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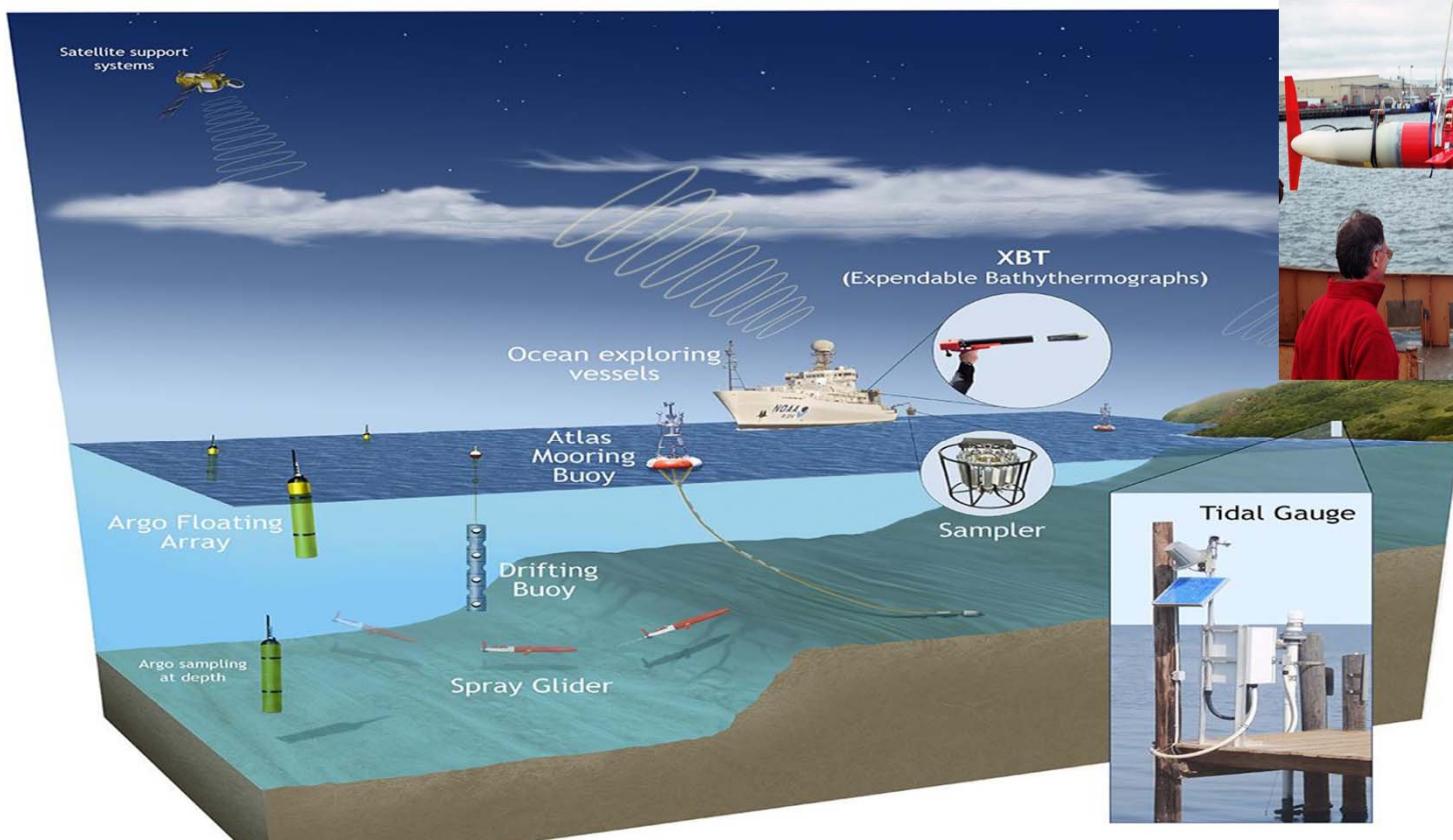


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Global Ocean Monitoring and Observing Program
NOAA

Our Mission

Provide long-term high-quality global observations, and climate information and products to researchers, forecasters and other users to inform and prepare society for environmental challenges



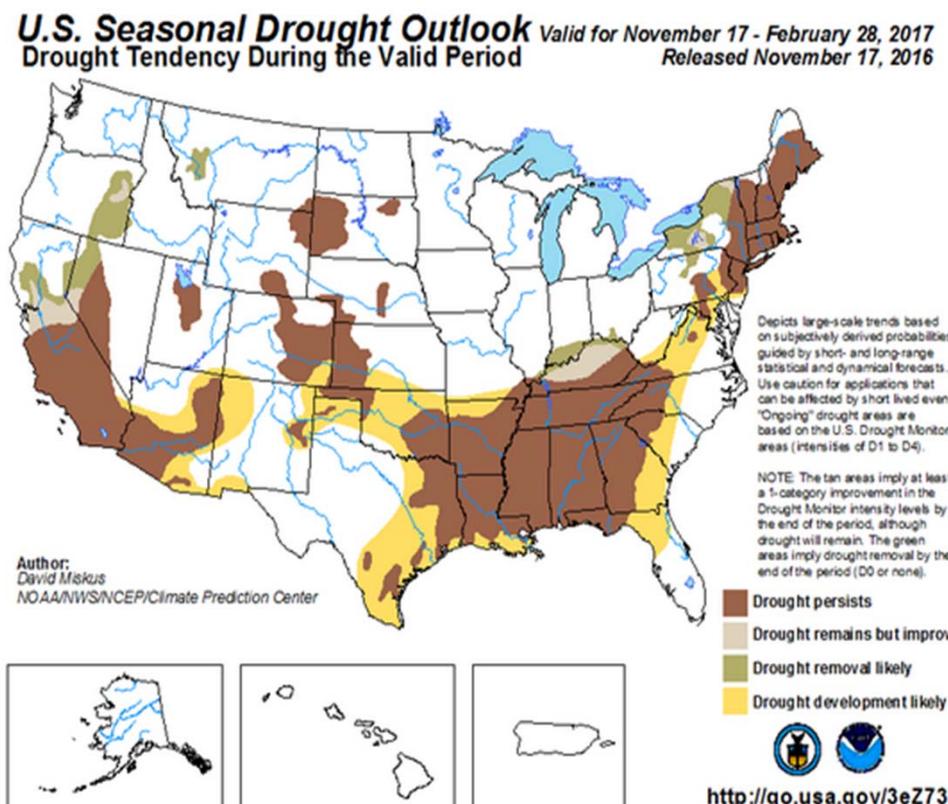
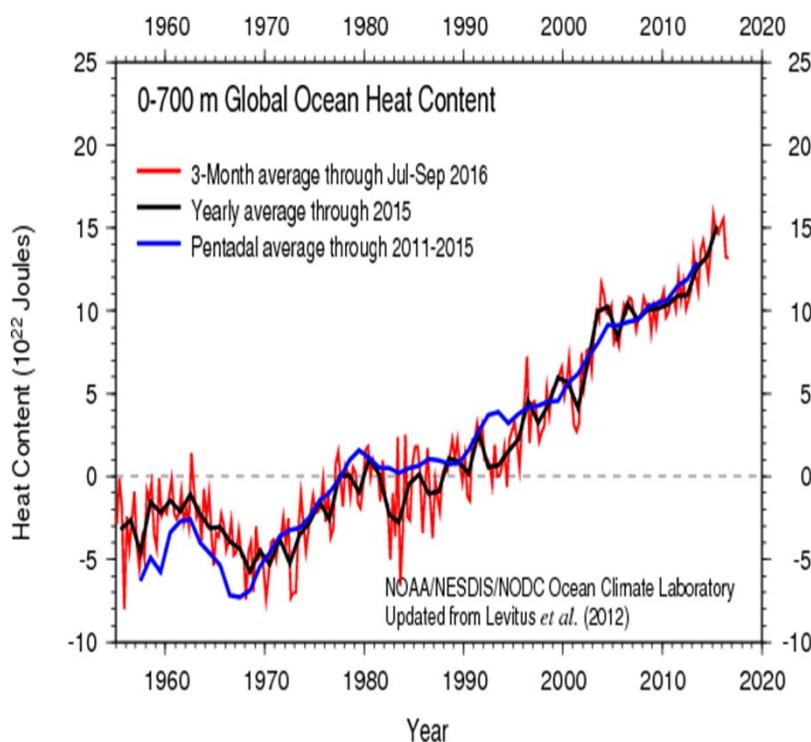
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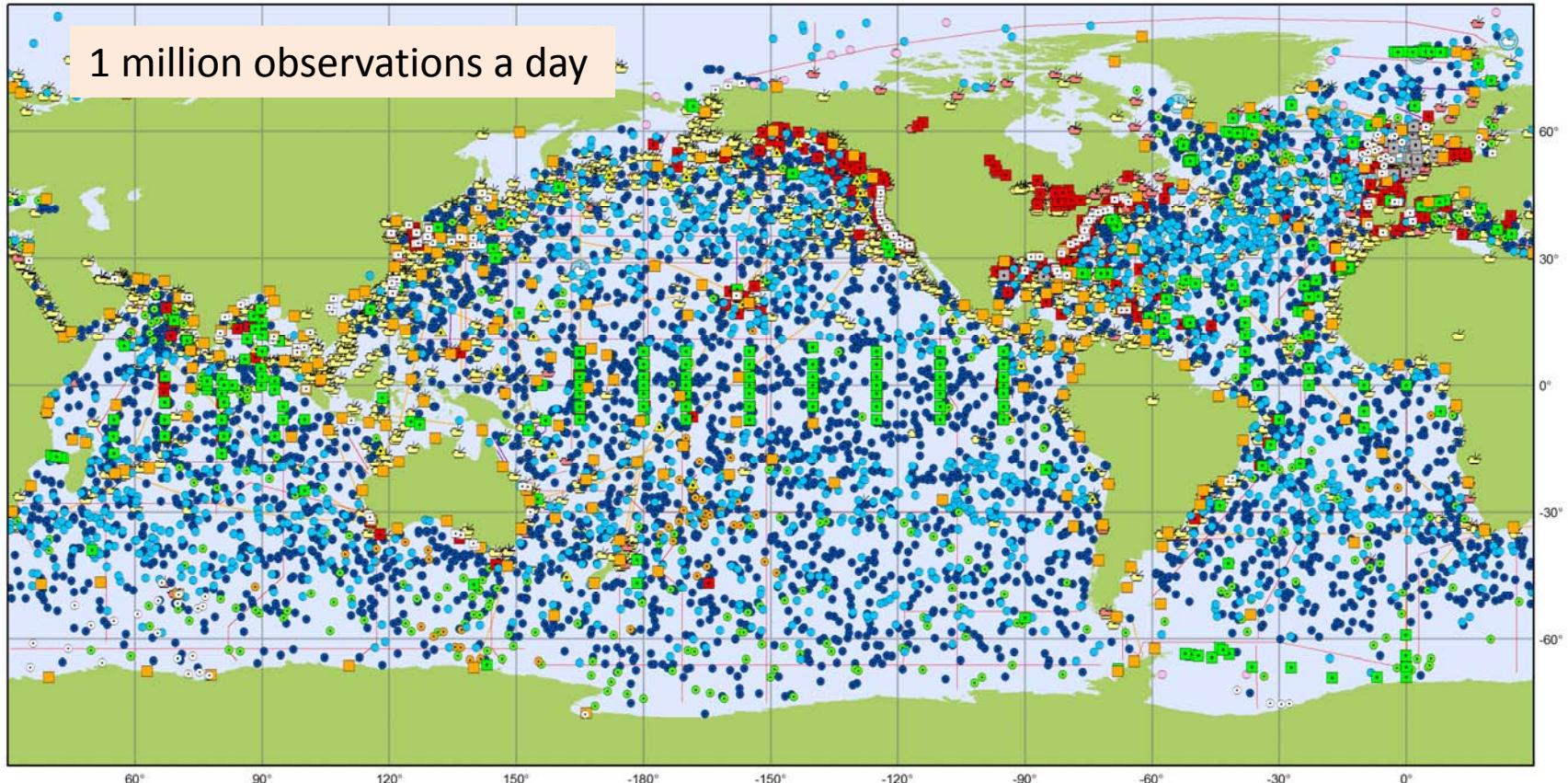
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Scientific Impacts

Develop products about our changing environment
and support NOAA's Services



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Main in situ Elements of the Global Ocean Observing System

August 2018

Profiling Floats (Argo)

- Core (3944)
- Deep (70)
- BioGeoChemical (329)

Data Buoys (DBCP)

- Surface Drifters (1383)
- Offshore Platforms (97)
- Ice Buoys (16)
- Moored Buoys (392)
- △ Tsunameters (36)

Timeseries (OceanSITES)

- Interdisciplinary Moorings (451)
- Research Vessel Lines (61)
- Tide Gauges (252)

Ship based Measurements (SOT)

- Automated Weather Stations (254)
- Manned Weather Stations (1738)
- Radiosondes (16)
- eXpendable Bathymeterographs (37)

Other Networks

- HF Radars (270)
- Animal Borne Sensors (53)
- Ocean Gliders (31)



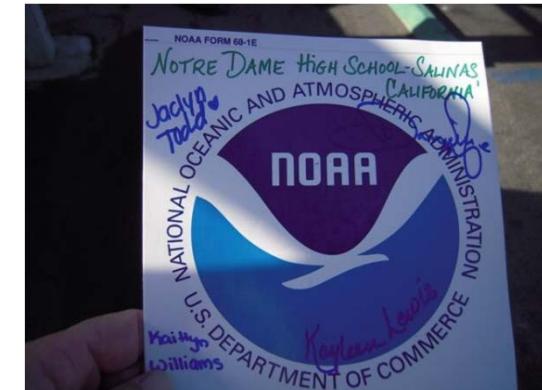
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A Program to Enhance Informal Education



Mission: To establish scientific partnerships between schools around the world to engage students in activities and communication about ocean climate science



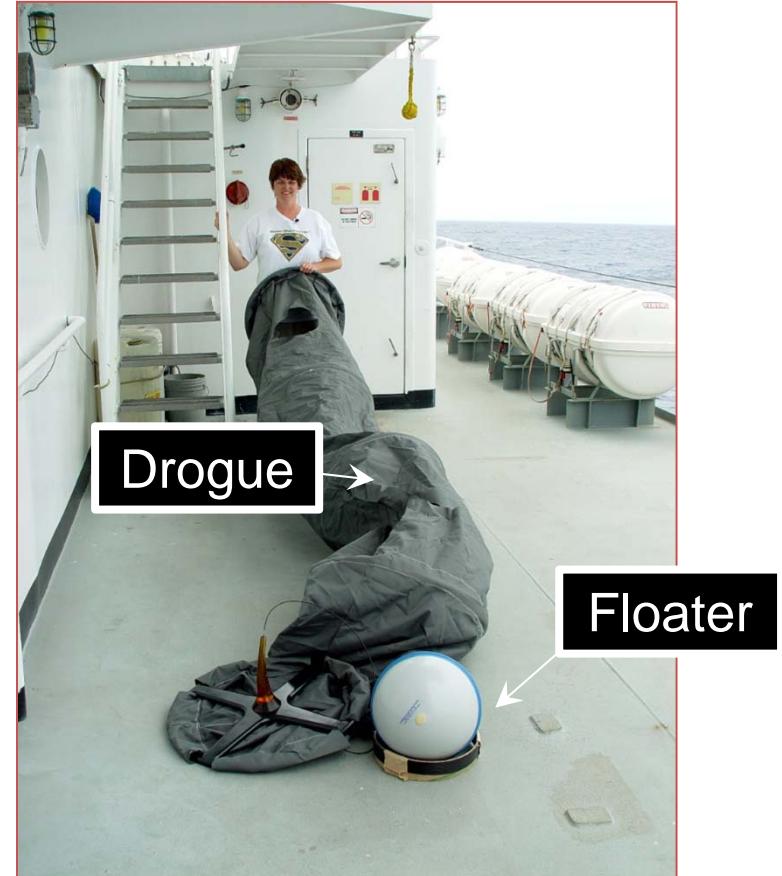
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All Alumni 2004 – present (90+ schools)



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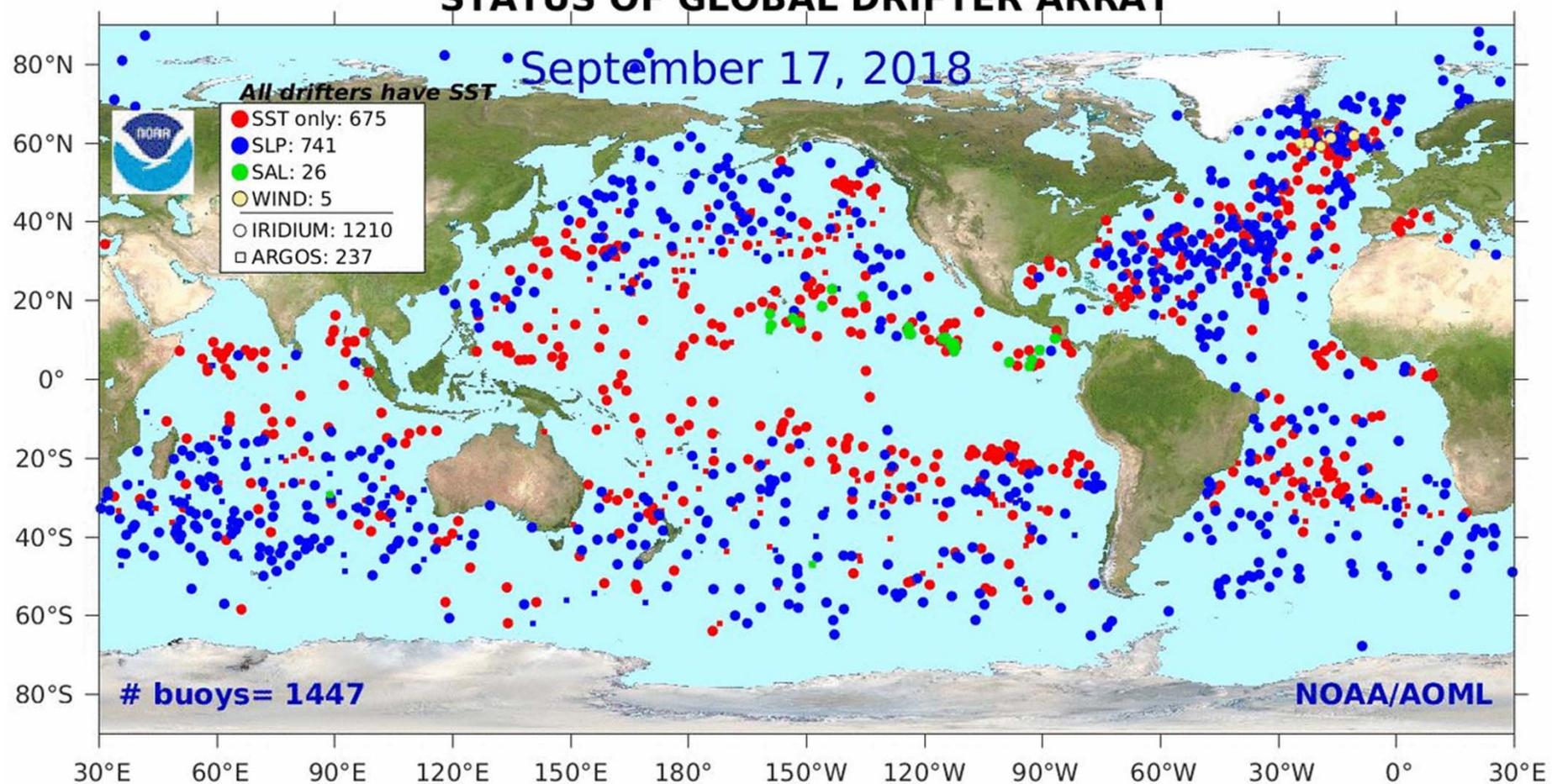


The modern drifter is a high-tech version of the "message in a bottle". Drifting buoys measure sea surface temperature and are used to track ocean currents. The drifter's data are transmitted to a satellite and received in near real-time at the Adopt a Drifter Program website (www.adp.noaa.gov).



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STATUS OF GLOBAL DRIFTER ARRAY



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Tools for Schools

TRACK YOUR DRIFTER

Schools and Teachers:

Kepler Neighborhood School
*Anna Cordes
Fresno, CA*

Marianna Poli
*Lycee Laperouse Kerichen
Brest, France*

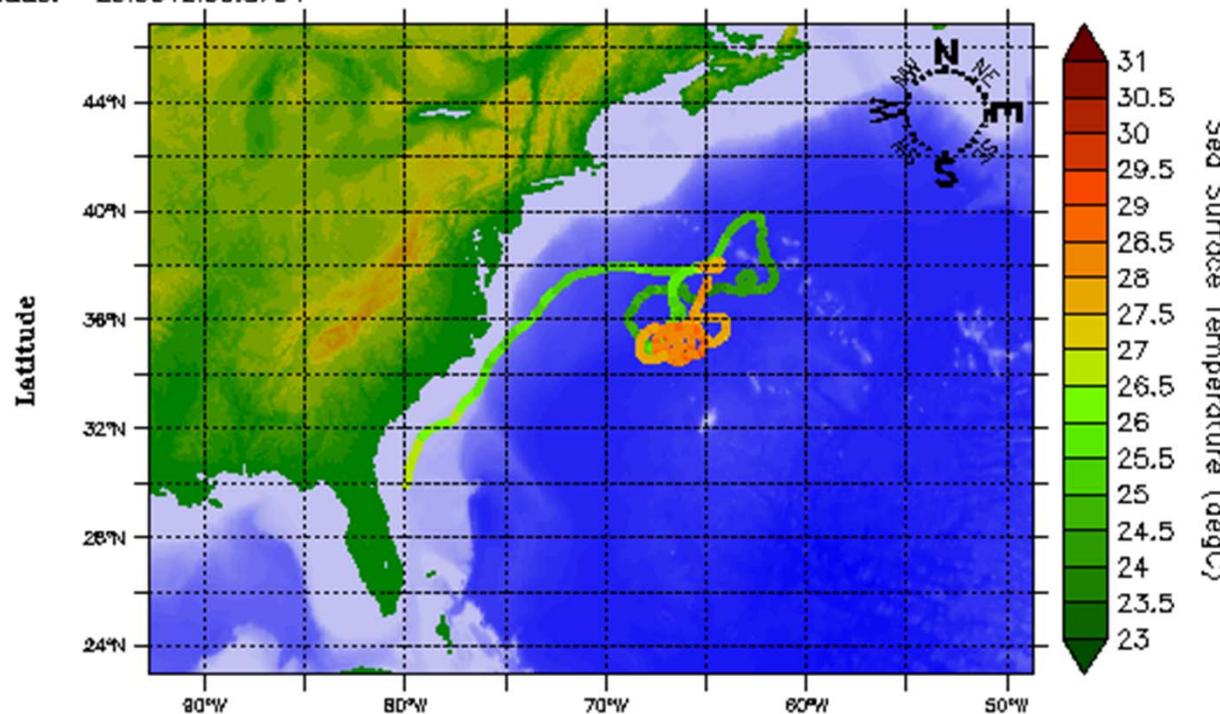
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<i>Select an option from "Maps or Measurements" below to view a map of the drifter's track or data from the drifter.</i>				
Maps or Measurements:				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Map showing measurements	<input type="radio"/> Map showing drifter track dates	<input type="radio"/> Table of measurements	<input type="radio"/> View track on Google Earth	<input type="radio"/> CSV Table of measurements
Drifter Variable:				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Sea Surface Temperature				
Track your Drifter!				



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Recent Deployment (map showing measurements)

Drifter ID: 4101649
Number of SST Observations: 3362
Dates: 5-May-2018:24-Sep-2018
Longitude: -79.9364:-61.5736
Latitude: 29.9042:39.8754



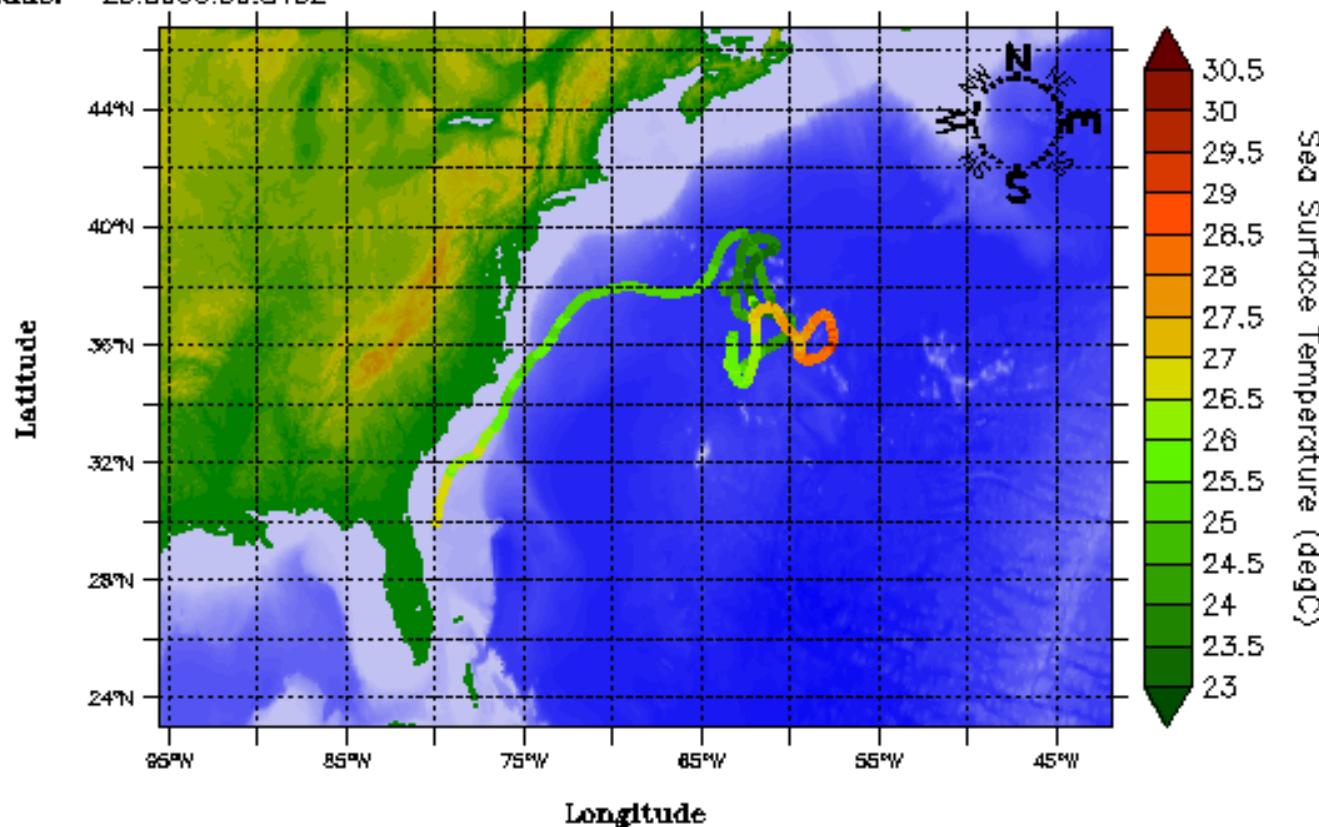
Adopt a Drifter Tracking Page - http://www.adp.noaa.gov/track_drifting_buoys.html



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Adopt A Drifter tracking page

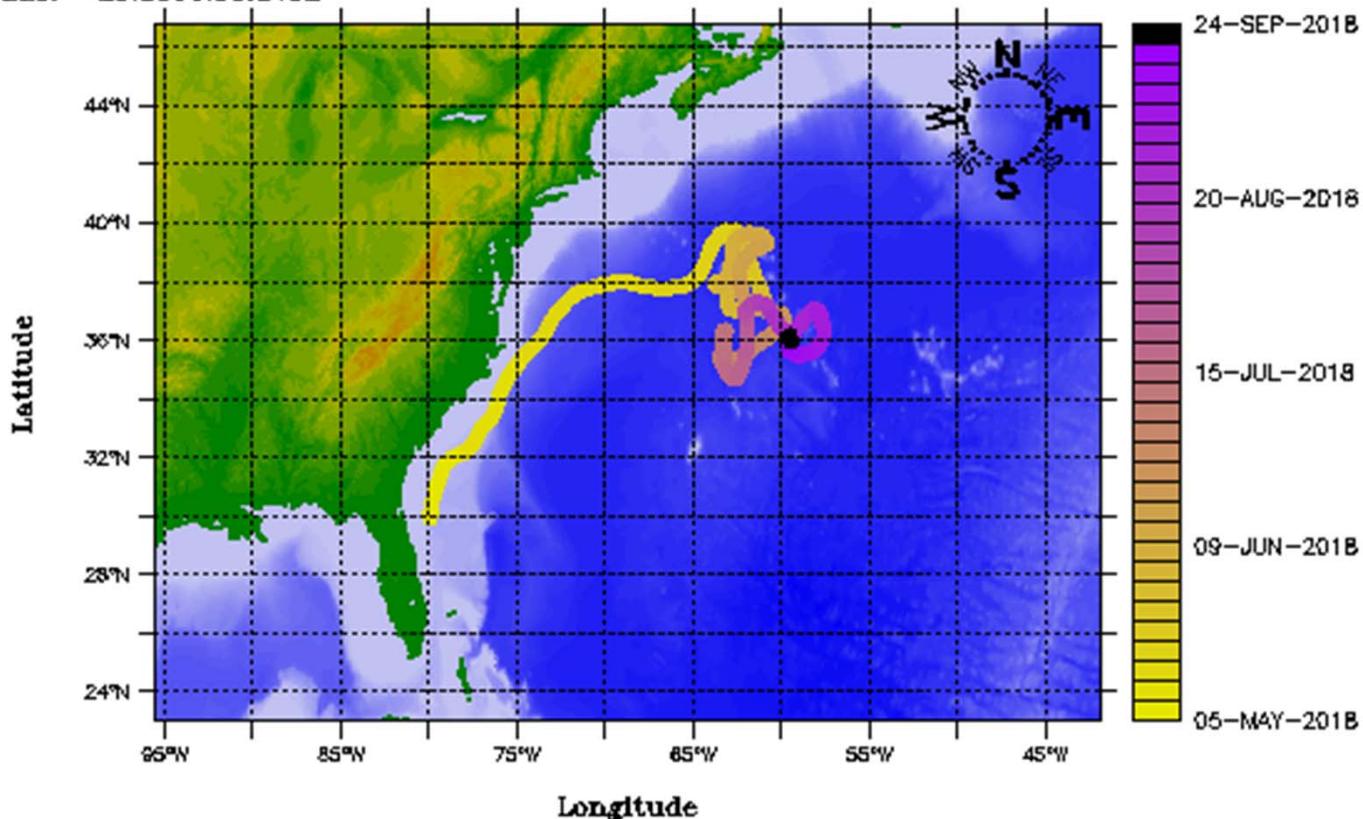
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Number of SST Observations: 3361
Dates: 5-May-2018;24-Sep-2018
Longitude: -79.9332;-57.5562
Latitude: 29.8996;39.8152



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Map by Date

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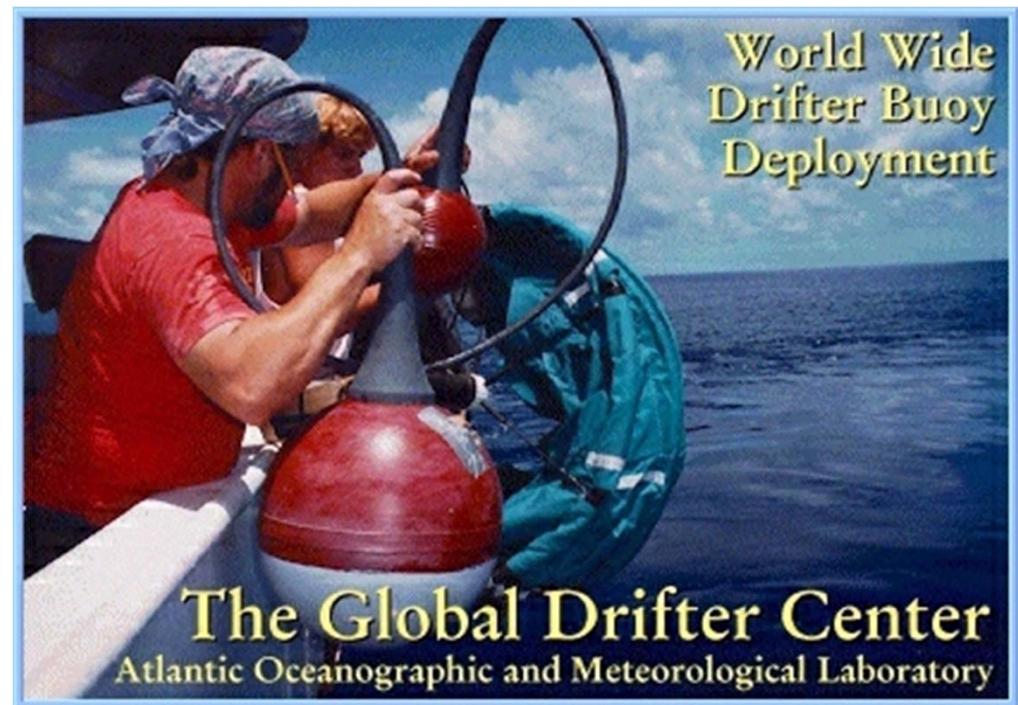
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Table of Data

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Importance of Drifter Data

- Help to predict path of hurricanes
- Reveal ocean temperature patterns
- Monitor ocean currents and winds
- Ground truth satellite data
- Follow migrating marine species
- Predict the path of ocean pollutants



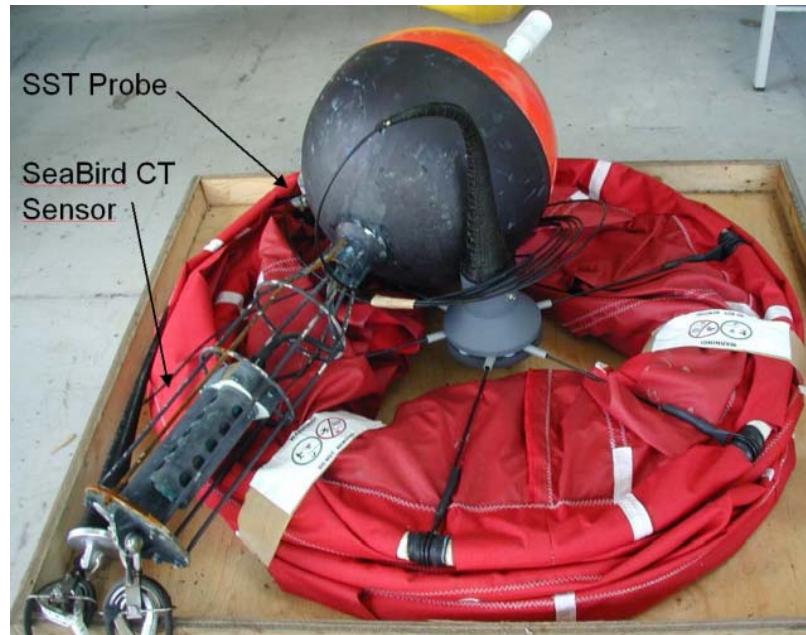
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Satellite Validation

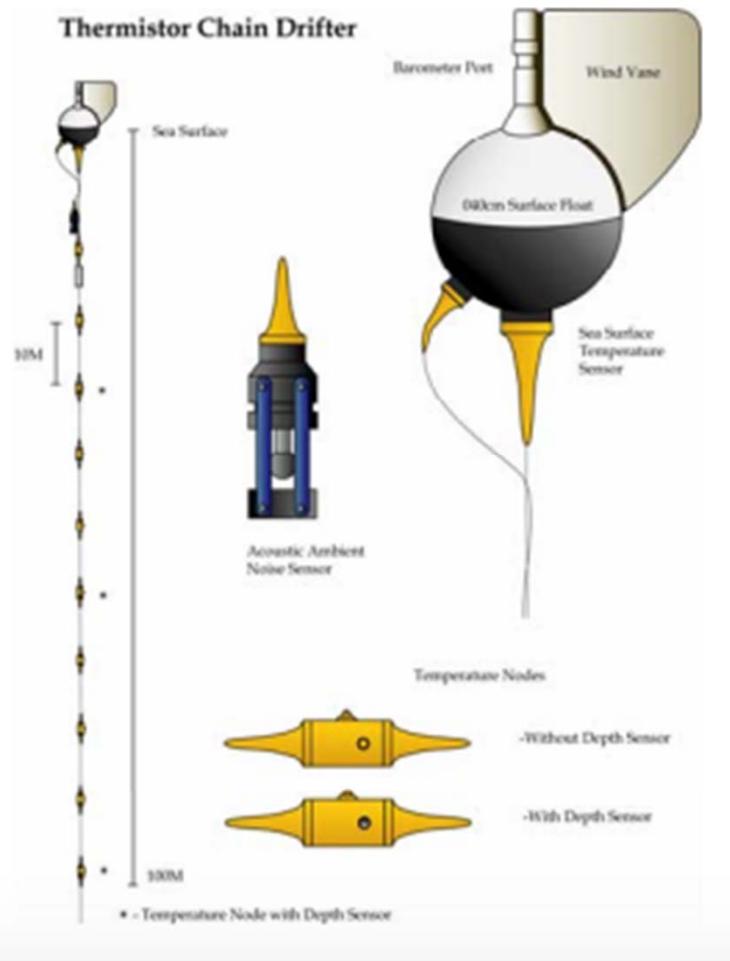
- Not the original intent!
- New HRSST buoys from EUMETSAT being tested



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Drifter deployed from a plane

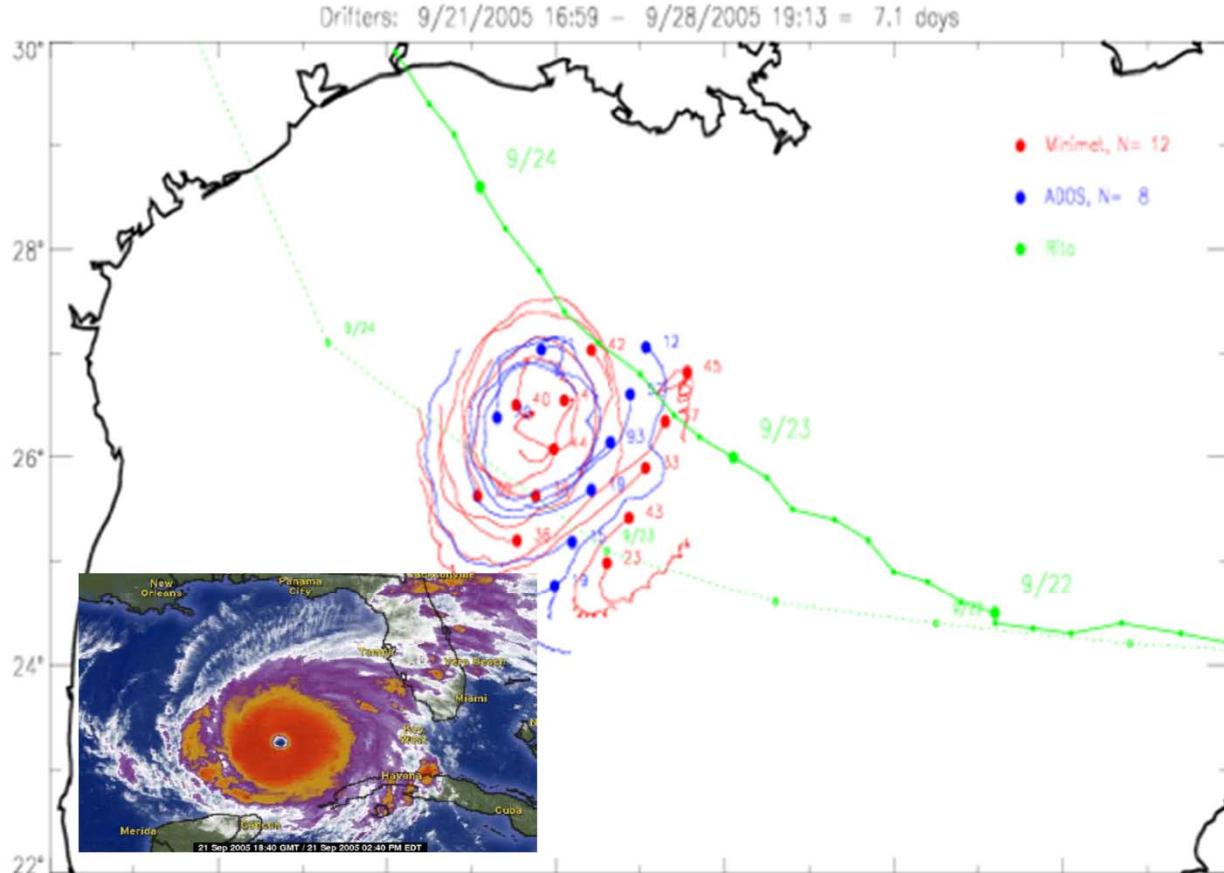
Thermistor Chain Drifter



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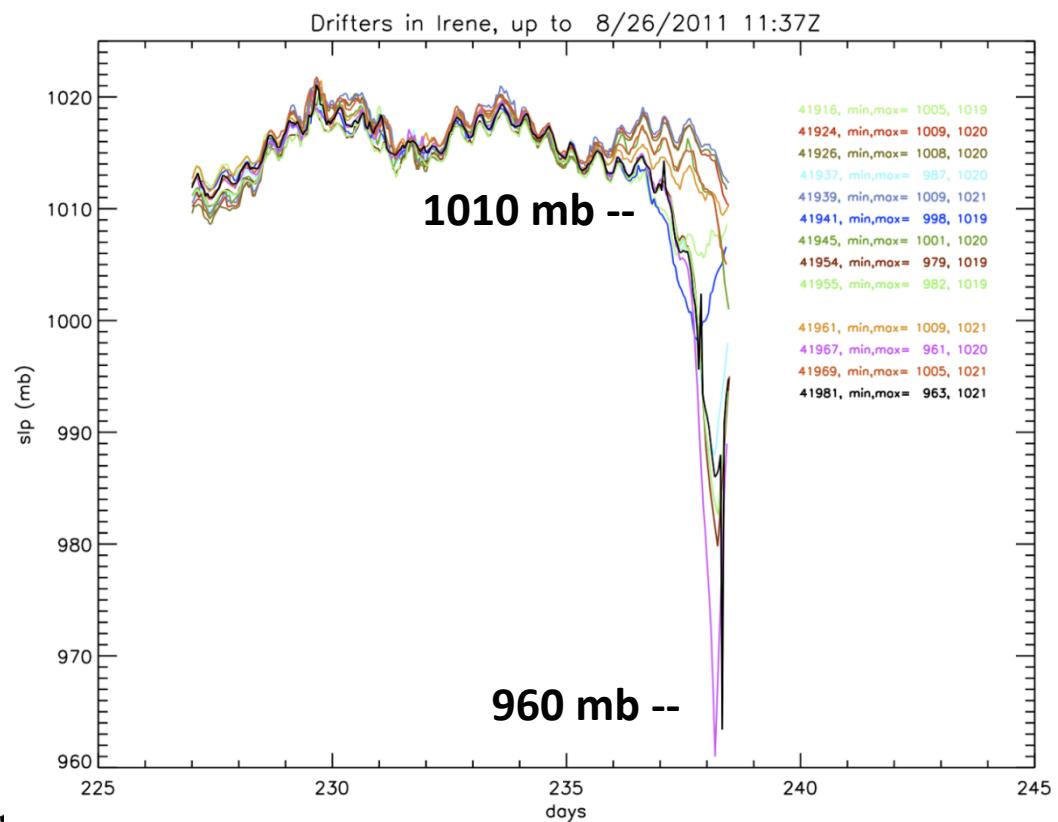
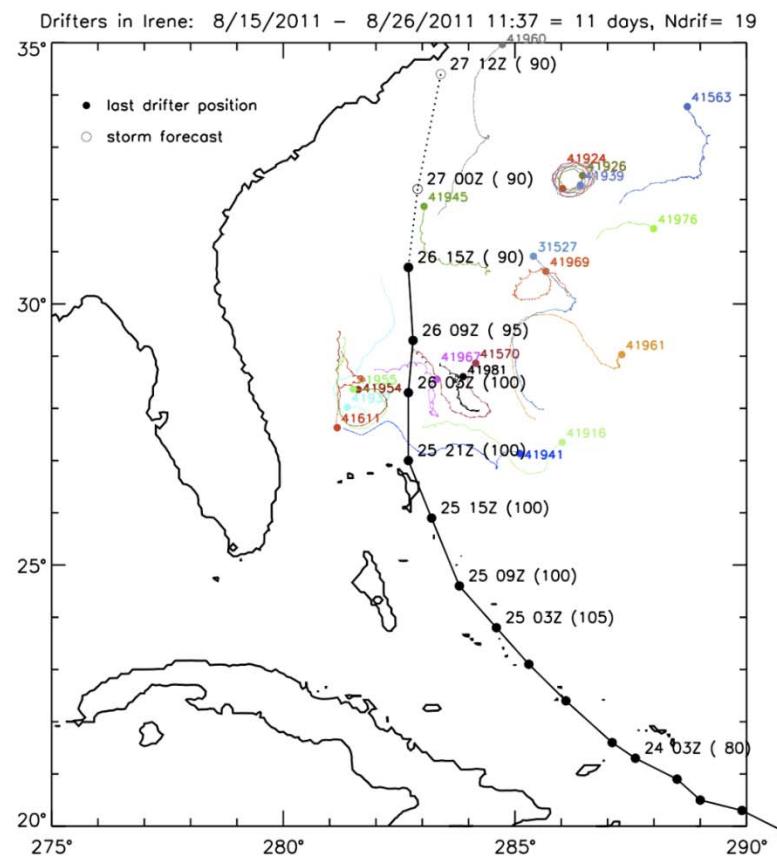
Drifter Tracks during Hurricane Rita

September 21-28, 2005



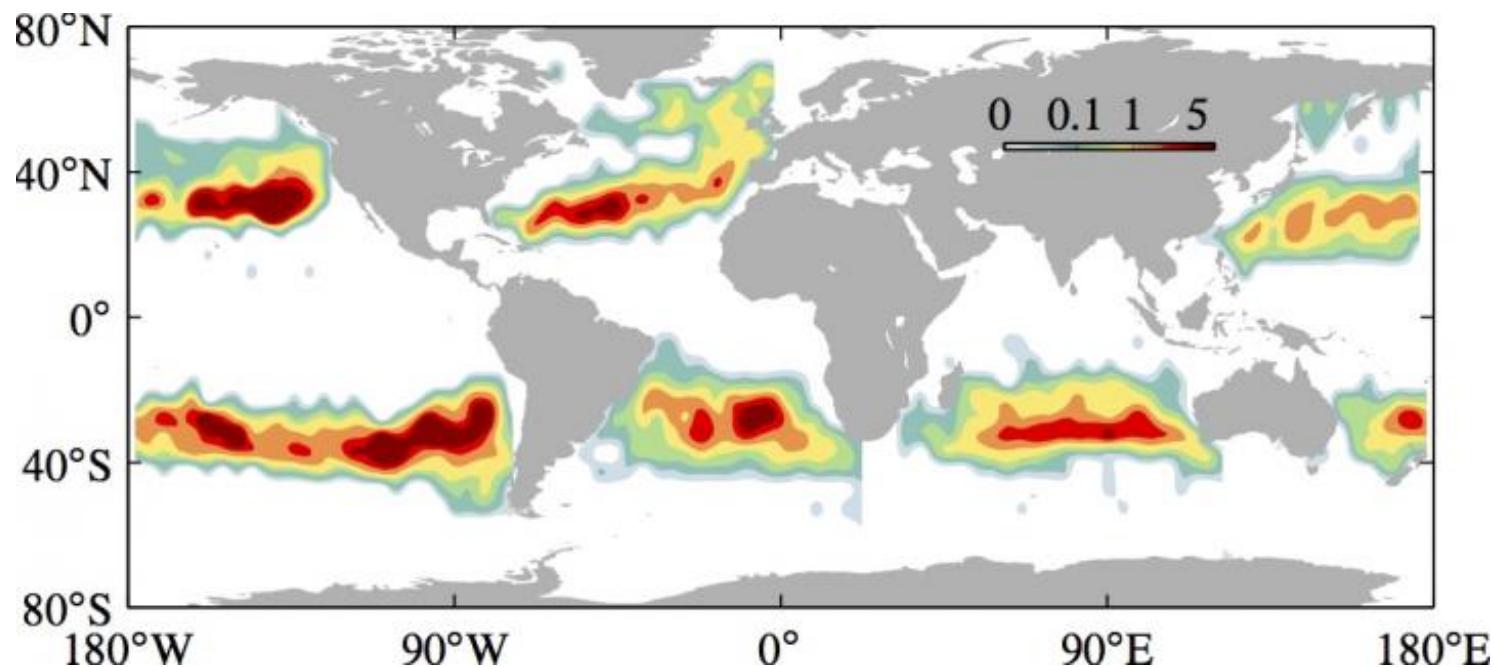
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Hurricane Irene - August 26, 2011



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New study helps explain how garbage patches form in the world's oceans



This image shows the density of finite-size objects after 1.5 years of evolution starting from a uniform distribution under the combined action of simulated ocean currents and reanalyzed winds.



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SEREAD Program

Scientific Educational Resources and Experience Associated with the Deployment of Argo profiling floats in the South Pacific Ocean

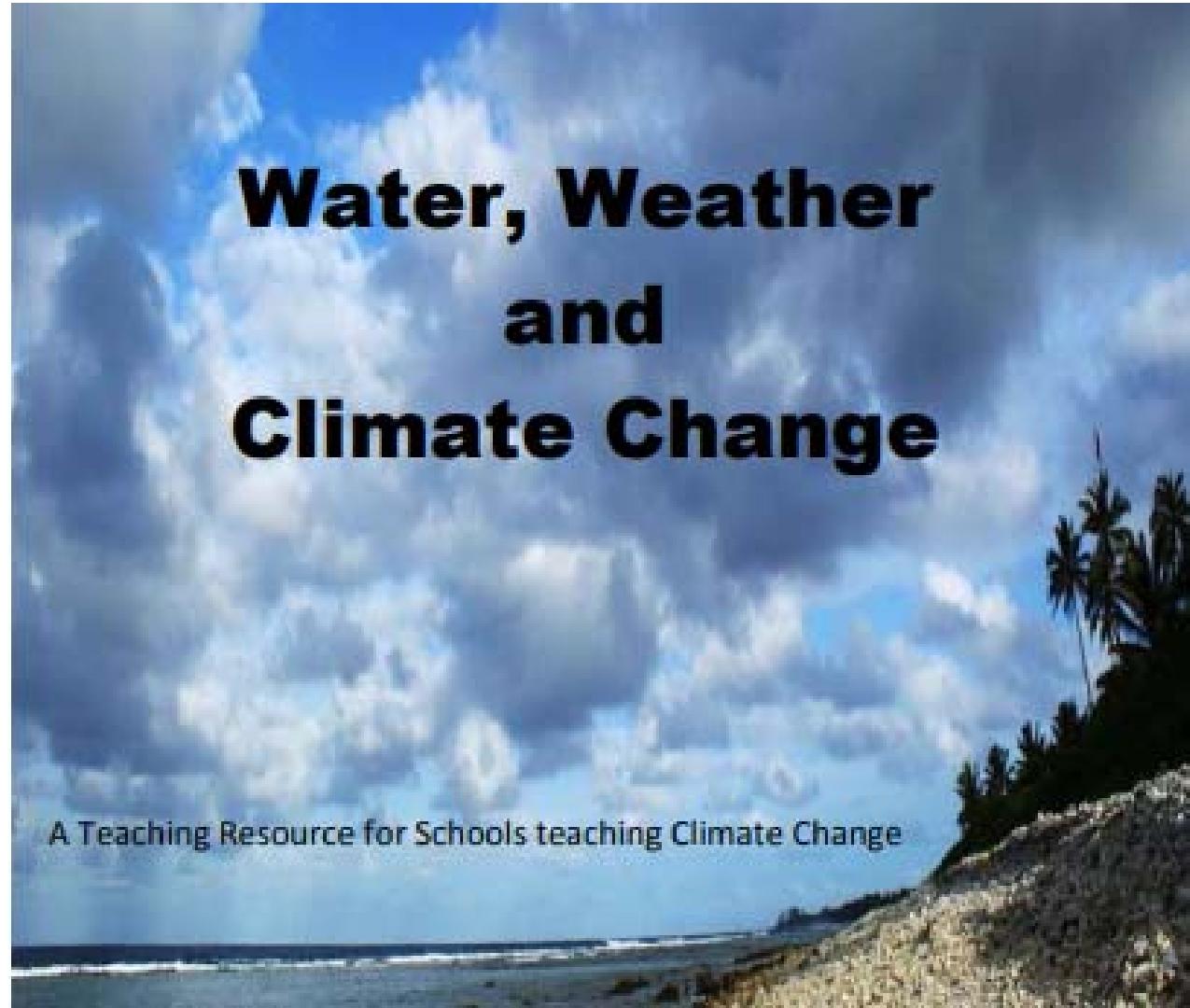


Goal of the Program

Generate awareness, discussion and an understanding of the ocean's role in the climate system.



Curricula Developed for Classrooms





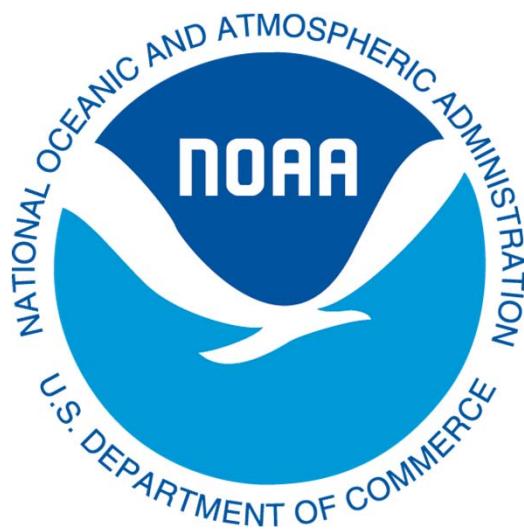
Partners for SEREAD

- 5 island nations currently use this curricula:
 - The Cook Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Tonga, and Kiritimati
- Possible future partners:
 - Pohnpei
 - Solomon Islands



Thank you!

Looking for international school partners!



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