

Climate Indicators Summary

November 2016

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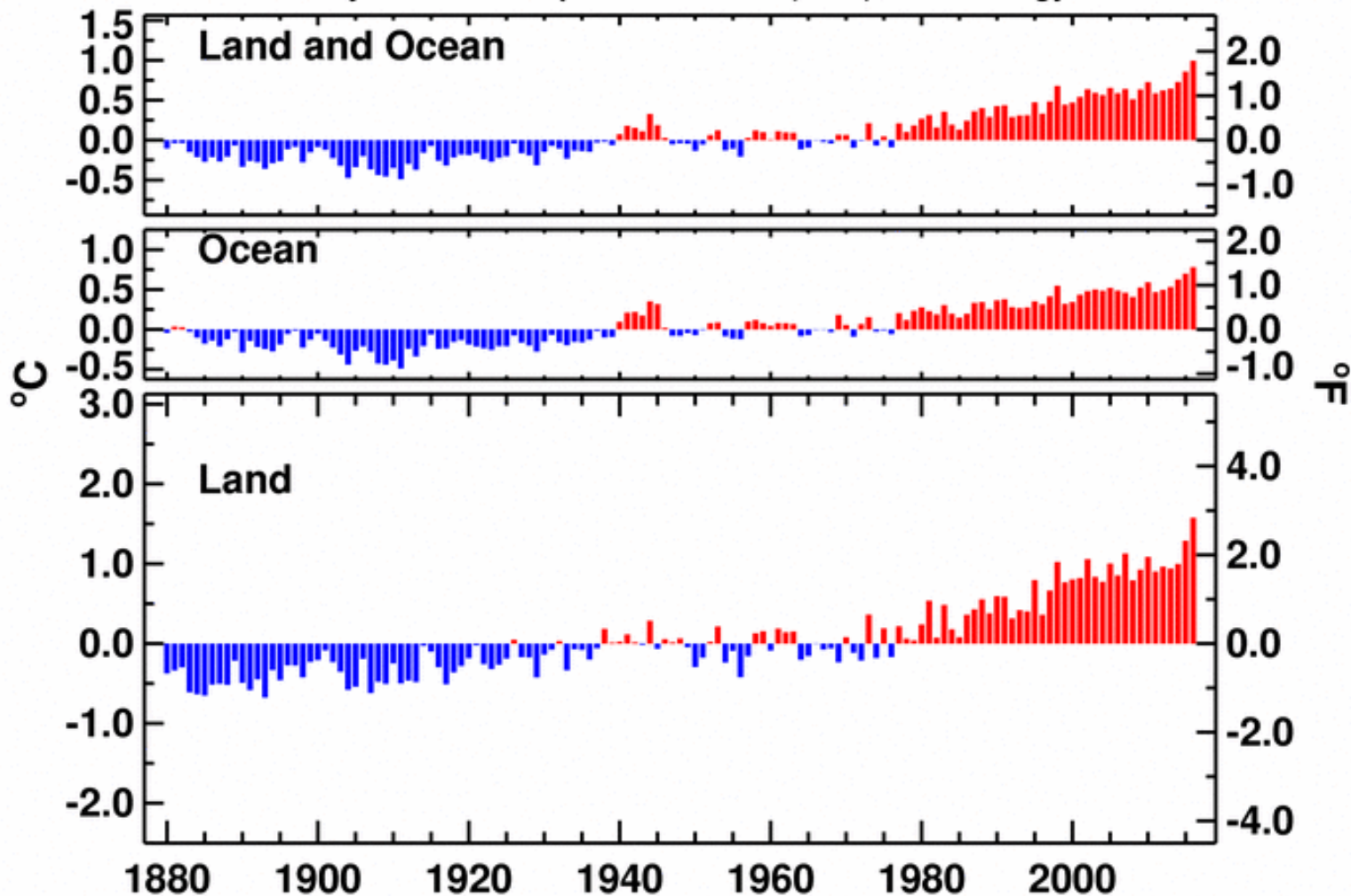
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Honolulu, HI

Jan-Sep Global Surface Mean Temp Anomalies

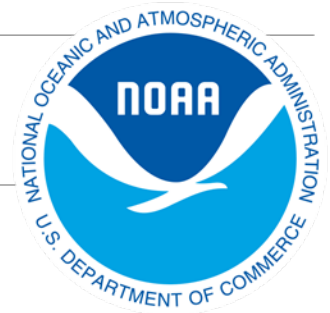
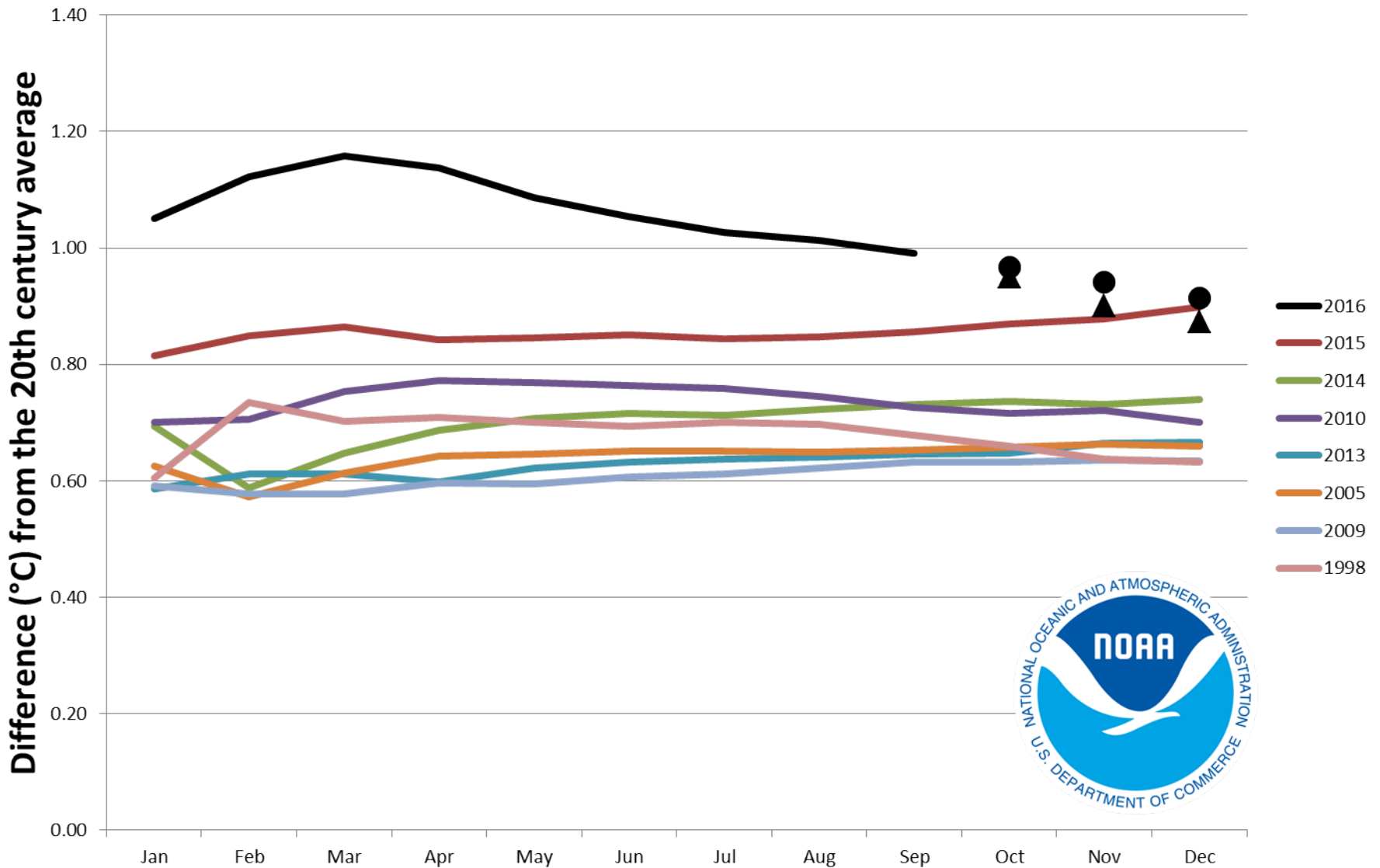
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Analysis is based upon Smith et al. (2008) methodology.



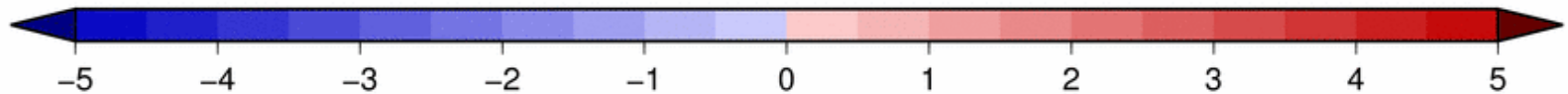
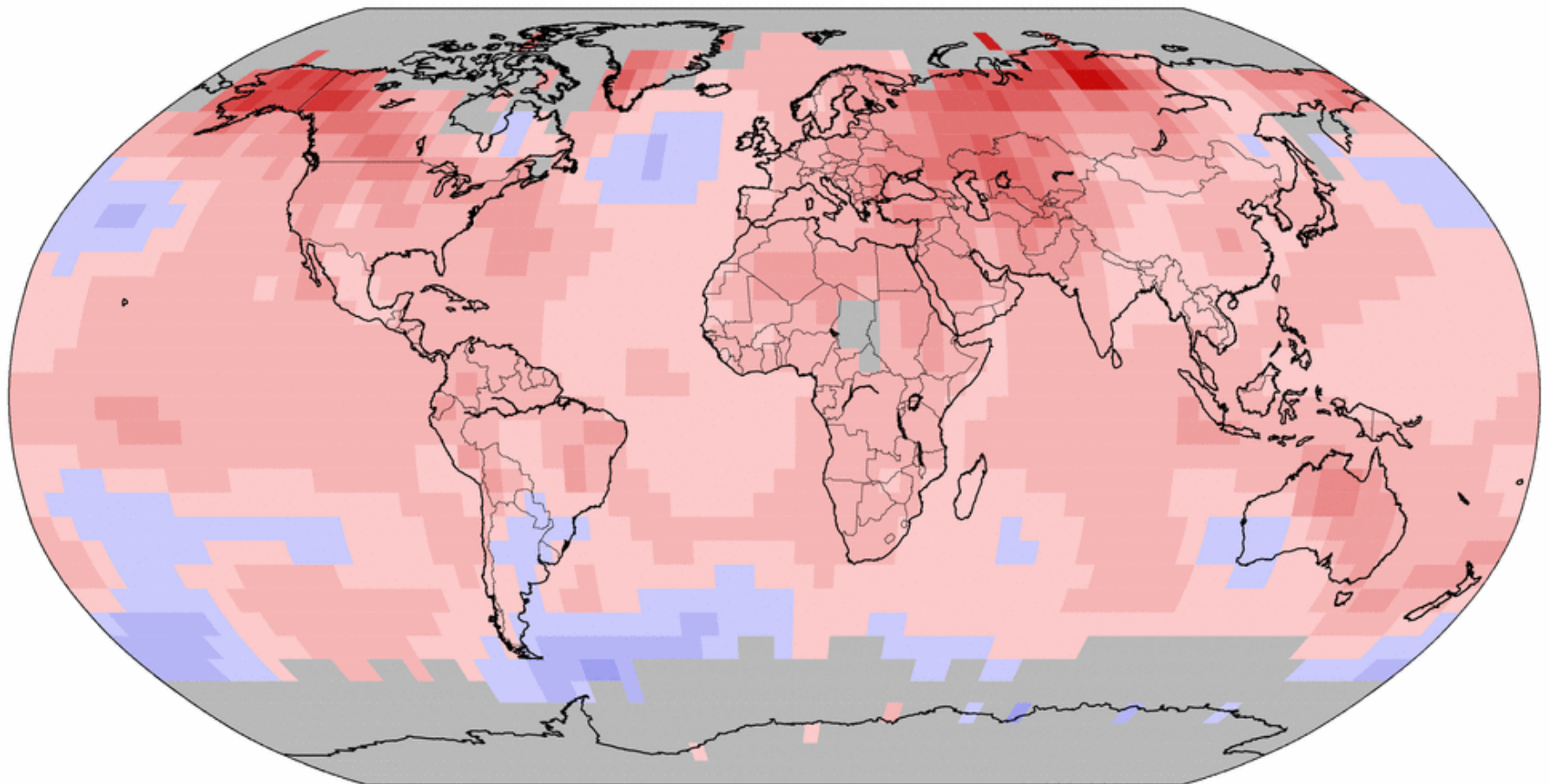
Year-to-Date Global Temperatures

for 2016 and the other seven warmest years on record



Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Jan–Aug 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)

Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



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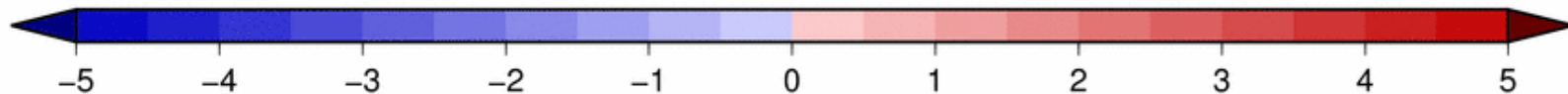
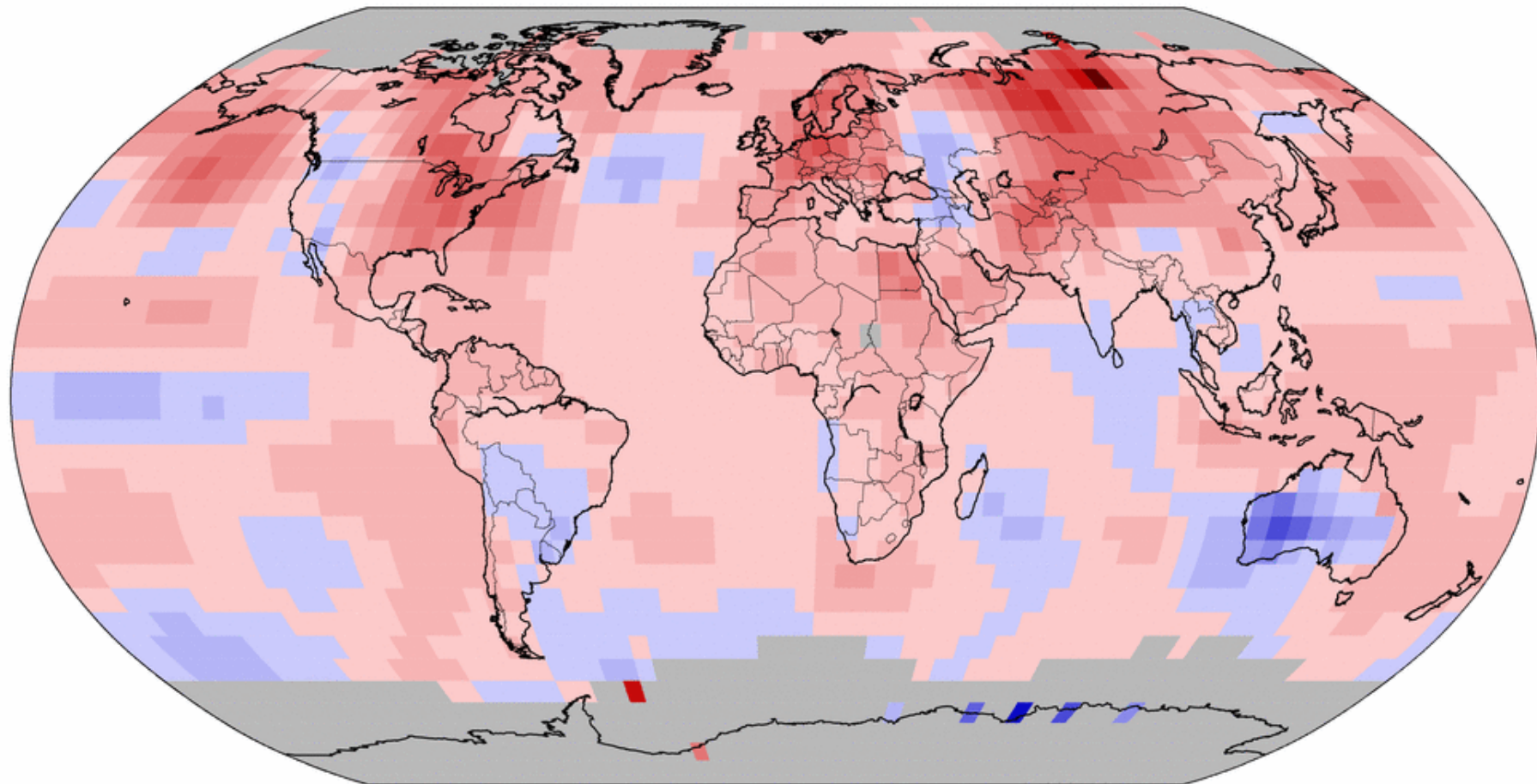
Degrees Celsius

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Map Projection: Robinson

Land & Ocean Temperature Departure from Average Sep 2016 (with respect to a 1981–2010 base period)

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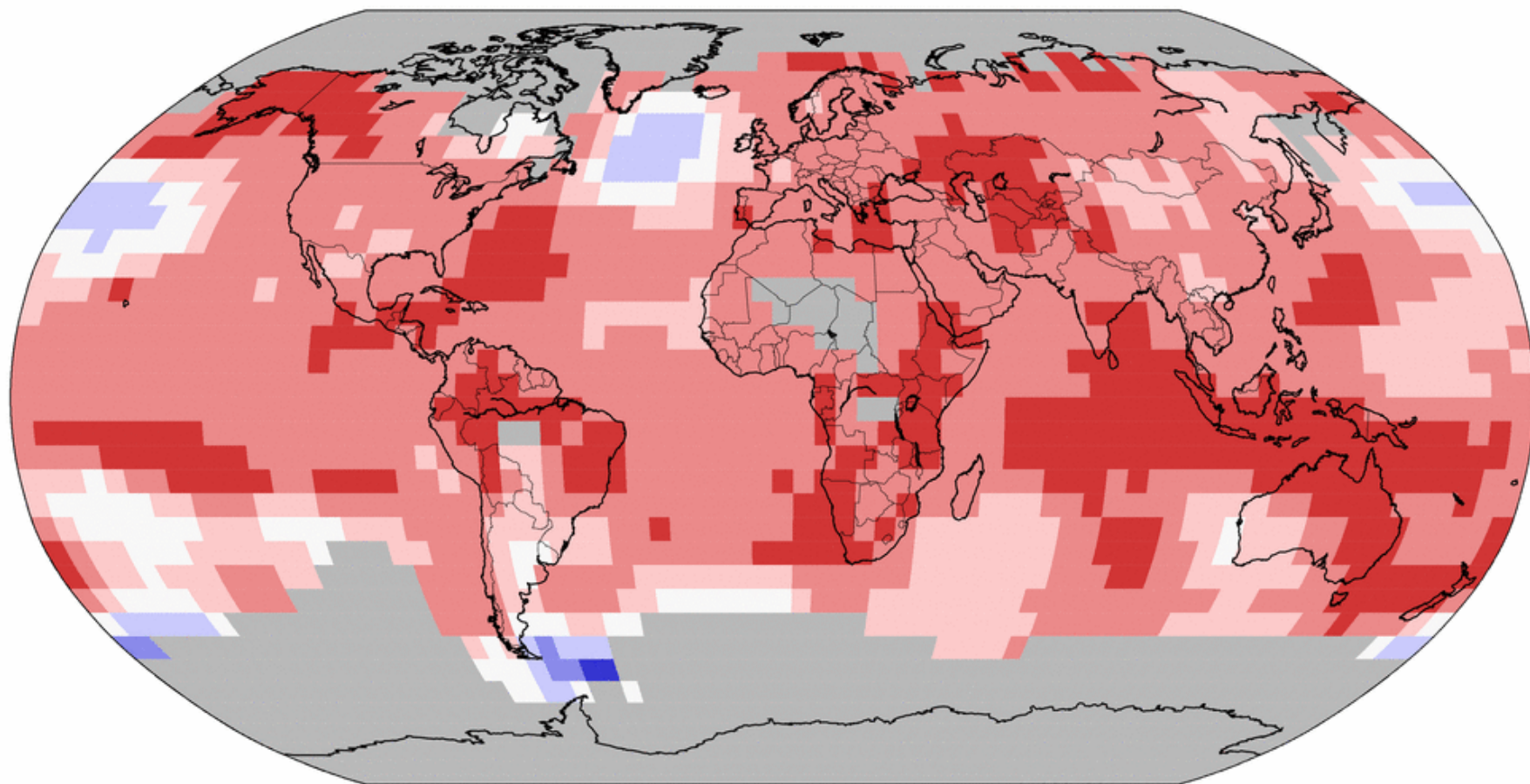
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Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jan–Aug 2016

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Record Coldest



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Warmer than Average



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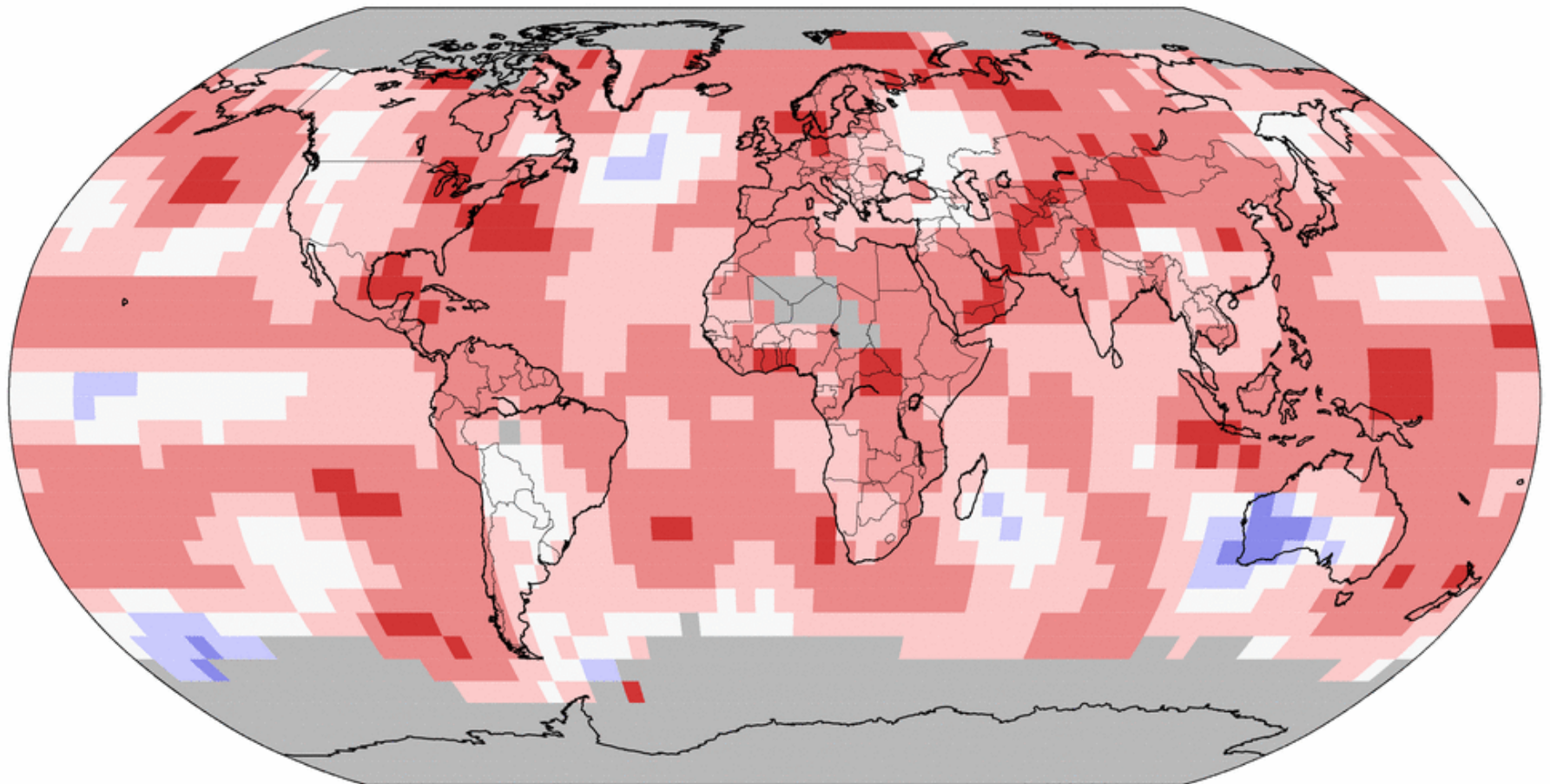
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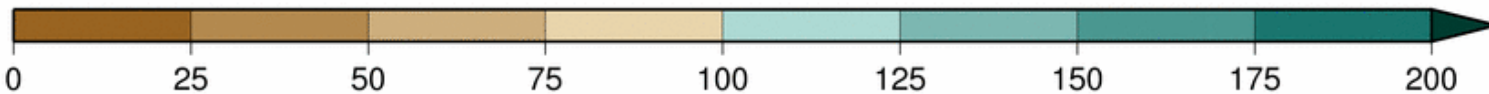
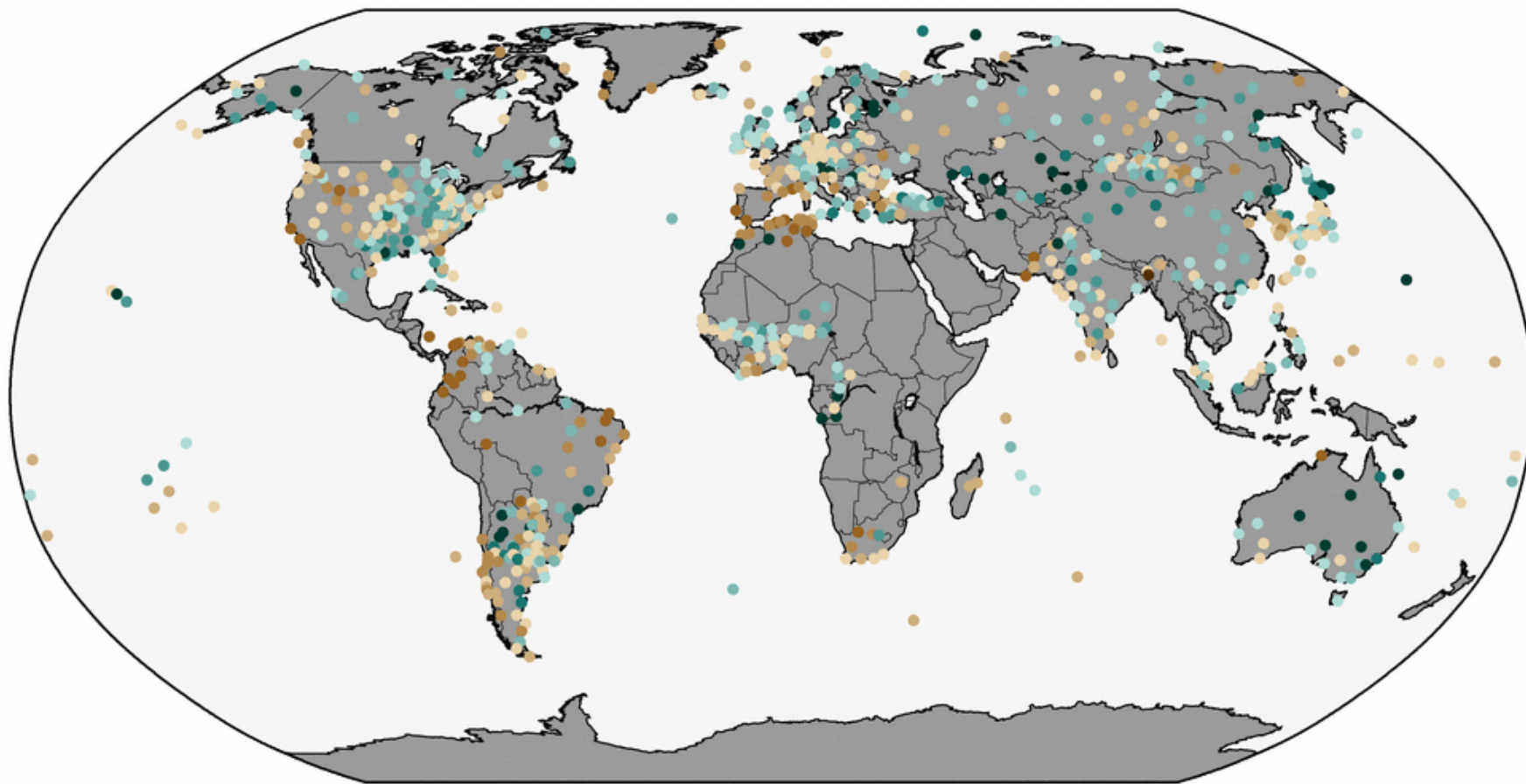


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Land-Only Percent of Normal Precipitation Jun 2016–Aug 2016 (with respect to a 1961–1990 base period)

Data Source: GHCN-M version 2



Percent



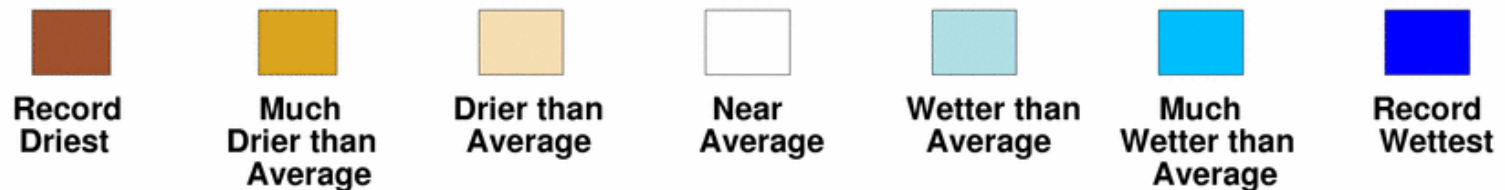
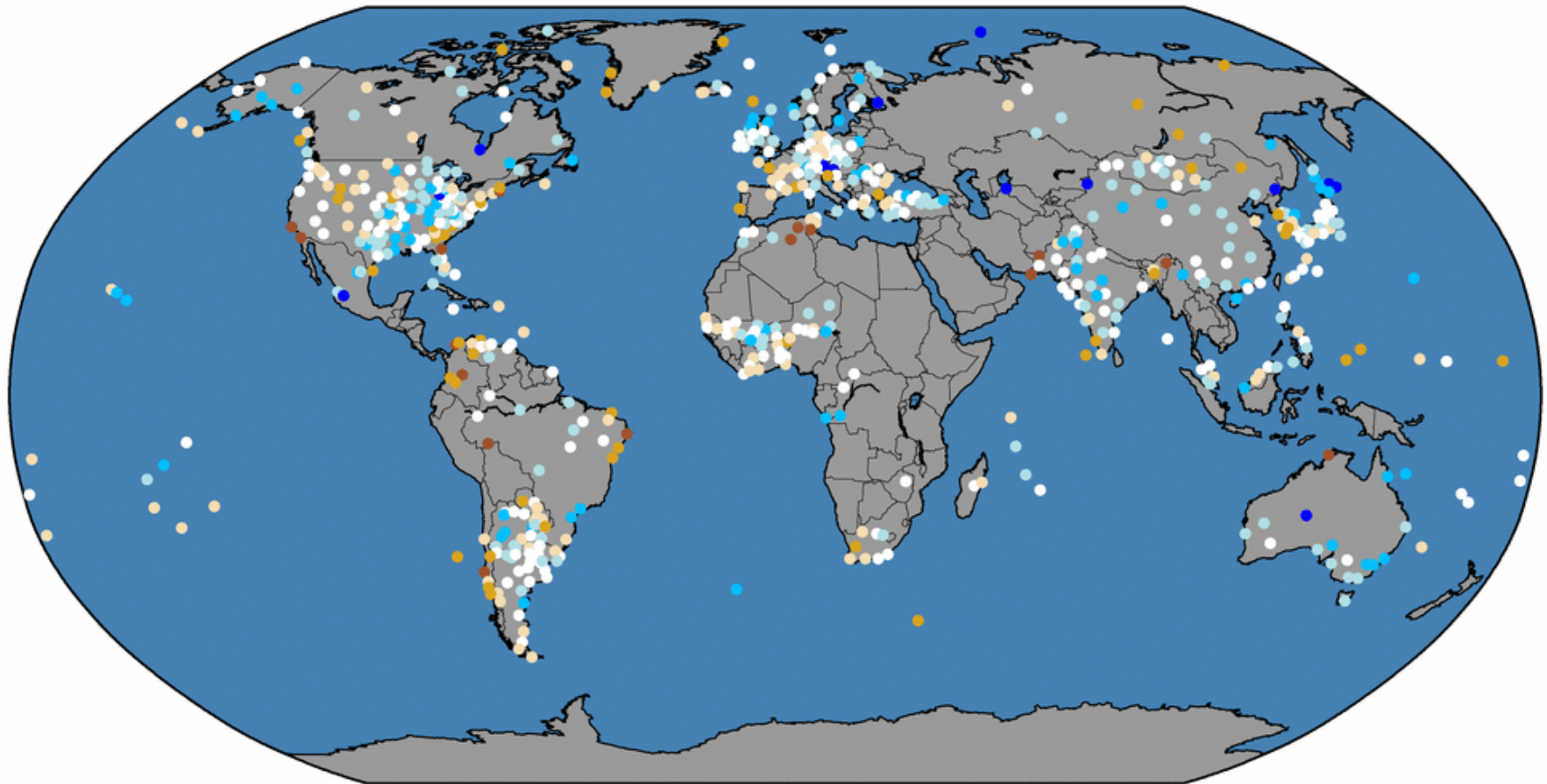
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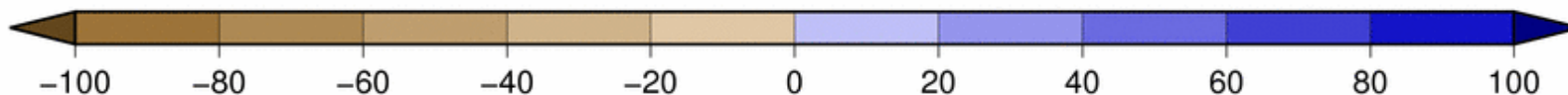
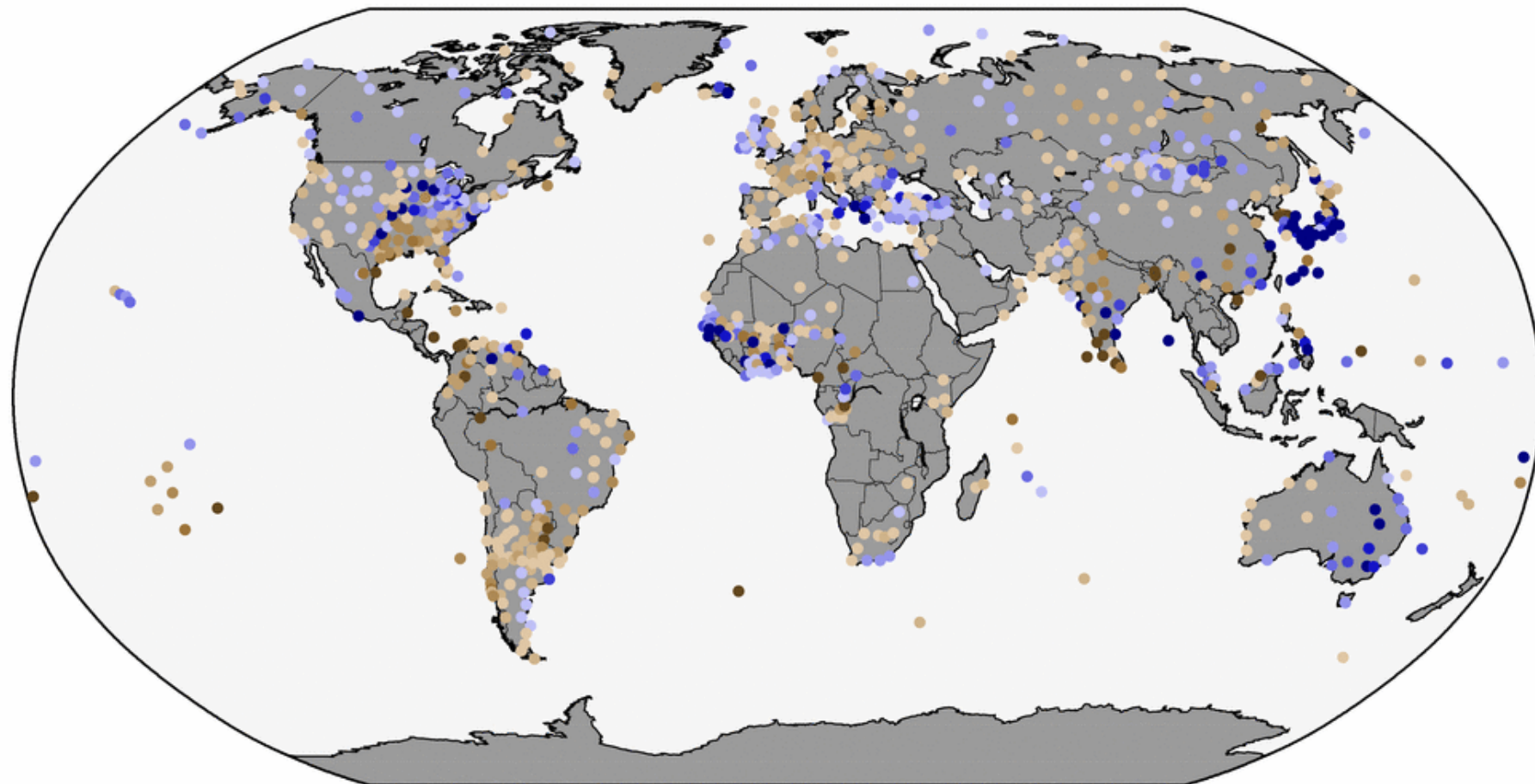
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Land-Only Precipitation Anomalies Sep 2016 (with respect to a 1961–1990 base period)

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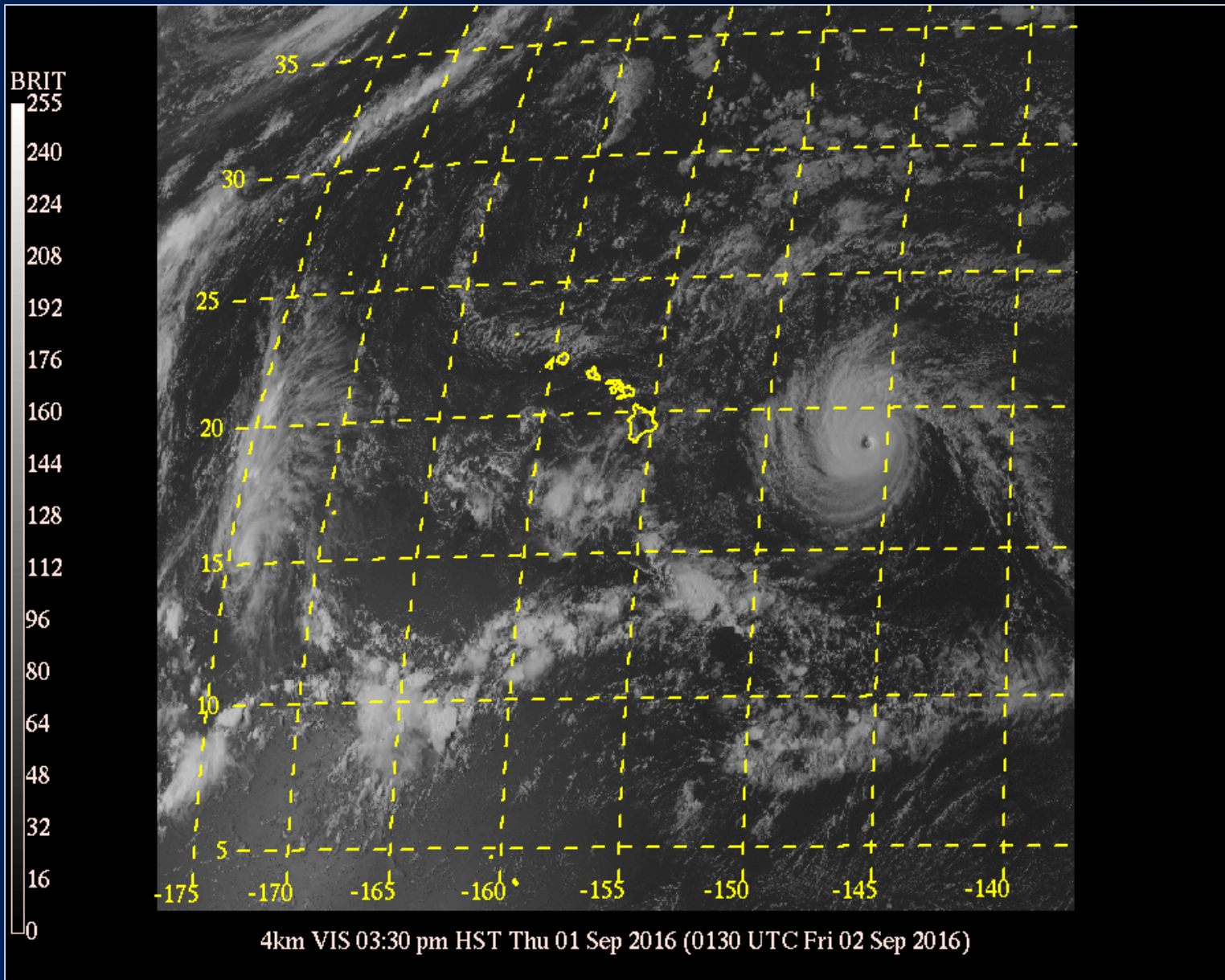


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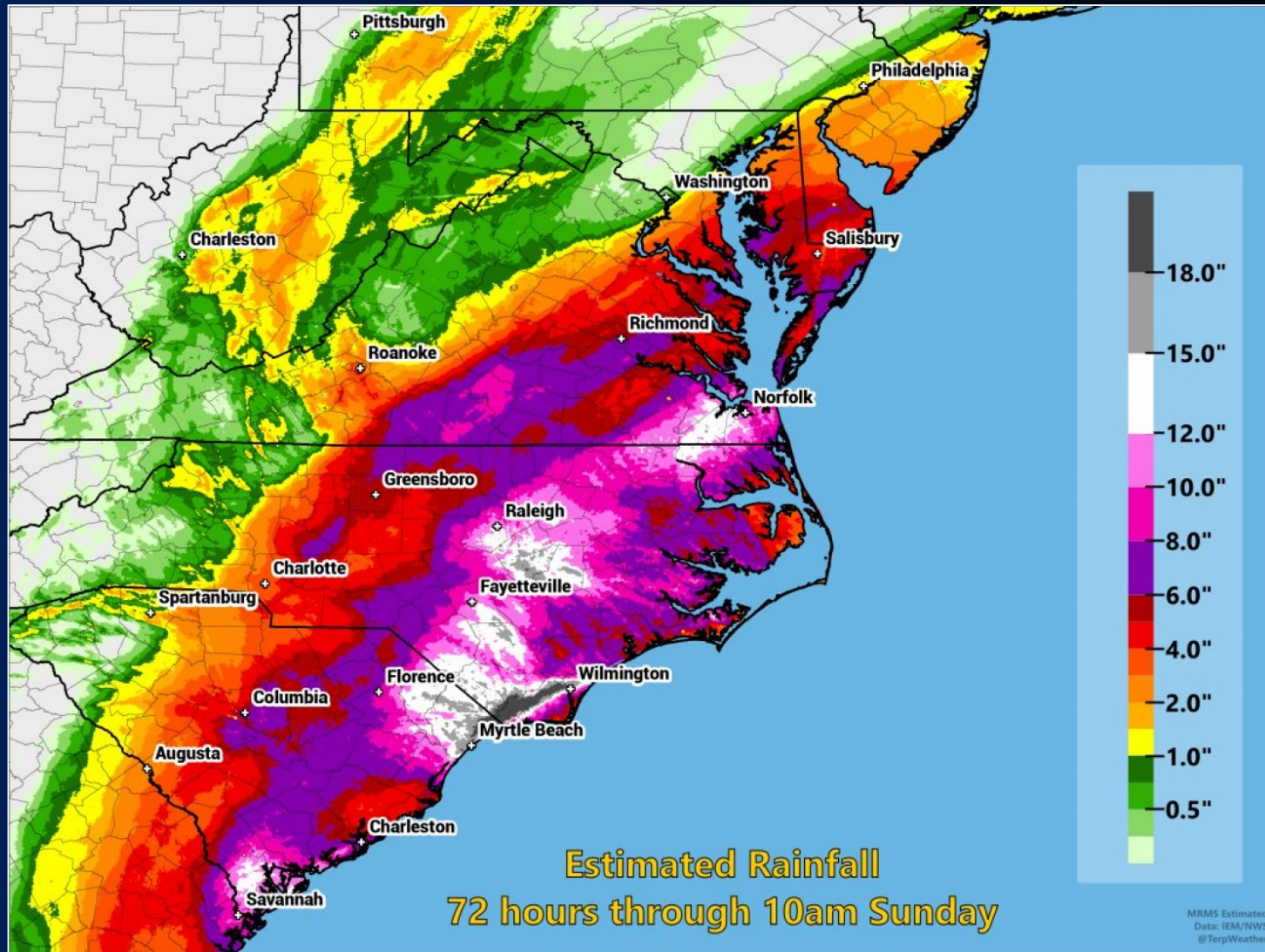
Millimeters

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Hurricane Lestor, 1 September 2016



Digression #1 – A Warmer Atmosphere Holds More Water

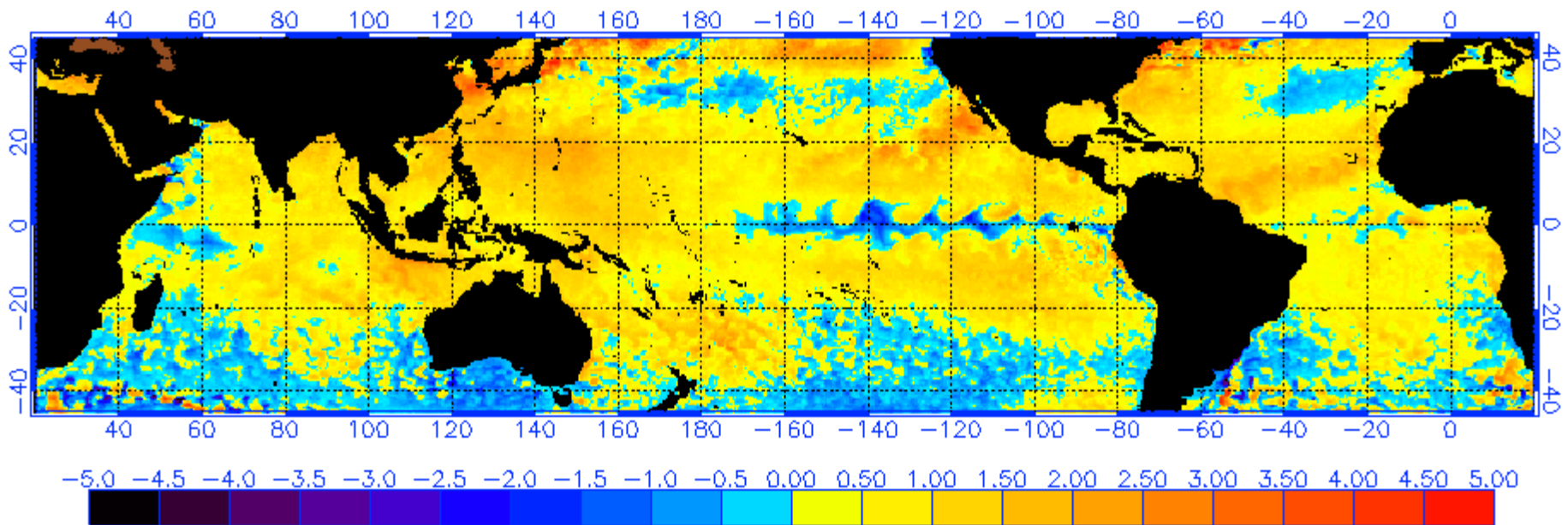


Rainfall totals from Hurricane Matthew, 10 October 2016

Precipitation was equivalent to 75% of the volume of Chesapeake Bay

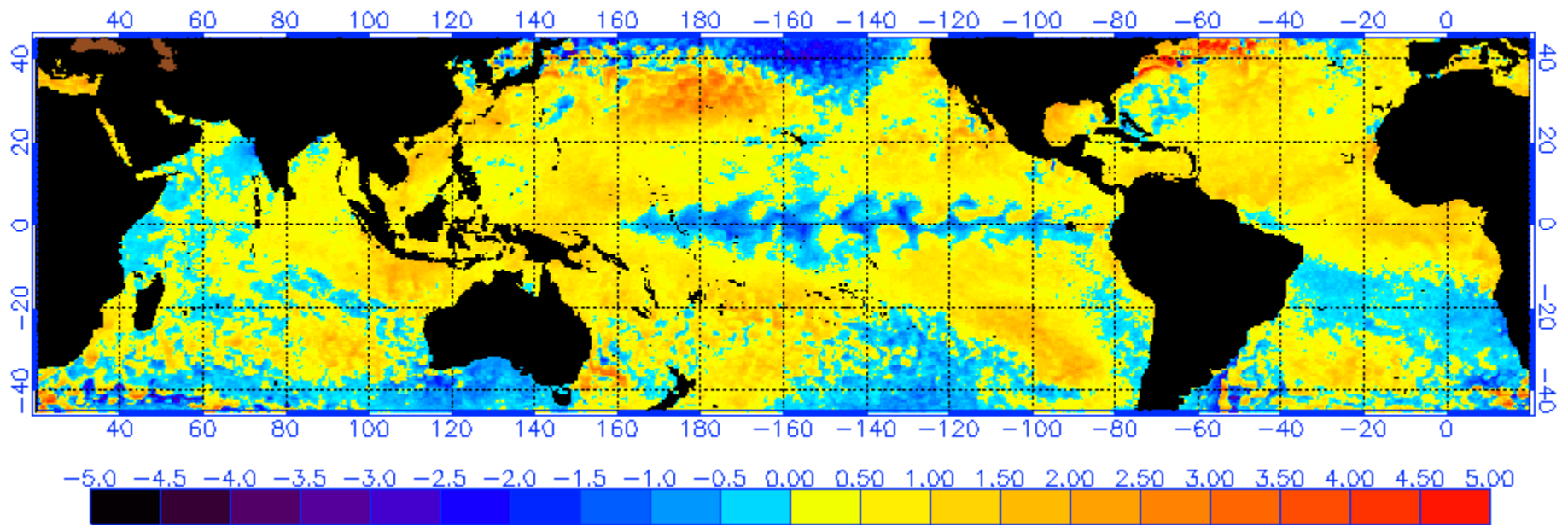
Global Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly 1 August 2016

NOAA/NESDIS SST Anomaly (degrees C), 8/1/2016



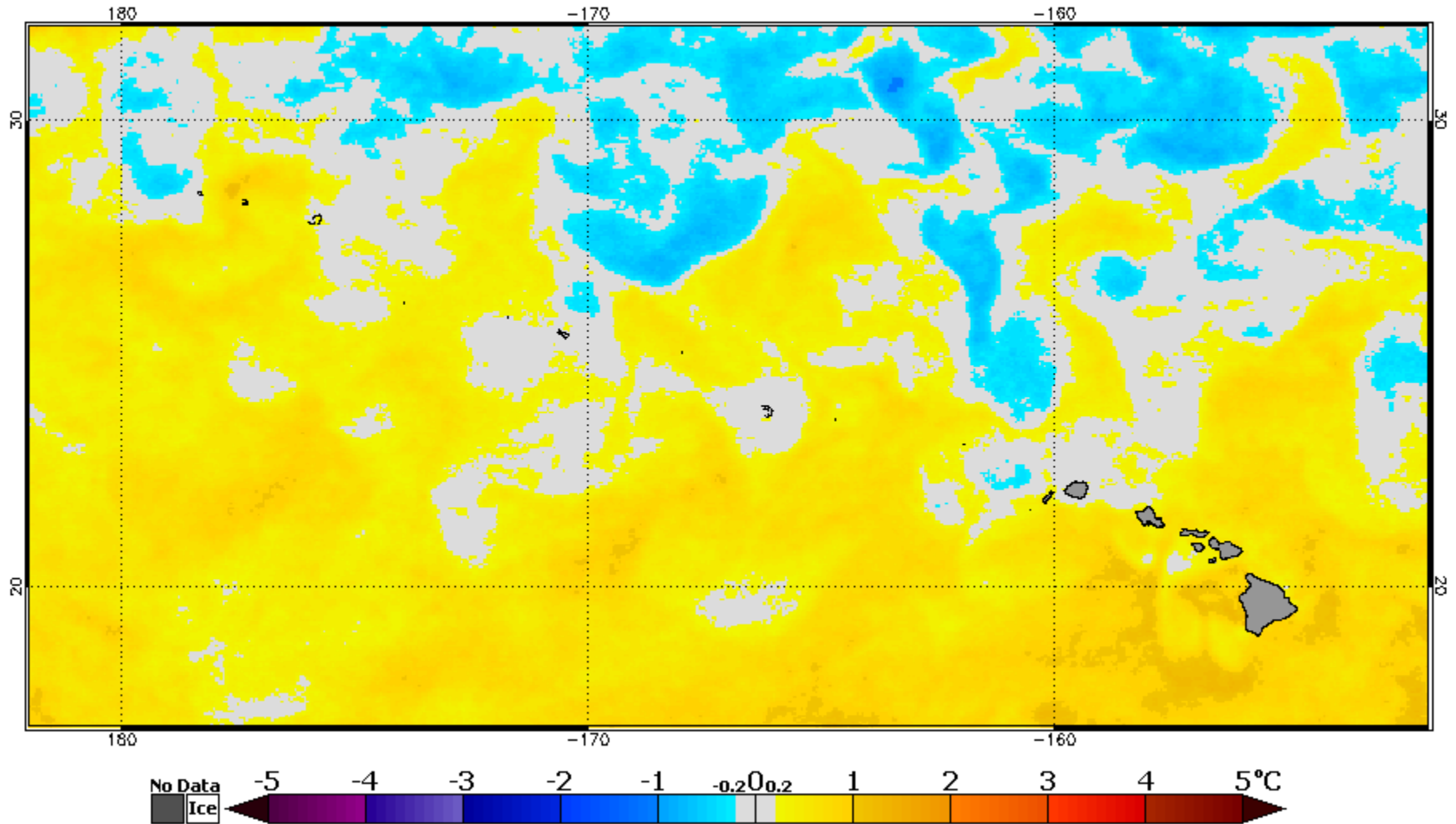
Global Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly 14 November 2016

NOAA/NESDIS SST Anomaly (degrees C), 11/14/2016



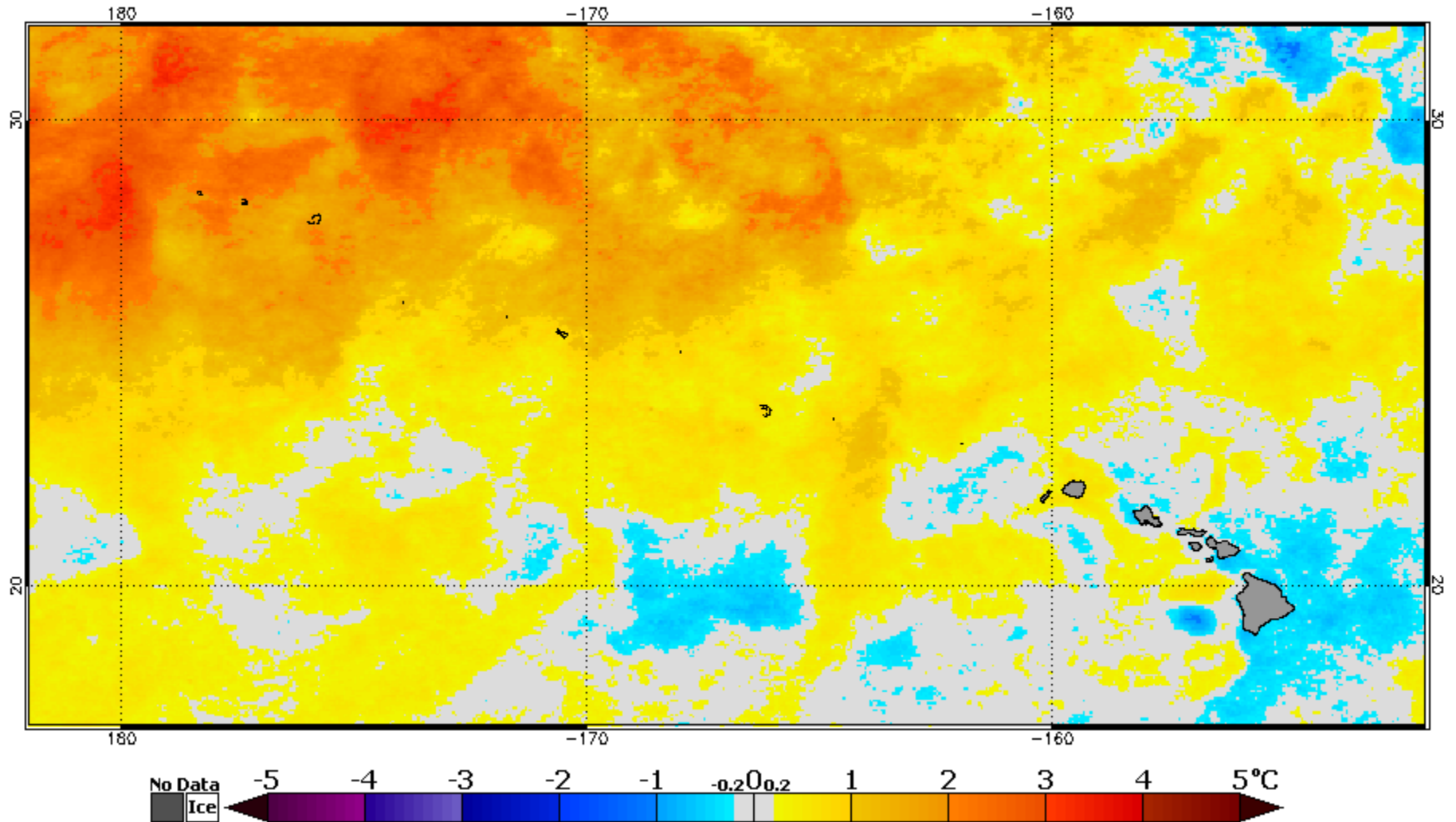
Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly, Hawaii Sector, 2 August 2016

NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5-km Geo-Polar Blended Night-Only SST Anomalies 2 Aug 2016



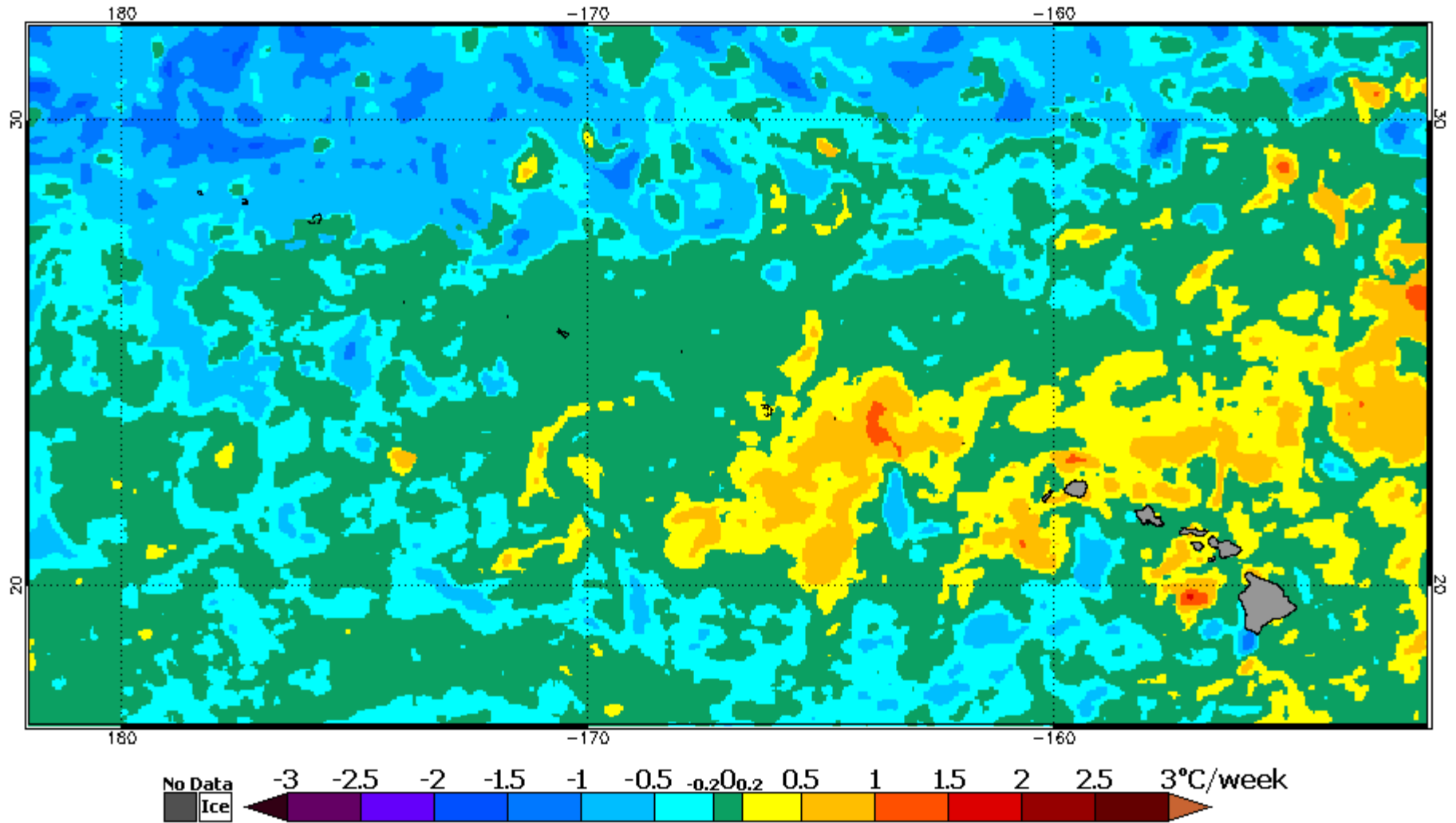
Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly, Hawaii Sector, 14 Nov. 2016

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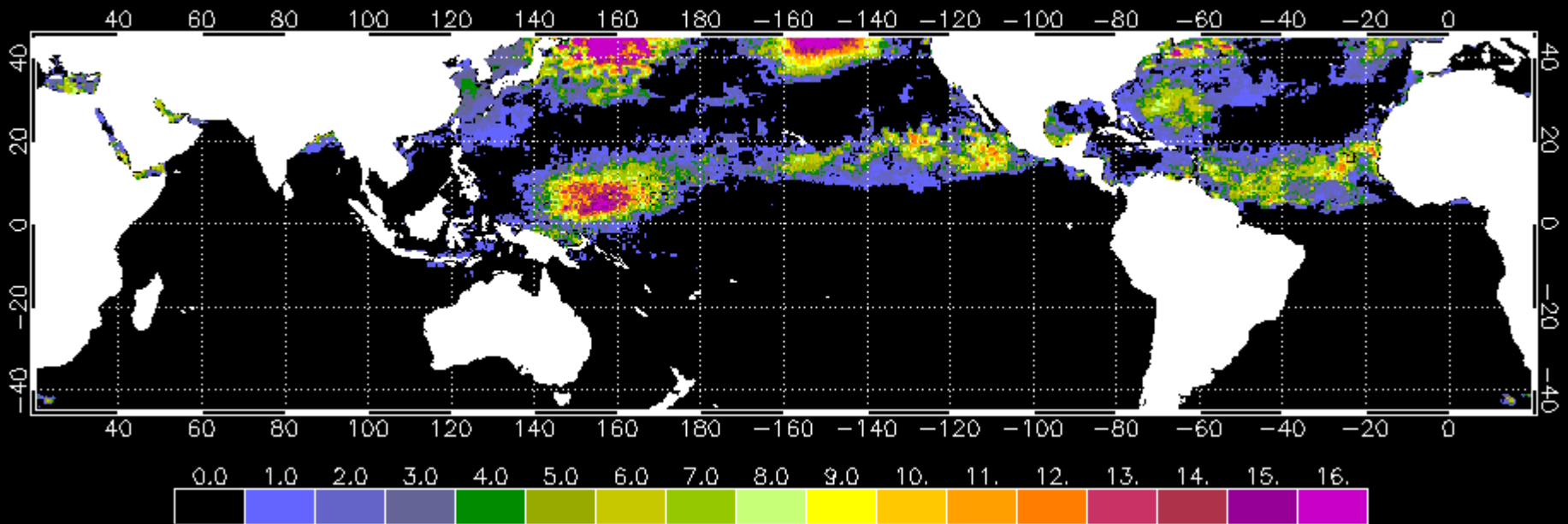
Projected SST Trend, Hawaii Sector, 14 Nov. 2016

NOAA Coral Reef Watch Daily 5-km Geo-Polar Blended Night-Only SST Trend (Past 7 Days) 14 Nov 2016



Degree Heating Weeks, 14 November 2016

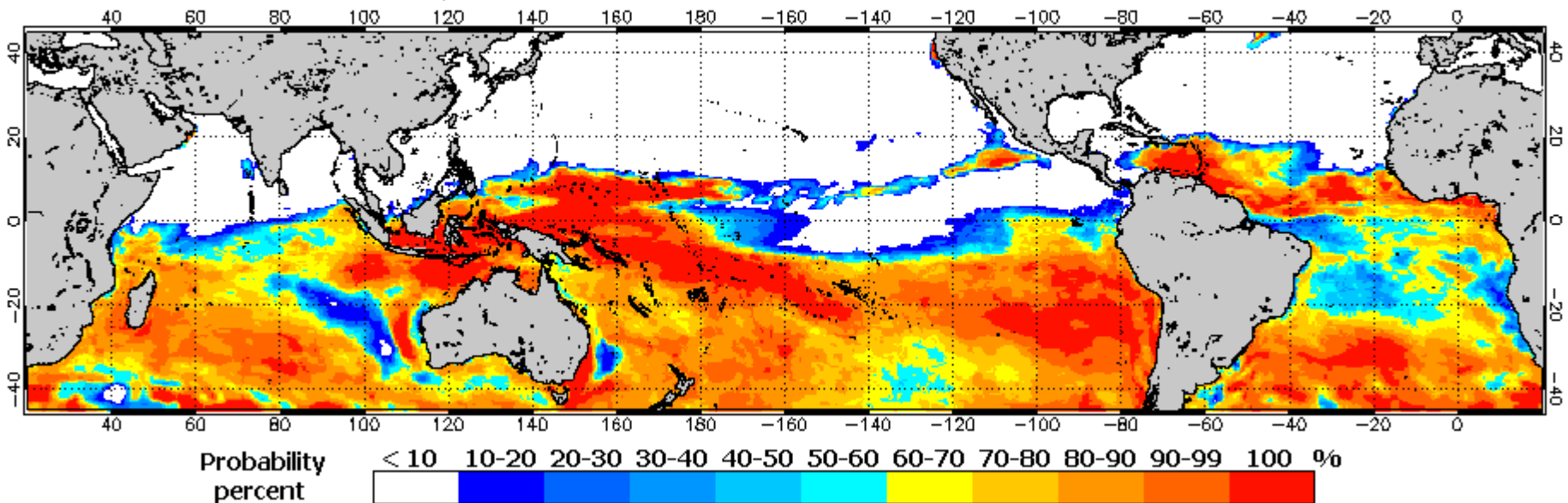
NOAA/NESDIS Degree Heating Weeks for last 12 Weeks - 11/14/2016



Bleaching Stress Probability, November 2016-February 2017

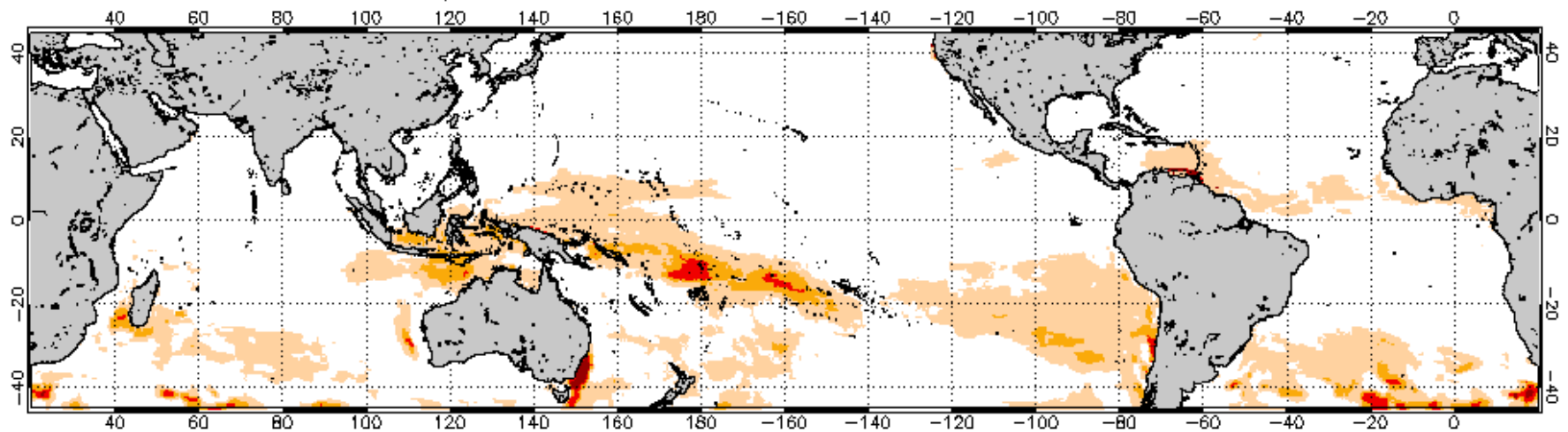
Prediction as of 15 November 2016

2016 Nov 15 NOAA Coral Reef Watch Probabilistic Bleaching Thermal Stress Watch for Nov–Feb 2017
Experimental, v3.0, CFSv2-based, 28-member Ensemble Forecast



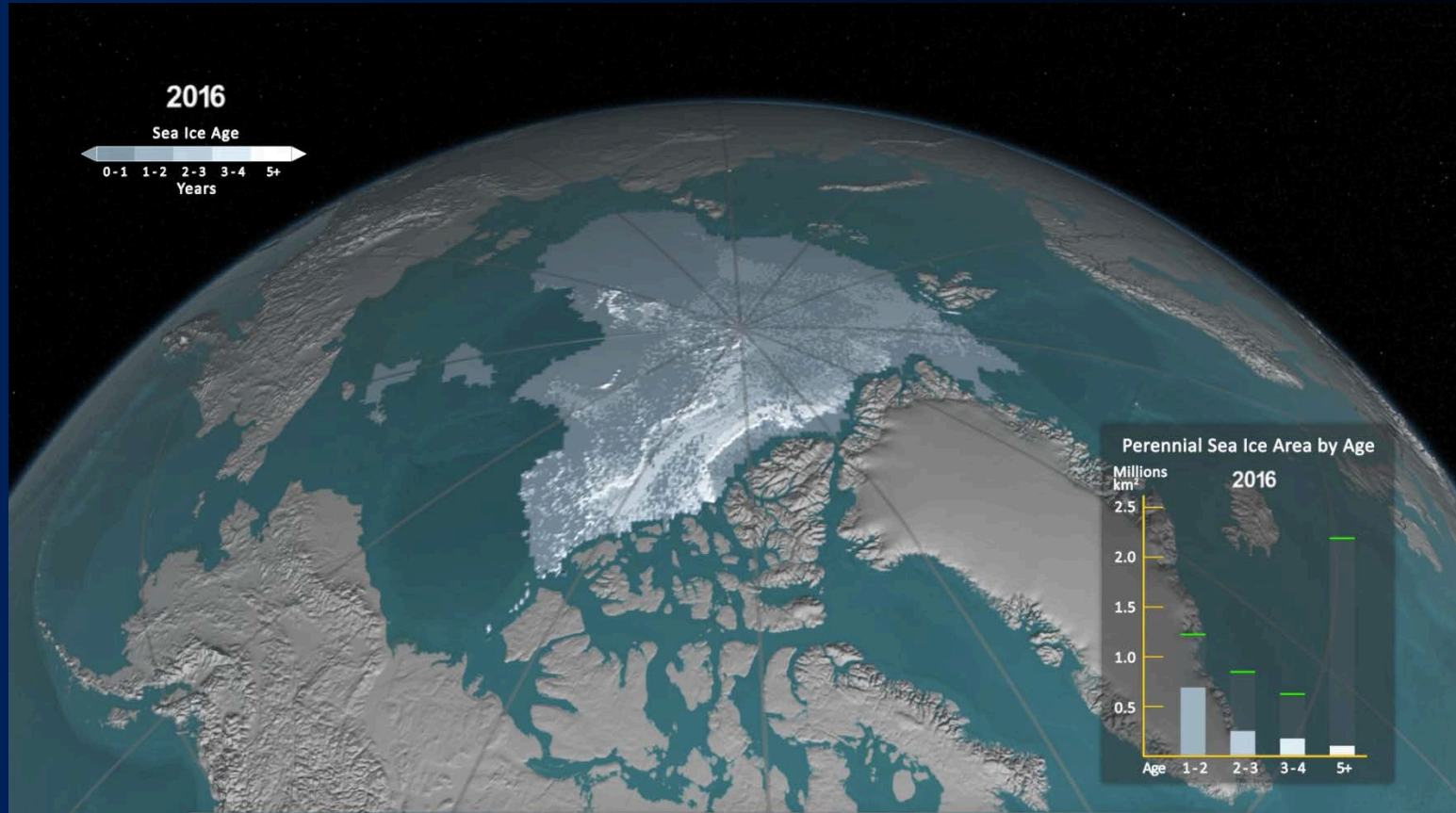
60% Bleaching Probability, 15 November 2016

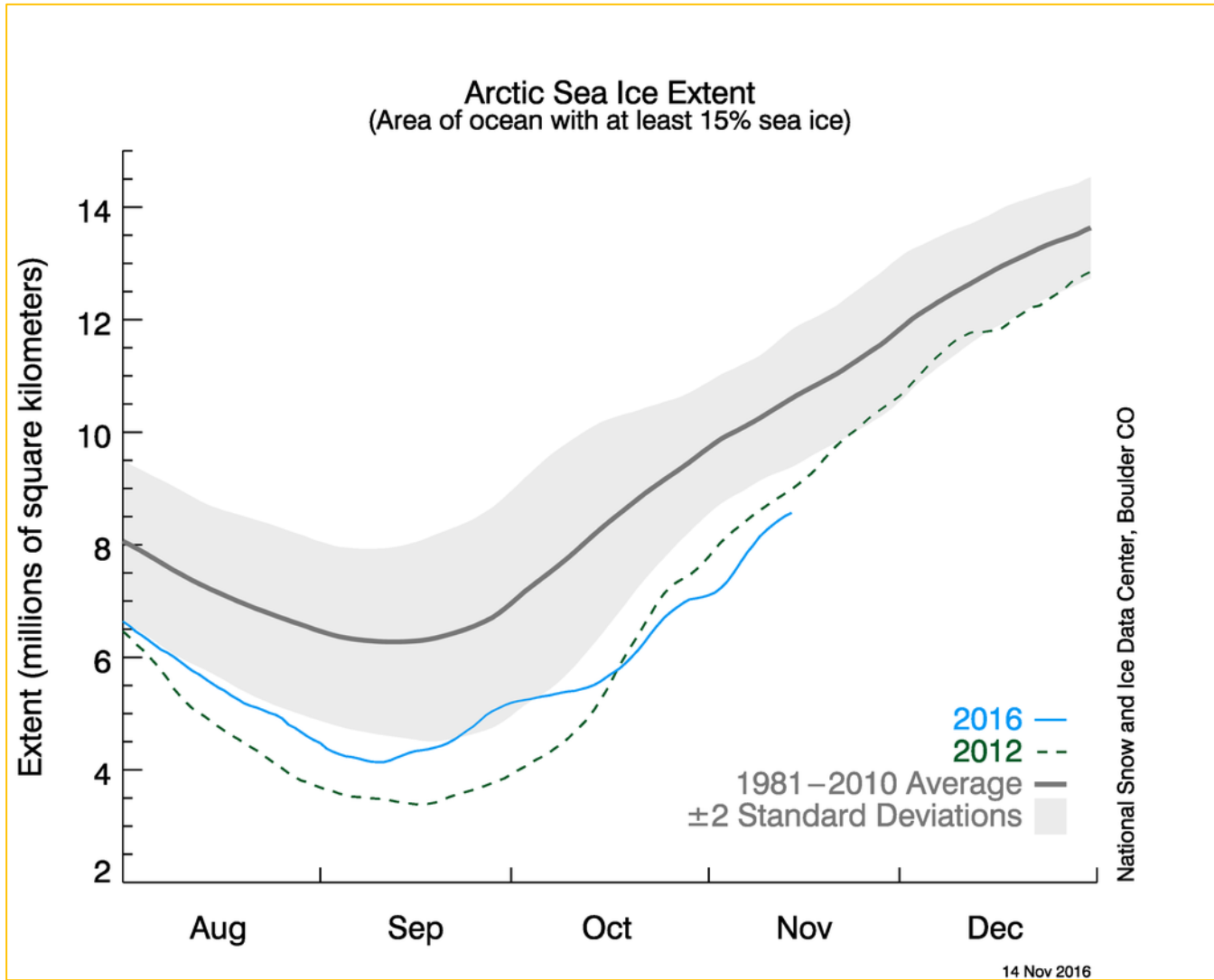
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Potential Stress Level: Watch Warning Alert Level 1 Alert Level 2

Digression #2 – A Warmer Ocean Means a Melting Arctic





Lowest sea ice extent ever for this date in the modern record

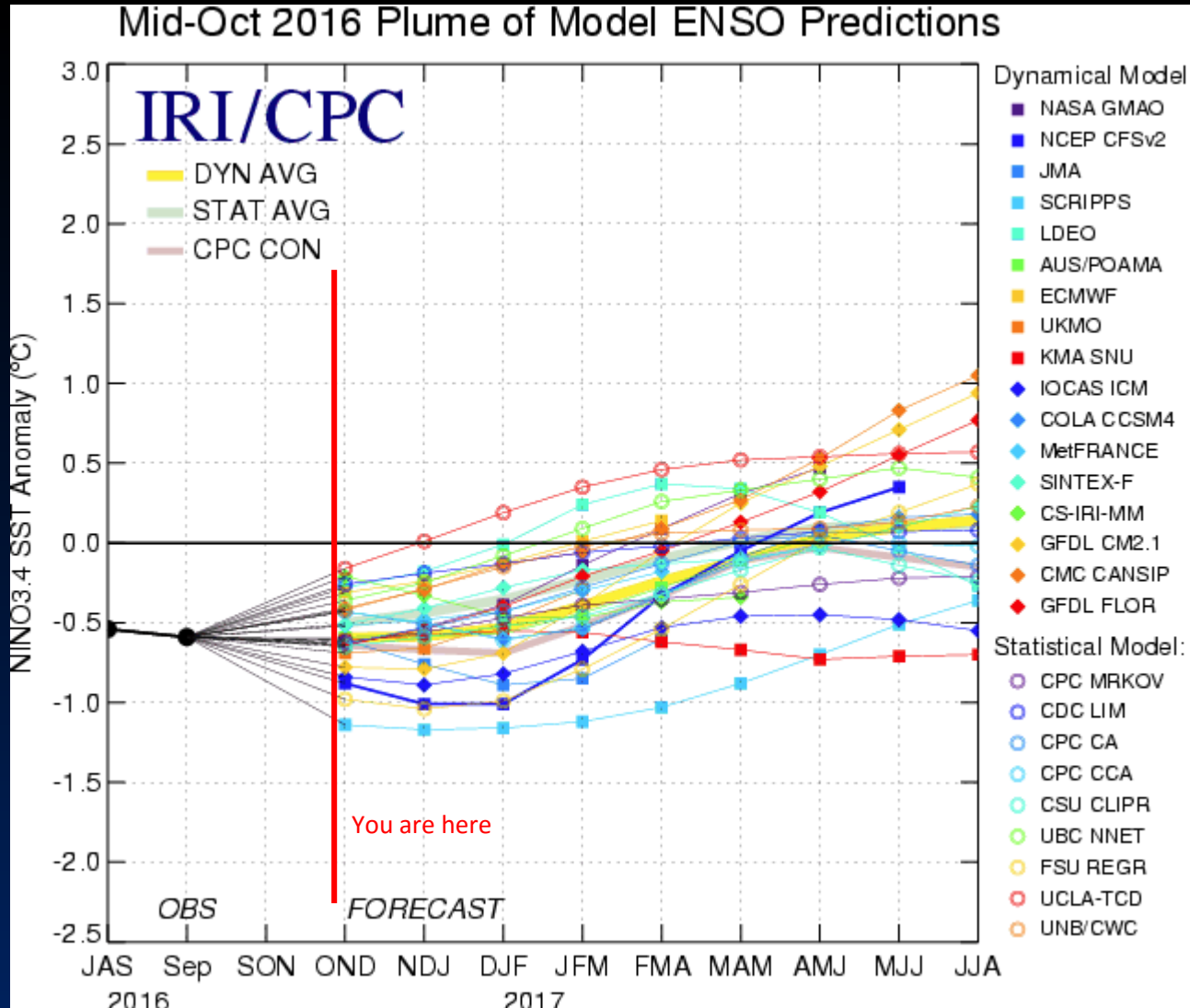
A Melting Arctic Means Drastically Increased Shoreline Erosion from both wave attack and permafrost melting



Shoreline collapse in the New Siberian Islands, September 2016
Melting permafrost shores release methane – a potent greenhouse gas

Looking Forward

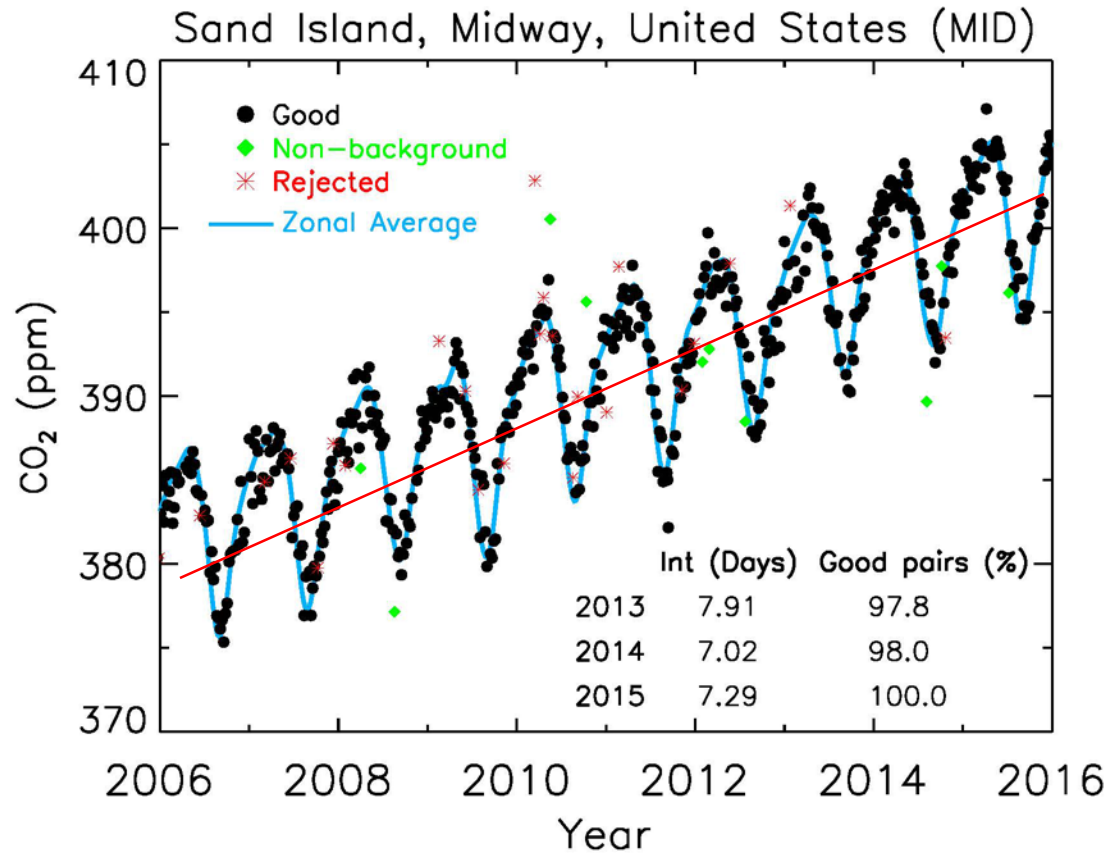
An ensemble of 25 climate models predicts mild La Nina or ENSO neutral conditions by late 2016



Fun New Time Series

CO₂ Data from Midway

(with thanks to the NOAA Carbon Cycle Greenhouse Gases Group)



Conclusions

2016 is the warmest year on record globally, both on land and in the ocean

The Monument was spared the worst of this heat

El Nino has dissipated, and ENSO neutral to mild La Nina conditions are developing

This generally means cooler ocean temperatures and fewer hurricanes

So far there are no reports of additional bleaching in the NWHI in 2016

With the change to fall weather patterns, the threat for this year is over

Cyclogenesis was anomalously high in the Eastern Pacific again this year

A worrisome trend, since this was not an El Nino year; is this the new normal?

Sea level continues to rise at 3-5 mm per year

Inundation is a long-term problem that will not go away

Questions?

