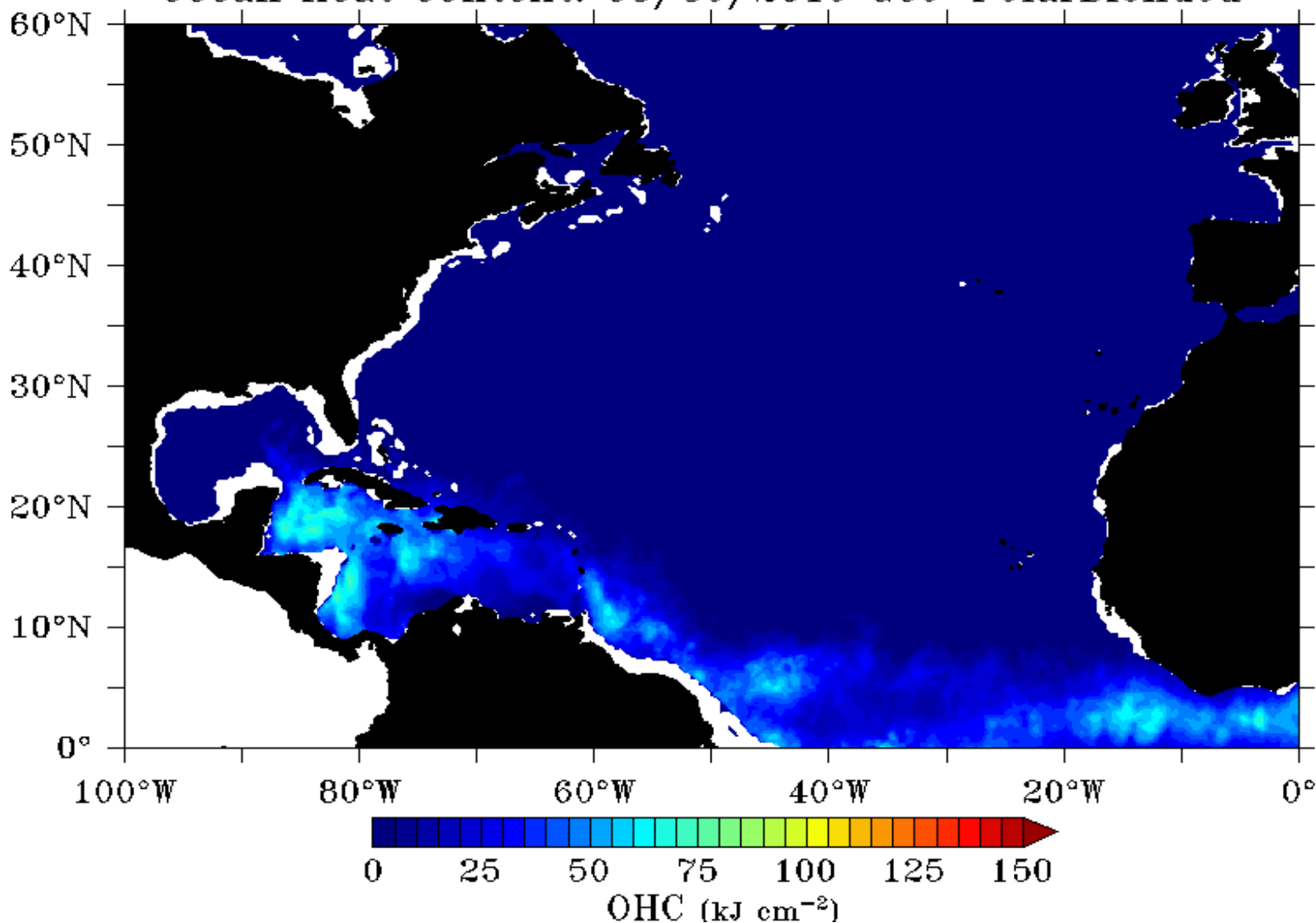


1. Atlantic basin (North Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea)
2. Northeast Pacific basin (Mexico to the dateline )
3. Northwest Pacific basin ( the dateline to Asia including the South China Sea)
4. North Indian basin (including the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea)
5. Southwest Indian basin (from Africa to about 100E )
6. Southeast Indian/Australian basin (100E to 142E)
7. Australian/Southwest Pacific basin (142E to about 120W)



# Northern Atlantic Ocean Domain for OHC Product

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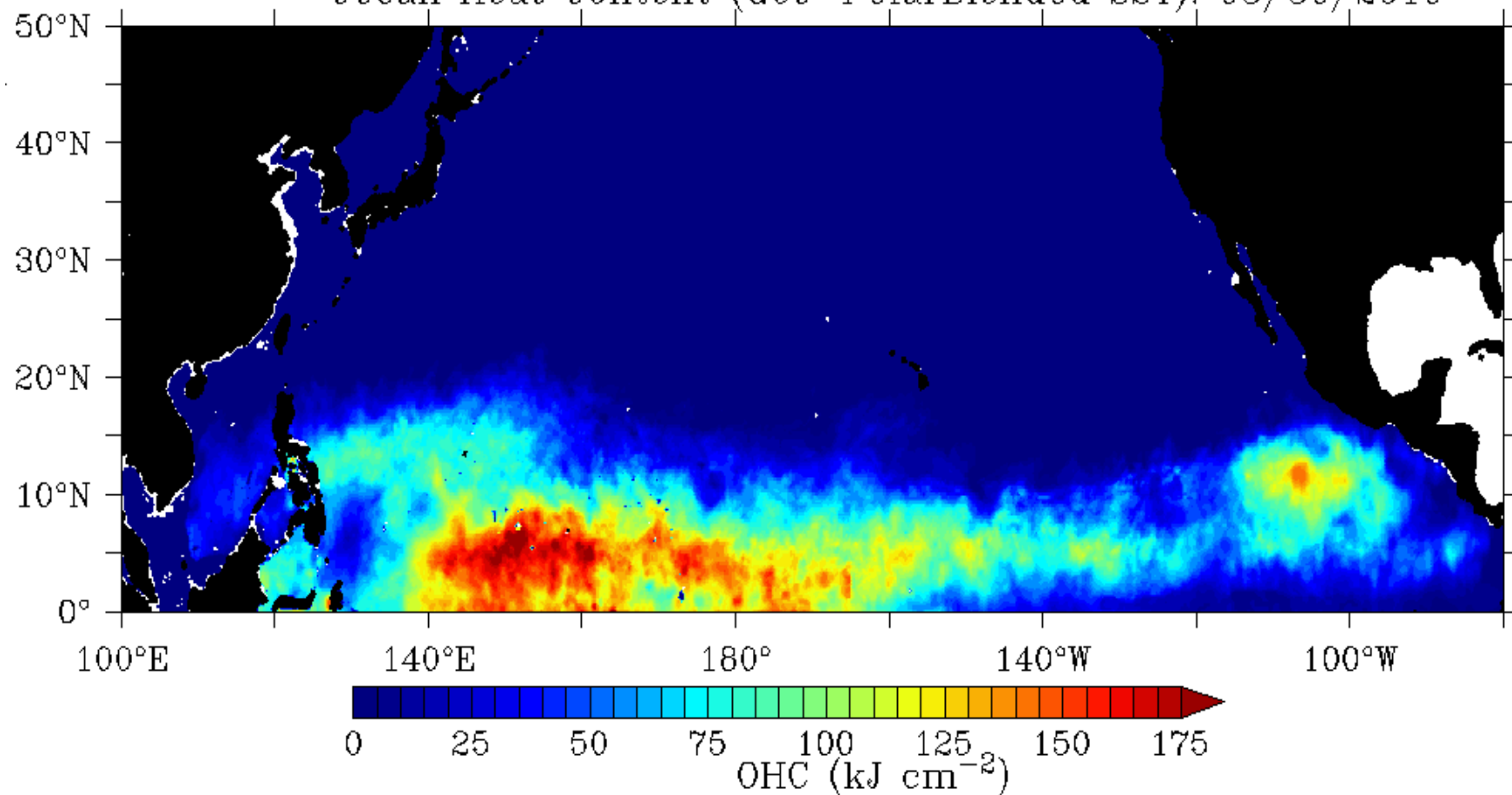


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# Northern Pacific Ocean Domain for OHC Product

Ocean Heat Content (Geo-PolarBlended SST): 03/30/2016

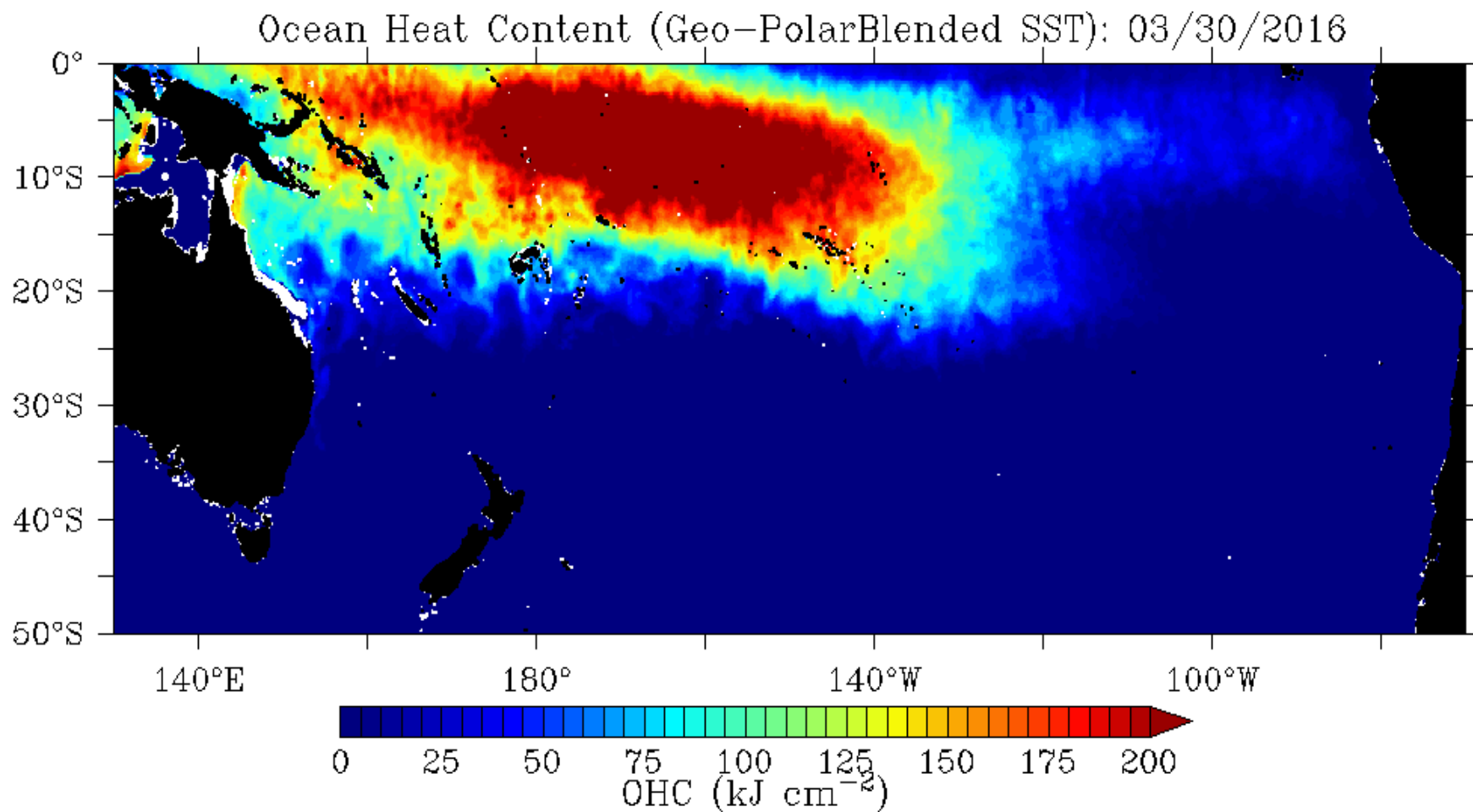


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# Southern Pacific Ocean Domain for OHC Product



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# NOAA STAR Geostationary and Blended SST



## GHRSSST L2P Geostationary SST

- Powerful data sets for studying SST
  - Diurnal warming of the ocean surface
  - Evolution of mesoscale features such as fronts and eddies

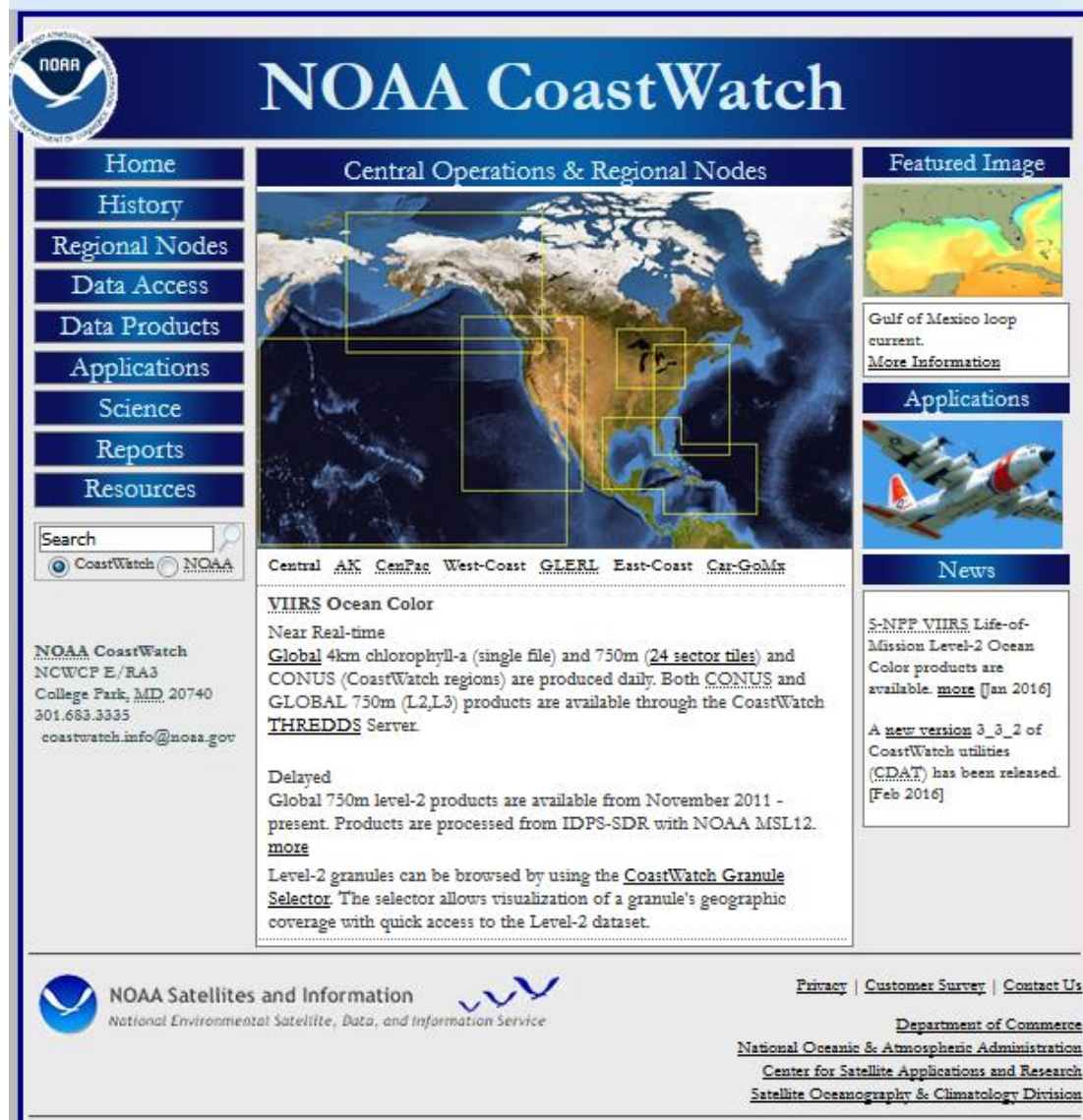
## Geo-Polar SST Analysis products

- Temporal and increased data coverage for studying the
  - Oceanography – Fisheries
  - Meteorology – Ocean Heat Content for Hurricane Intensity
  - Climate – Coral Reef Watch Improved Bleaching Products
- Reprocessing a very powerful tool for climatic studies



# NOAA CoastWatch Program

- Provides multi-sensor satellite data and products to users
- Covers regional (e.g., coastal U.S., Med Sea, Australia) and global
- Dedicated PolarWatch data portal forthcoming
- <http://coastwatch.noaa.gov/>



The screenshot shows the NOAA CoastWatch website interface. At the top is the NOAA logo and the title "NOAA CoastWatch". Below the title is a navigation menu with links: Home, History, Regional Nodes, Data Access, Data Products, Applications, Science, Reports, and Resources. A search bar is located below the menu, with "CoastWatch" selected. To the right of the search bar is a map of the United States with yellow boxes indicating regional nodes: Central, AK, Can-Pac, West-Coast, GLERL, East-Coast, and Can-GolMx. Below the map is a section titled "VIIRS Ocean Color" with sub-sections for "Near Real-time" and "Delayed". The "Near Real-time" section describes the production of 4km chlorophyll-a and 750m level-2 products. The "Delayed" section describes the production of 750m level-2 products. To the right of the main content is a "Featured Image" section showing a map of the Gulf of Mexico with a "Gulf of Mexico loop current" highlighted. Below this is an "Applications" section showing a satellite image of a ship. At the bottom right is a "News" section with a headline about the release of a new version of the CDAT utility. The footer contains the NOAA logo, the text "NOAA Satellites and Information", and links for Privacy, Customer Survey, and Contact Us.





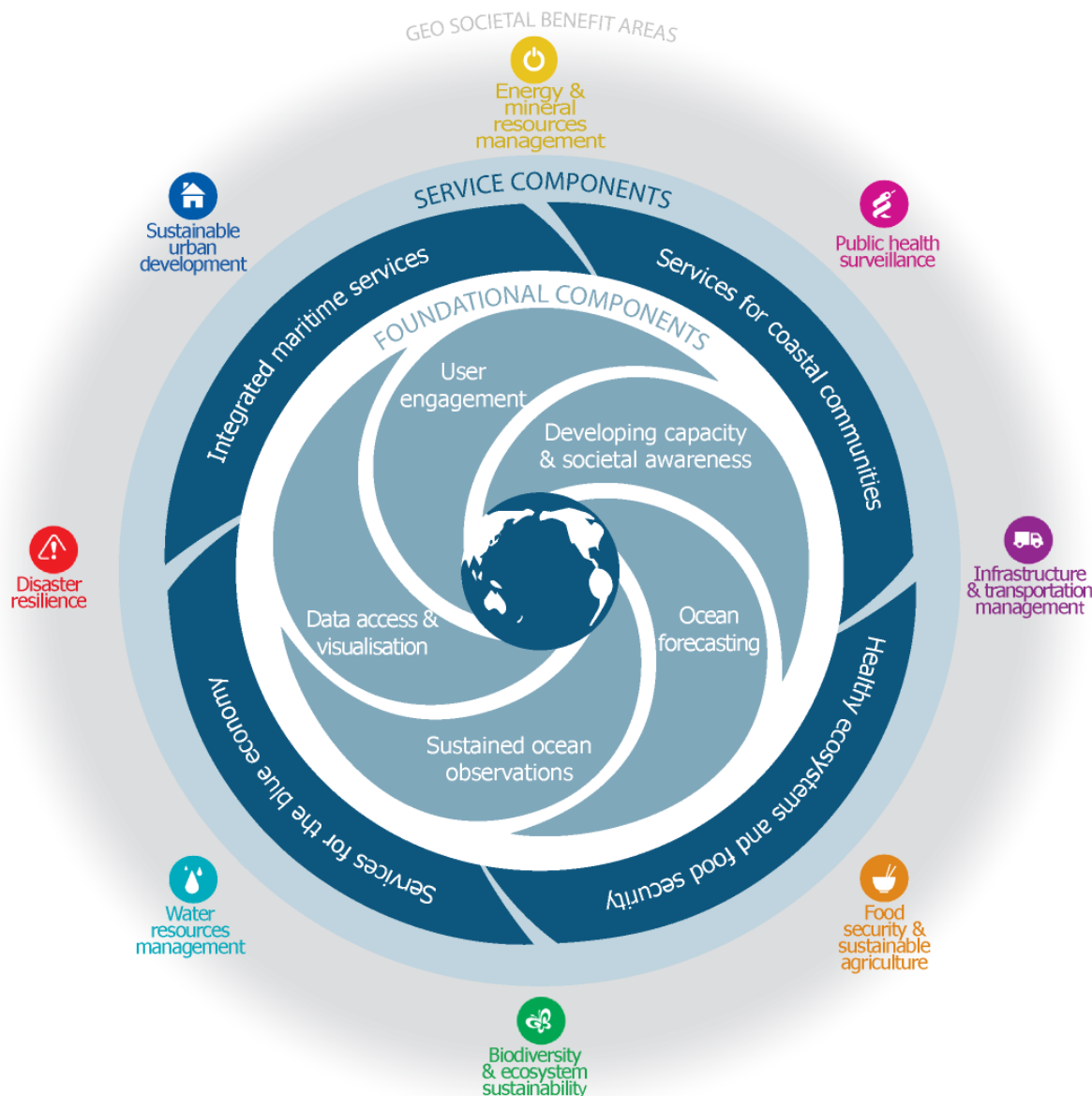
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- **ALL NOAA Line Offices** have the need for consistent, fit-for-purpose quality, multi-sensor ocean satellite observations including SST in support of the NOAA Mission.
- **STAR is committed** to the development and production of measurement-based, fit-for-purpose, near real time and time series satellite SST data and derived products required by user communities:
  - R&D and Operational: Underpinned by best science
  - Domestic: Within and external to NOAA
  - International partners and users
  - Downstream users and stakeholders (i.e., Blue Planet Initiative)



# Group on Earth Observations (GEO)

## Blue Planet Initiative: Oceans and Society







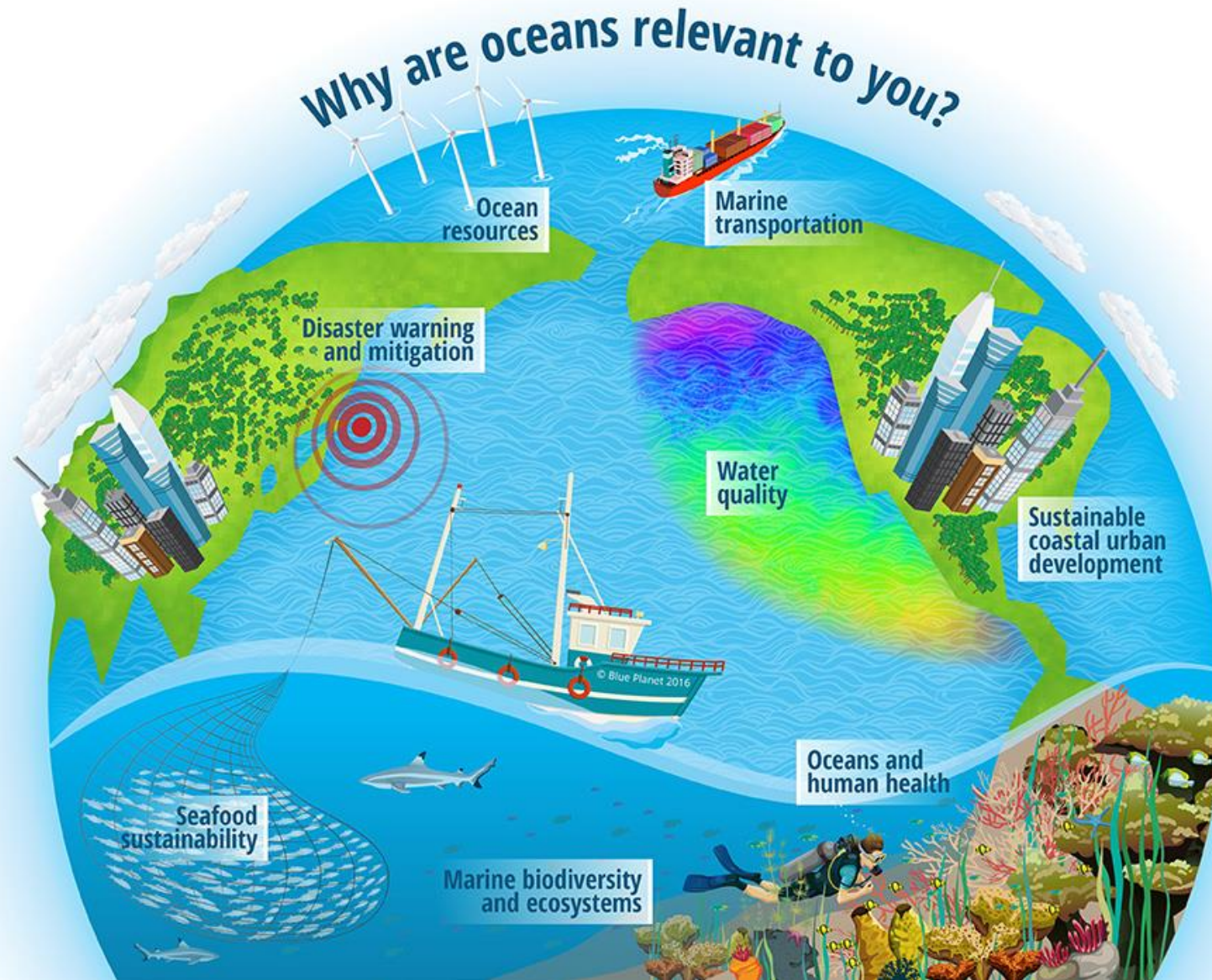
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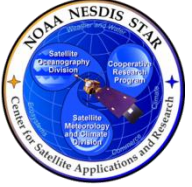
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**New website - <http://geoblueplanet.com/>**







*Thank you - Questions?*