Global Ocean Monitoring: Recent Evolution, Current Status, and Predictions

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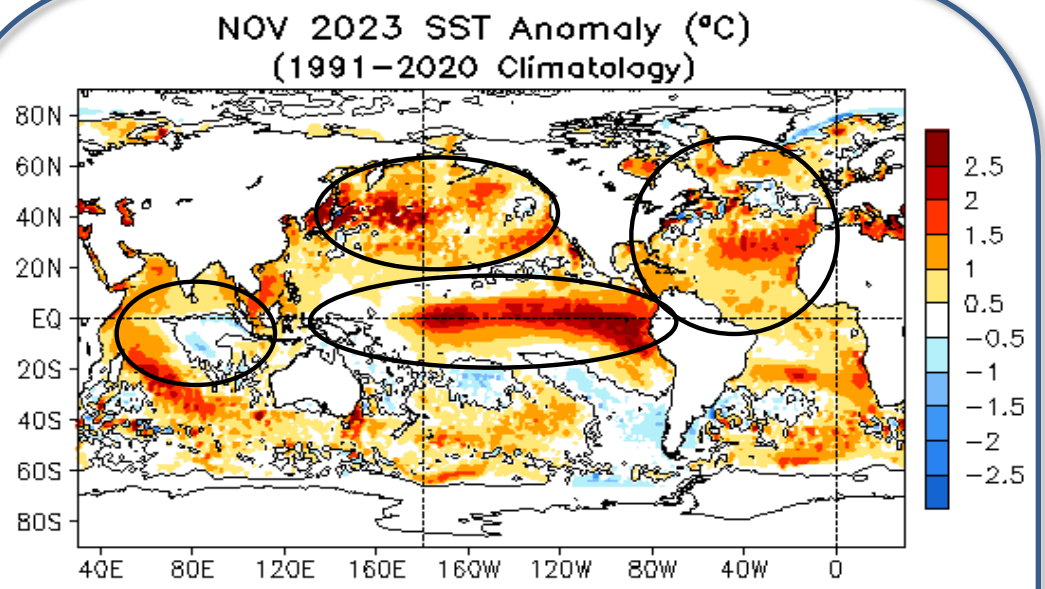
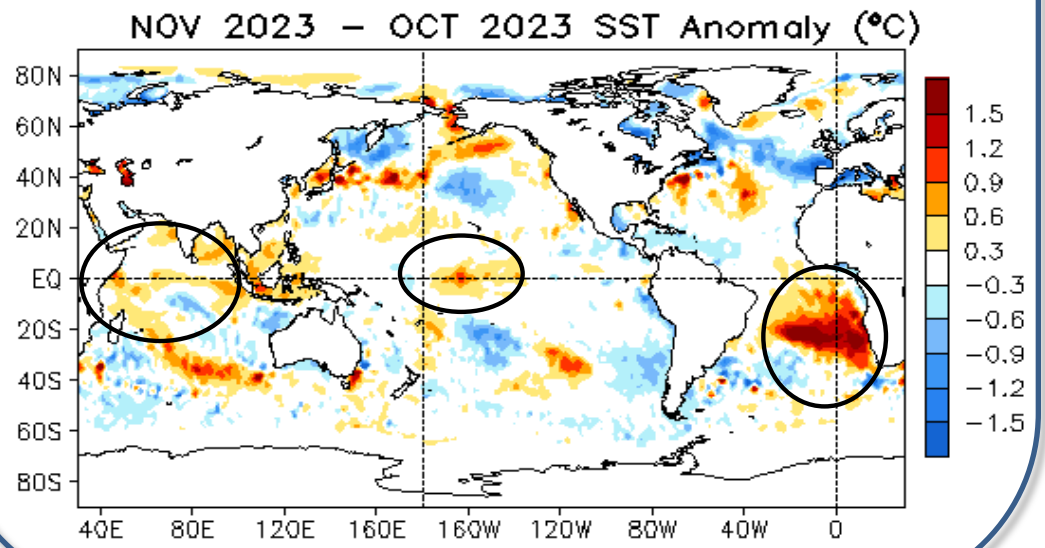
Overview

- Pacific Ocean
  - El Niño conditions continued to amplify in Nov 2023, with Niño3.4 = 1.9°C (2°C in ERSSTv5 data).
  - The strong surface warming in the far eastern Pacific weakened in Nov 2023.
  - NOAA "ENSO Diagnostic Discussion" on 9 Nov 2023 *stated "El Niño is anticipated to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring (with a 62% chance during April-June 2024)"*.
  - The PDO has been in a negative phase since Jan 2020 with PDOI = -1.3 in Nov 2023.
  - Strong subsurface warming has persisted in the central north Pacific Ocean since 2020.
- Arctic and Antarctic Oceans
  - Average Arctic sea ice extent during Nov 2023 ranked the seventh lowest Nov since 1979.
  - Antarctic sea ice extent during Nov 2023 ranked the second-lowest extent in the satellite record.
- Indian Ocean
  - The Indian dipole event remained in a strong positive phase in Nov 2023.
- Atlantic Ocean
  - SST warming in the north Atlantic during Aug-Oct 2023 hit the historical high for the same season since 1982.
  - The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season was the fourth-most active hurricane season on record.
  - Marine heatwaves persisted in the west coast of North Africa and Caribbean Sea.

Global Oceans

Global SST Anomaly (°C) and Anomaly Tendency



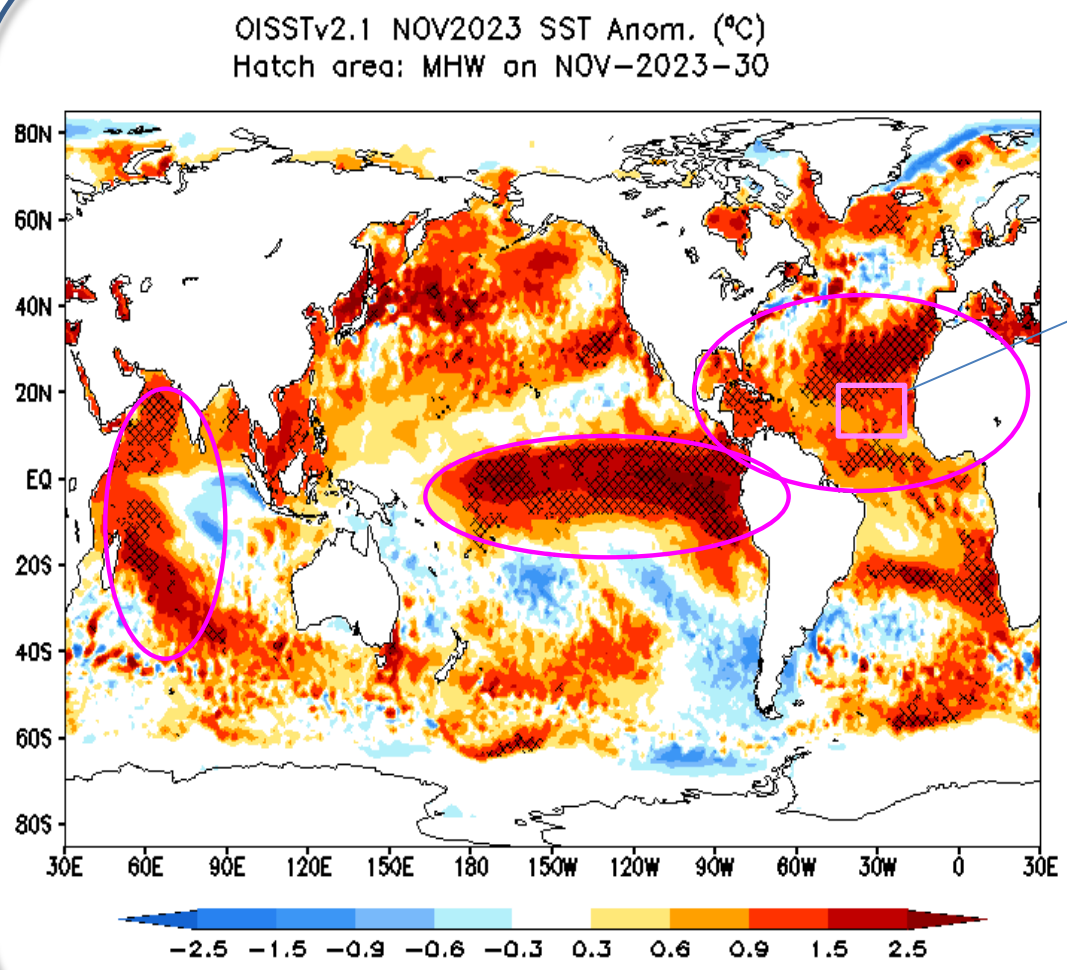


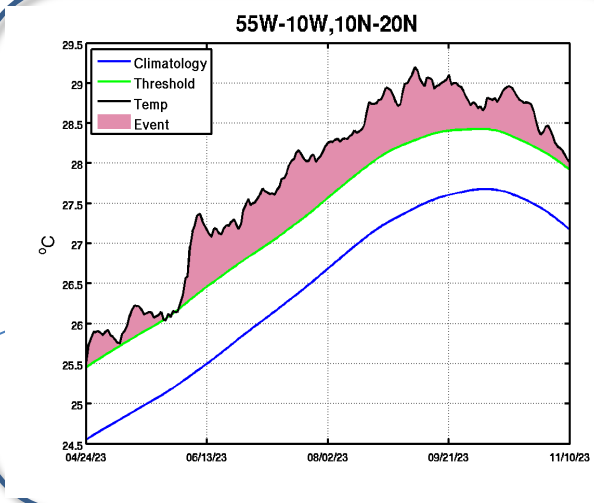
- SSTs were above average across most of the equatorial Pacific Ocean.
- Strong coastal El Niño condition weakened in Nov 2023.
- Positive SSTAs persisted in the North Pacific.
- Positive SSTAs dominated the Atlantic Ocean.
- Negative (positive) SSTA were present in the eastern (western) Indian Ocean, consistent with the positive phase of Indian dipole event.

- Positive SSTA tendencies were present in the central-equatorial Pacific Ocean.
- Positive SSTA tendencies dominated the equatorial Indian Ocean.
- Strong positive SSTA tendencies were observed in the southeastern Atlantic Ocean.

SSTAs (top) and SSTA tendency (bottom). Data are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

Global Monthly SST anomaly and Marine Heat Waves

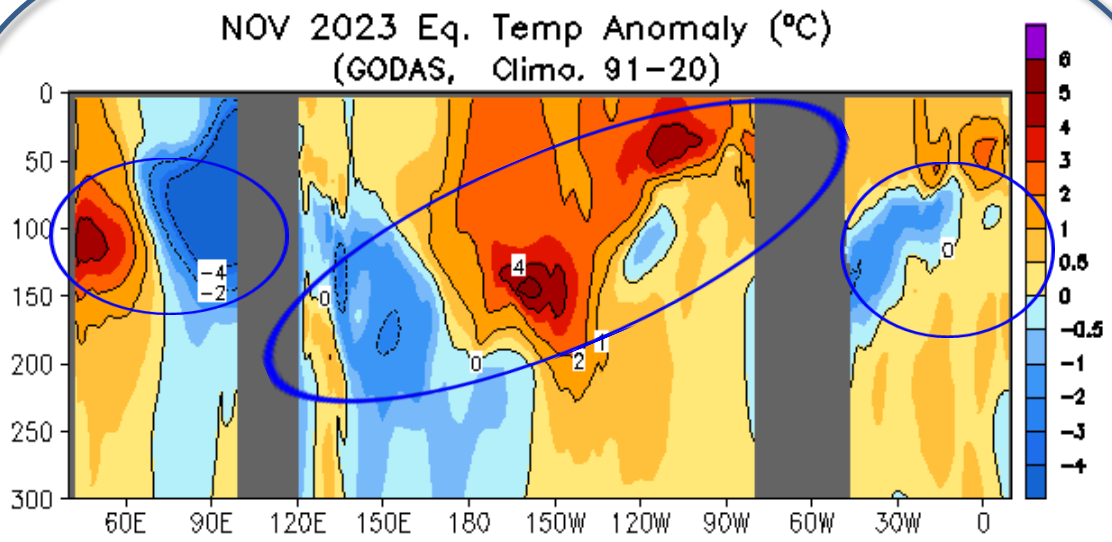


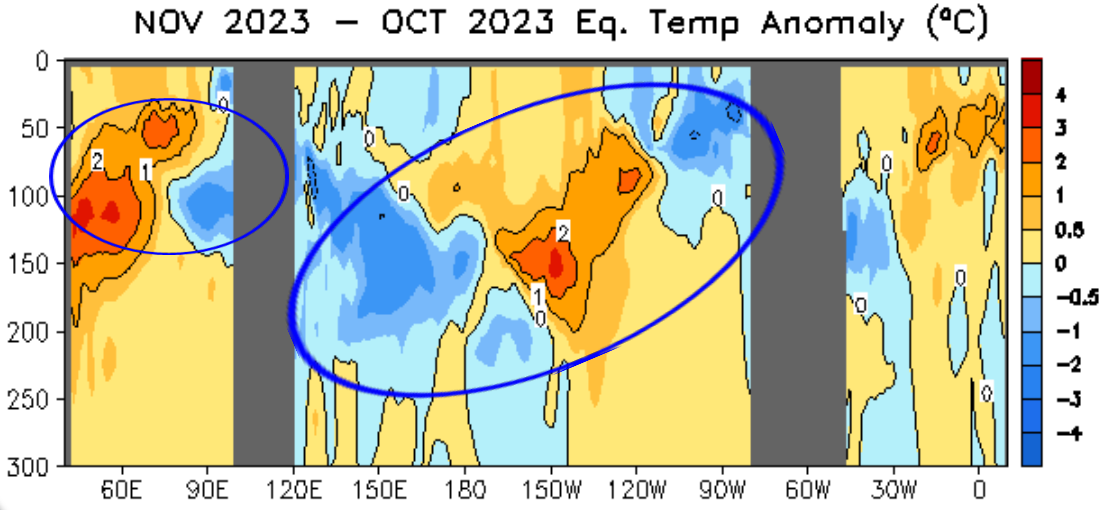


- MHWs continued in the central-eastern equatorial Pacific, Northeast Atlantic, Caribbean Sea, and the western Indian Ocean.

((Left panel) Monthly SST anomaly (shaded) and locations experiencing marine heat waves (hatched) by the end date labelled in the plot. (right panel) SST evolution at a specific location. Green line and blue line are the 90th percentile and daily climatology, respectively. Shaded area denotes the periods experiencing MHW. MHW is defined as a prolonged warming exceeding 90th percentile of daily SST for at least 14 consecutive days. Data is derived from NCEI OISSTv2.1 and the reference period is 1991-2020

Longitude-Depth Temperature Anomaly and Anomaly Tendency in 2°S-2°N





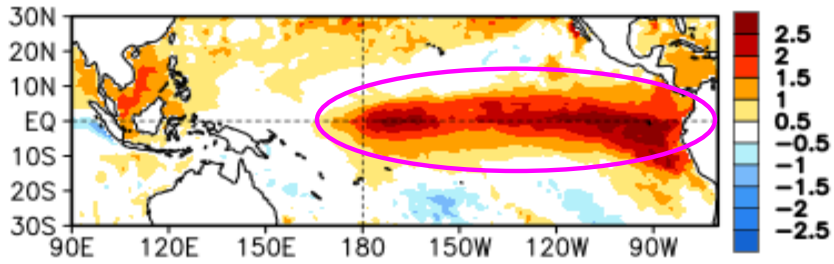
- Positive (negative) temperature anomalies were present along the central-eastern (western) thermocline in the Pacific.
- Negative(positive) temperature anomalies persisted along the eastern (western) thermocline in the Indian Ocean, favoring a positive phase of IOD development.
- Positive temperature anomalies dominated the upper 50m of the Atlantic Ocean.

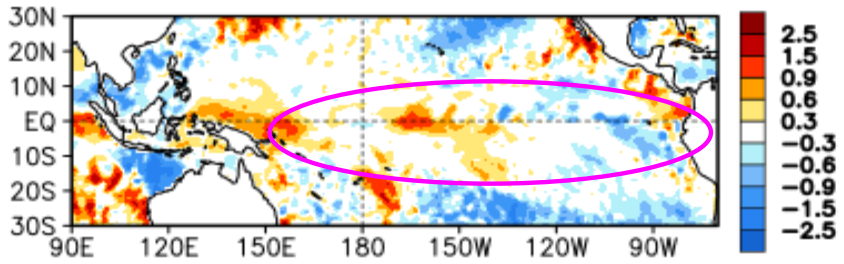
- Negative (positive) temperature anomaly tendency was observed in the western and eastern (central) thermocline in the Pacific.
- Dipole pattern of anomaly tendency continued in the Indian Ocean.

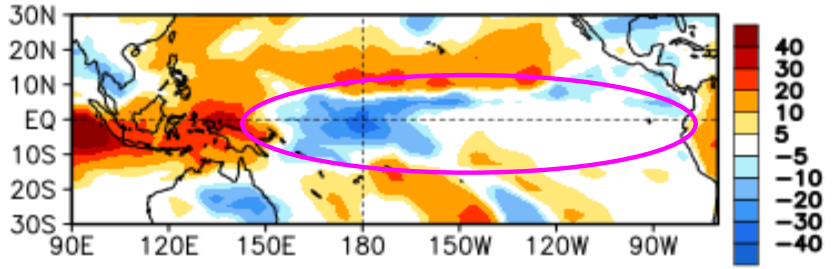
Equatorial depth-longitude section of ocean temperature anomalies (top) and anomaly tendency (bottom). Data is from the NCEP's GODAS. Anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

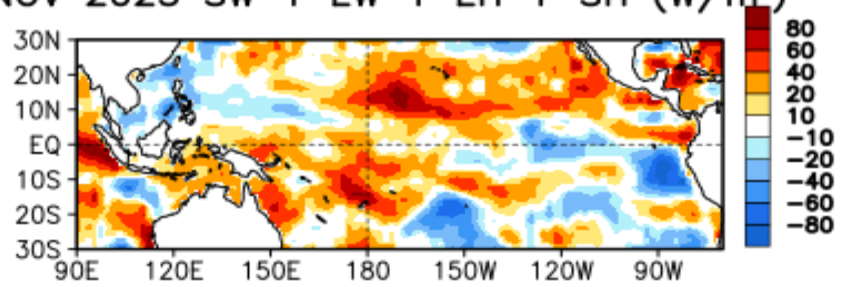
Tropical Pacific Ocean and ENSO Conditions

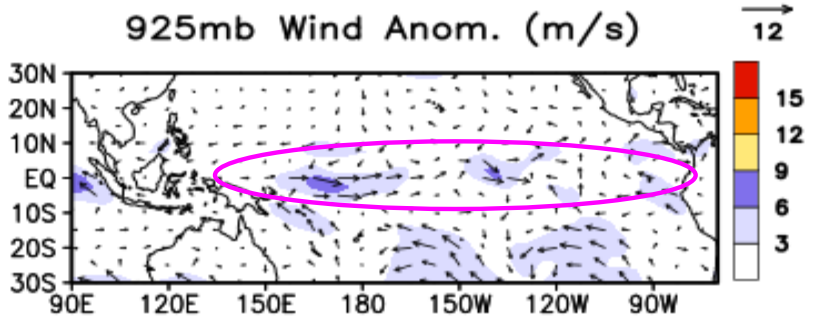
Tropical Pacific: SSTA, SSTA Tend., OLR, Sfc Rad, Sfc Flx, 925-mb & 200-mb Winds

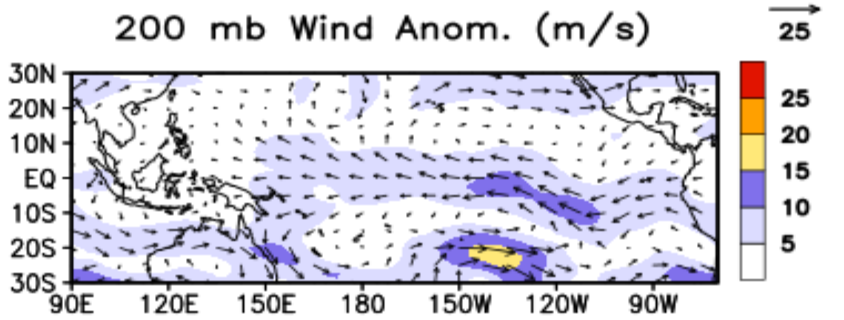






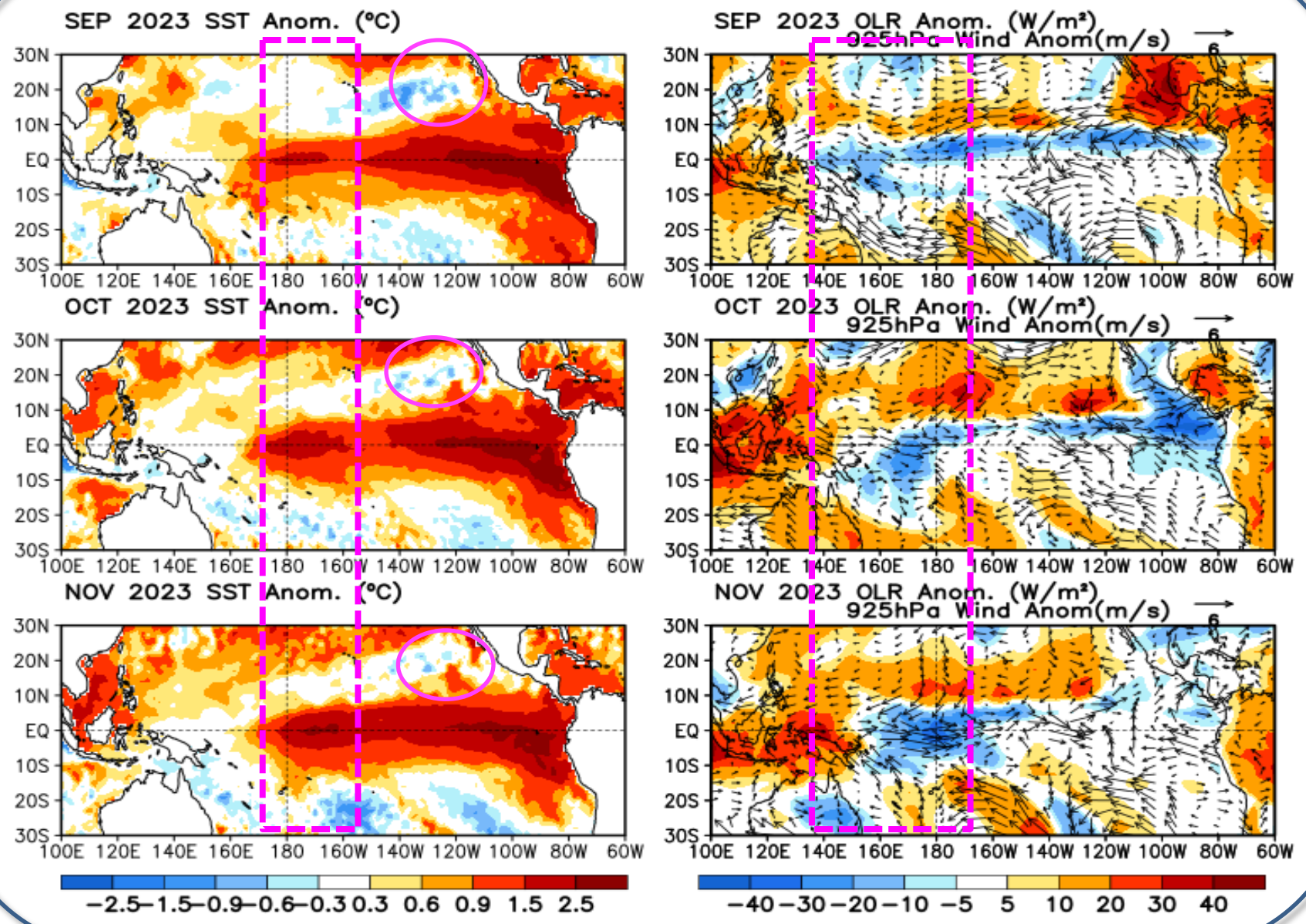




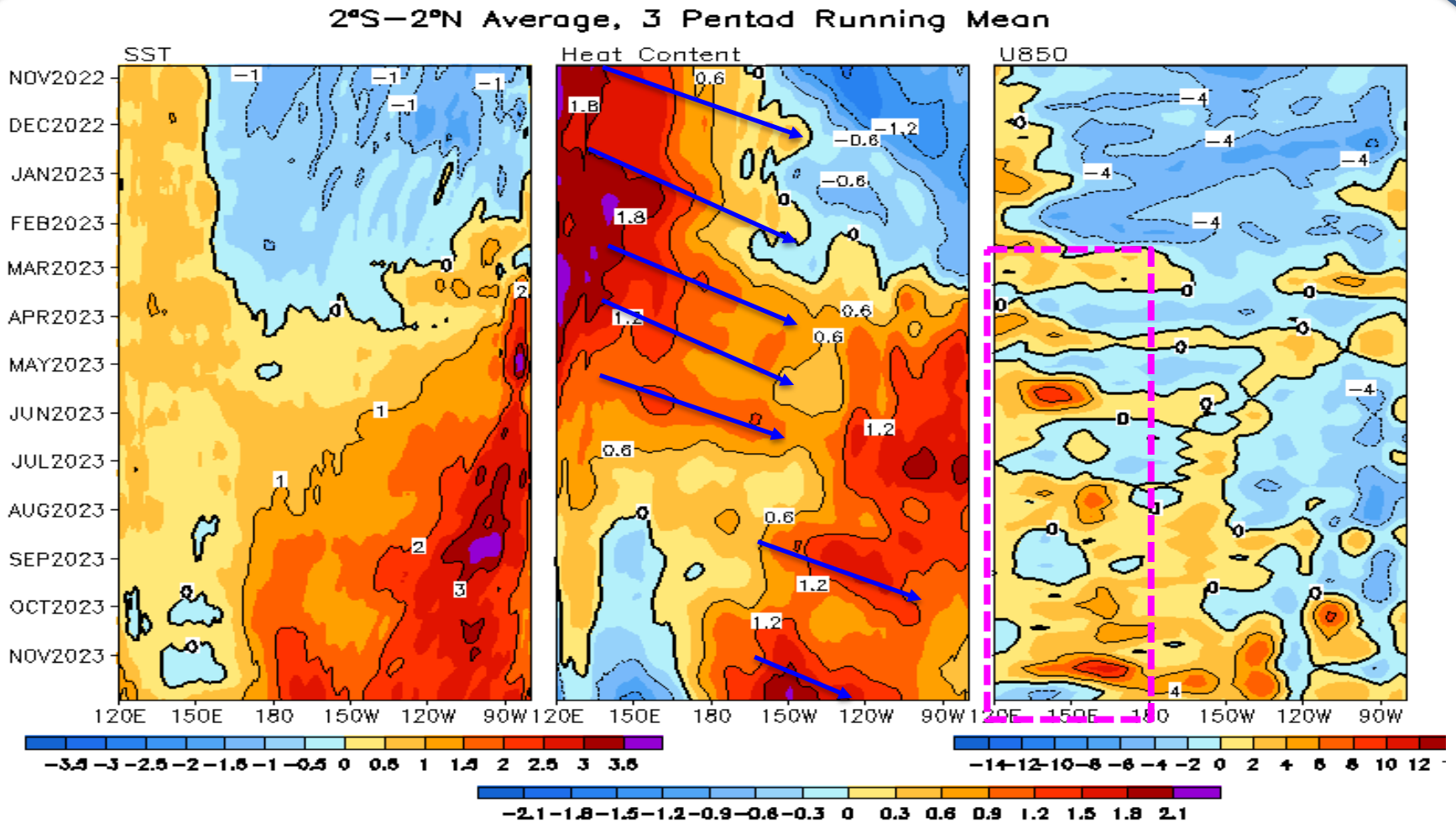


SSTAs (top-left), SSTA tendency (top-right), Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (OLR) anomalies (middle-left), sum of net surface short- and long-wave radiation, latent and sensible heat flux anomalies (middle-right; positive means heat into the ocean), 925-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-left), 200-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-right). SST are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, OLR from the NOAA 18 AVHRR IR window channel measurements by NESDIS, winds and surface radiation and heat fluxes from the NCEP CDAS. Anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

Last 3-month Tropical Pacific Ocean SST, OLR, and uv925 Anomalies



Equatorial Pacific SST (°C), HC300 (°C), u850 (m/s) Anomalies

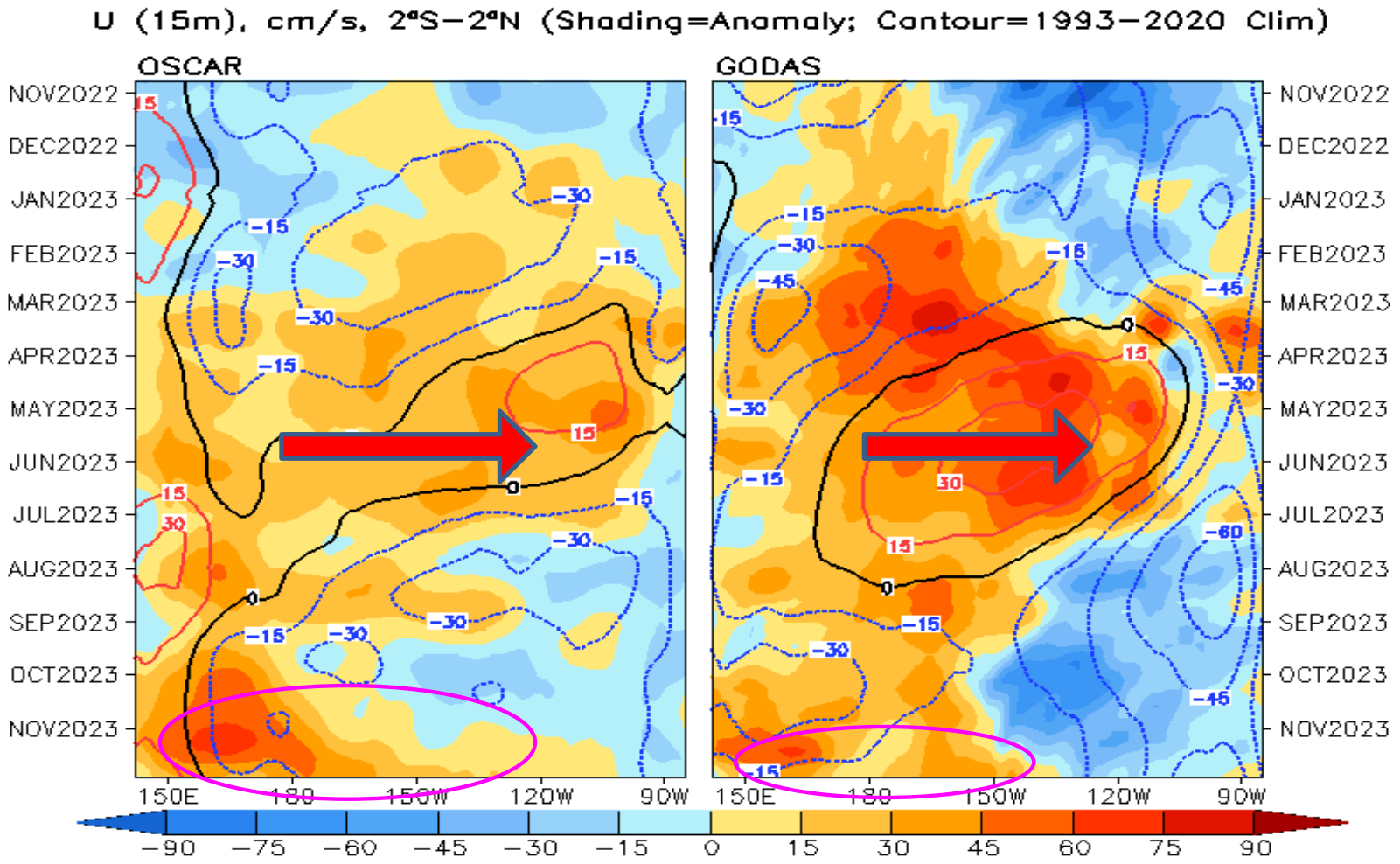


-Since Feb 2023, a set of westerly wind surges triggered downwelling Kelvin waves, helping to reinforce the subsurface warming in the central-eastern Pacific.

- Westerly wind anomalies prevailed over most of equatorial Pacific Ocean since Oct 2023.

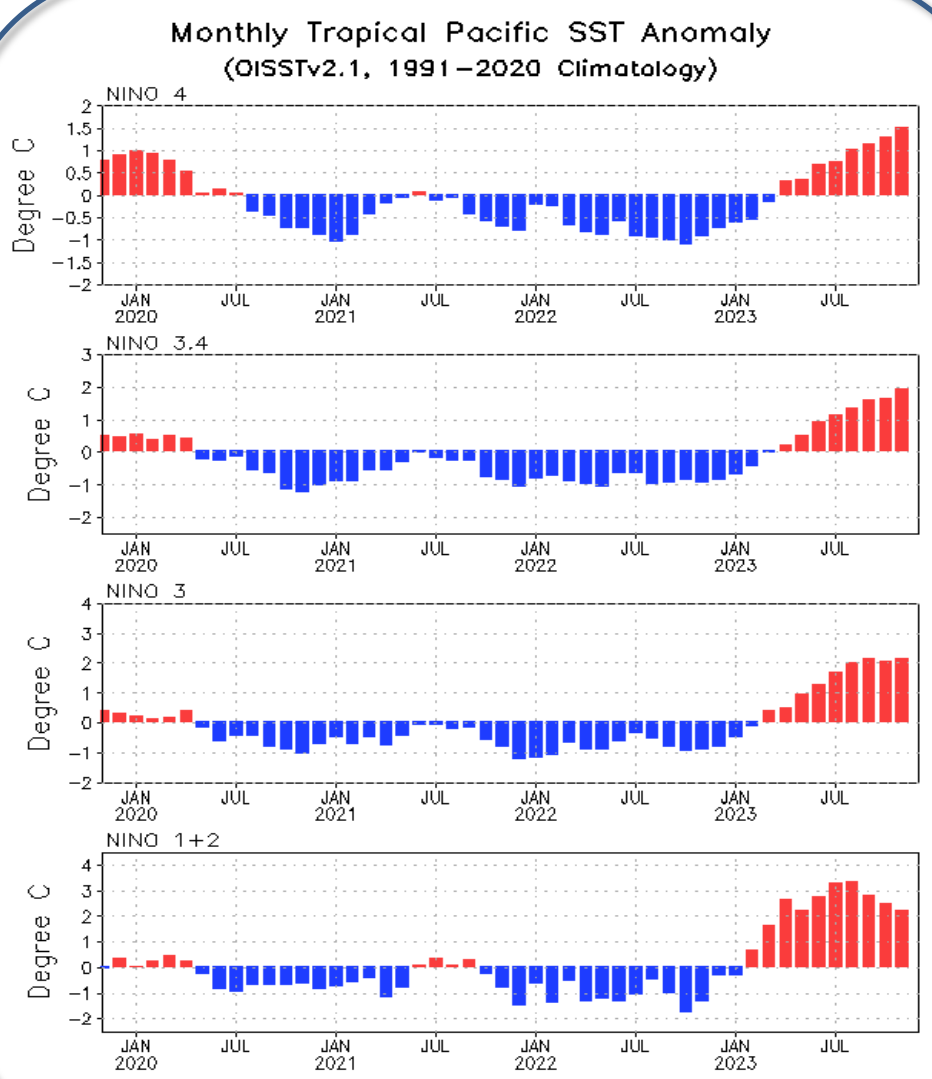
-Positive SST anomalies strengthened in the western-central Pacific in Nov 2023.

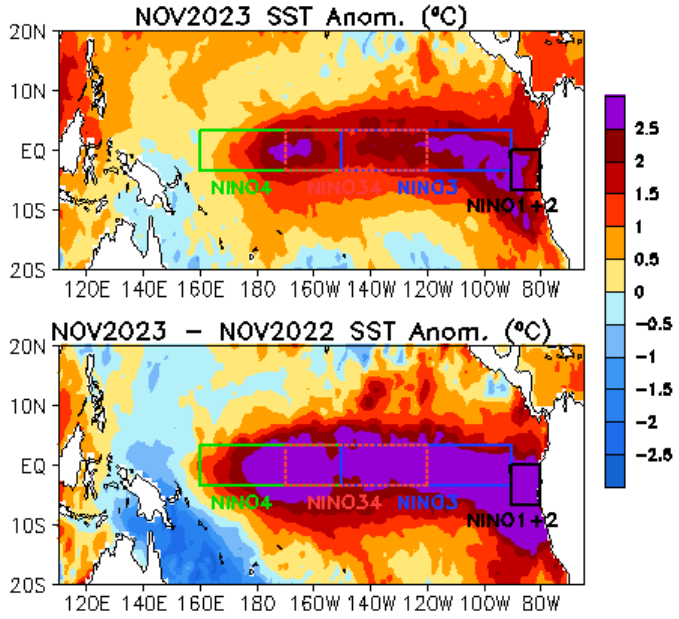
Evolution of Equatorial Pacific Surface Zonal Current Anomaly (cm/s)



- Anomalous eastward currents were present in the equatorial Pacific in both OSCAR and GODAS since Feb 2023, which were consistent with the growth of the positive SSTA.
- Anomalous eastward currents enhanced west of 130W in Nov 2023.

Evolution of Pacific Niño SST Indices

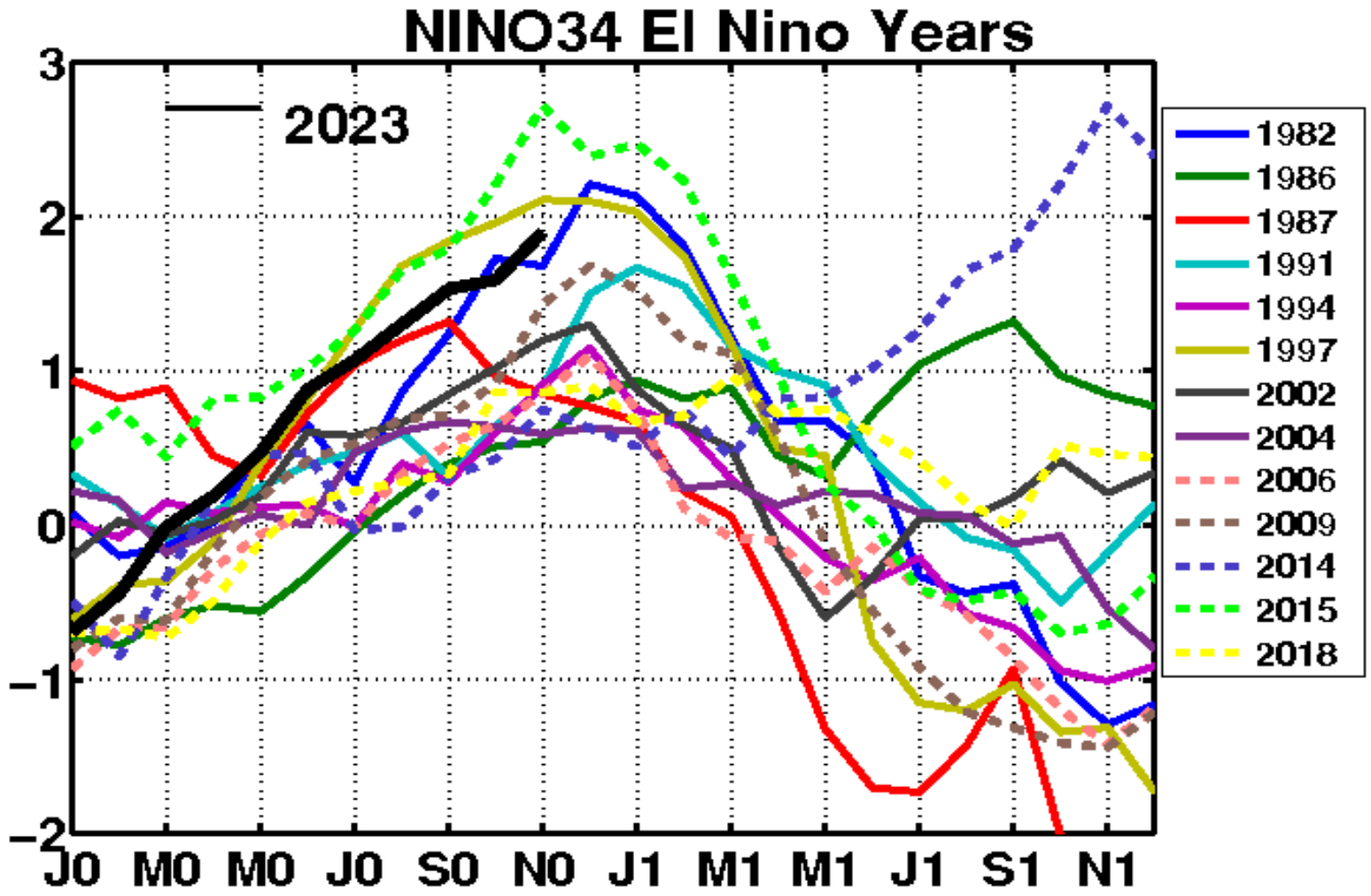




- Niño 4 and Niño3.4 indices strengthened in Nov 2023, with Niño3.4 = 1.9°C (2°C in ERSSTv5 data).
- Positive Nino1+2 weakened in Nov 2023, with Nino1+2 = 2.2°C.
- Compared with Nov 2022, the tropical Pacific was much warmer in Nov 2023.
- The indices may have differences if based on different SST products.

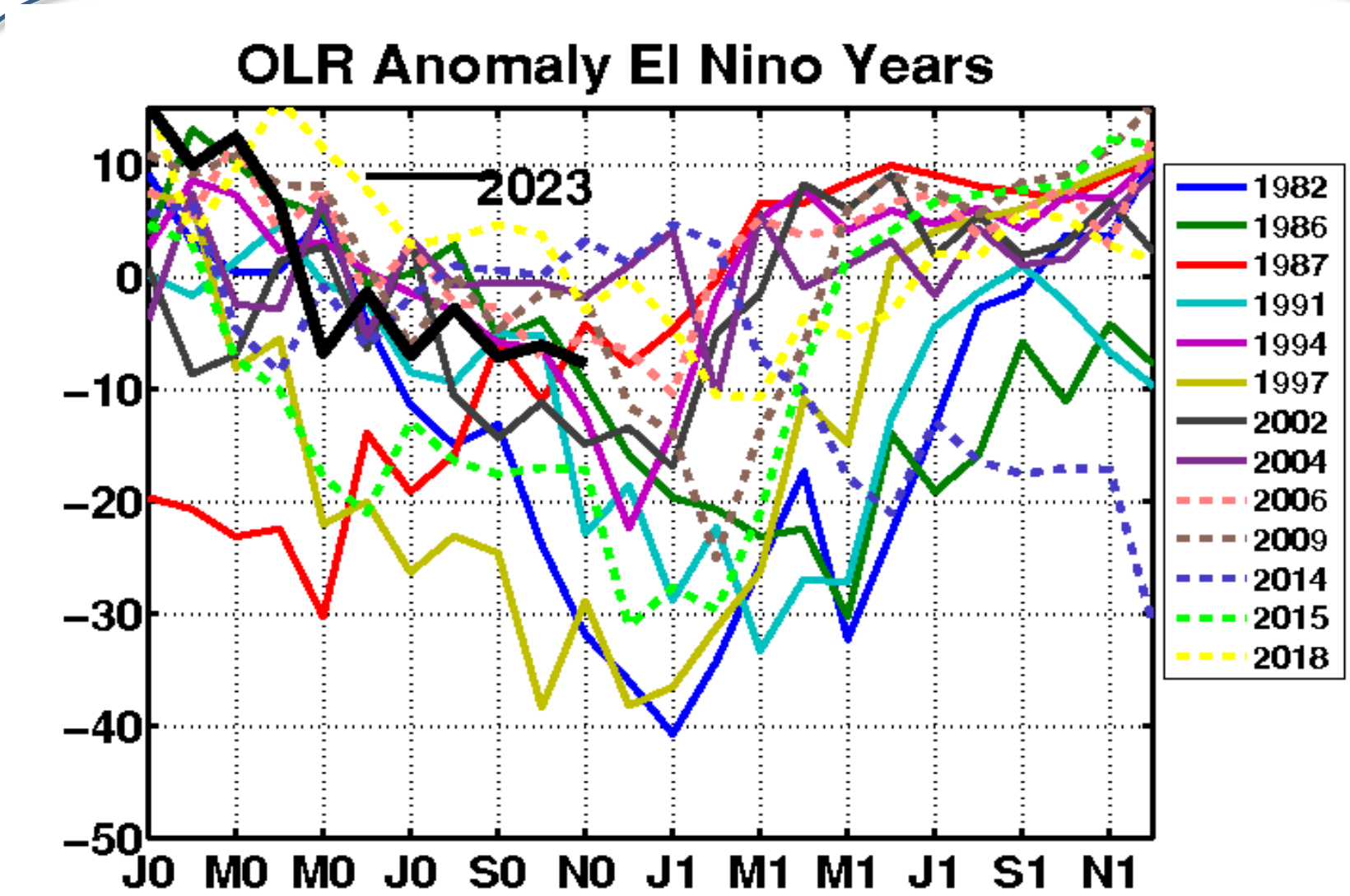
Niño region indices, calculated as the area-averaged monthly mean SSTAs (°C) for the specified region. Data are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

Evolution of NINO34 in El Niño Years



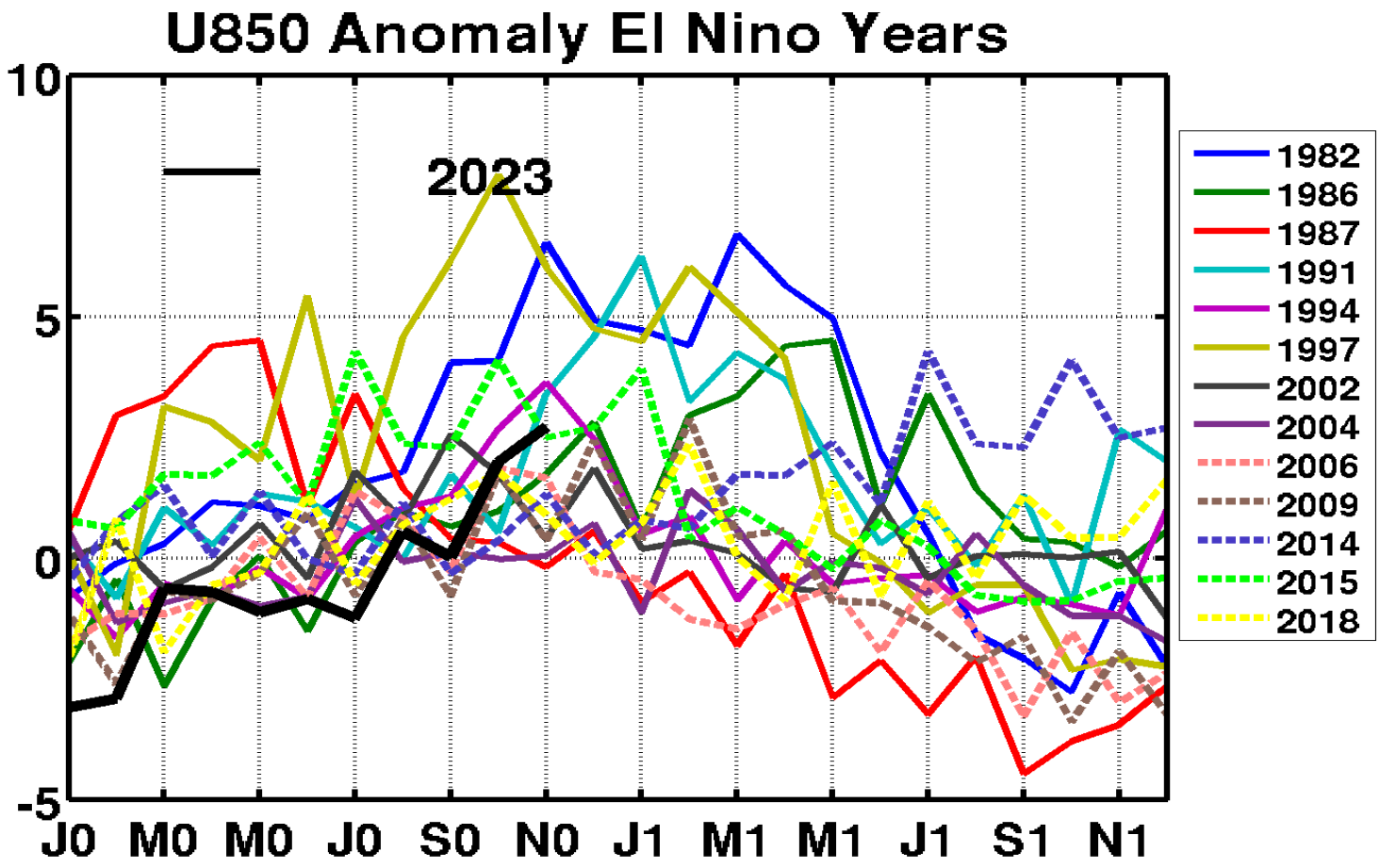
Nino 34 index are derived from the NCEI OISST v2.1 analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means

El Niño Composite of OLR Anomaly in Central-Eastern Pacific [160ºE-100ºW,5S-5N]



OLR index are derived from the NCEP CPC OLR analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

El Niño Composite of U850 Anomaly in Central-Eastern Pacific [160ºE-100ºW,5S-5N]



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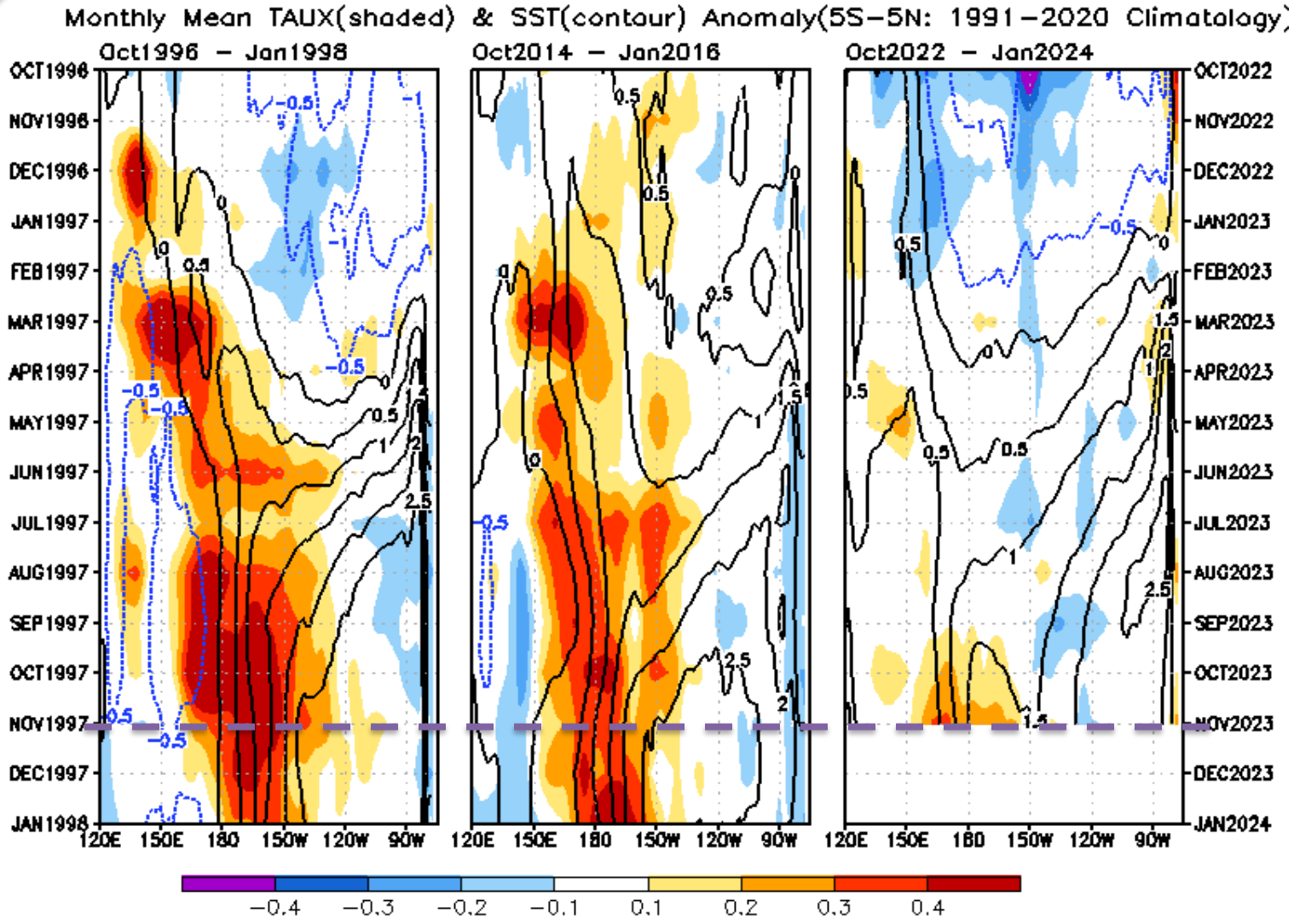
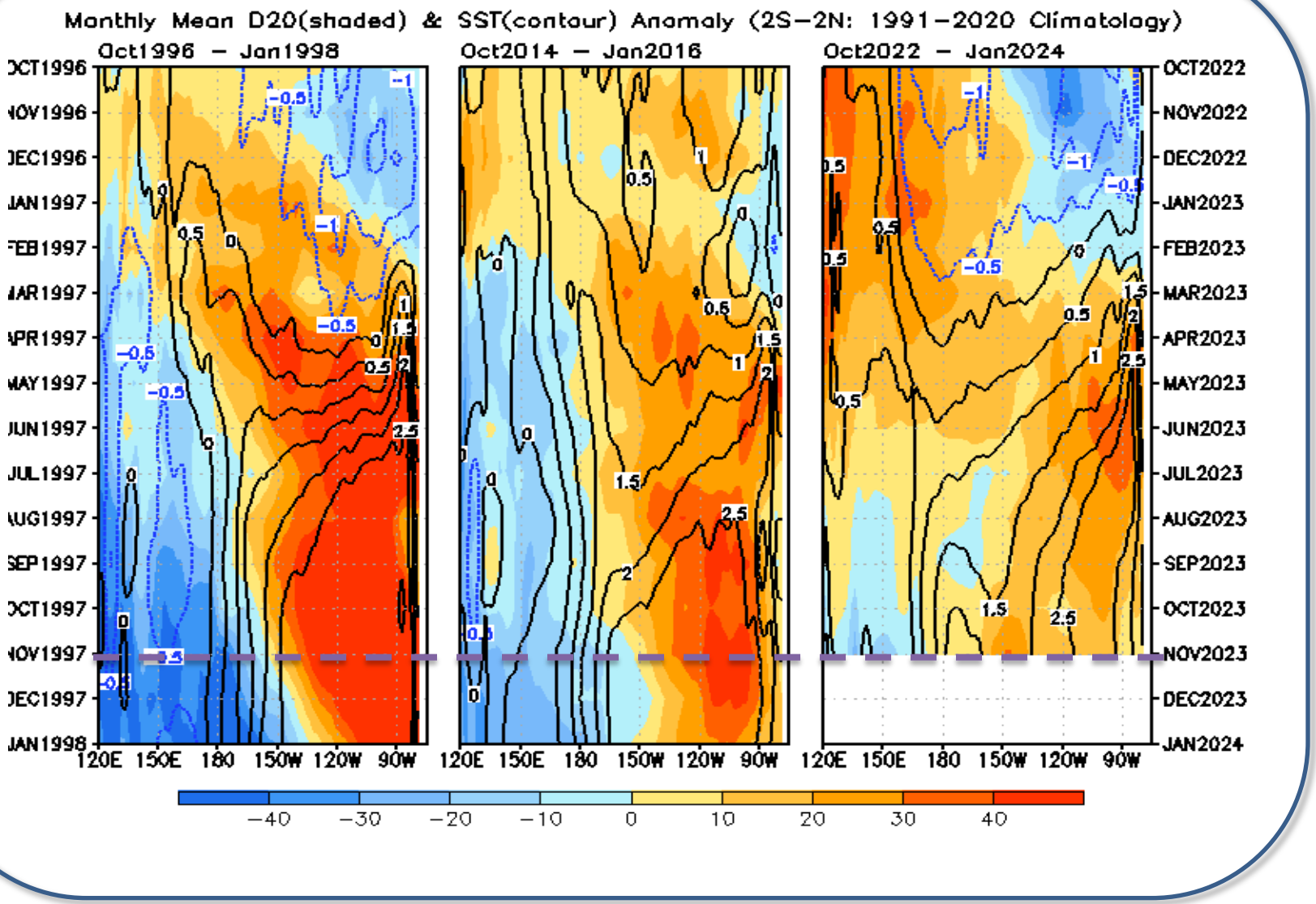
Evolution of Monthly Mean Zonal Wind Stress Anomaly across [5S-5N]



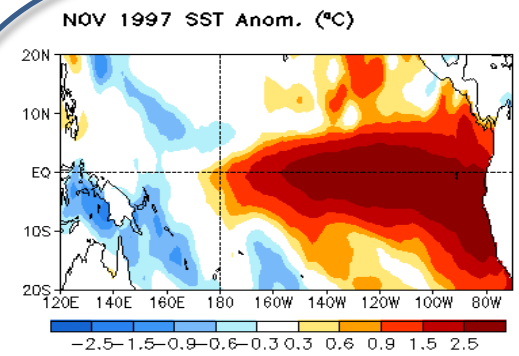
Data source: NCEP R2 reanalysis

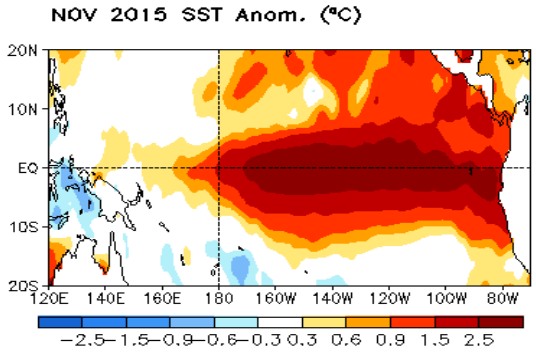
Evolution of Monthly Mean D20 Anomaly across [2S-2N]

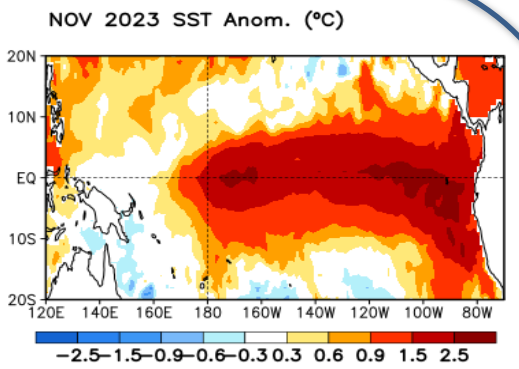


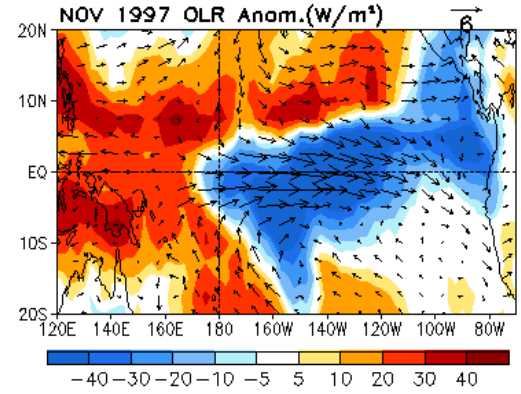
Data source: NCEP GODAS

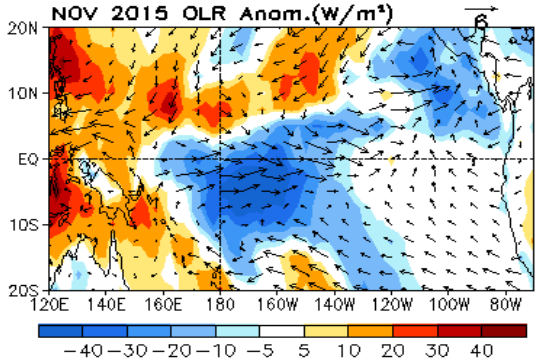
Comparisons among 1982,1997 and 2023 El Niño events

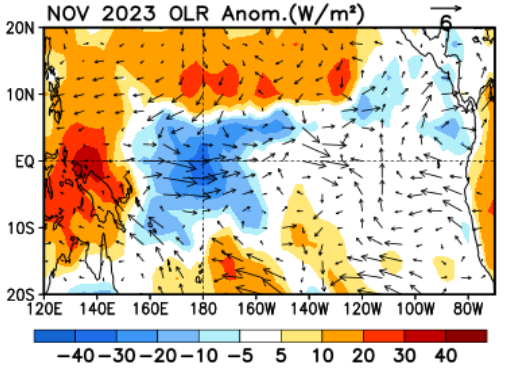


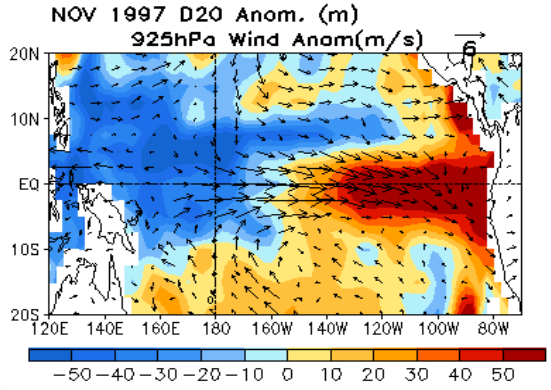


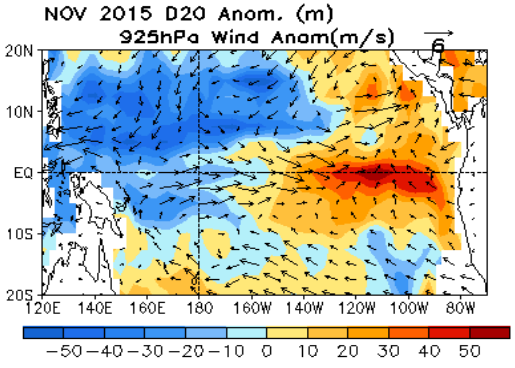


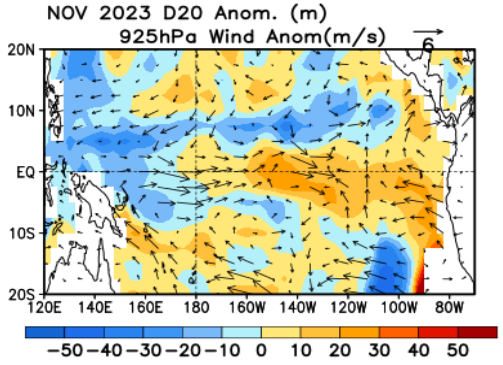






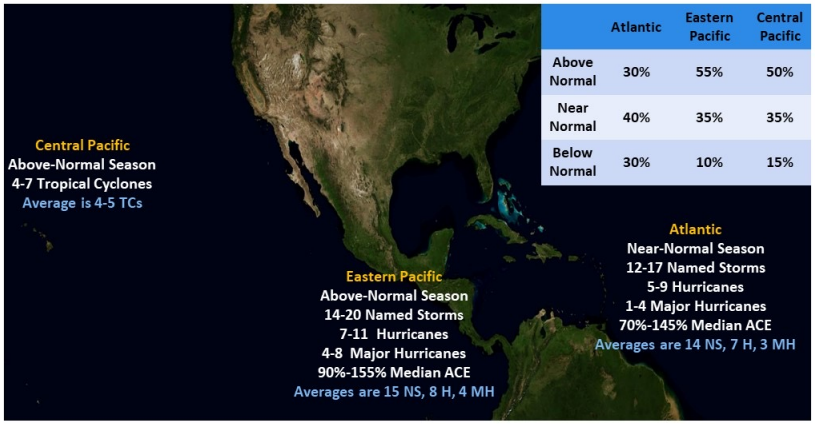






2023 Pacific Hurricane Season Activities

NOAA's 2023 Hurricane Season Outlooks



	Atlantic	Eastern Pacific	Central Pacific
Above Normal	30%	55%	50%
Near Normal	40%	35%	35%
Below Normal	30%	10%	15%

For the Eastern Pacific hurricane region, the outlooks indicate a 55% chance of an above-normal season, a 35% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of an above-normal season. The odds for the Central Pacific are 50% for an above-normal season, 35% for a near-normal season, and 15% for a below-normal season.

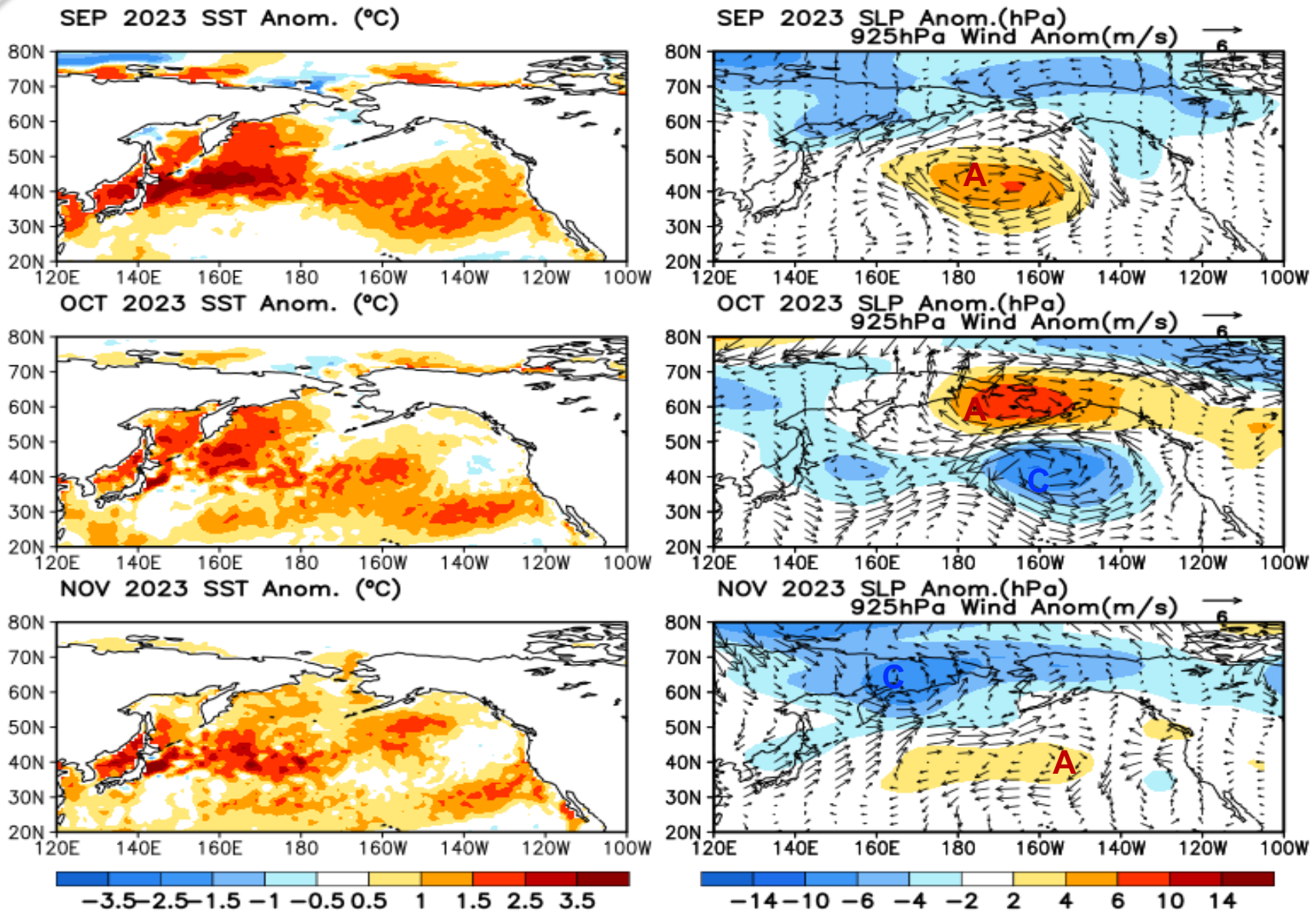
These outlooks are for the overall seasonal activity. They are not a hurricane landfall forecast.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_Pacific_hurricane_season

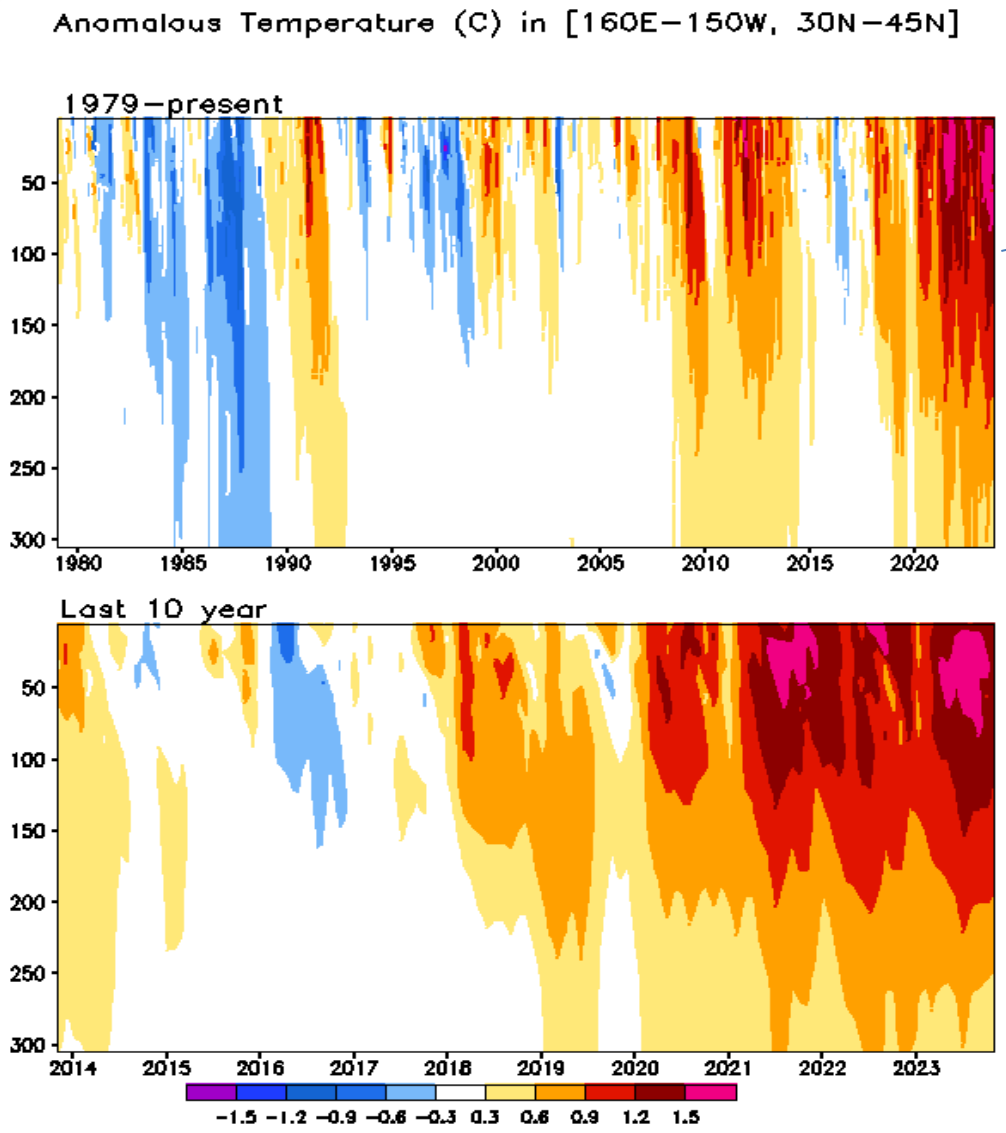
E. Pacific	Observations (By Dec 7)	Outlook (May 25) 55% above-normal	(1991-2020)
Total storms	17	14-20	15
Hurricanes	10	7-11	8
Major hurricanes	8	4-8	4

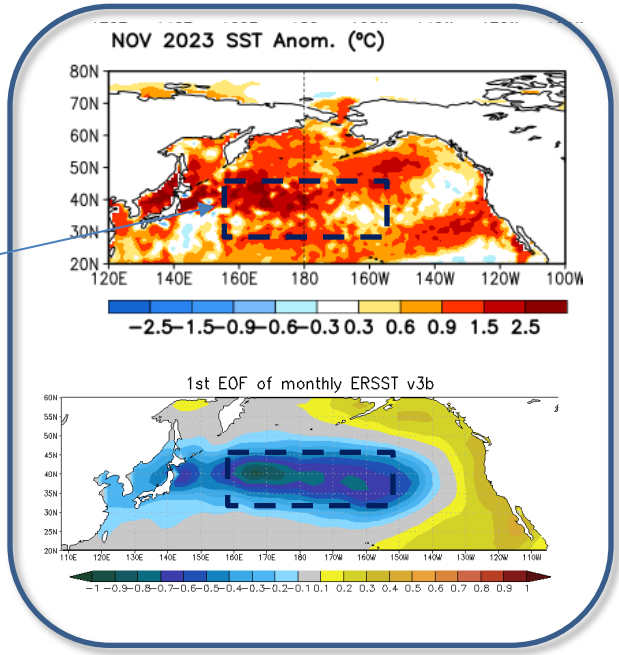
North Pacific & Arctic Oceans

Last 3- month North Pacific SST, SLP, and uv925 anomalies



Subsurface Temperature Anomaly in the Northcentral Pacific

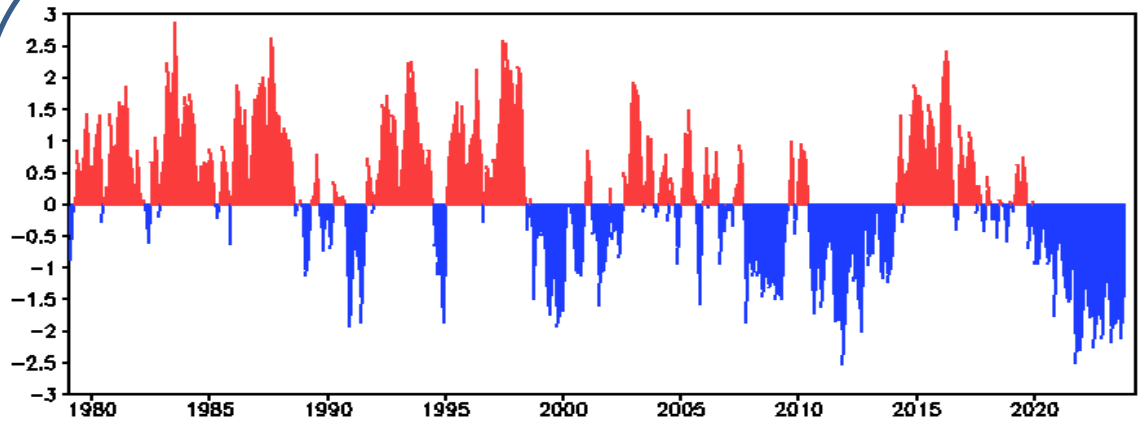




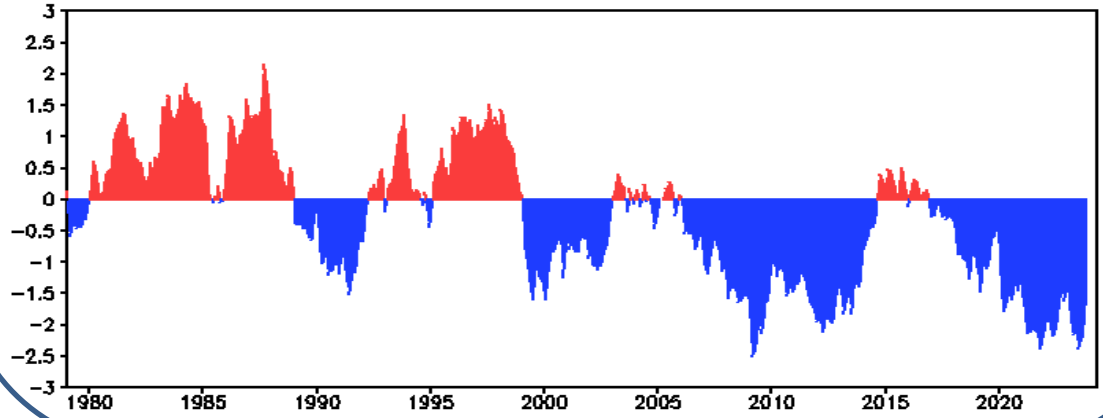
- Positive temperature anomaly (>0.9ºC) penetrated to 150m deep and persisted since 2020.
- Subsurface warming in the last three years is the strongest since 1979.

Two Oceanic PDO indices

SST-based PDO (Wen et al. 2014: GRL)



H300-based PDO (Arun and Wen 2016:Mon.Wea.Rev.)



- The negative phase of PDO has persisted since Jan 2020 with PDOI = -1.3 in Nov 2023.

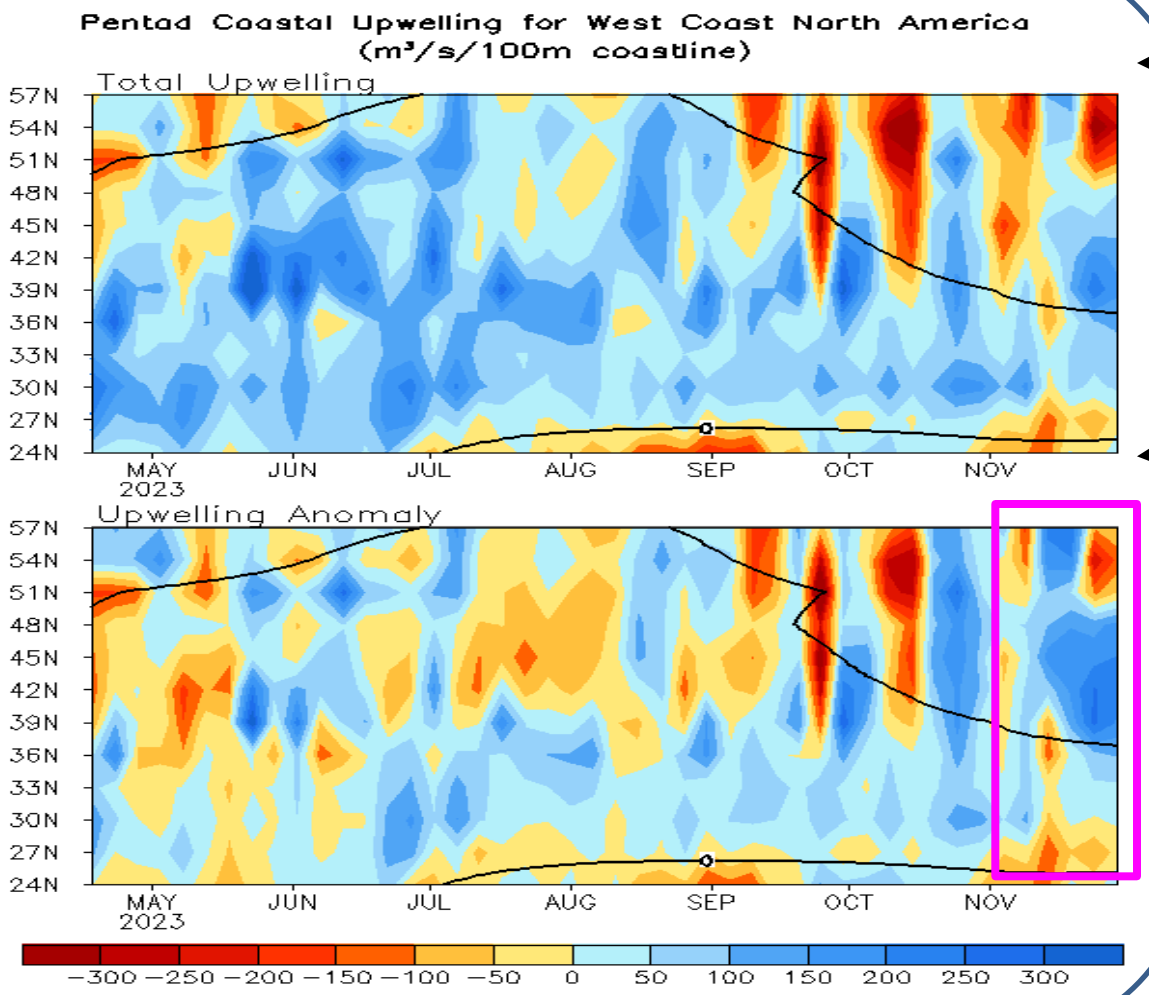
- Negative H300-based PDO index has persisted since Nov 2016, with HPDO = - 1.6 in Nov 2023.

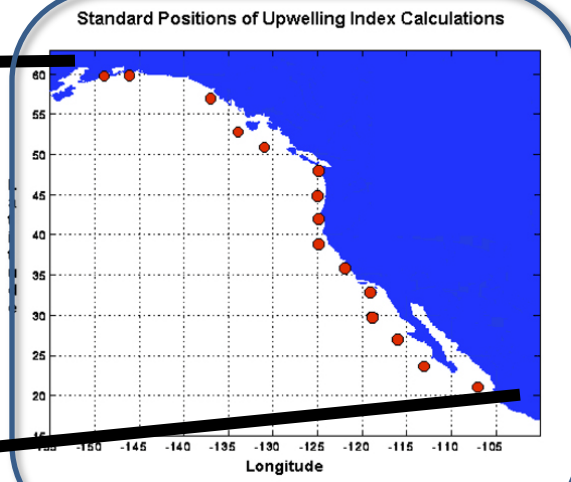
- SST-based PDO index has considerable variability both on seasonal and decadal time scales.

- H300-based PDO index highlights the slower variability and encapsulates an integrated view of temperature variability in the upper ocean.

SST-based PDO is defined as the 1st EOF of monthly ERSST v3b in the North Pacific for the period 1900-1993. PDO index is the standardized projection of the monthly ERSSTv5 SST anomalies onto the 1st EOF pattern. H300-based Pacific Decadal Oscillation is defined as the projection of monthly mean H300 anomalies from NCEP GODAS onto their first EOF vector in the North Pacific. PDO indices are downloadable from https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/GODAS/ocean_briefing.shtml.

North America Western Coastal Upwelling

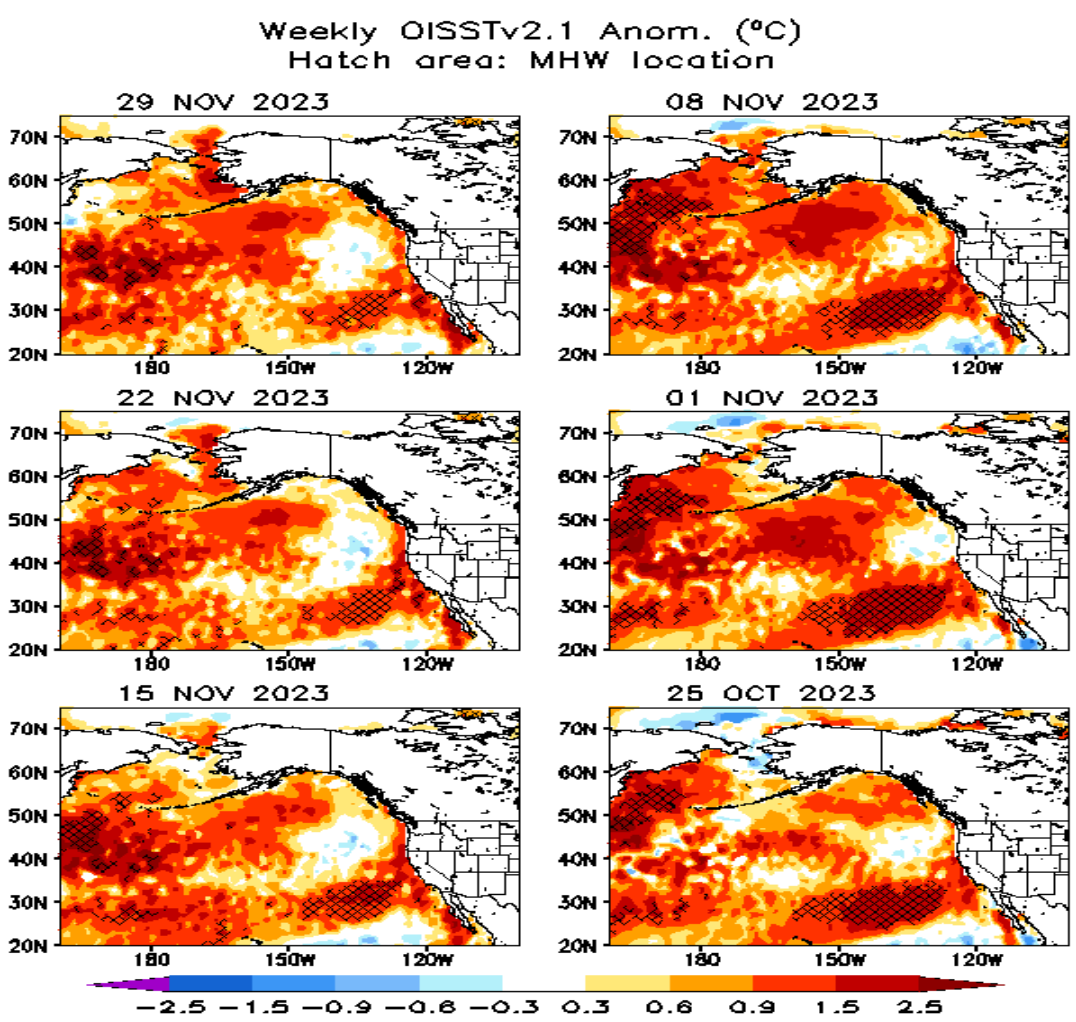




- Anomalous upwelling dominated along the coastline in Nov 2023.

(top) Total and (bottom) anomalous upwelling indices at the 15 standard locations for the western coast of North America. Derived from the vertical velocity of the NCEP's GODAS and are calculated as integrated vertical volume transport at 50-meter depth from each location to its nearest coast point (m³/s/100m coastline). Anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period pentad means.
- Area below (above) black line indicates climatological upwelling (downwelling) season.
- Climatologically upwelling season progresses from March to July along the west coast of North America from 36ºN to 57ºN.

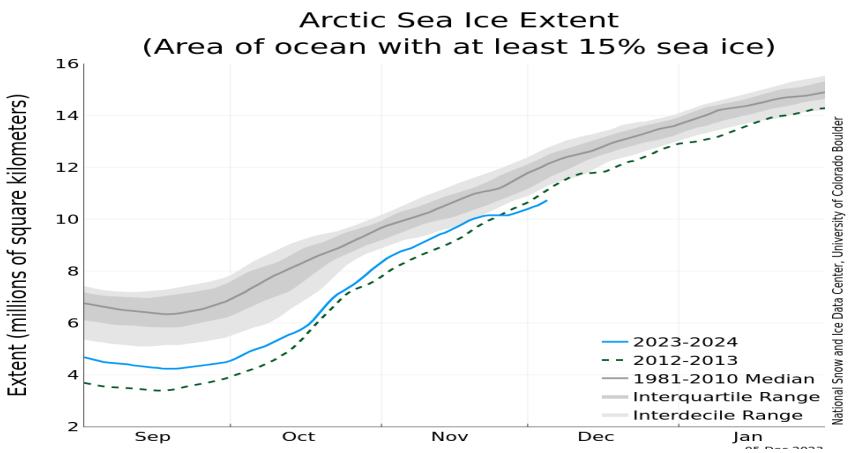
Weekly SST anomaly and MHWs in the North Pacific

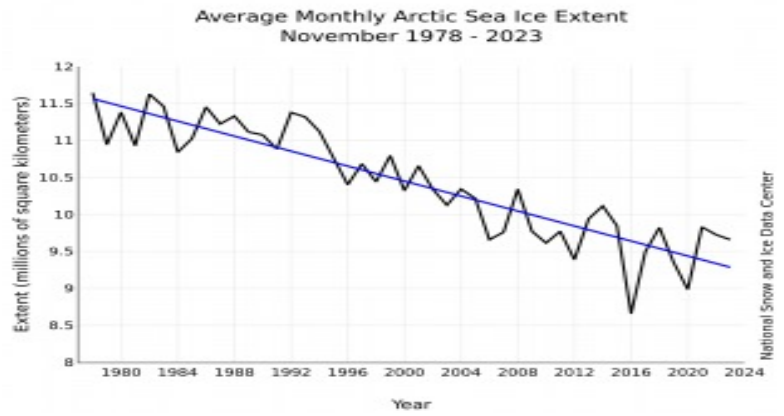


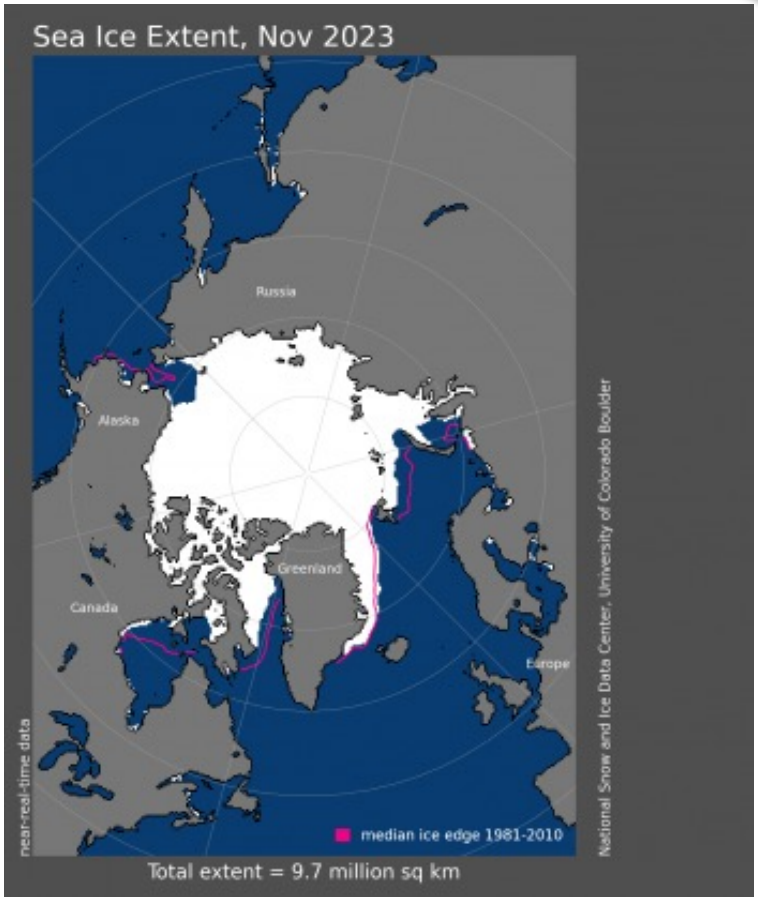
- MHW gradually weakened in the northwest and northeast Pacific Ocean in the last six weeks.
- Considerable amount of anomalously warm waters persisted near the coast of California.

(Left panel) Weekly SST anomaly (shaded) and locations experience Marine heat waves (hatched) by the date labelled in the plot. (right panel) SST evolution at a specific location. Green line and blue line denote the seasonal 90th percentile and daily climatology, respectively. Shaded area denotes the periods experiencing MHW. MHW is defined as a discrete prolonged warmer than 90th percentile of daily SST for at least 14 days. Data is derived from NCEI OISSTv2.1 and the climatology reference period is 1991-2020

Sea Ice; NSIDC (https://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/)







- Average Arctic sea ice extent during Nov 2023 was 9.66 million square kilometers, tying with 2006 for seventh lowest Nov in the satellite record.

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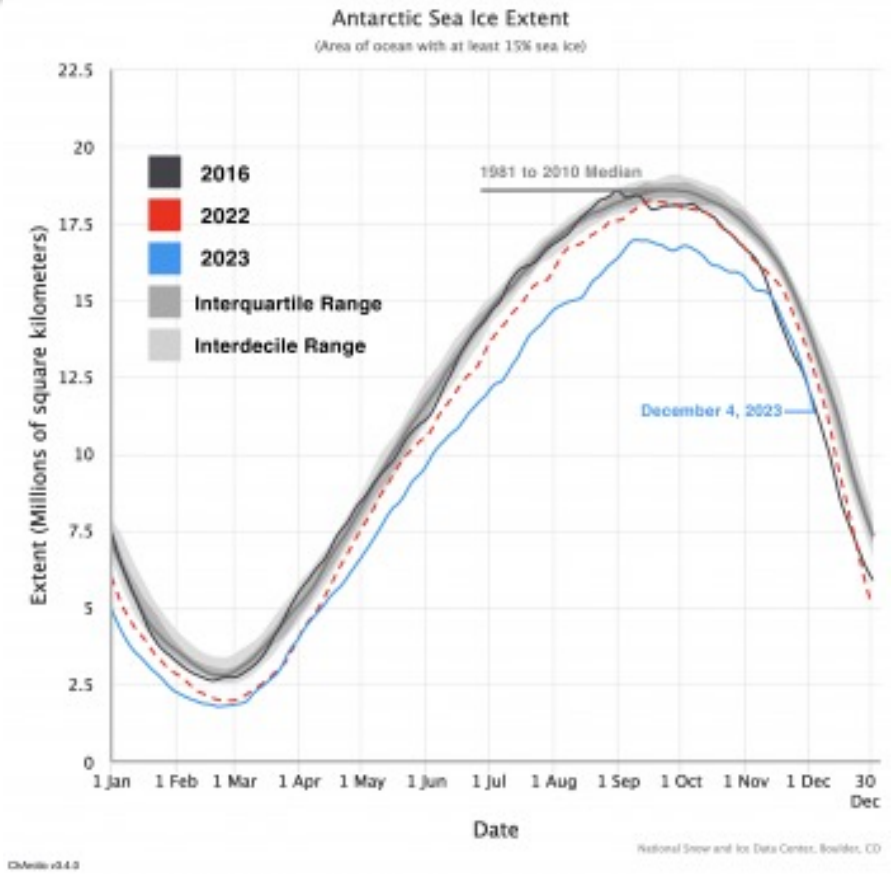
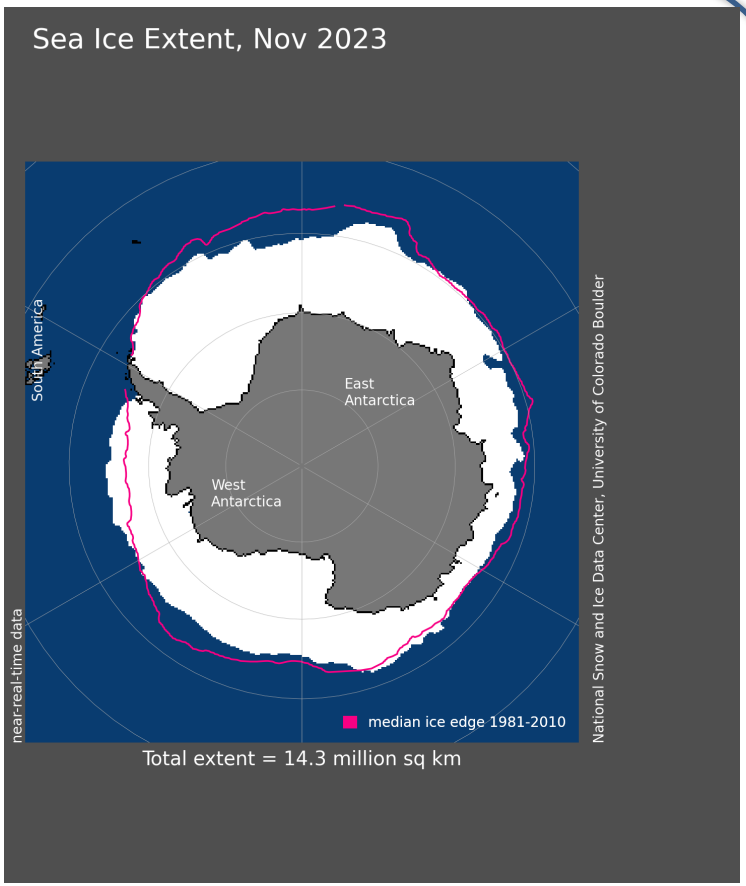
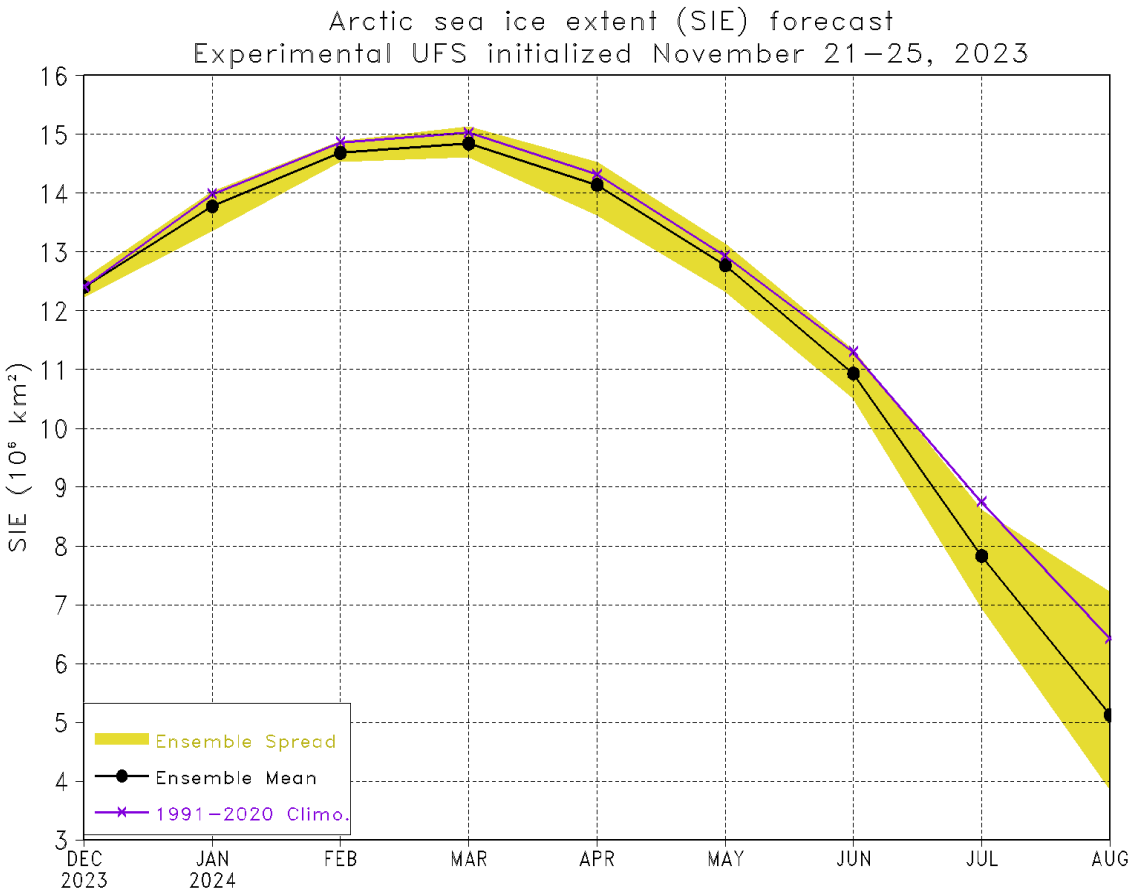




-Antarctic sea ice extent was 14.3 million square kilometers in Nov 2023, ranking the second-lowest extent since 1979.

NCEP/CPC Arctic Sea Ice Extent (SIE) Forecast

UFS

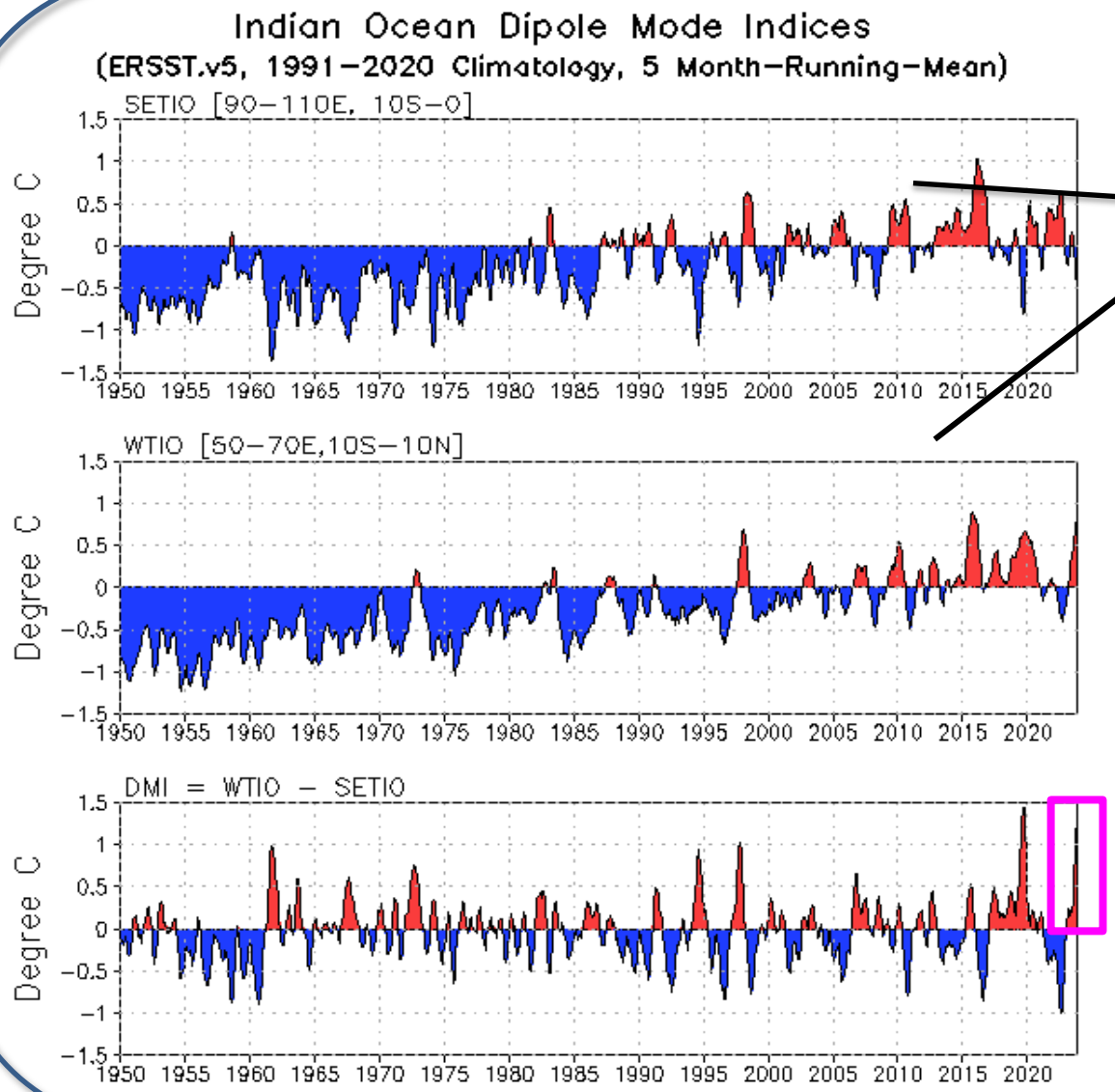


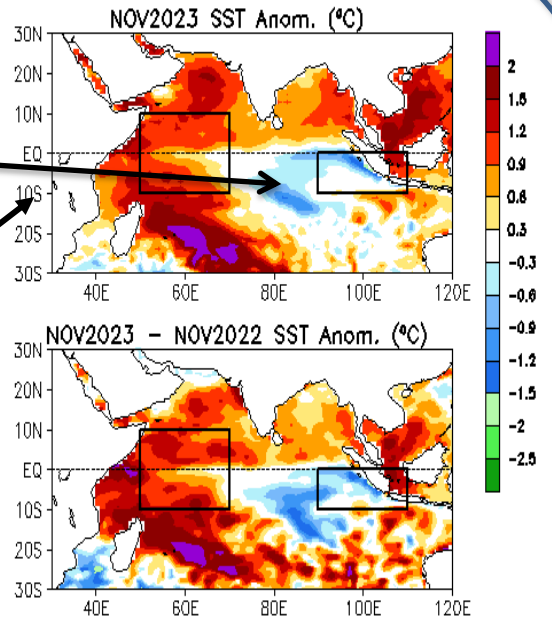
- UFS forecasts suggest SIE maximum in Mar 2023 will be close to 1991-2020 climatology.

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/people/jszhu/seaice_seasonal/index.html

Indian Ocean

Evolution of Indian Ocean SST Indices

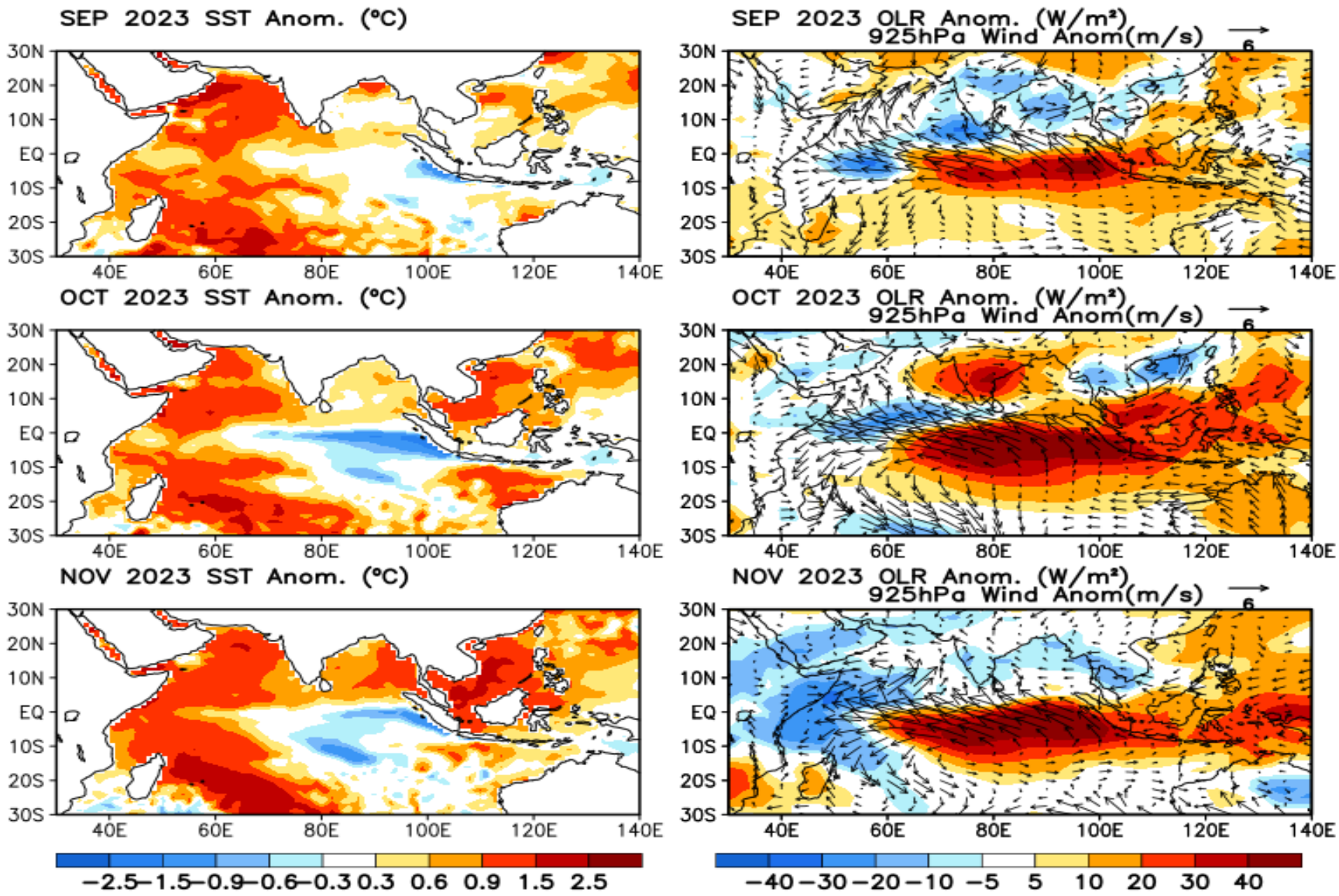




- Strong positive phase Indian Dipole (IOD) continued in Nov 2023, reaching the second-highest Nov since 1950.

Indian Ocean region indices, calculated as the area-averaged monthly mean SSTA (OC) for the SETIO [90ºE-110ºE, 10ºS-0] and WTIO [50ºE-70ºE, 10ºS-10ºN] regions, and Dipole Mode Index, defined as differences between WTIO and SETIO. Data are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

Last 3- month Tropical Indian Ocean SST, OLR, and uv925 anomalies



Tropical and North Atlantic Ocean

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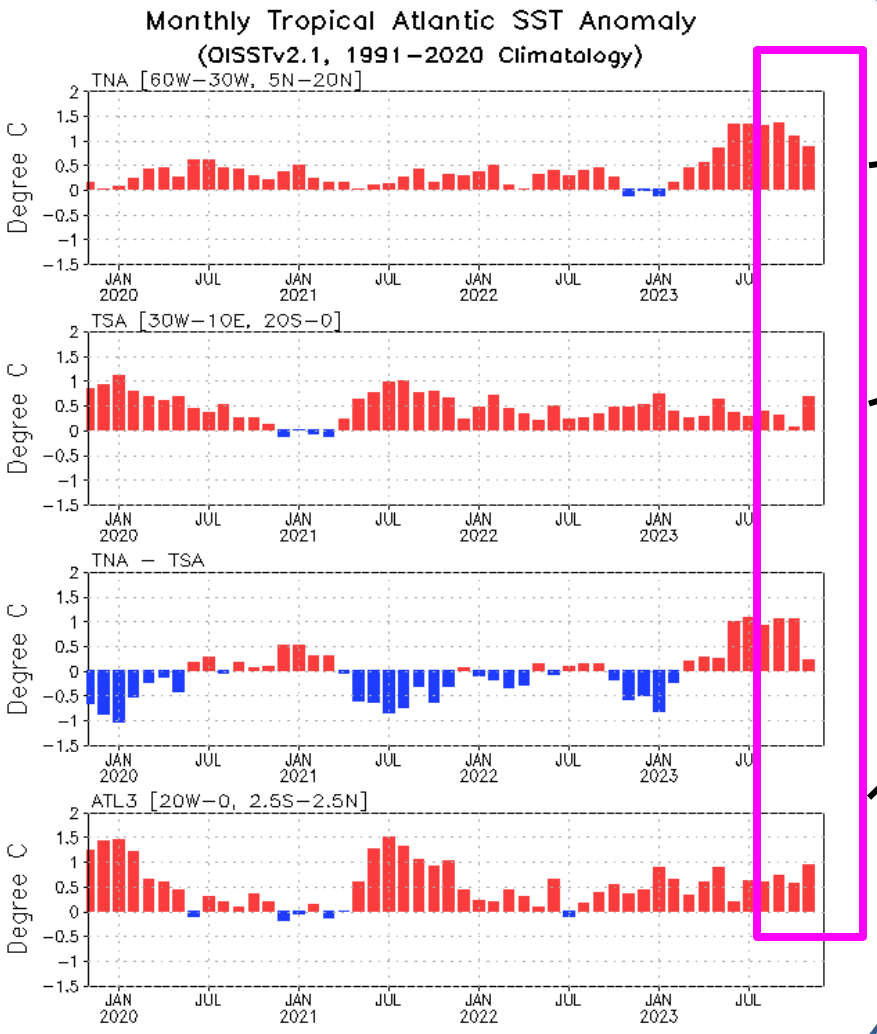
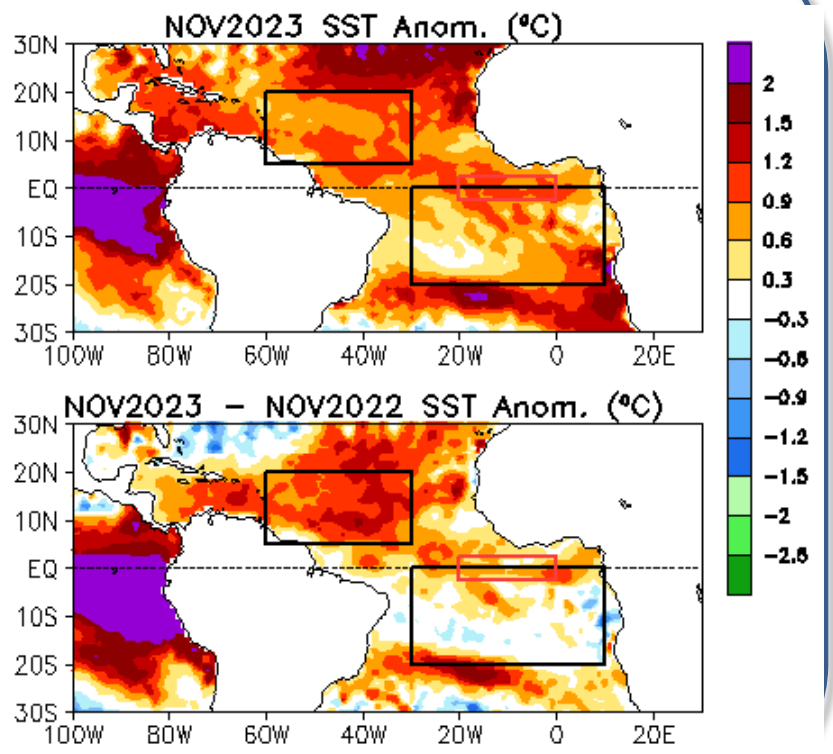
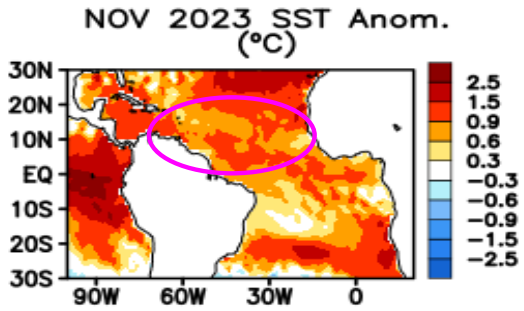


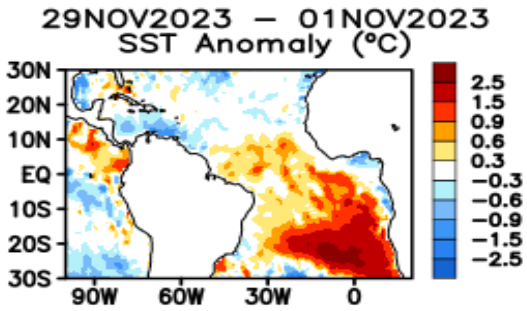


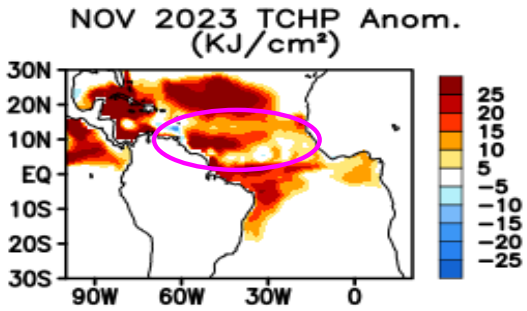
- Positive SSTA in the tropical north Atlantic weakened in Nov 2023.
- Positive ATL3 index strengthened in Nov 2023.

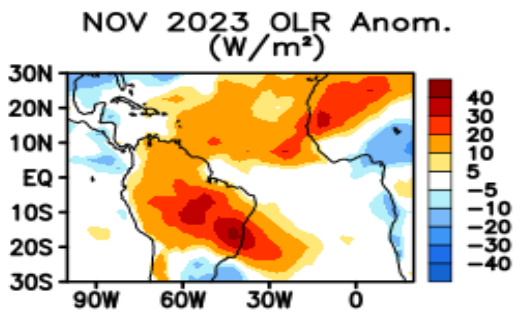
Tropical Atlantic Variability region indices, calculated as the area-averaged monthly mean SSTAs (^{O}C) for the TNA [60^{O}W-30^{O}W, 5ºN-20^{O}N], TSA [30^{O}W-10^{O}E, 20^{O}S-0] and ATL3 [20^{O}W-0, 2.5^{O}S-2.5^{O}N] regions, and Meridional Gradient Index, defined as differences between TNA and TSA. Data are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

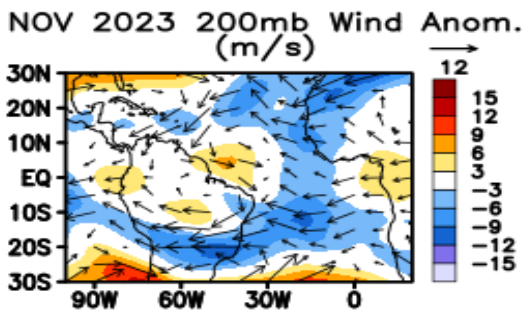
Tropical Atlantic: SST, SST tend., TCHP, OLR, 200 hPa wind, wind share, heat flex, & RH anom.

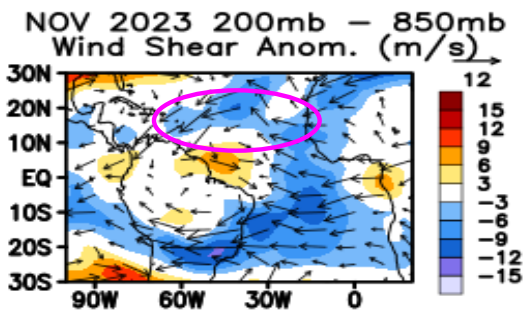


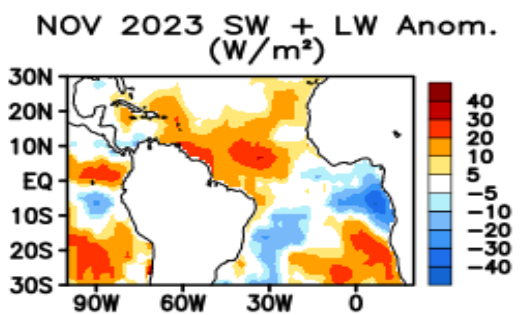


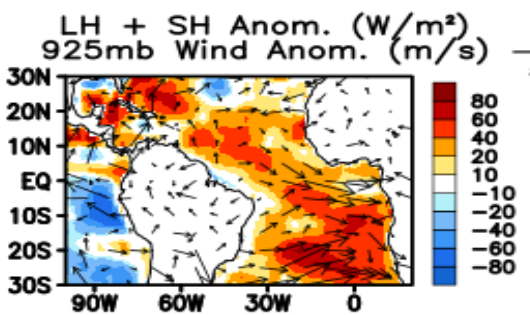


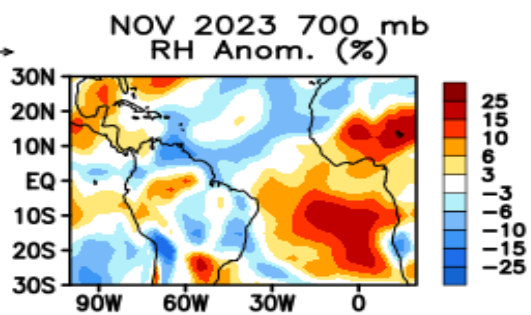






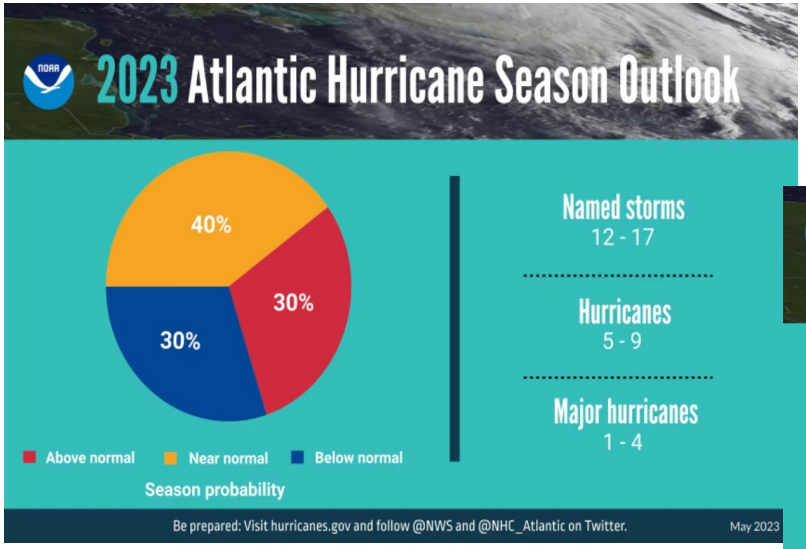


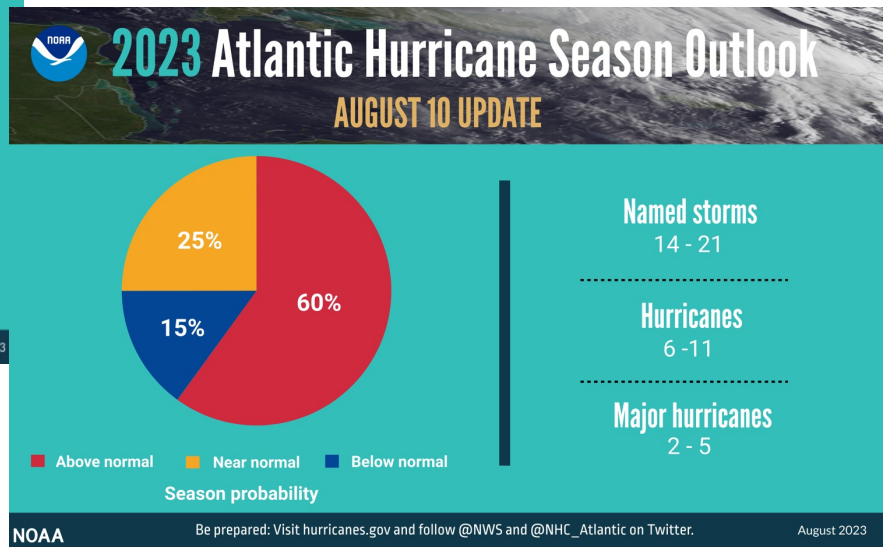




Top Row: SSTA (left; OI SST), SSTA tendency (central), Tropical Cyclone Heat Potential anomaly (right; GODAS).
Middle row: OLR (left; NOAA 18 AVHRR IR), UV200 (central; NCEP CDAS), UV200-UV850 (right; NCEP CDAS) anomalies.
Bottom row: SW+LW (left), LH+SH (central), Relative humidity at 700 hPa (right; NCEP CDAS) anomalies.
Anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook Update





- NOAA forecasters increased the likelihood of an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season from 30% in outlook issued in May to 60% in August outlook update.
- Main climate factors expected to influence the 2023 Atlantic hurricane activity are : the ongoing El Niño, the warm phase of the Atlantic Multi-Decadal Oscillation and record-warm Atlantic SSTs.
- Likelihood of greater activity rises due to record-warm Atlantic SST .

(https://www.noaa.gov/news-release/noaa-forecasters-increase-atlantic-hurricane-season-prediction-to-above-normal)

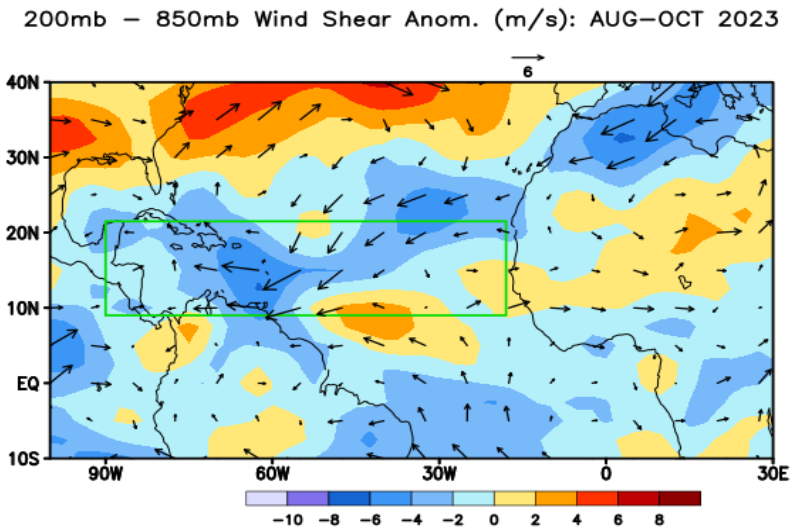
2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season Activities

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2023_Atlantic_hurricane_season

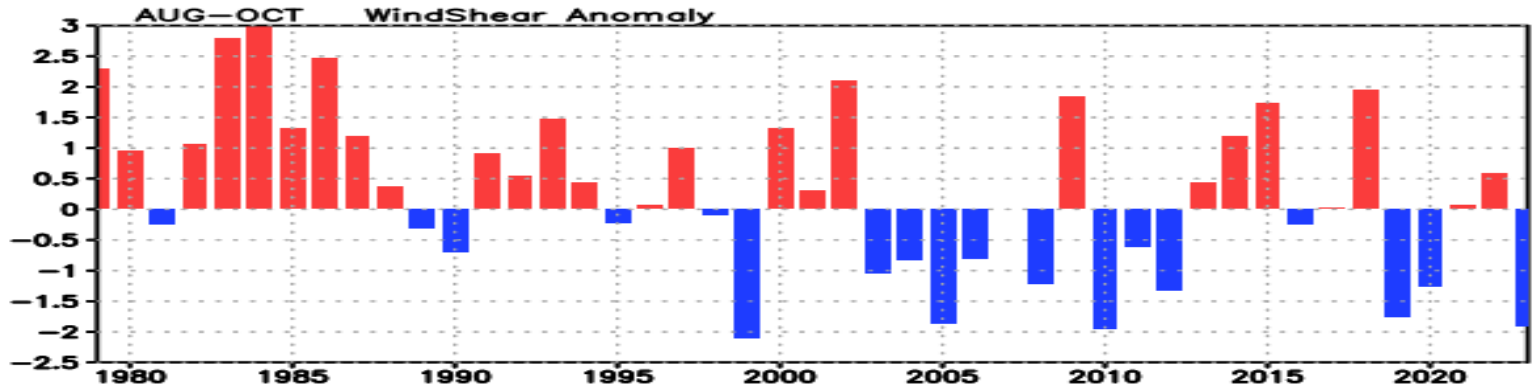
- No tropical storms formed in Nov 2023.
- The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season was the fourth-most active hurricane season on record.
- Twenty tropical storms formed, with seven developing into hurricane and three major hurricanes.

Atlantic	Observations (By Dec 7)	Updated Outlook (Aug) 60% above-normal	Outlook (May 25) 40% near-normal	(1991-2020)
Total storms	20	14-21	12-17	14
Hurricanes	7	6-11	5-9	7
Major hurricanes	3	2-5	1-4	3

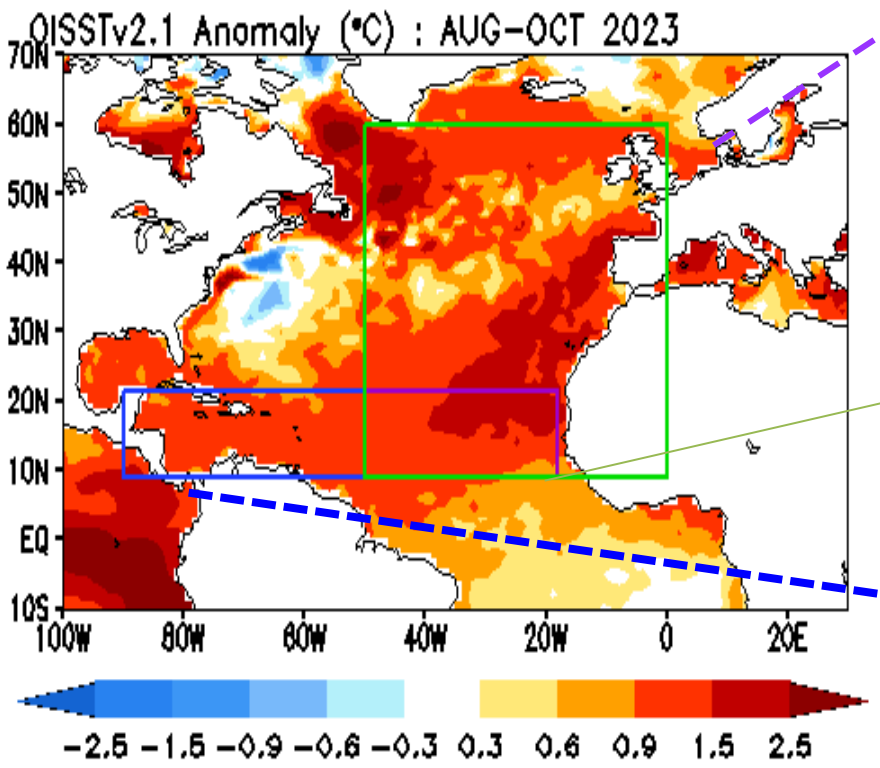
Evolution of 200mb-850mb Wind Shear Anomaly

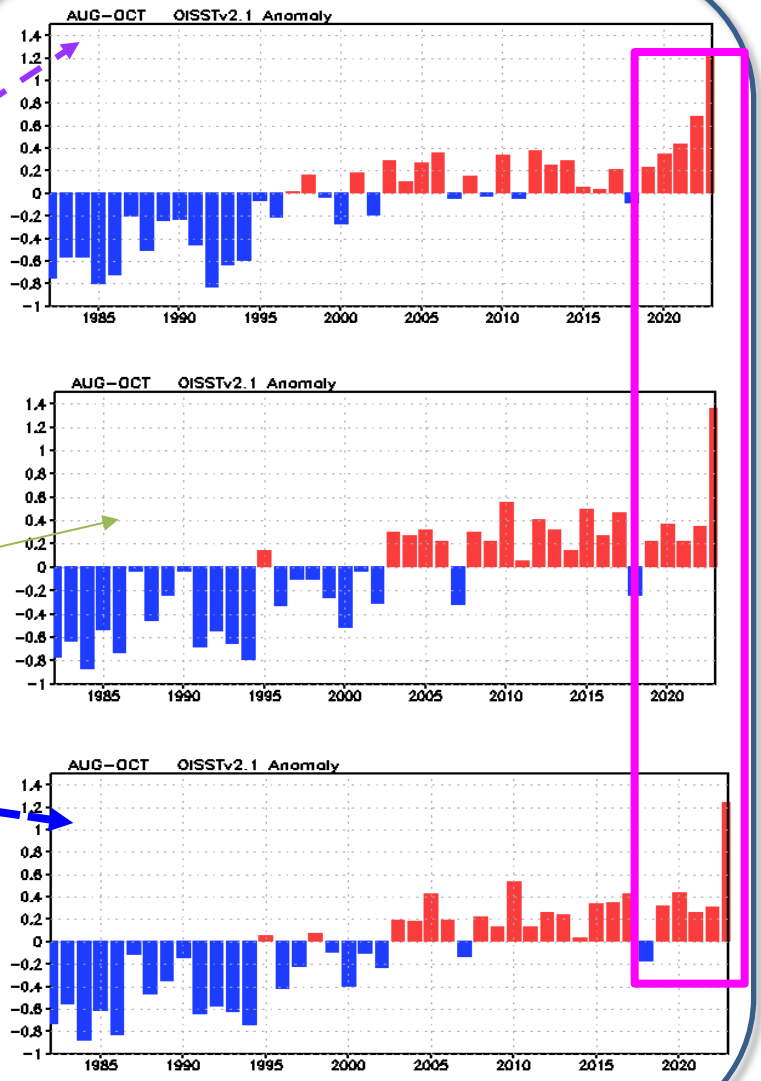


- Statistically, Wind shear tends to enhance (weaken) over the Hurricane Main Development region (MDR,green box) during El Niño (La Niña) events.
- Negative wind shear anomalies dominated in the MDR during Aug-Oct 2023, favouring tropical storm development.

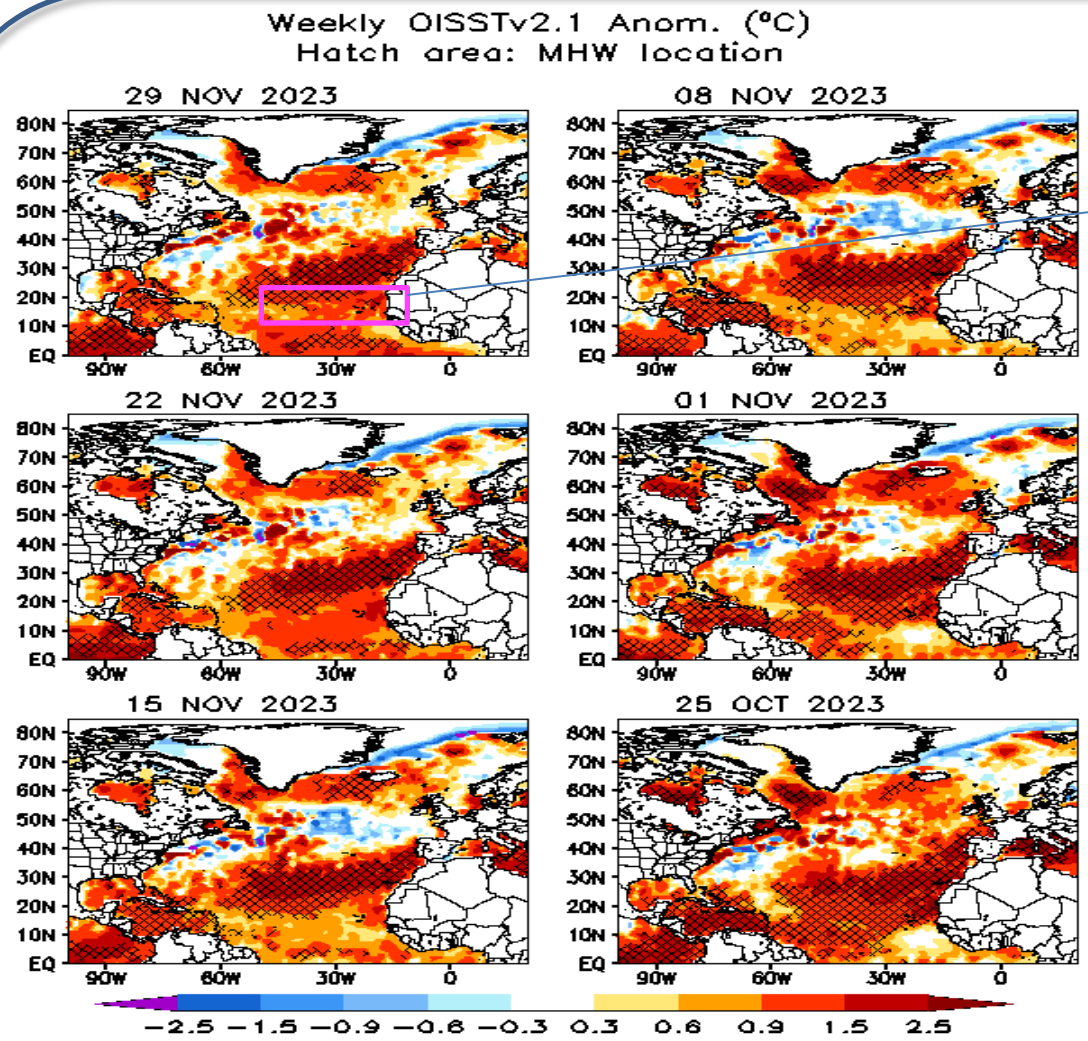


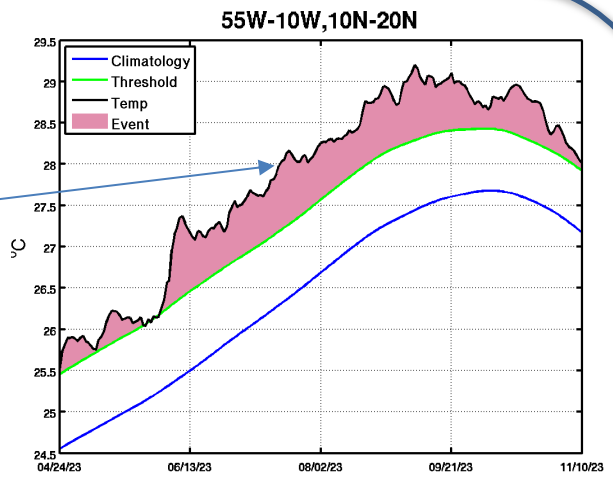
Evolution of SST anomaly in the North Atlantic





Weekly SST anomaly and MHWs in the North Atlantic

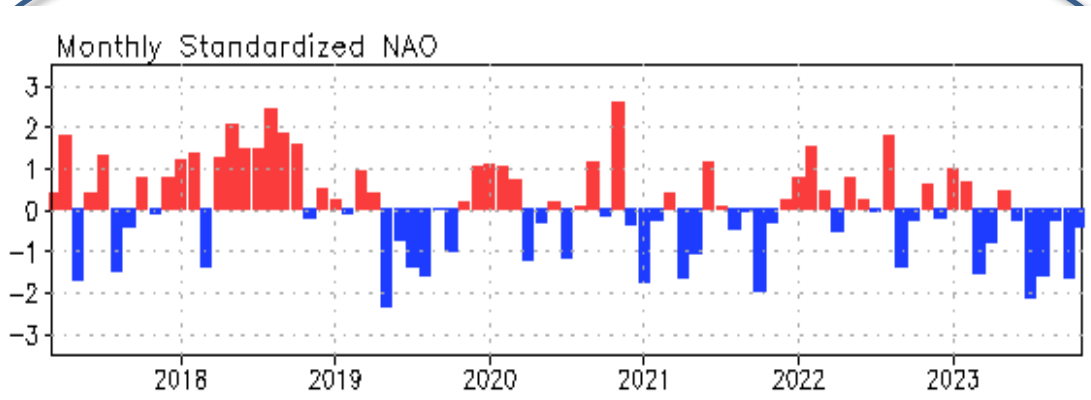


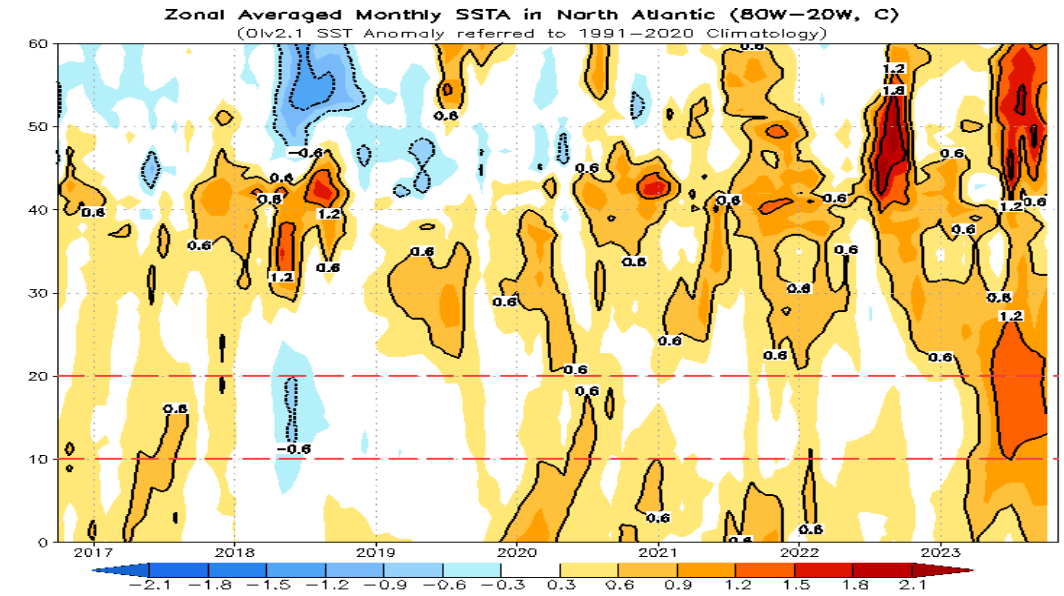


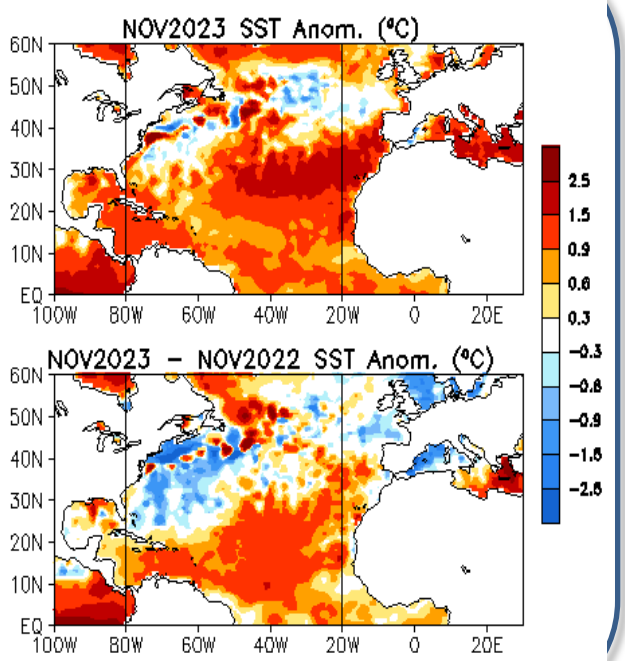
- Strong MHWs has been persistent near the west coast of North Africa since Apr 2023.
- MHWs continued near the Caribbean and the Labrador basin.

(Left panel) Weekly SST anomaly (shaded) and locations experience Marine heat waves (hatched) by the date labelled in the plot. (right panel) SST evolution at a specific location. Green line and blue line denote the seasonal 90th percentile and daily climatology, respectively. Shaded area denotes the periods experiencing MHW. MHW is defined as a discrete prolonged warmer than 90th percentile of daily SST for at least 14 days. Data is derived from NCEI OISSTv2.1 and the climatology reference period is 1991-2020

NAO and SST Anomaly in North Atlantic





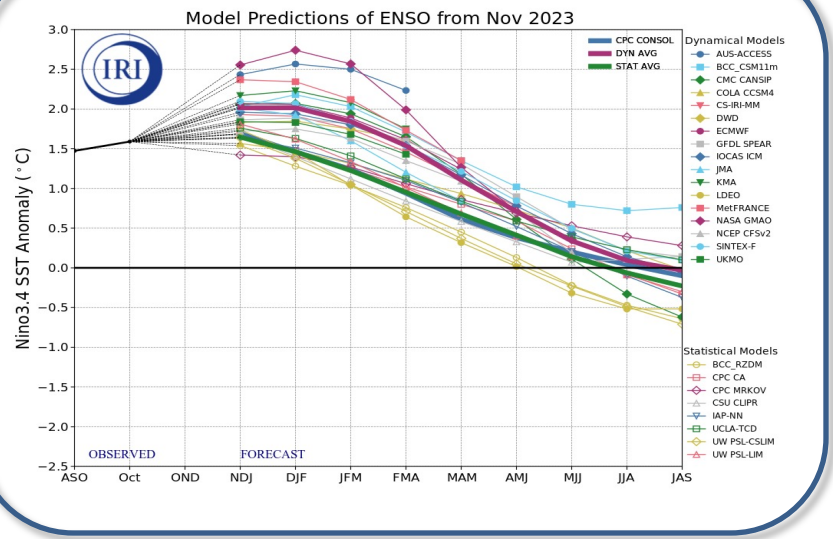


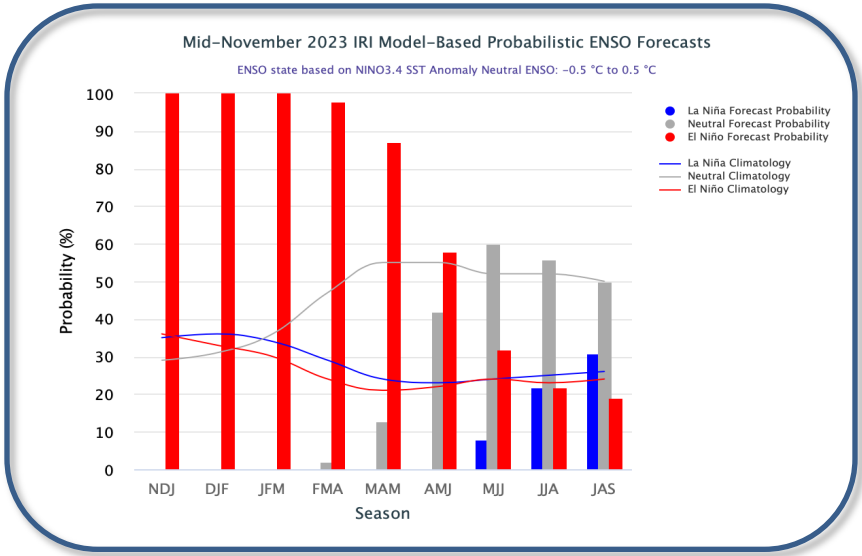
- Negative NAO weakened to near normal in Nov 2023.
- Strong warming continued in the eastern North Atlantic Ocean.

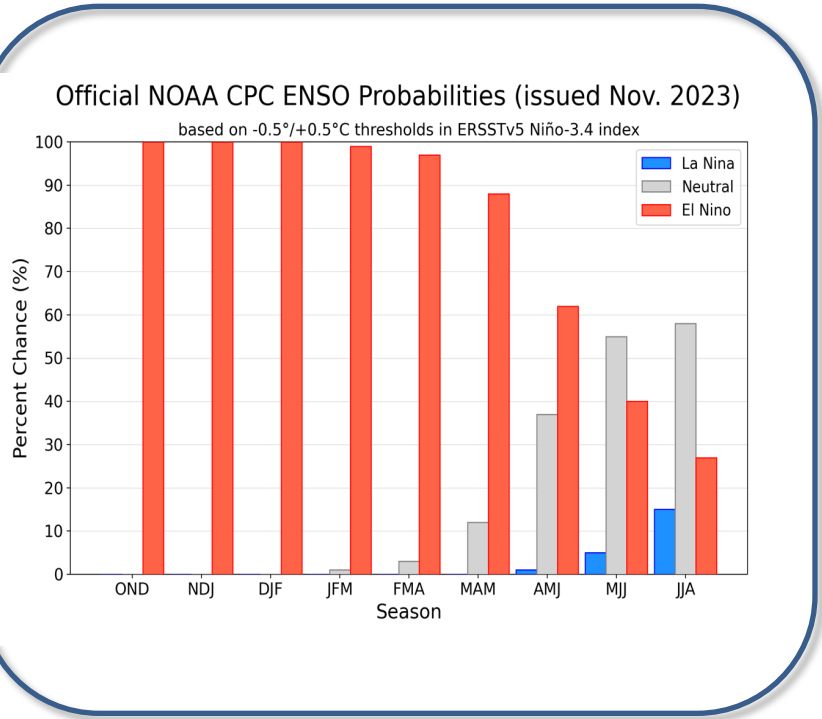
Monthly standardized NAO index (top) derived from monthly standardized 500-mb height anomalies obtained from the NCEP CDAS in 20°N-90°N. Time-latitude section of SSTAs averaged between 80ºW and 20ºW (bottom). SST are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, and anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

ENSO and Global SST Predictions

IRI/CPC Niño3.4 Forecast

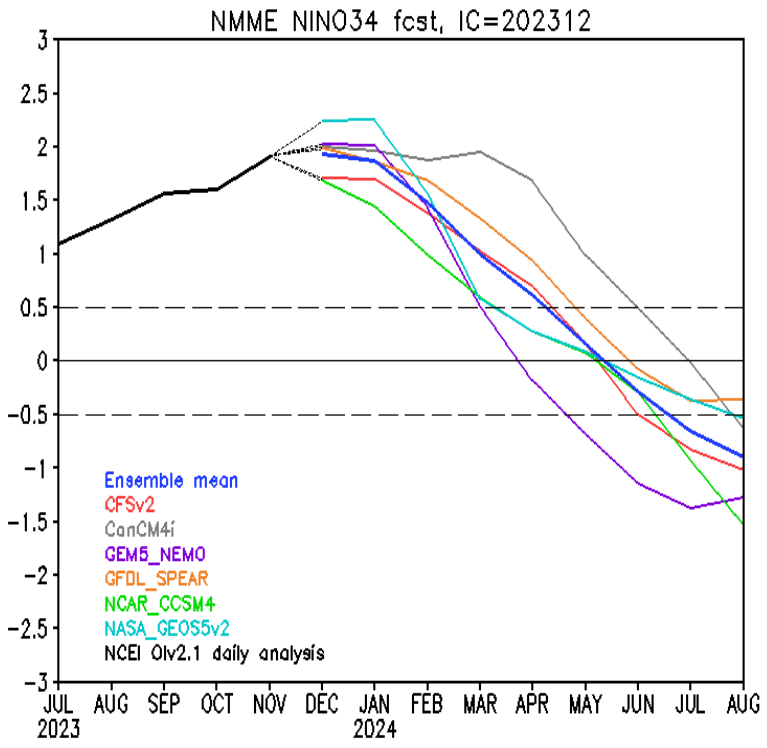


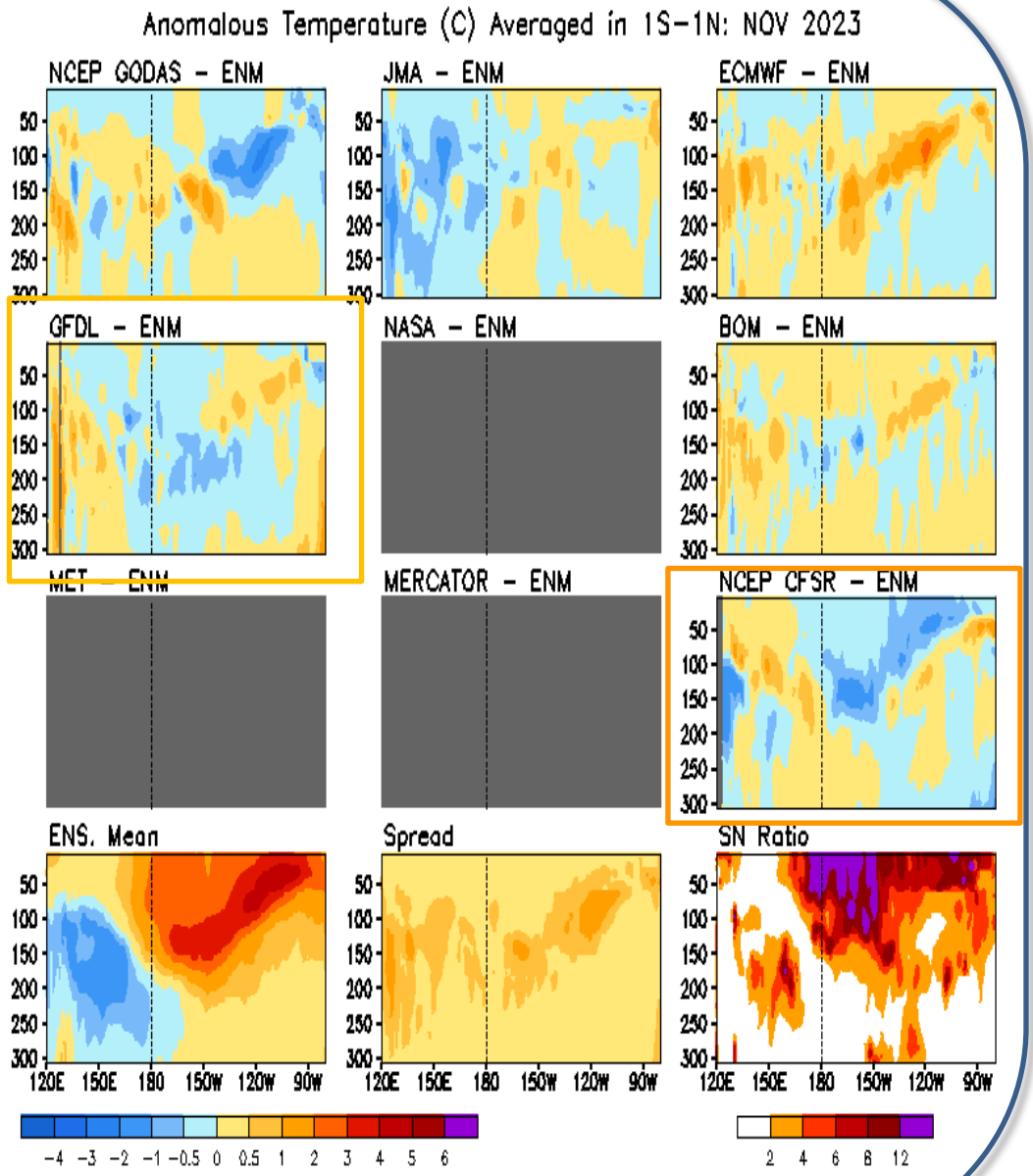




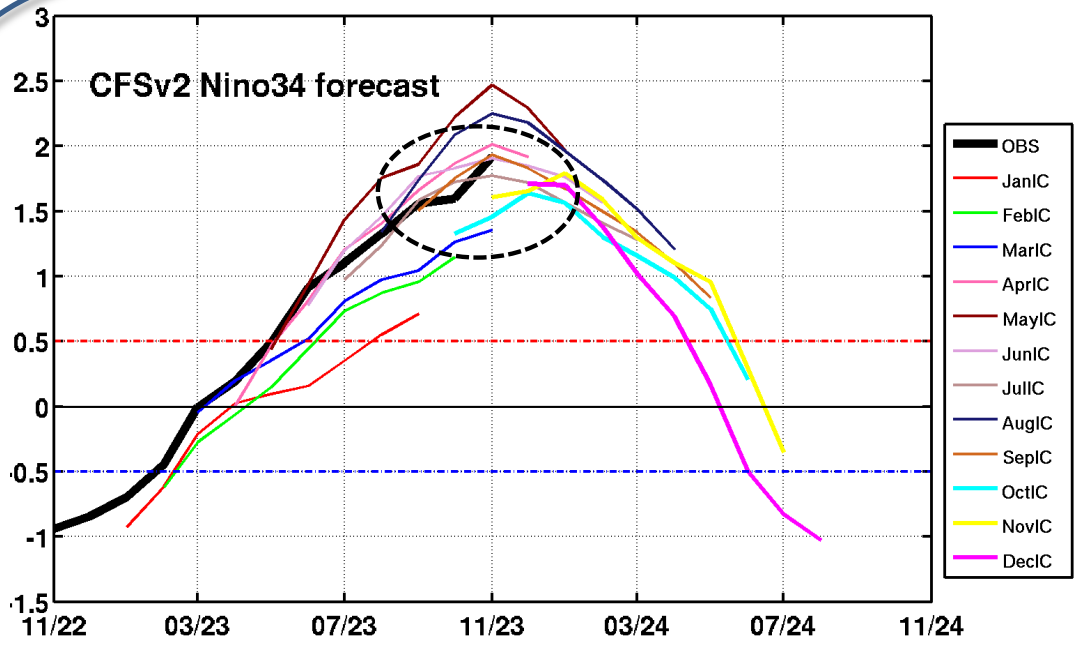
- Most models forecasted that El Niño conditions will continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring 2024.
- Dynamical model ensemble mean favors of a strong El Niño through early boreal spring of 2024.
- **ENSO Alert System Status issued on Nov 9 2023: El Niño Advisory**
- Synopsis: "*El Niño is anticipated to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring (with a 62% chance during April-June 2024)*"

Uncertainty in ocean initial conditions and NMME forecasts

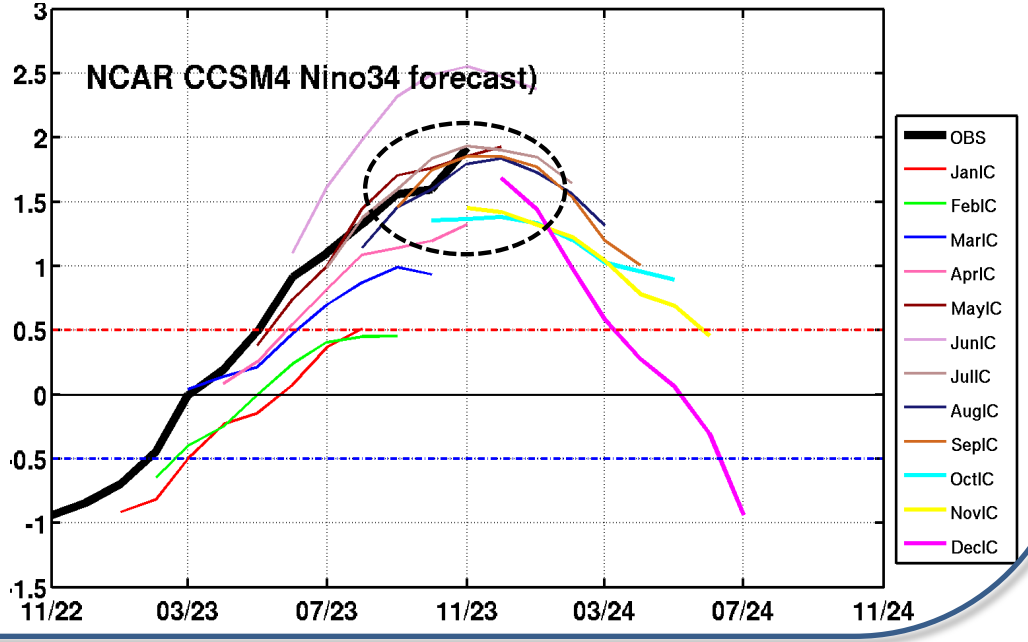




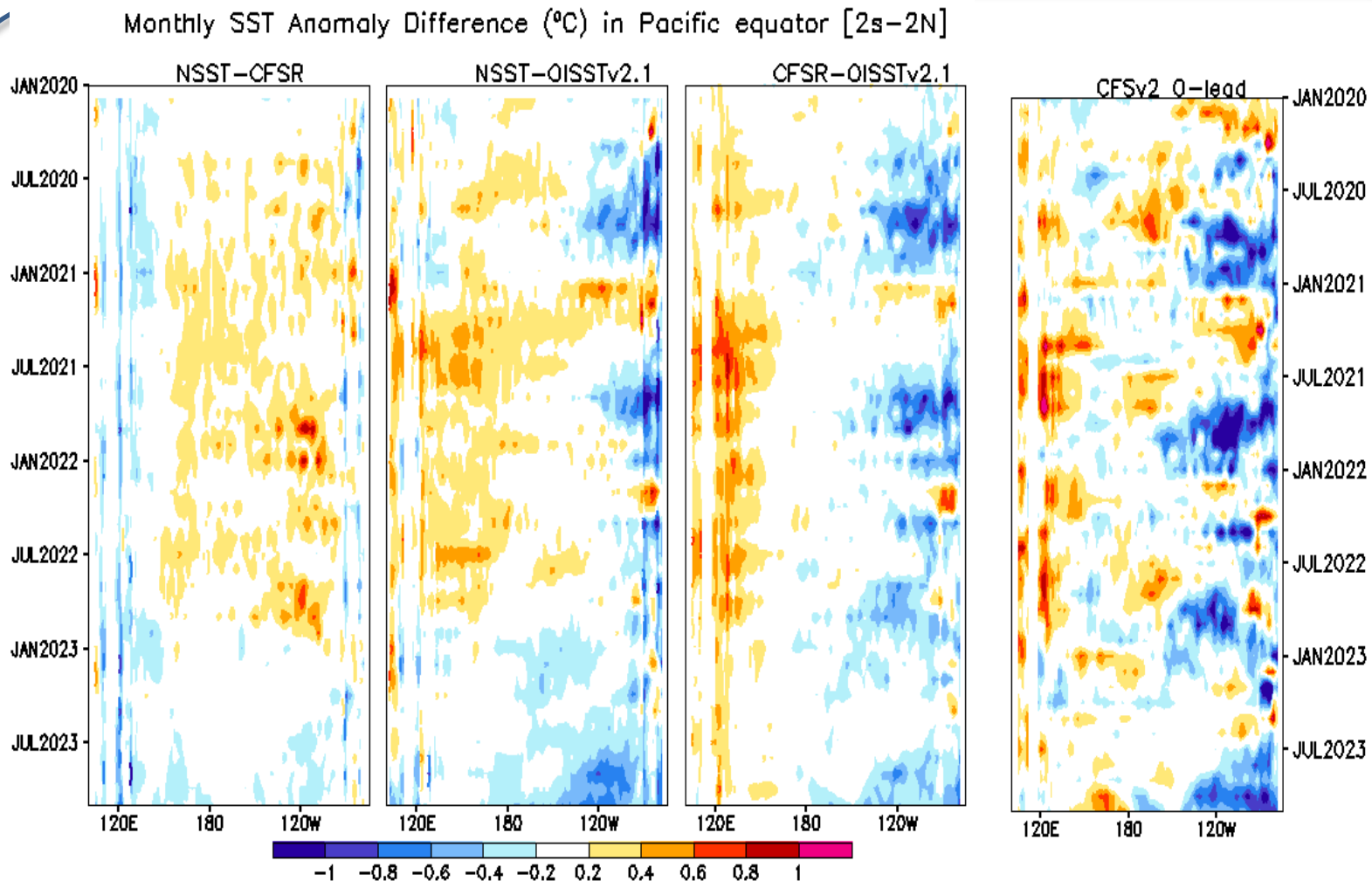
CFSv2 and CCSM4 forecasts at different initial months



Both CFSv2 and CCSM4 use CFSR as ocean initial conditions.



Impact of NSST cold bias on CFSv2

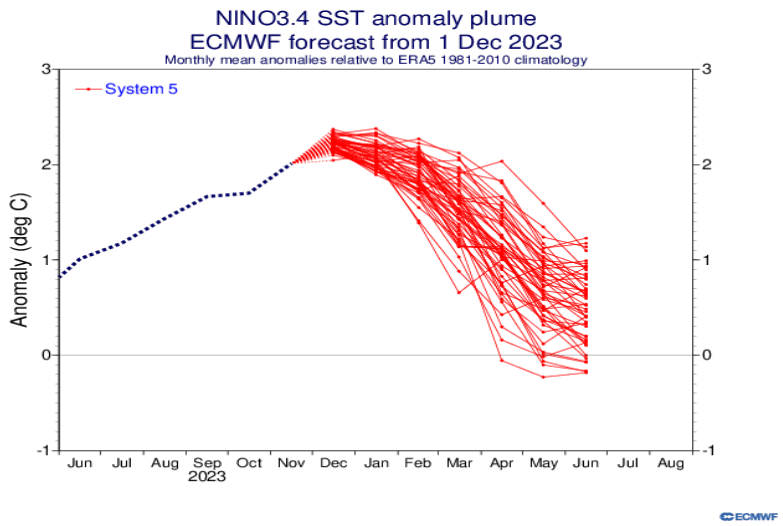


Bias pathway : NSST ⇨ CFSR⇨ CFSv2

Wen,C., A. Kumar, W. Wang, M.L Heureux, P.Xie, Z. Hu and B.Katz (2022): Communicating uncertainty in SST analysis. Extended Summary, *Climate Prediction S&T Digest*, *46th NOAA Climate Diagnostics and Prediction Workshop,* Virtual Online, DOC/NOAA, page range. DOI: 10.25923/rj6c-rk11

Individual Model Forecasts: A strong to very strong El Niño in 2023

EC: Niño3.4, IC= 1 Dec 2023



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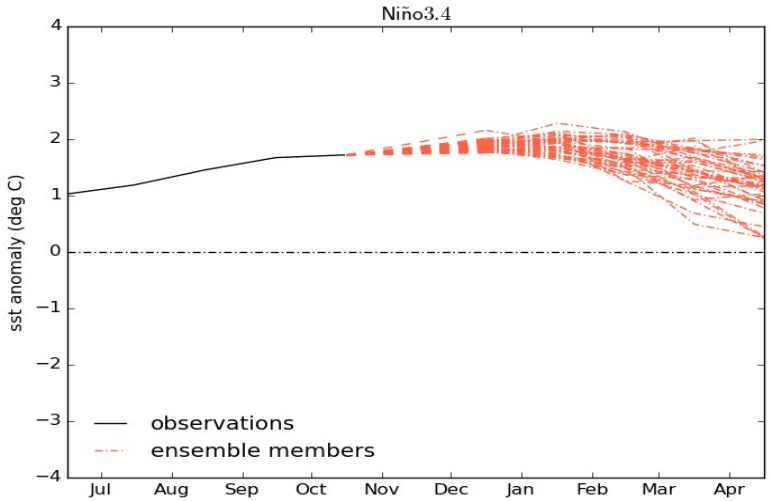

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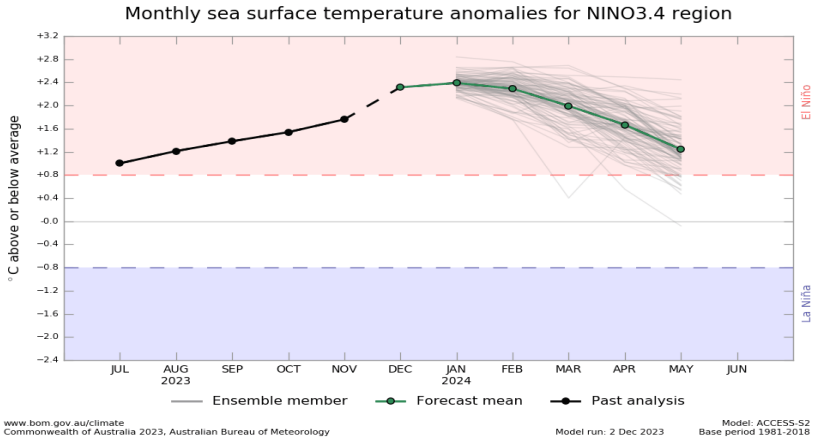

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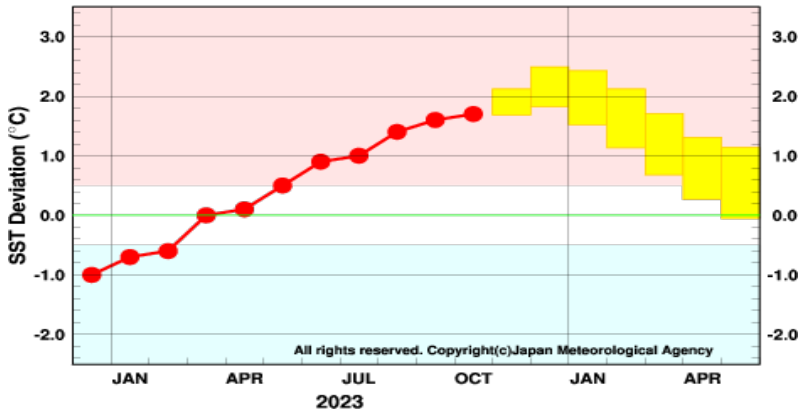

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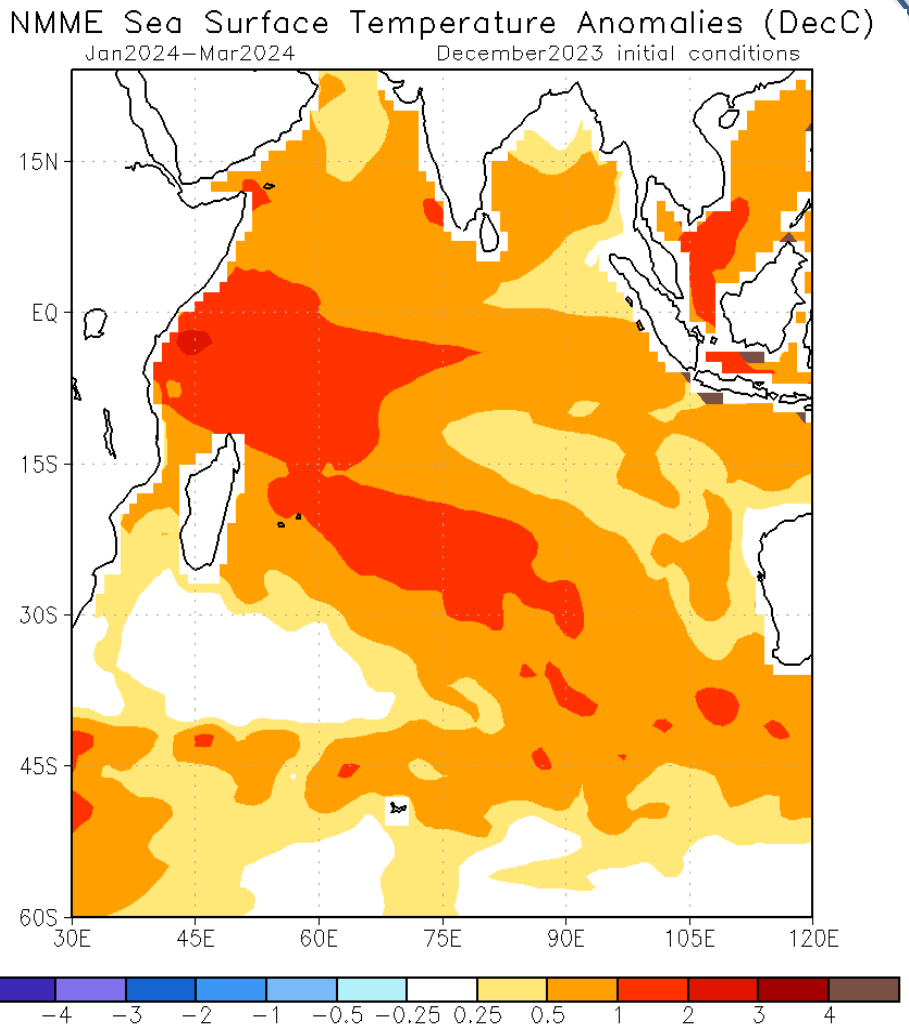

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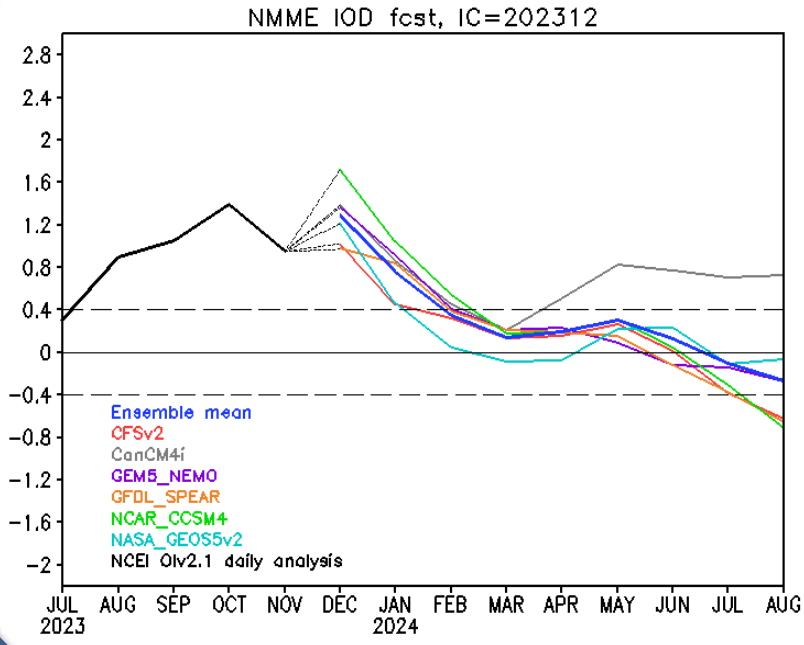
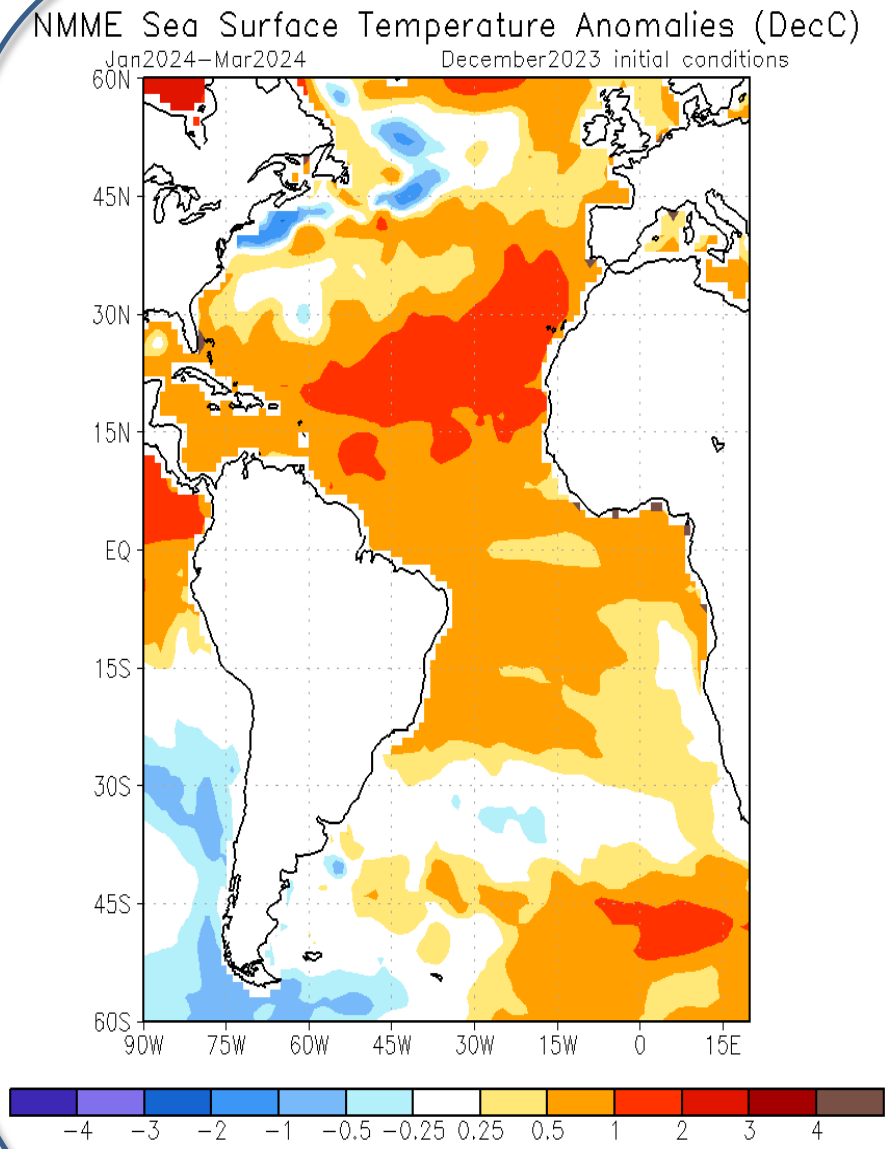
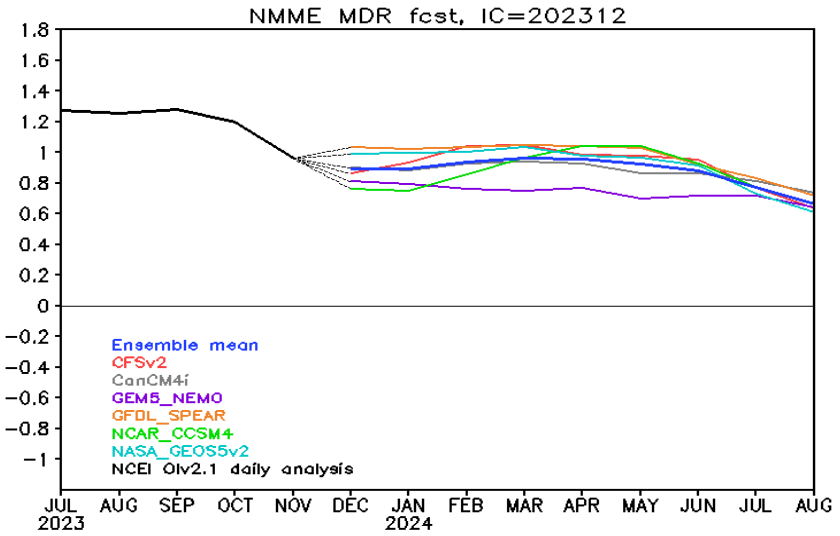
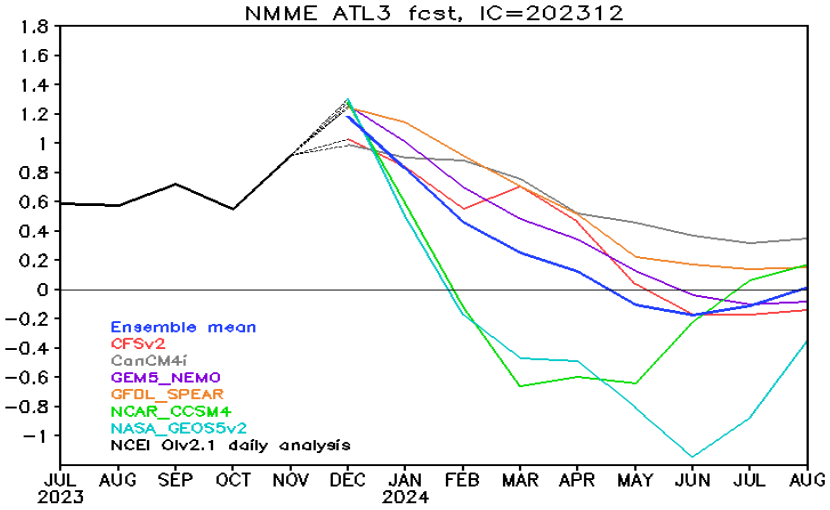


- Most of NMME members predict the positive IOD event will last through Feb 2024.

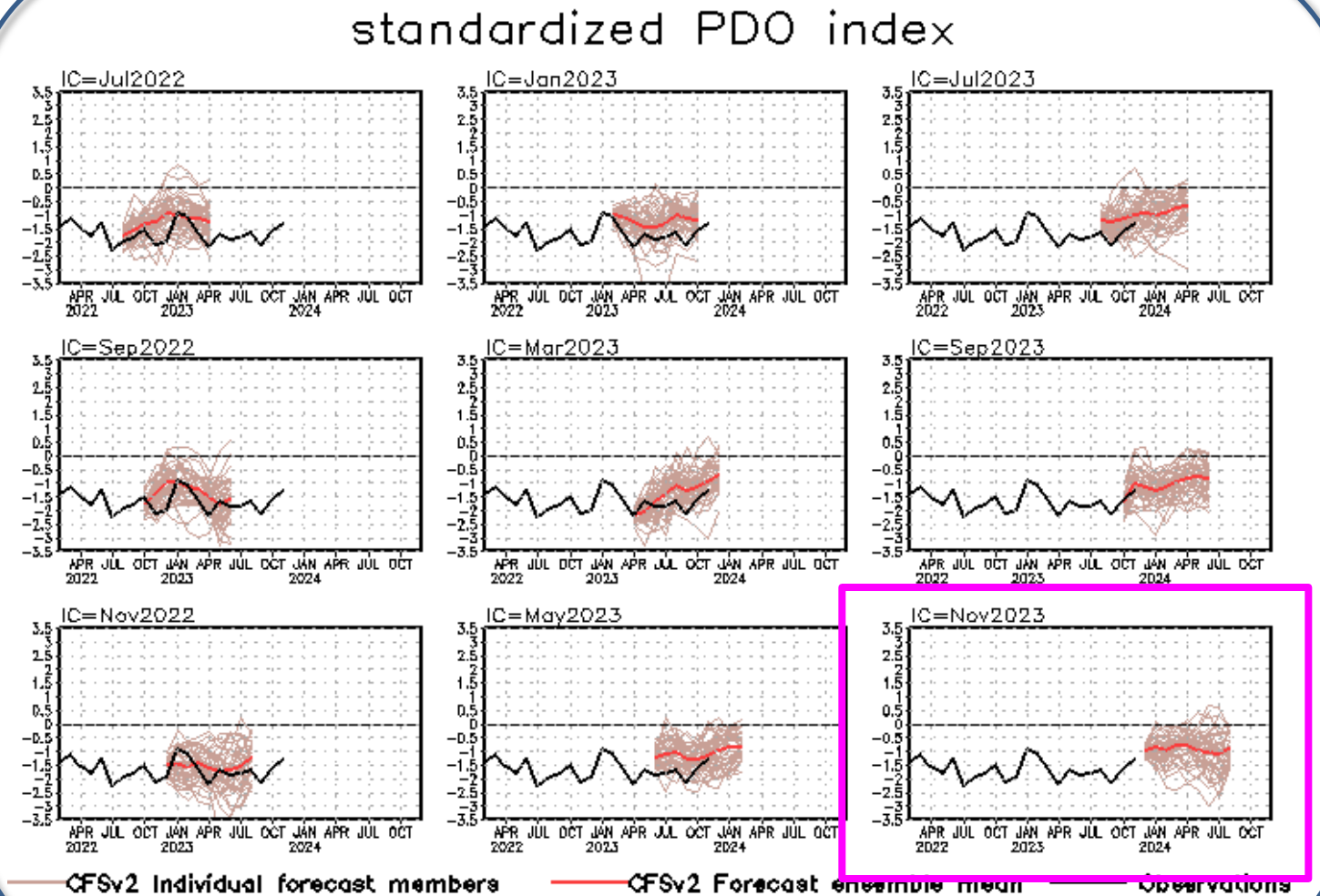
NMME Forecasts in the Atlantic Ocean







CFS Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) Index Predictions from Different Initial Months



- CFSv2 predicts the negative phase of PDO will continue through summer 2024.

CFS Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) index predictions from the latest 9 initial months. Displayed are 40 forecast members (brown) made four times per day initialized from the last 10 days of the initial month (labelled as IC=MonthYear) as well as ensemble mean (blue) and observations (black). Anomalies were computed with respect to the 1991-2020 base period means. PDO is the first EOF of monthly ERSSTv3b anomaly in the region of [110°E-100°W, 20°N-60°N]. CFS PDO index is the standardized projection of CFS SST forecast anomalies onto the PDO EOF pattern.

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Data Sources (climatology is for 1991-2020)

- **NCEP/CPC Ocean Monitoring & Briefing Operation (Hu et al., 2022, BAMS)**
- **Weekly Optimal Interpolation SST (OIv2.1 SST; Huang et al. 2021)**
- **Extended Reconstructed SST (ERSST) v5 (Huang et al. 2017)**
- **Blended Analysis of Surface Salinity (BASS) (Xie et al. 2014)**
- **CMORPH precipitation (Xie et al. 2017)**
- **CFSR evaporation adjusted to OAFlux (Xie and Ren 2018)**
- **NCEP CDAS winds, surface radiation and heat fluxes (Kalnay et al. 1996)**
- **NESDIS Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (Liebmann and Smith 1996)**
- **NCEP's GODAS temperature, heat content, currents (Behringer and Xue 2004)**
- **Aviso altimetry sea surface height from CMEMS**
- **Ocean Surface Current Analyses – Realtime (OSCAR)**
- **In situ data objective analyses (IPRC, Scripps, EN4.2.1, PMEL TAO)**
- **Operational Ocean Reanalysis Intercomparison Project**

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/GODAS/multiora_body.html

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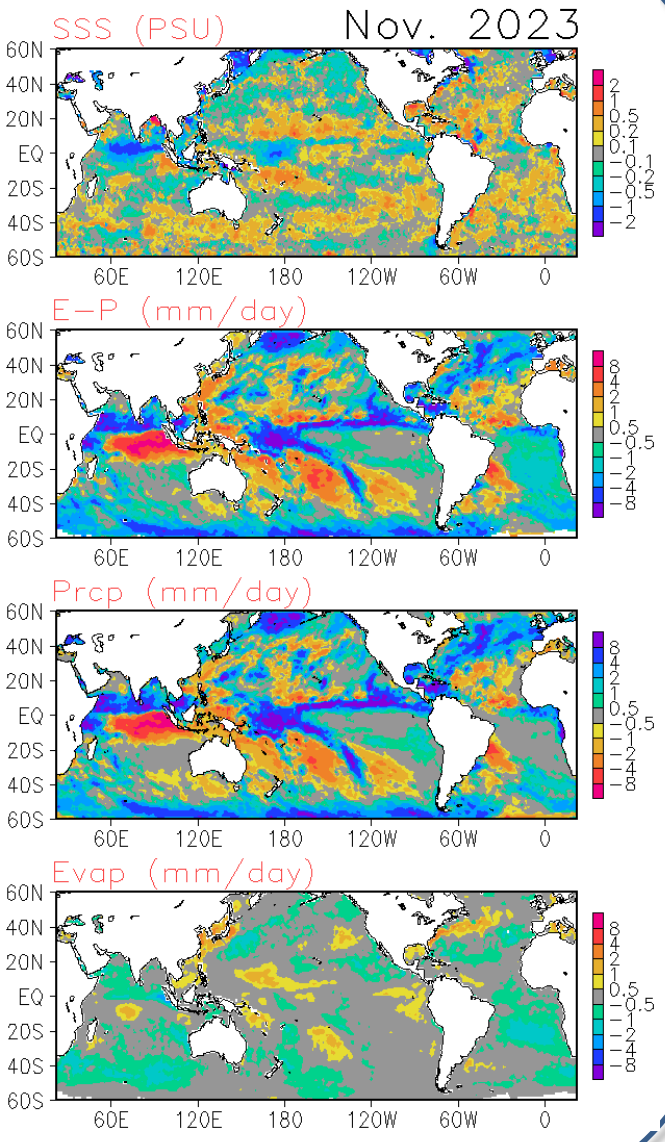
Backup Slides

Global Sea Surface Salinity (SSS): Anomaly for November 2023

New Update: The NCEI SST data used in the quality control procedure has been updated to version 2.1 since May 2020;

Positive precipitation (Enhanced fresh water flux) is observed across the equatorial Pacific, located slightly south of its climatological position, creating freshening SSS anomalies there. Wet precipitation anomalies also appeared over the NW Atlantic and NW Pacific oceans, contributing to the freshened SSS anomalies over the region. Over the Indian ocean, ITCZ is shifted northward, creating wet / dry precipitation anomalies there. However, similar to what was observed in the previous month, only freshening SSS anomalies are visible.



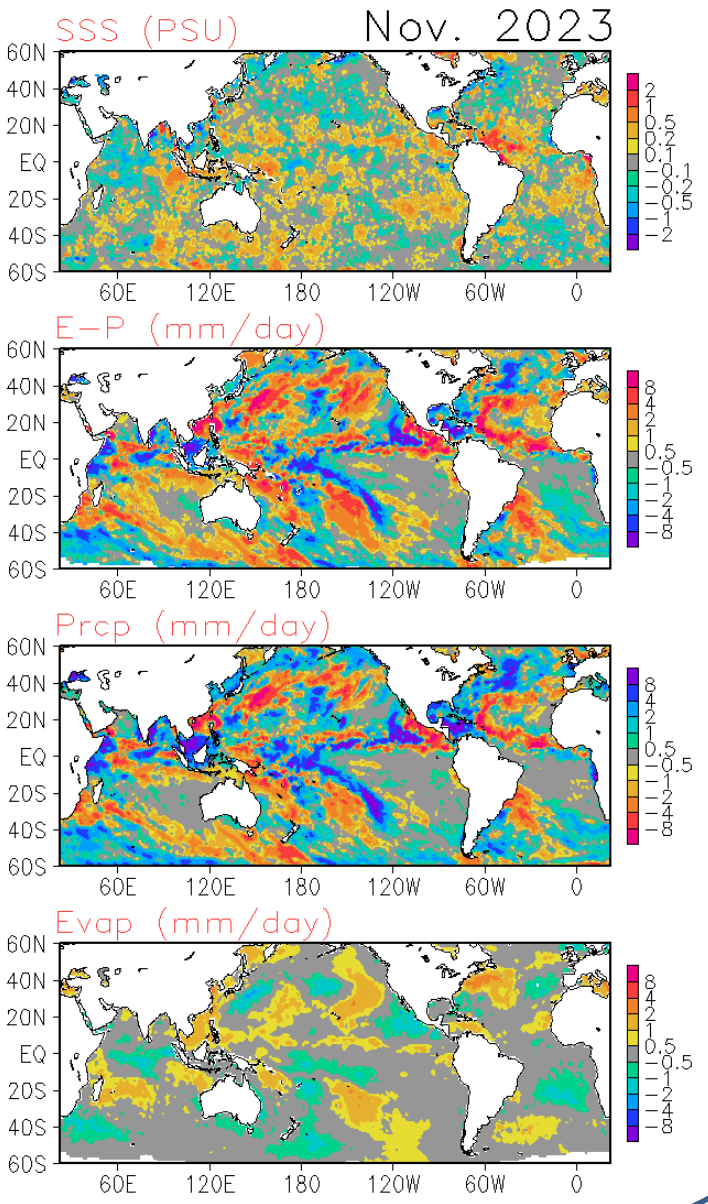
SSS : Blended Analysis of Surface Salinity (BASS) V0.Z
(a CPC-NESDIS/NODC-NESDIS/STAR joint effort)
ftp.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/precip/BASS

Precipitation: CMORPH adjusted satellite precipitation estimates

Evaporation: Adjusted CFS Reanalysis

Global Sea Surface Salinity (SSS): Tendency for November 2023

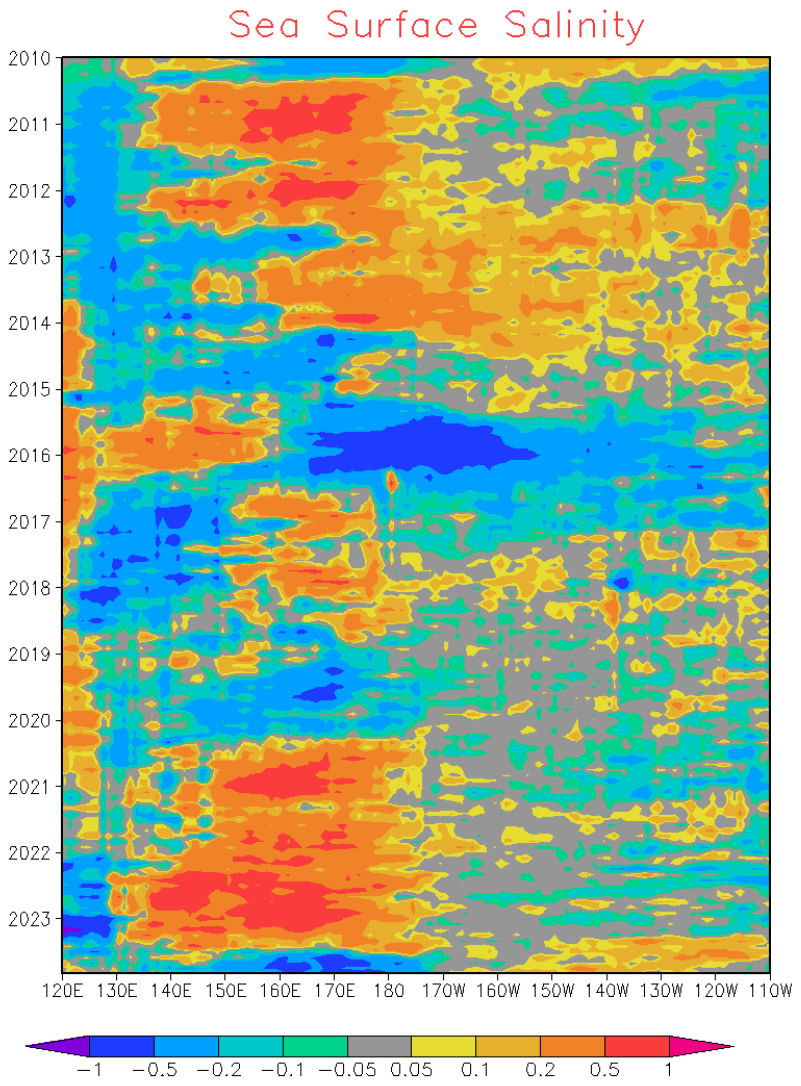
Over the equatorial Pacific, precipitation (E-P) shows a slightly enhanced / depressed tendency over the centering / edges of the ITCZ belt regions. SSS tendency is less organized over majority of the tropical Pacific except over the eastern end where weakened precipitation (E-P) and saltier SSS tendency are observed. Saltier SSS tendency also appeared over the western tropical Atlantic off the coast of Brazil, at least partially attributable to the dry precipitation tendency there.



Monthly SSS Anomaly Evolution over Equatorial Pacific

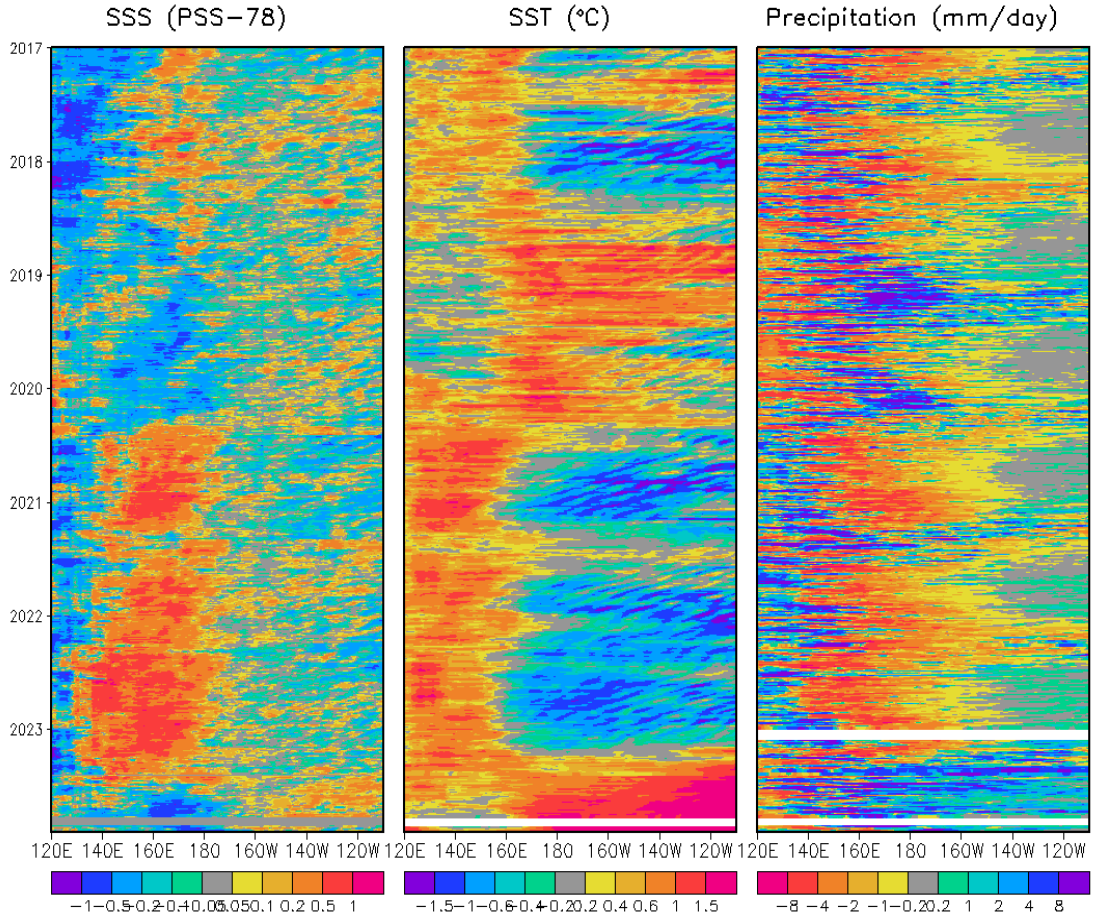
NOTE: Since June 2015, the BASS SSS is from in situ, SMOS and SMAP; before June 2015,The BASS SSS is from in situ, SMOS and Aquarius.

- Hovermoller diagram for equatorial SSS anomaly **(5˚S-5˚N);**
- Freshened SSS anomalies enhanced substantially over the central equatorial Pacific (150ºE-170ºW) during November 2023. Saltier SSS anomalies continues over the eastern equatorial Pacific (150ºW-120ºW) but started turning into negative over the eastern tip of the equatorial Pacific.

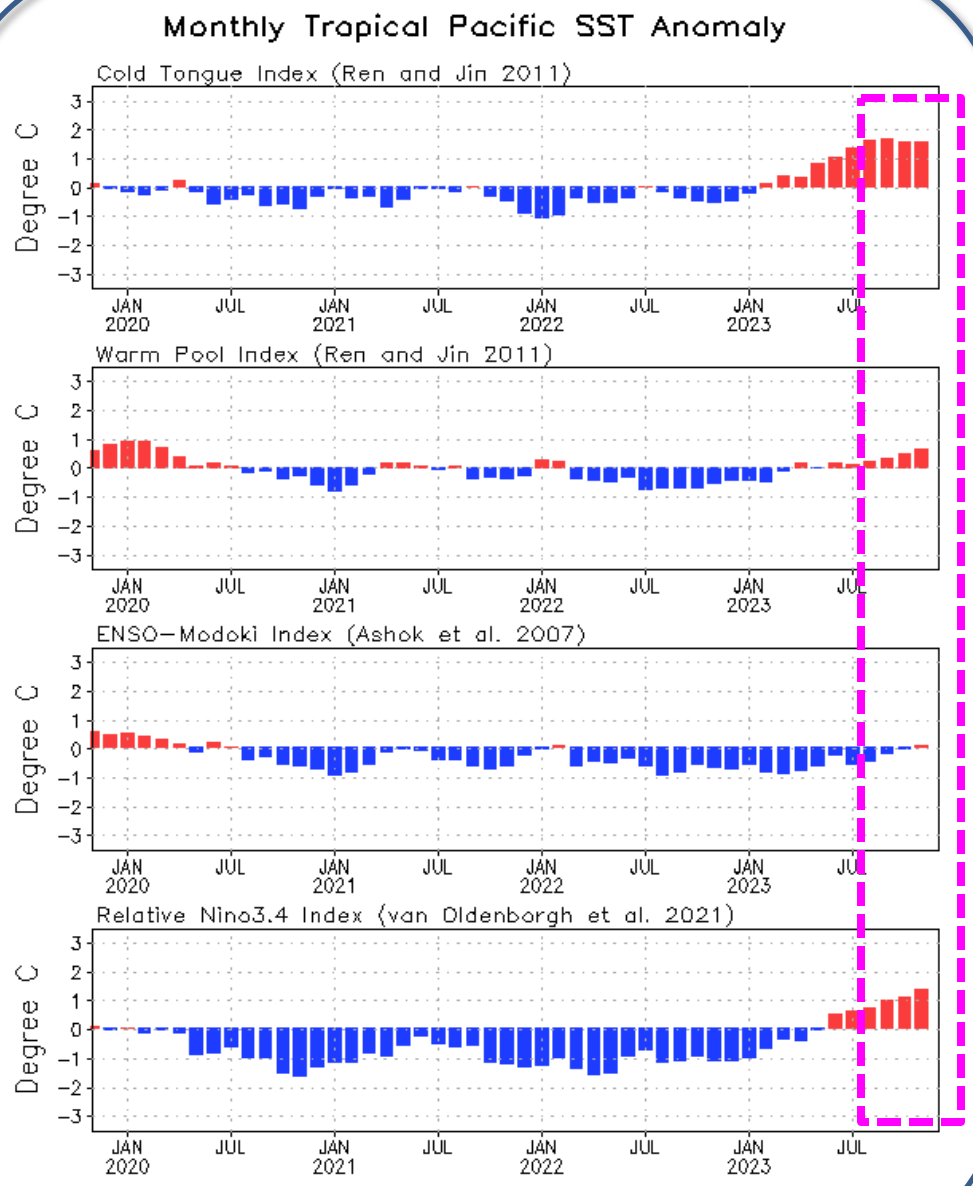


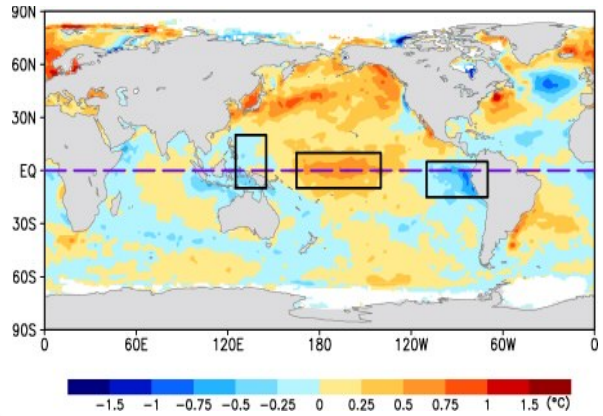
Pentad SSS Anomaly Evolution over Equatorial Pacific

Figure caption: Hovermoller diagram for equatorial (5˚S-5˚N) 5-day mean SSS, SST and precipitation anomalies. The climatology for SSS is Levitus 1994 climatology. The SST data used here is the OISST V2 AVHRR only daily dataset with its climatology being calculated from 1985 to 2010. The precipitation data used here is the adjusted CMORPH dataset with its climatology being calculated from 1999 to 2013.



Evolution of Pacific Niño SST Indices



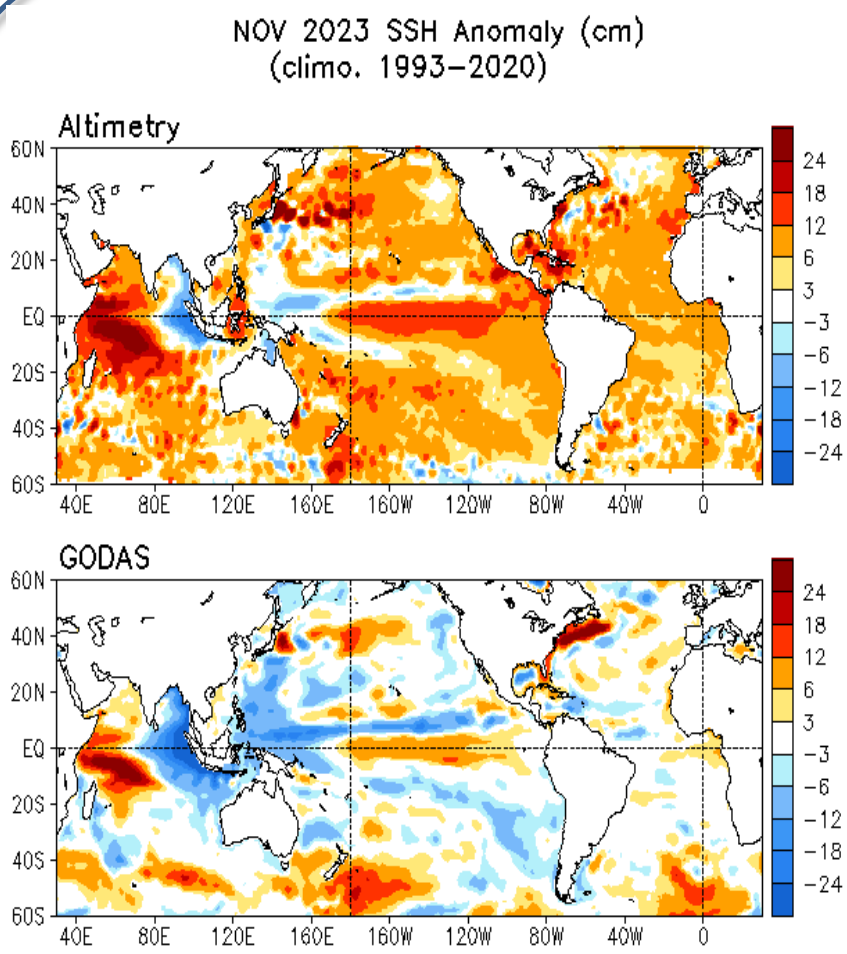


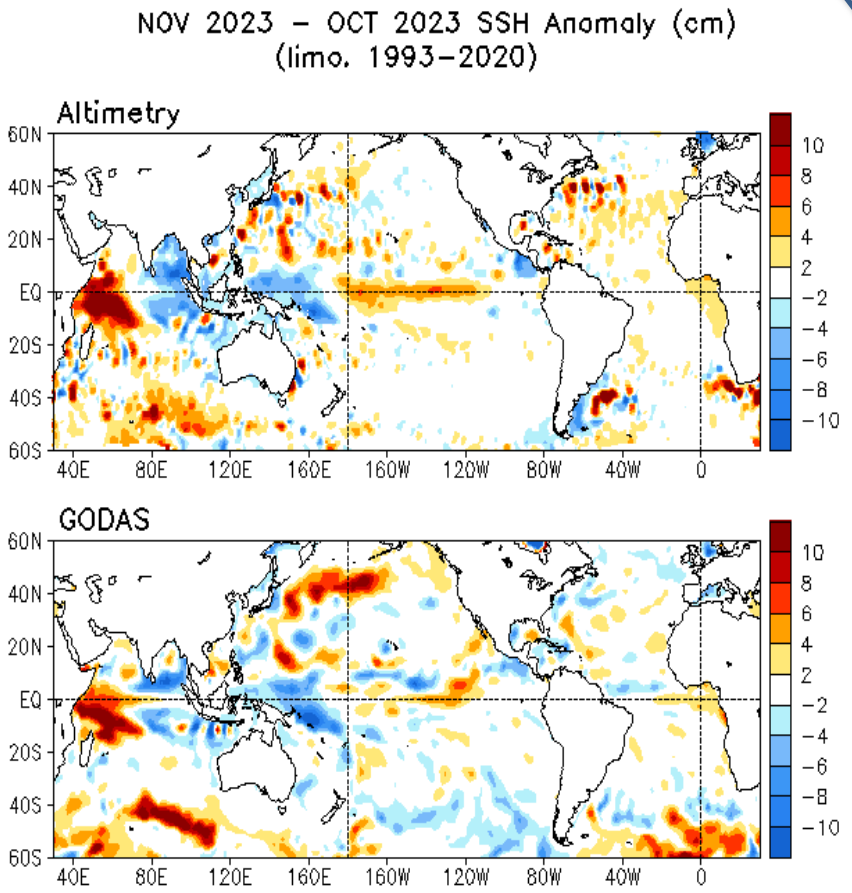
- Relative Niño3.4 index is now included in ENSO monitoring, which is defined as the conventional Niño3.4 index minus the SSTA averaged in the whole tropics (0°-360°, 20°S-20°N), in order to remove the global warming signal. Also, to have the same variability as the conventional Niño3.4 index, the relative Niño3.4 index is renormalized (van Oldenborgh et al. 2021: ERL, 10.1088/1748-9326/abe9ed).

Relative Niño3.4 data updated monthly at:

https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/data/indices/RONI.ascii.txt

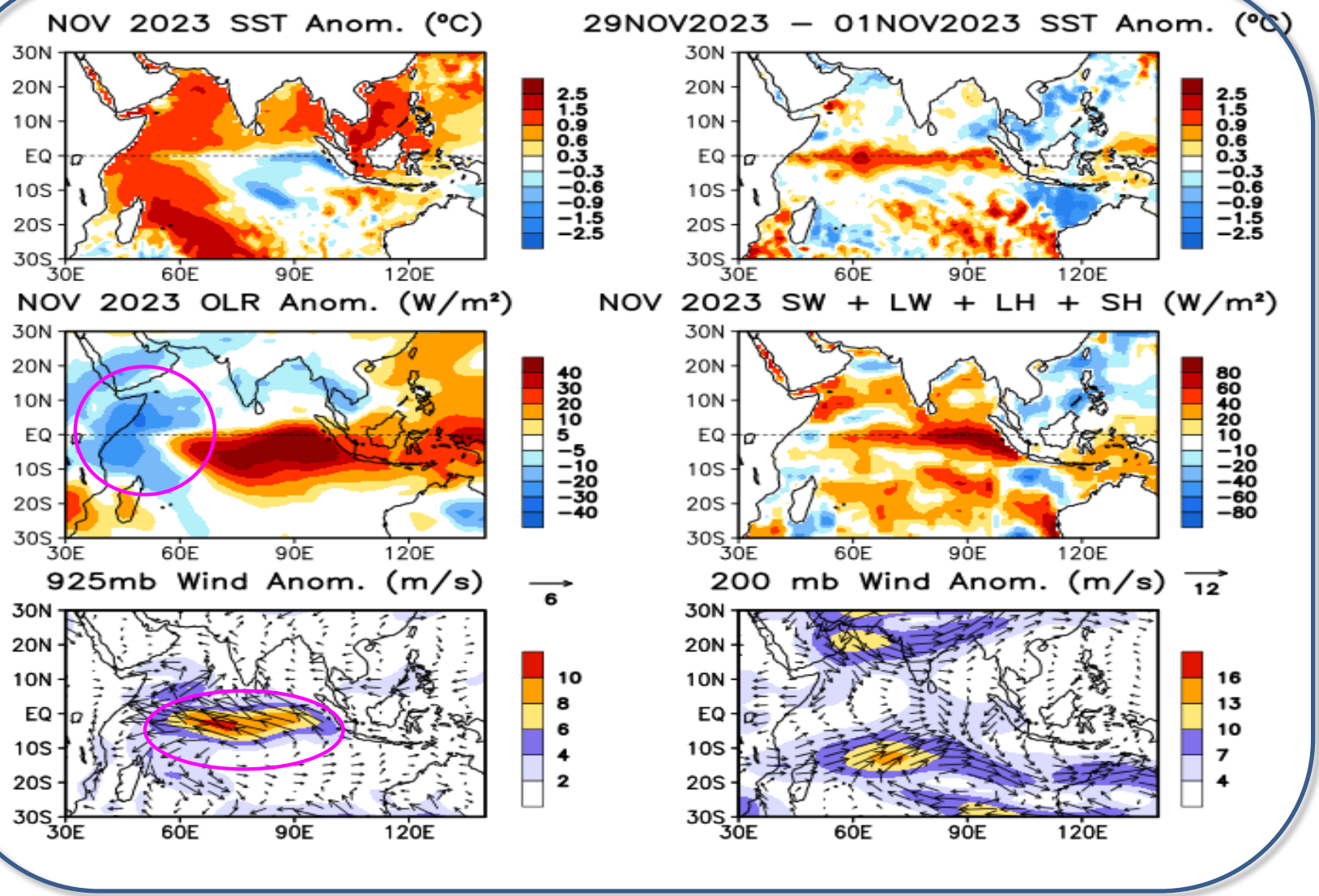
AVISO & GODAS SSH Anomaly (cm) and Anomaly Tendency





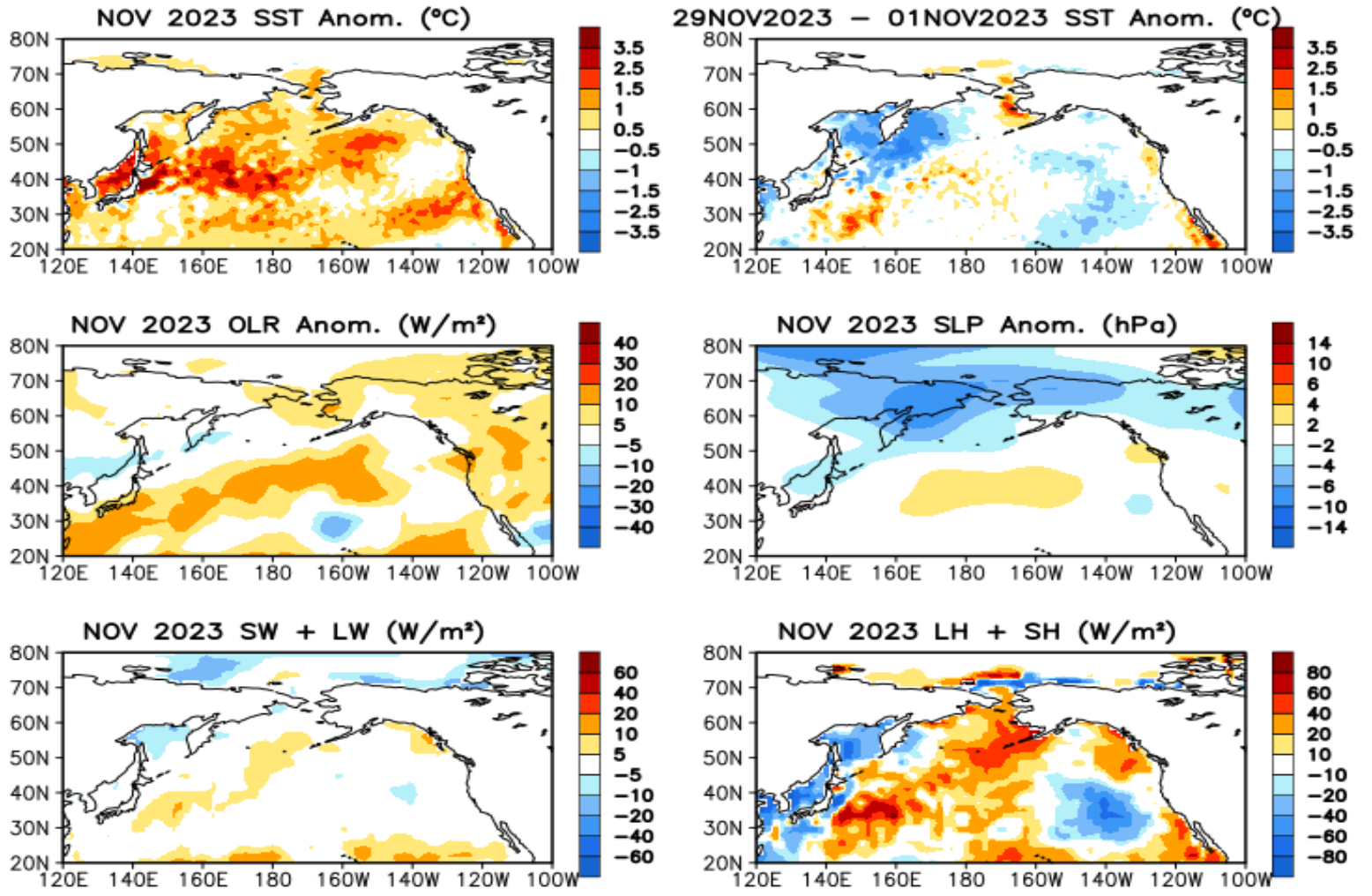
- SSHs were above normal in the equatorial Pacific in GODAS & AVISO.
- The tendencies indicated an increase (decrease) of SSH in the eastern (western) tropical Pacific.

Tropical Indian: SSTA, SSTA Tend., OLR, Sfc Rad, Sfc Flx, 925-mb & 200-mb Wind Anom.



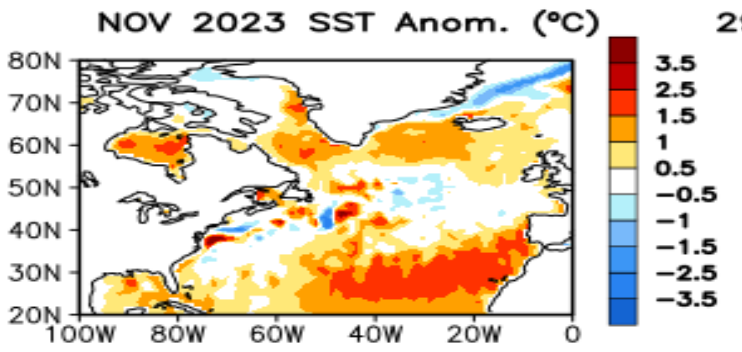
SSTAs (top-left), SSTA tendency (top-right), OLR anomalies (middle-left), sum of net surface short- and long-wave radiation, latent and sensible heat flux anomalies (middle-right), 925-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-left), 200-mb wind anomaly vector and its amplitude (bottom-right). SST are derived from the OIv2.1 SST analysis, OLR from the NOAA 18 AVHRR IR window channel measurements by NESDIS, winds and surface radiation and heat fluxes from the NCEP CDAS. Anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

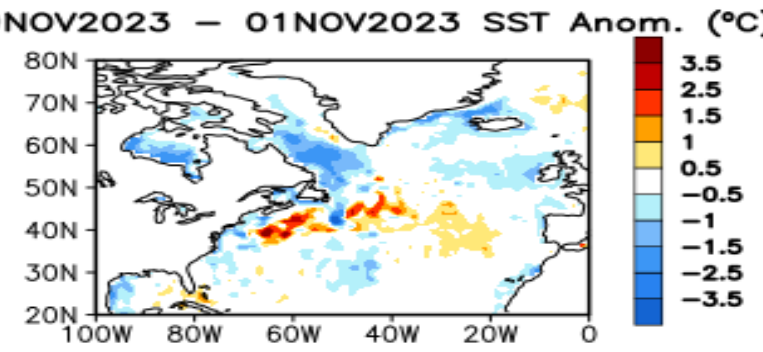
North Pacific & Arctic Ocean: SSTA, SSTA Tend., OLR, SLP, Sfc Rad, Sfc Flx Anomalies

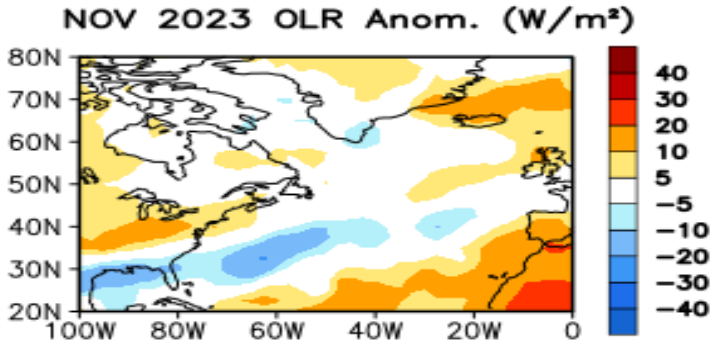


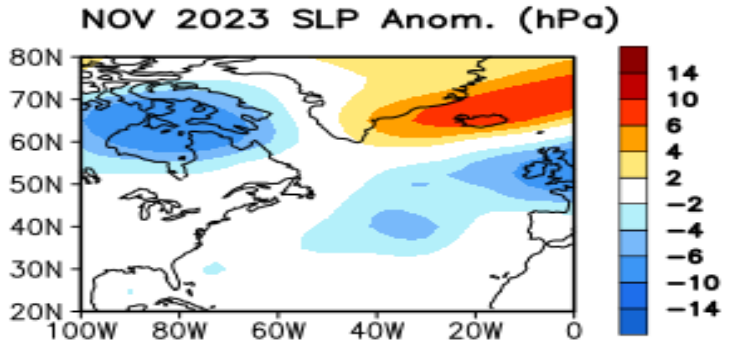
SSTA (top-left; OIv2.1 SST Analysis), SSTA tendency (top-right), Outgoing Long-wave Radiation (OLR) (middle-left; NOAA 18 AVHRR IR), sea surface pressure (middle-right; NCEP CDAS), sum of net surface short- and long-wave radiation (bottom-left; positive means heat into the ocean; NCEP CDAS), sum of latent and sensible heat flux (bottom-right; positive means heat into the ocean; NCEP CDAS). Anomalies are departures from the 1991-2020 base period means.

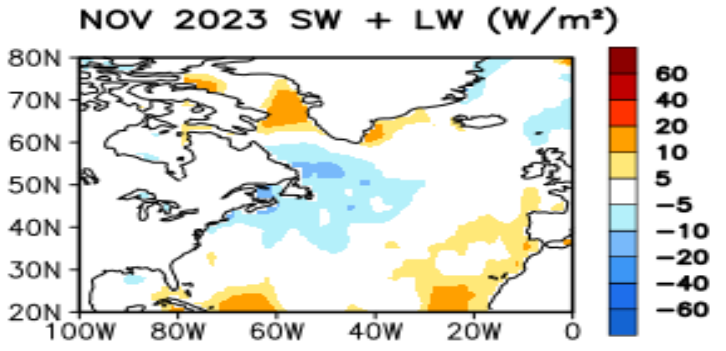
N. Atlantic: SST, SST tend., OLR, SLP, & heat flex anom.

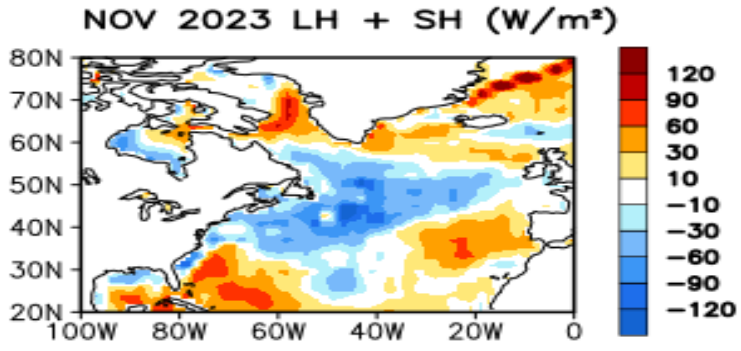












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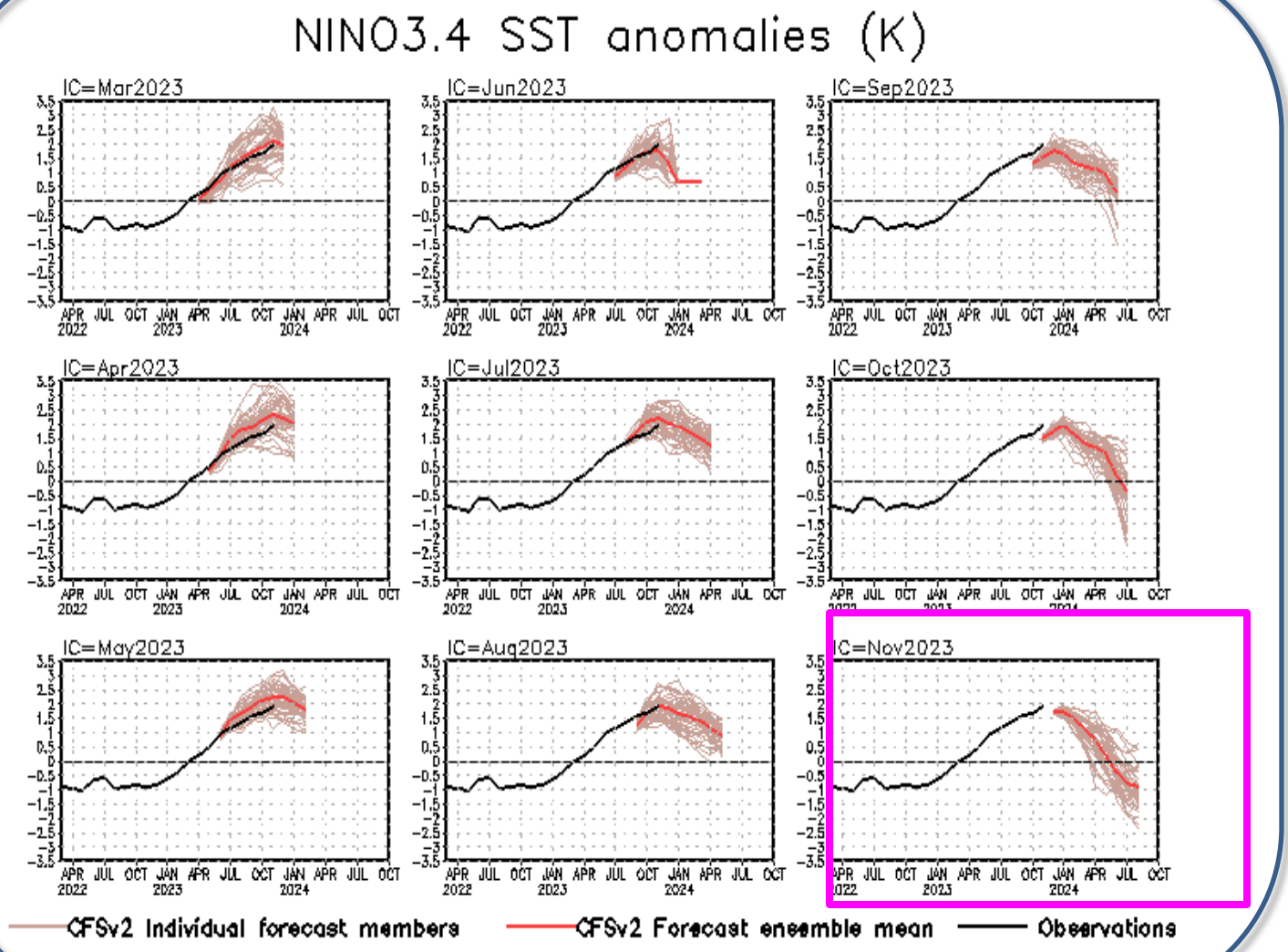
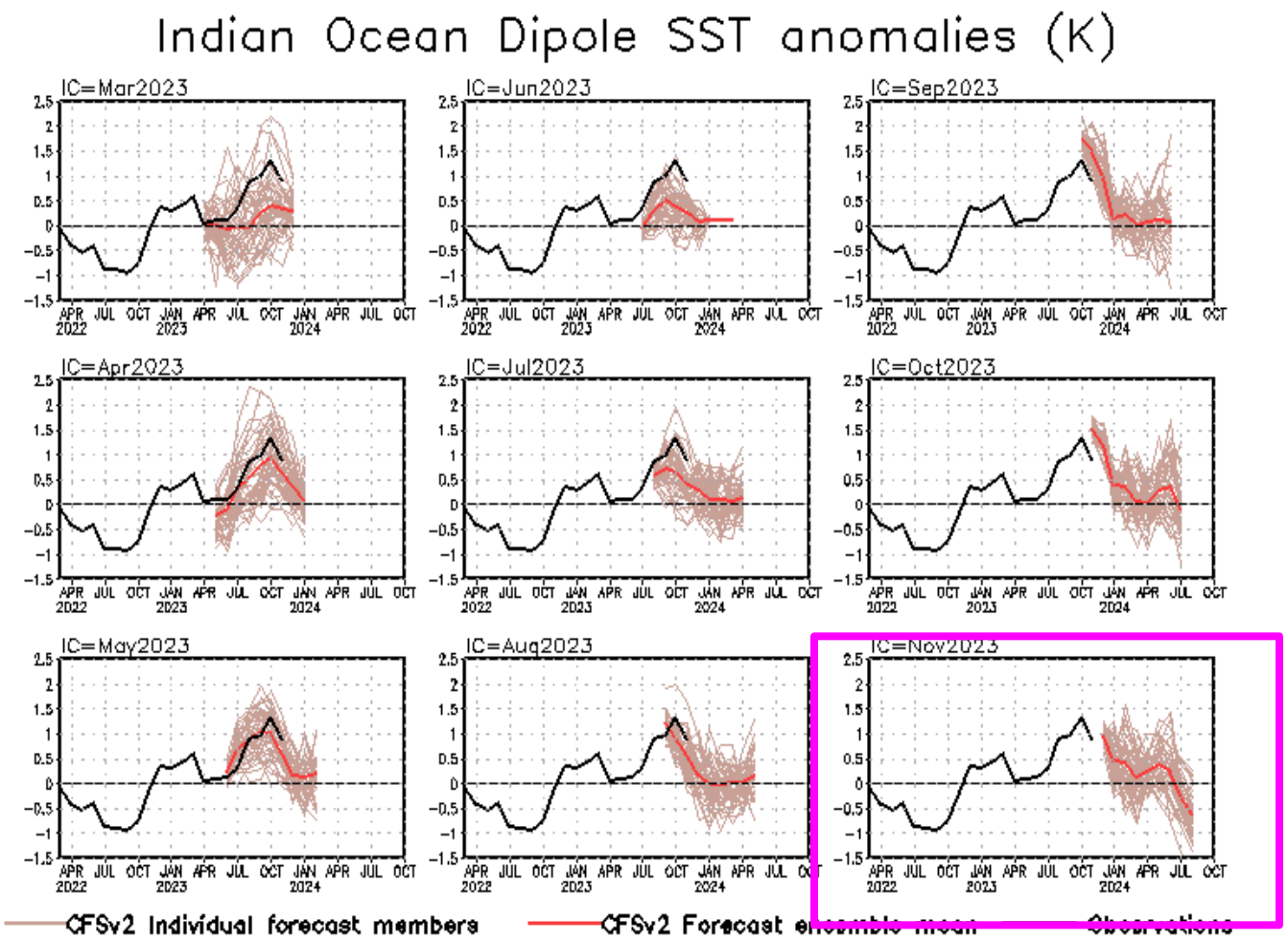


- The latest CFSv2 forecasts call for an El Niño in the second half of 2023.

CFS Niño3.4 SST prediction from the latest 9 initial months. Displayed are 40 forecast members (brown) made four times per day initialized from the last 10 days of the initial month (labelled as IC=MonthYear) as well as ensemble mean (blue) and observations (black). Anomalies were computed with respect to the 1991-2020 base period means.

NCEP CFS DMI SST Predictions from Different Initial Months



- CFSv2 predicts the positive phase of IOD will continue through winter 2023.

CFS Dipole Model Index (DMI) SST predictions from the latest 9 initial months. Displayed are 40 forecast members (brown) made four times per day initialized from the last 10 days of the initial month (labelled as IC=MonthYear) as well as ensemble mean (blue) and observations (black). The hindcast climatology for 1981-2006 was removed, and replaced by corresponding observation climatology for the same period. Anomalies were computed with respect to the 1991-2020 base period means.