

Intercomparison of operational wave forecasting systems against  
in-situ observations: data from BoM, DMI, DWD, ECCC,  
ECMWF, JMA, KMA, LPOS, METEOAM, METFR, METNO,  
NCEP, NIWA, NZMS, PRTOS, SHNSM, UKMO.

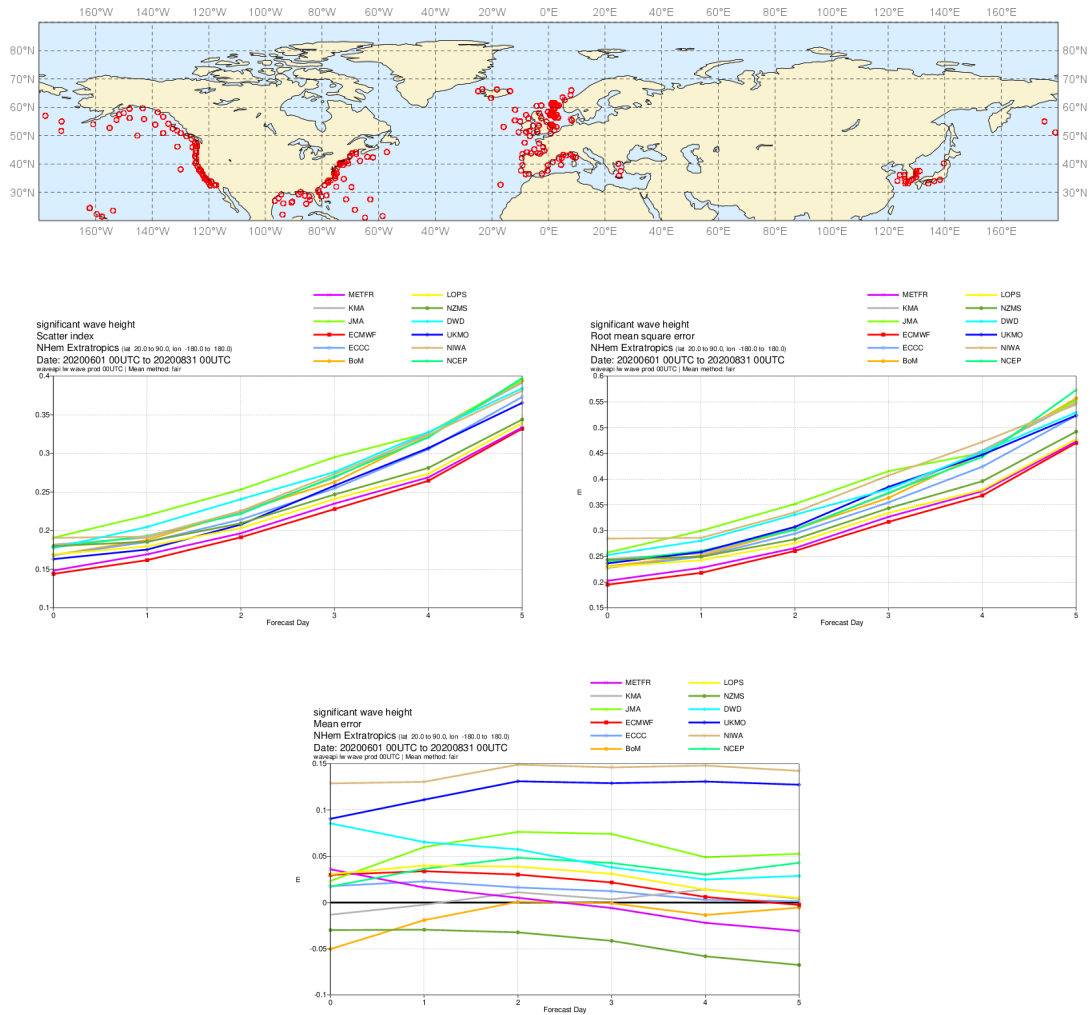
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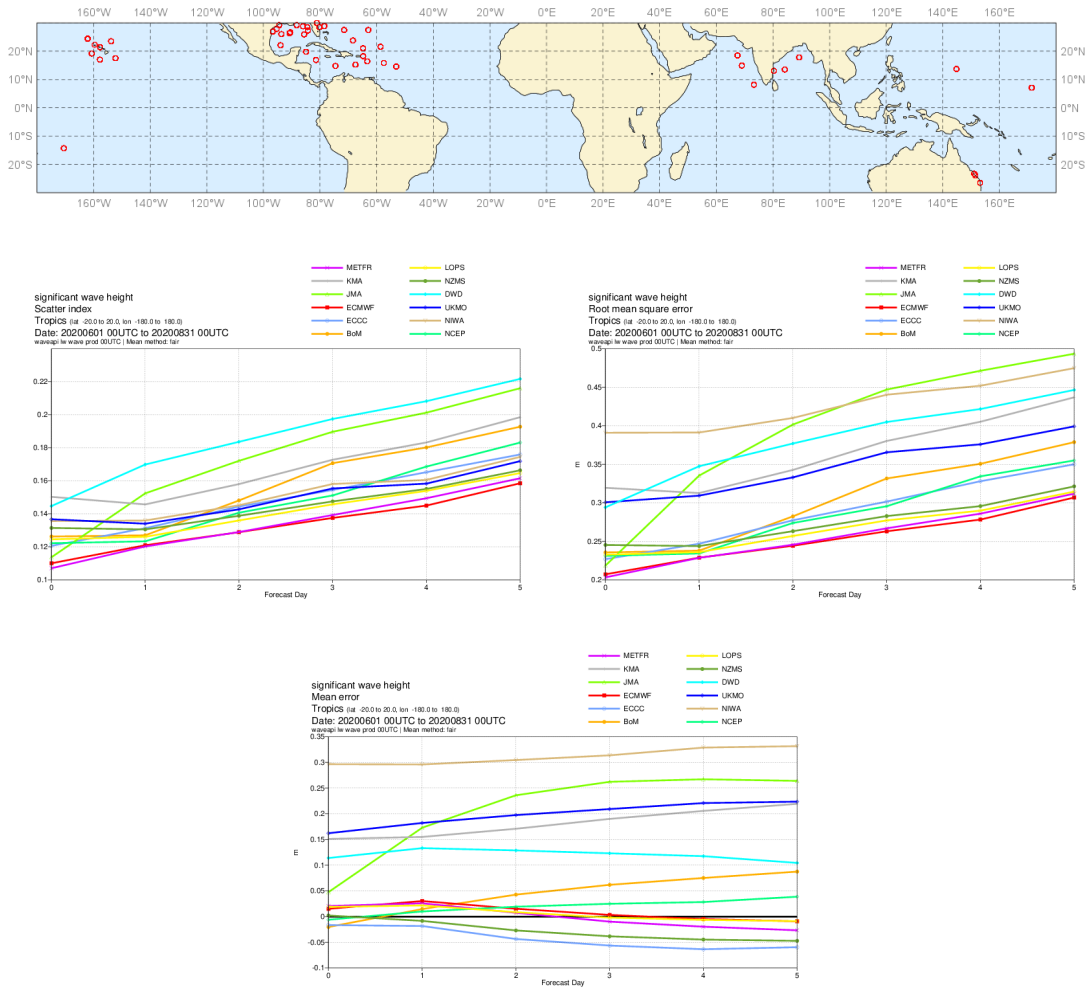
**PART I: significant wave height (SWH)**

Buoys observations - from 20200601 to 20200831 - (swh)



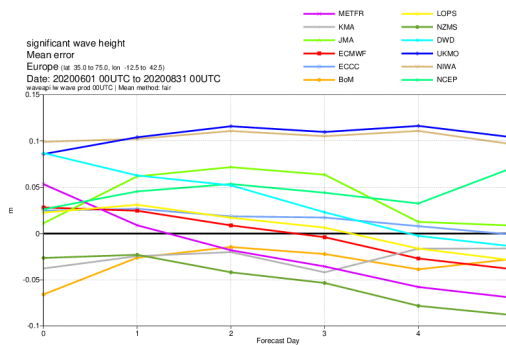
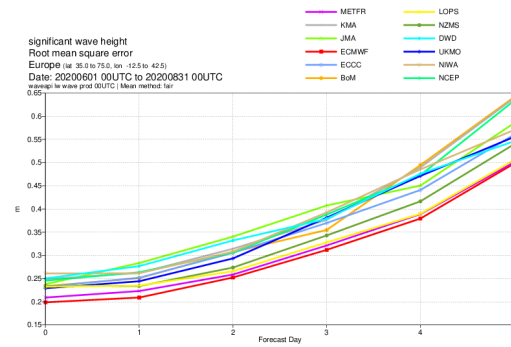
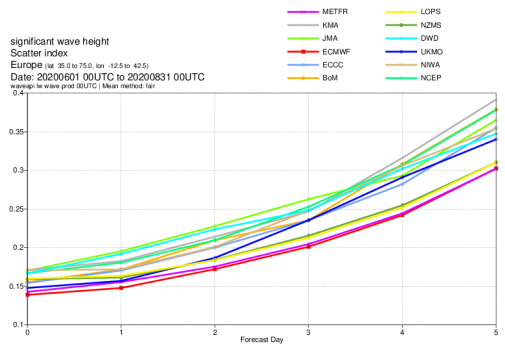
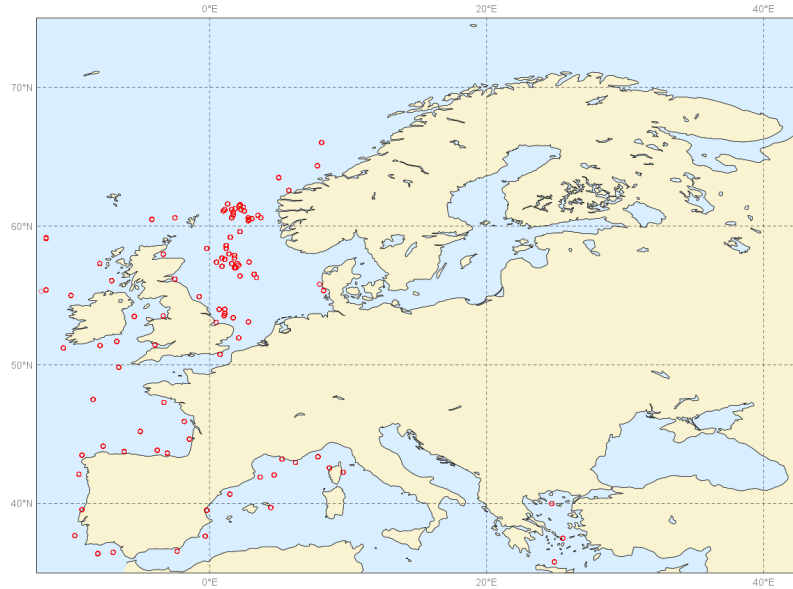
**Northern Hemisphere.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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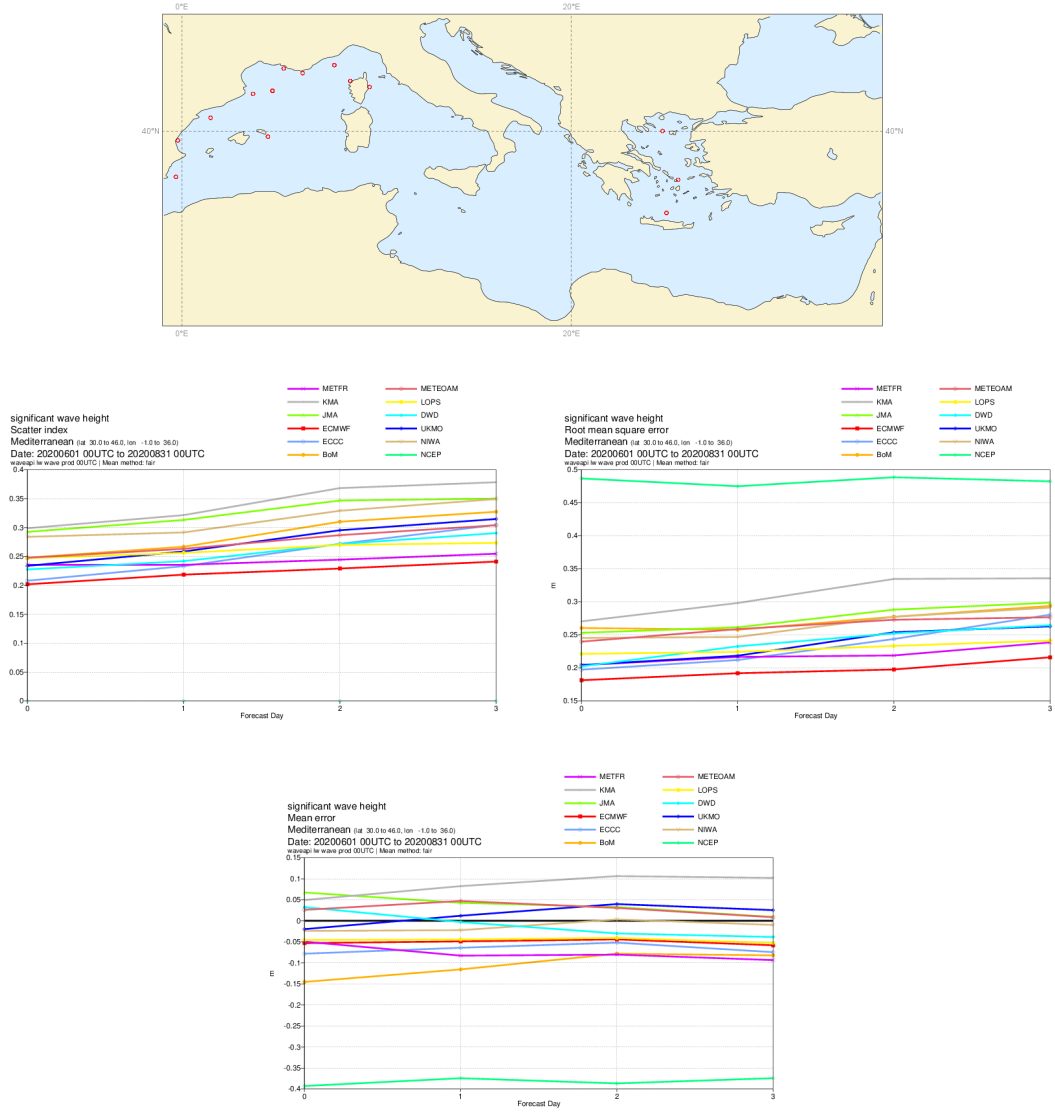
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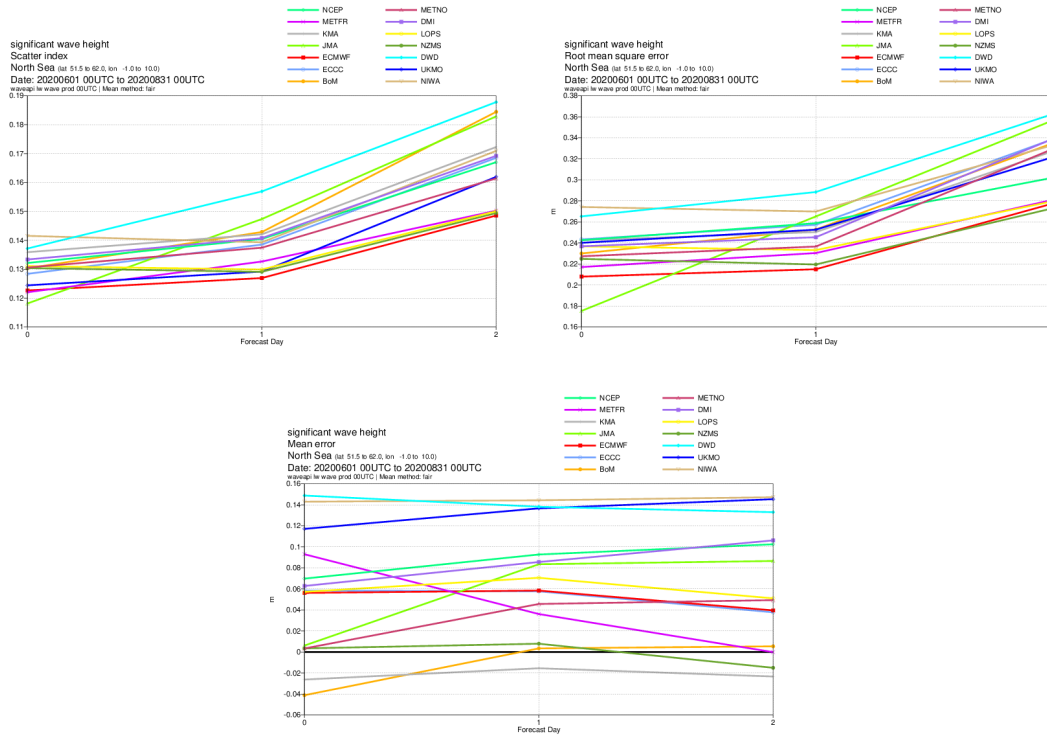
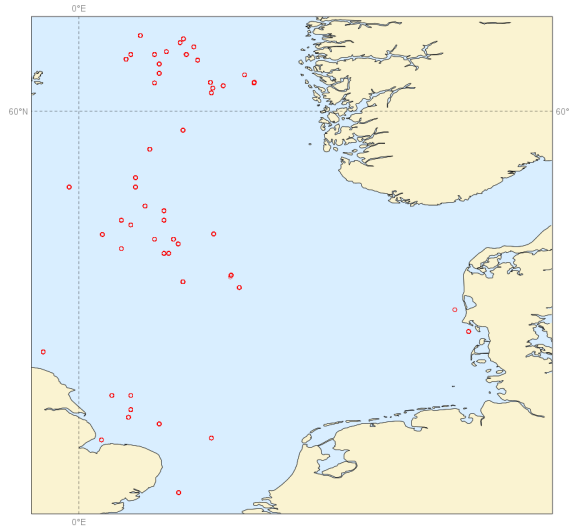
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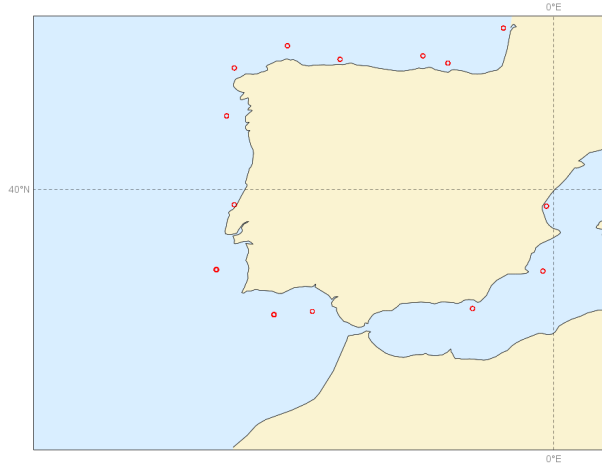
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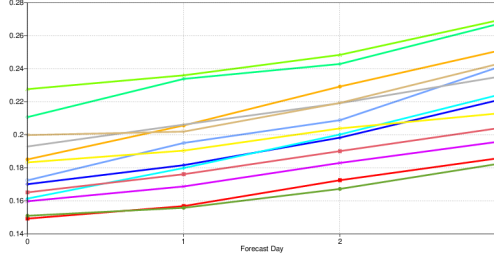


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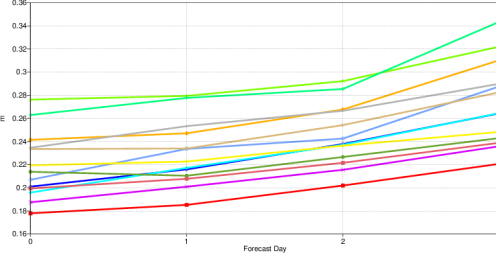
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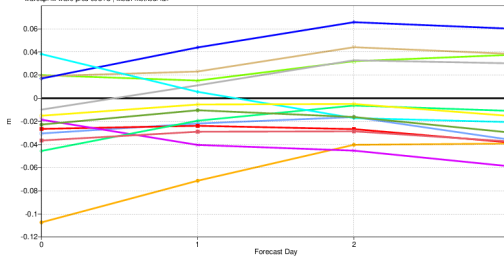
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Scatter index  
SW Europe (lat: 32.5 to 45.0, lon: -15.0 to 10.0)  
Date: 20200601 00UTC to 20200831 00UTC  
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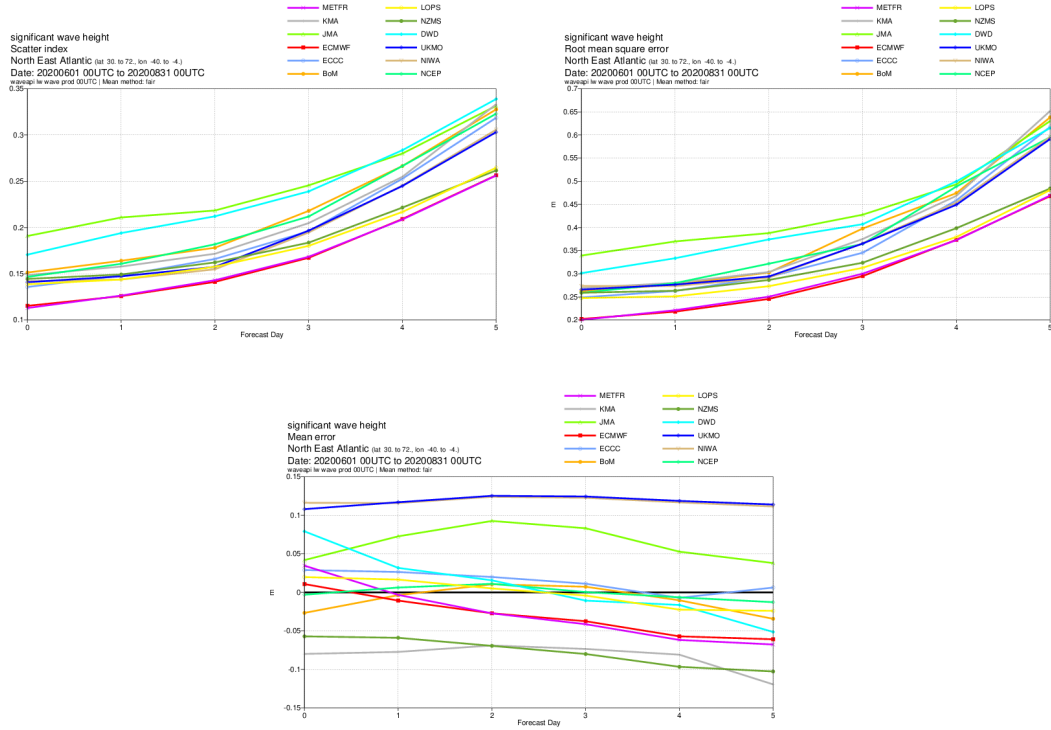
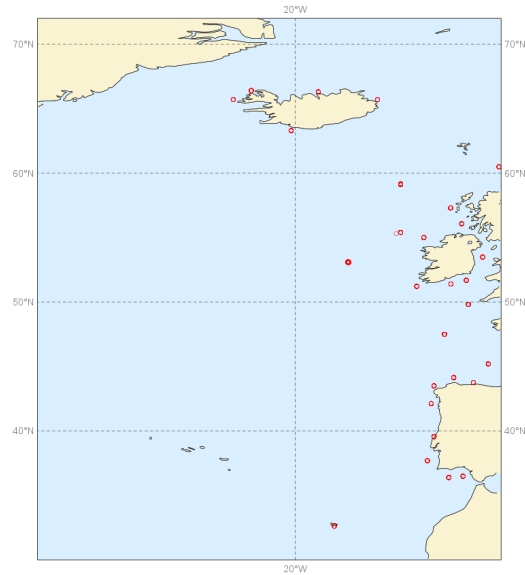


significant wave height  
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**South West Europe.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

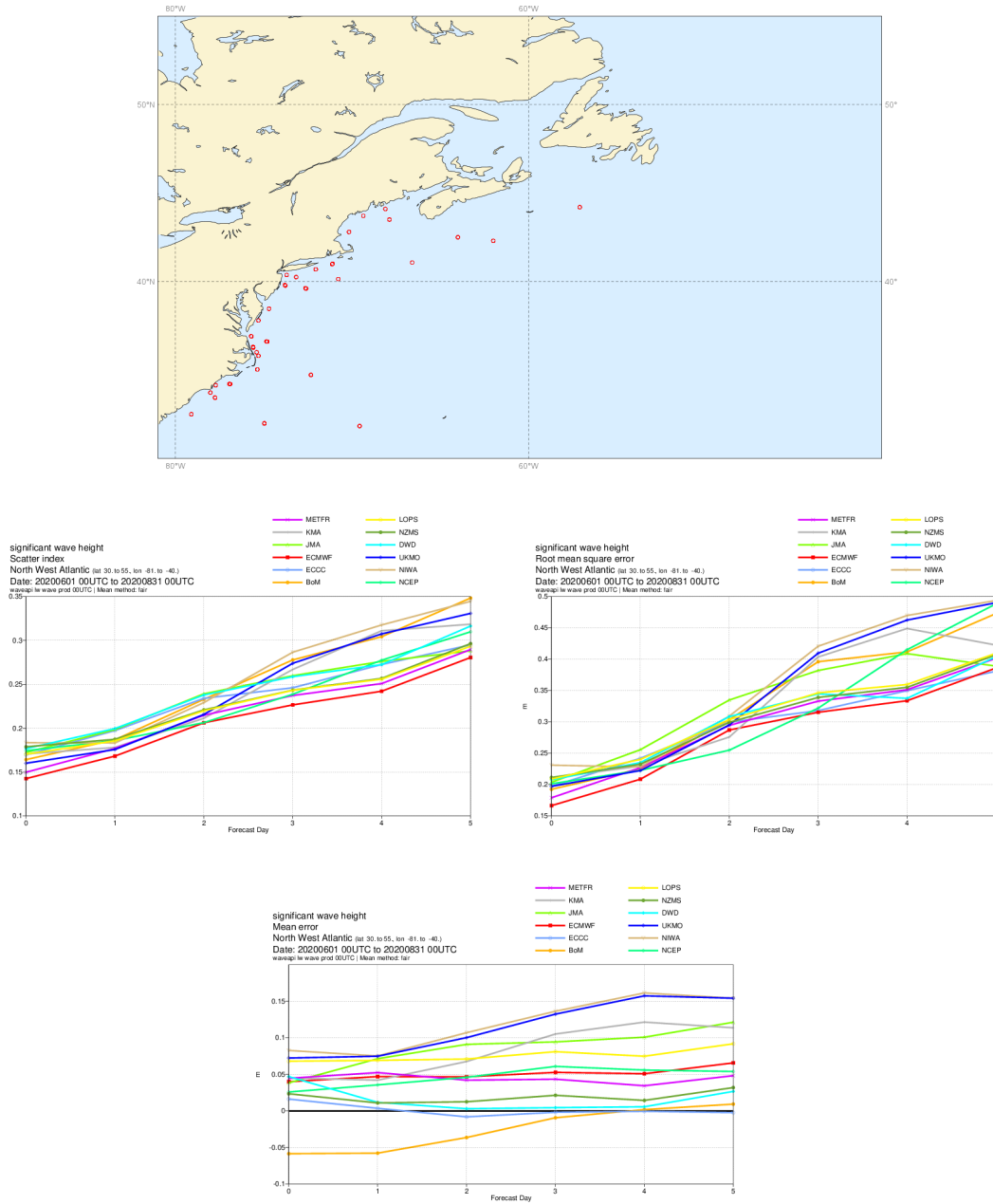
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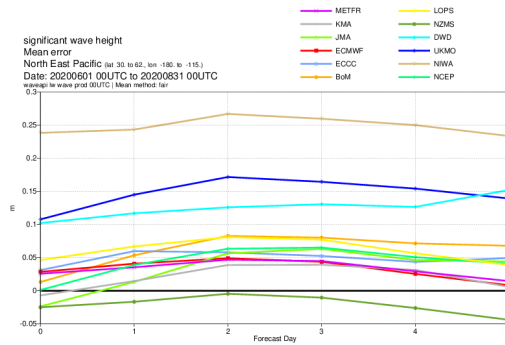
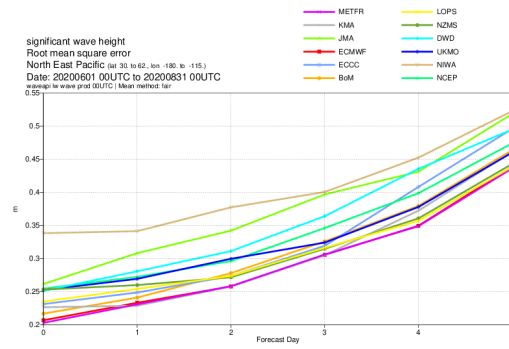
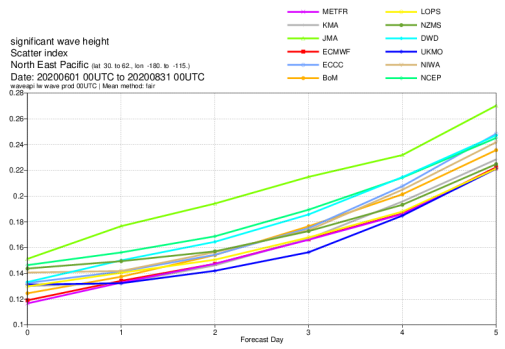
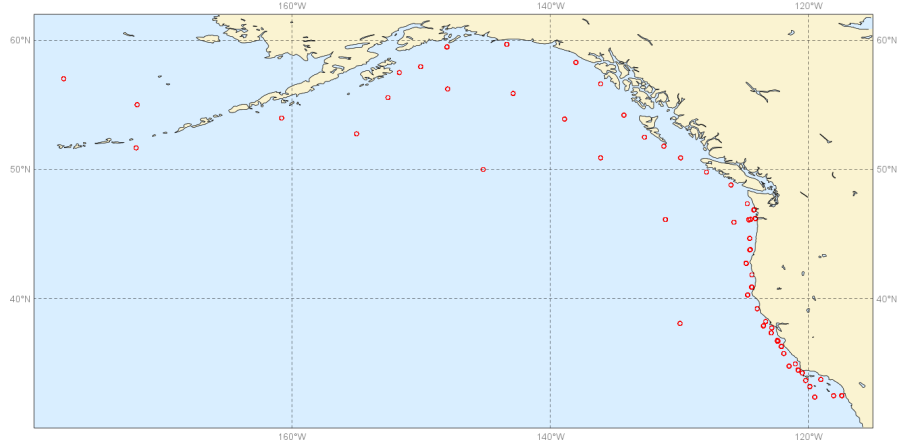


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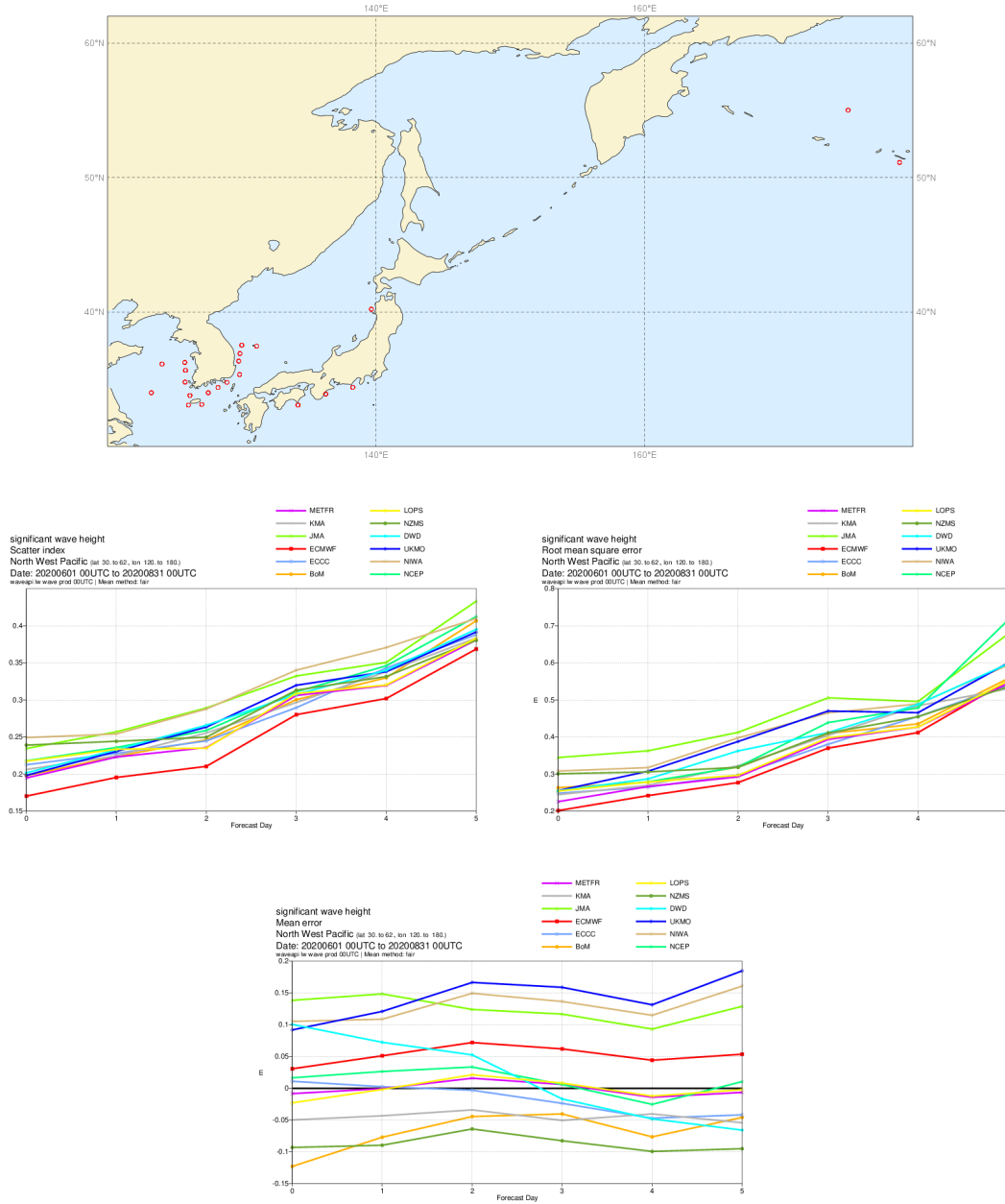
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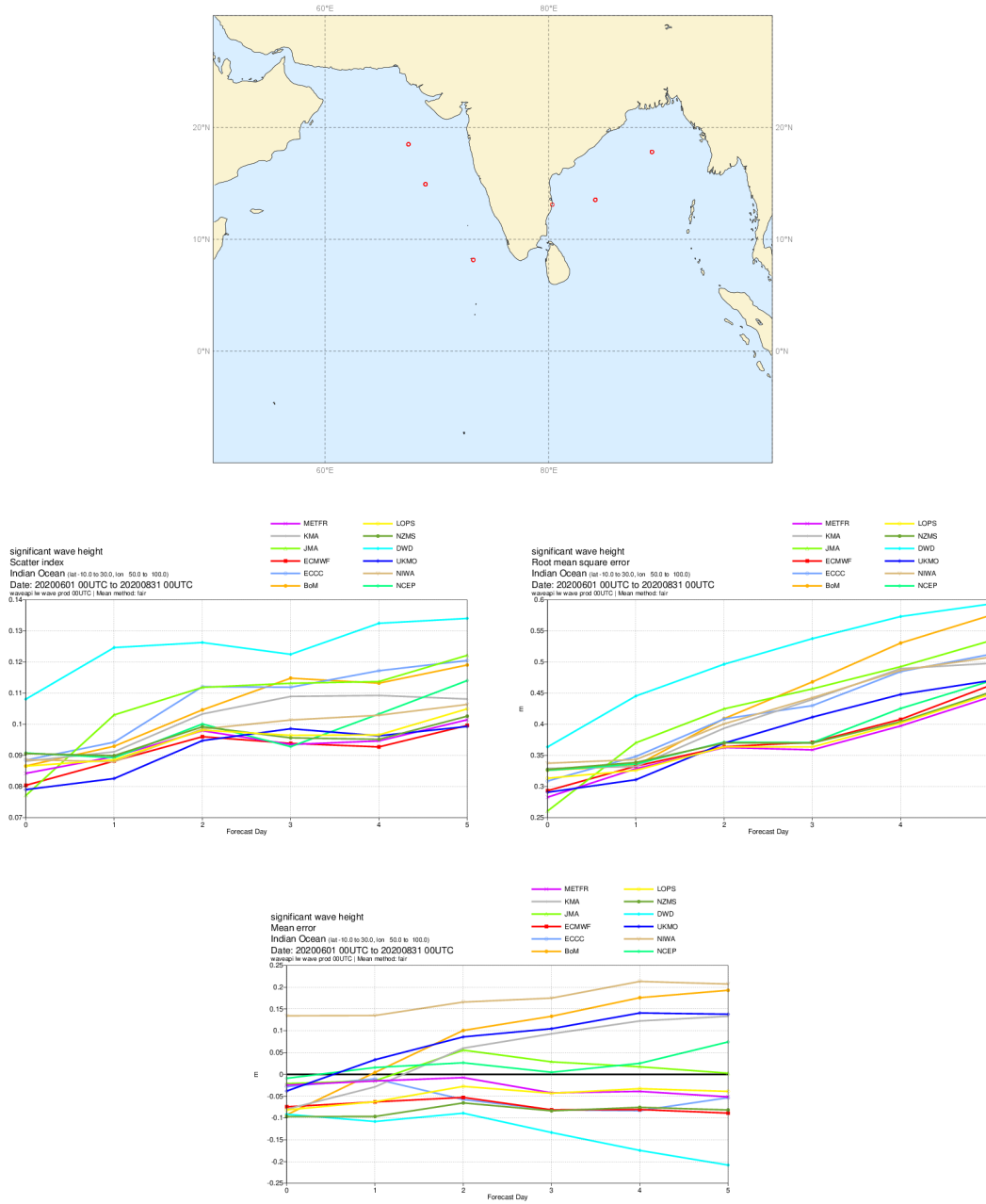
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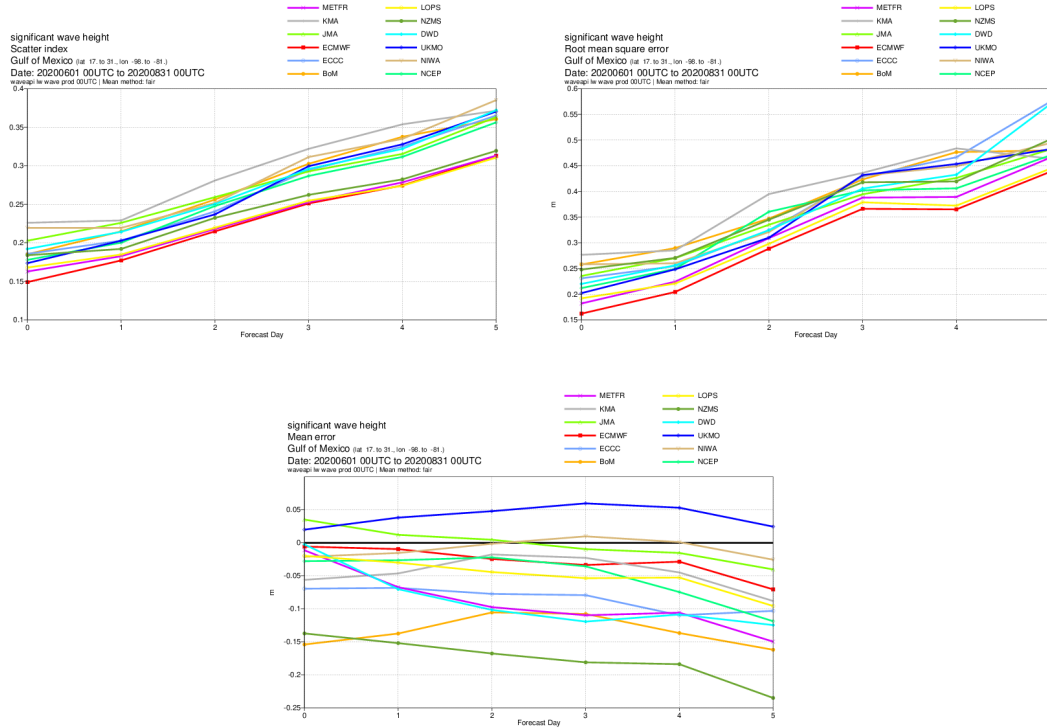
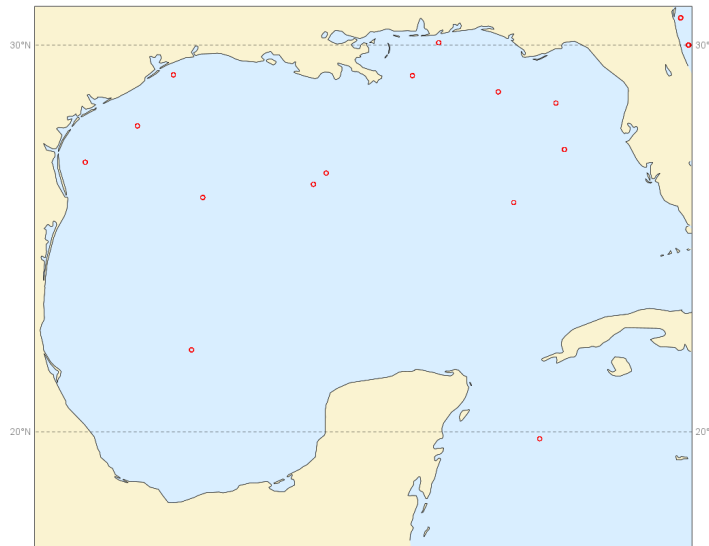
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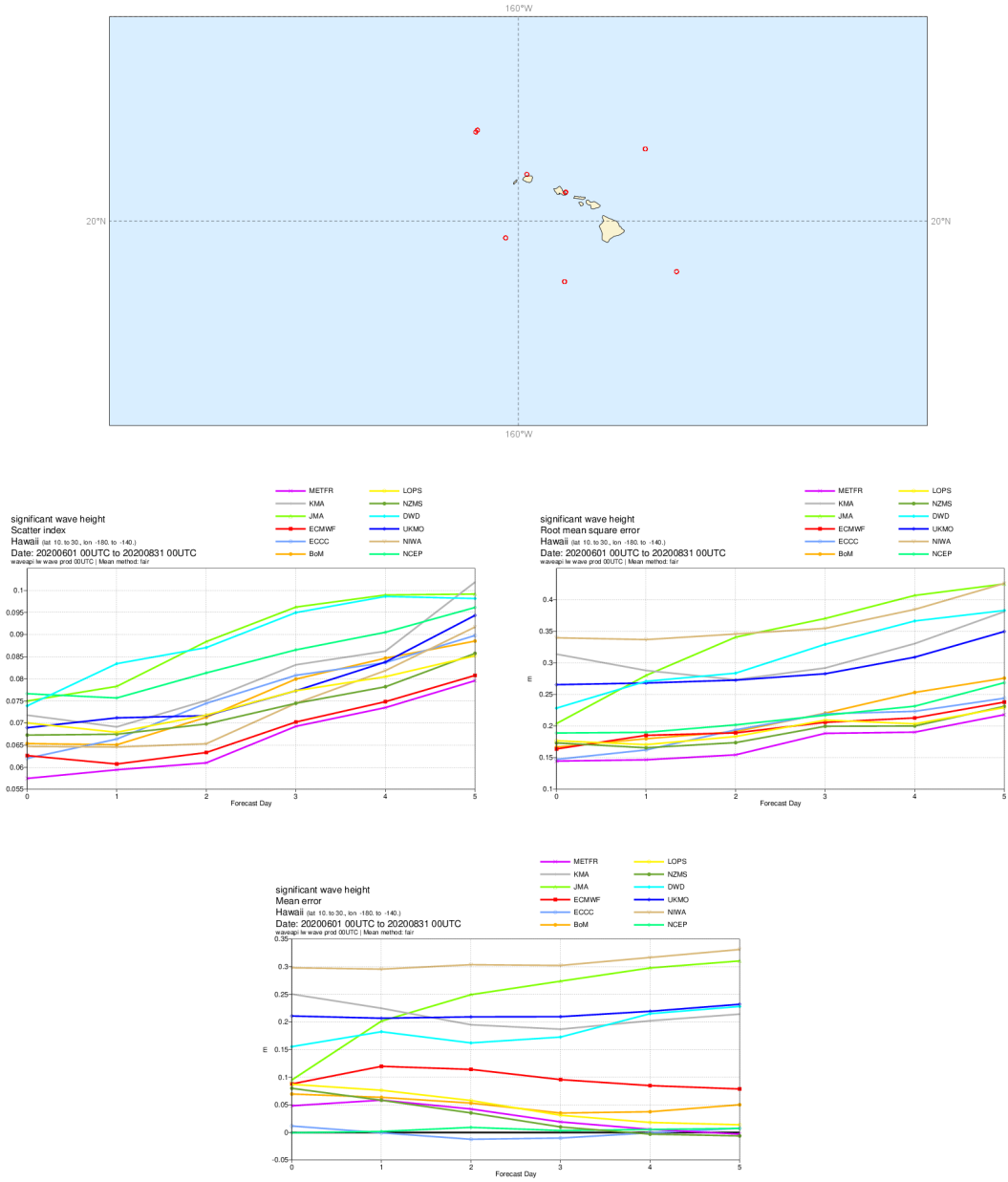
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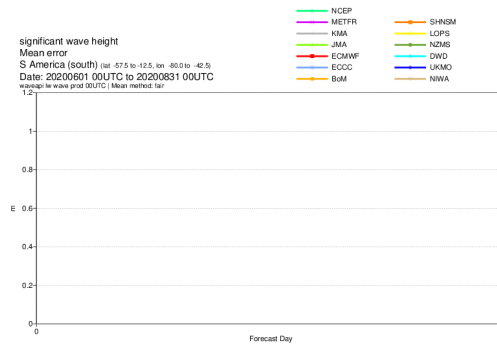
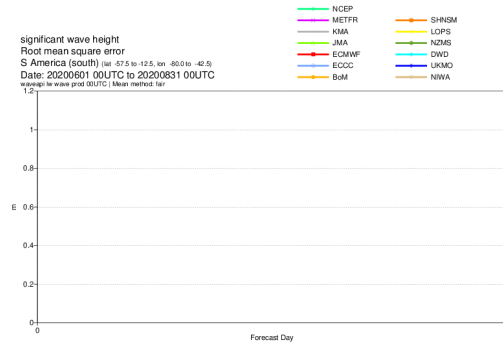
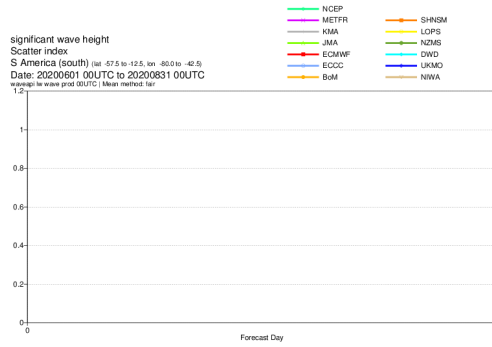
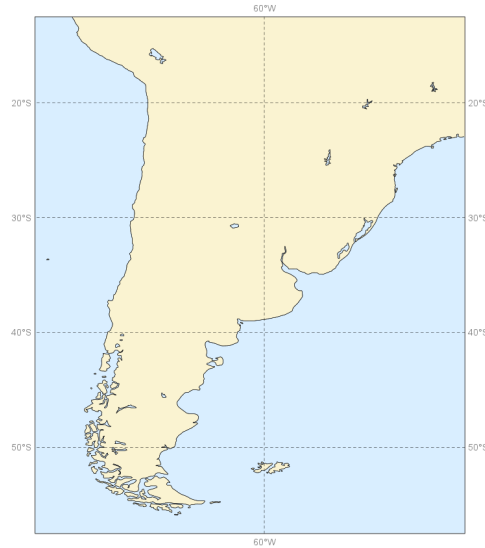
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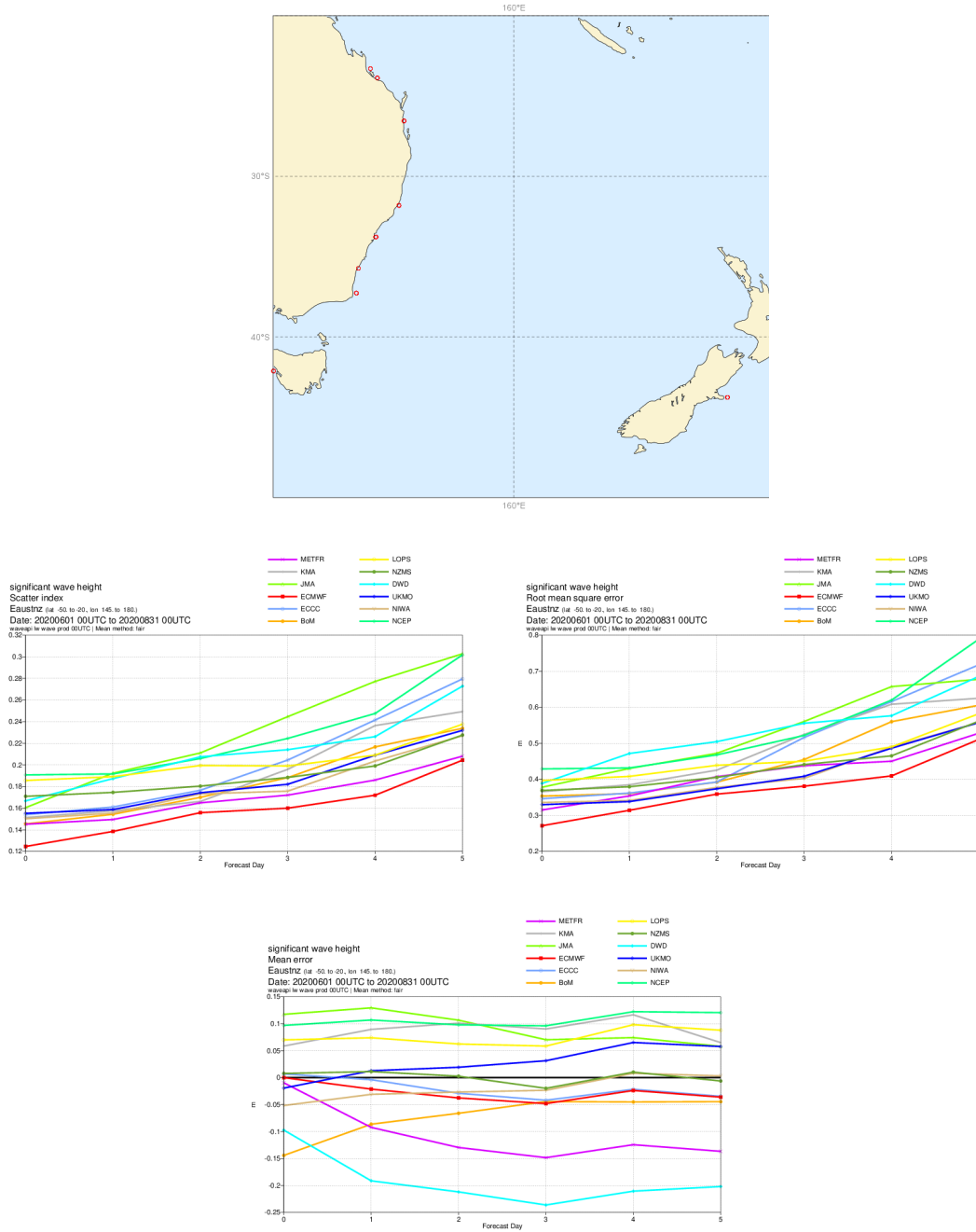
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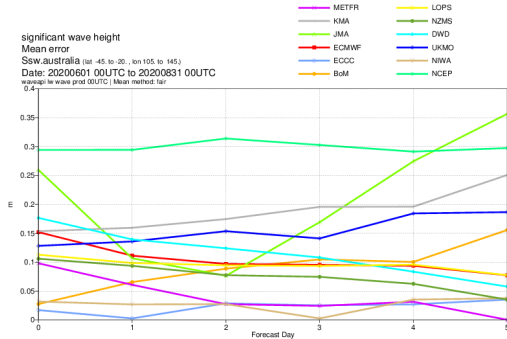
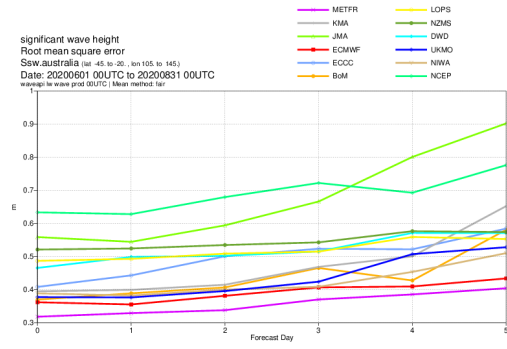
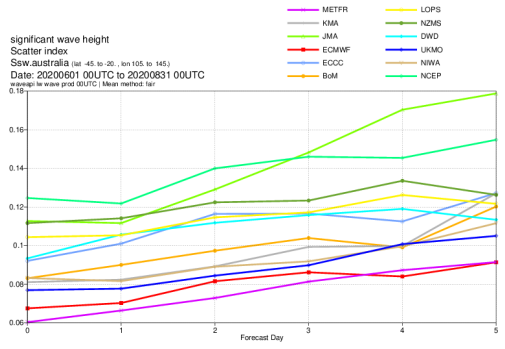
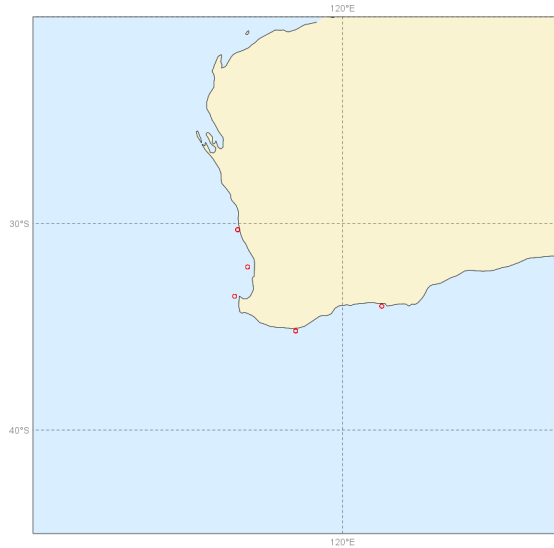
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