

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

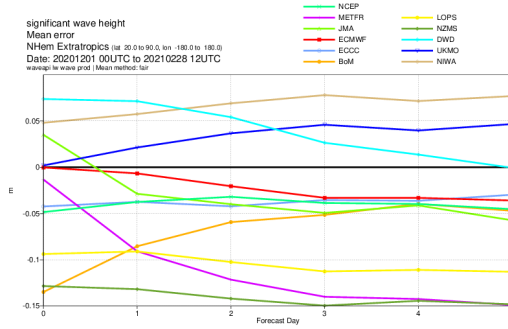
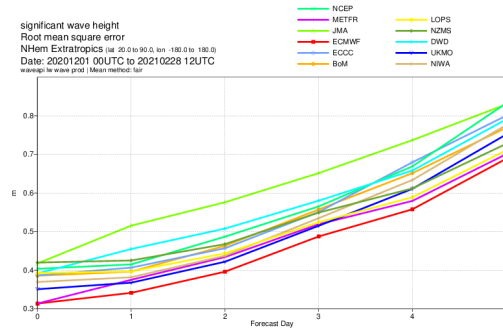
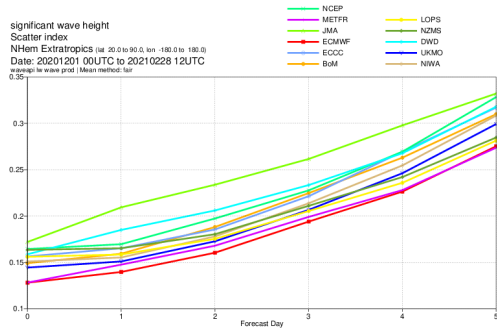
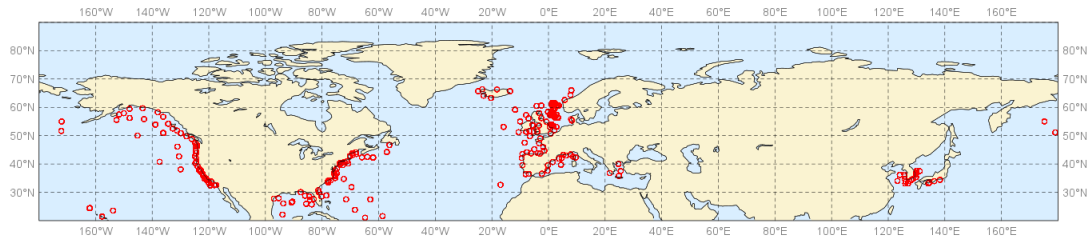
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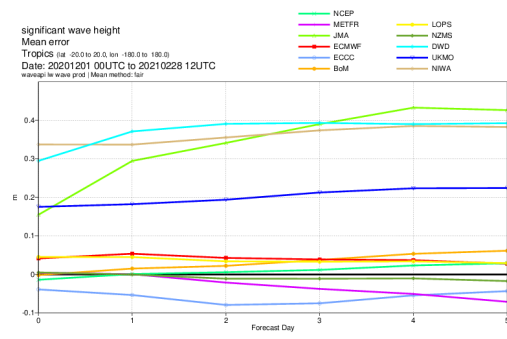
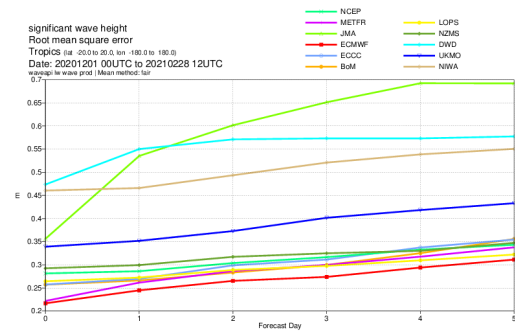
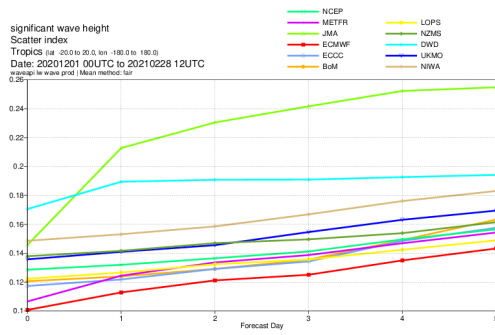
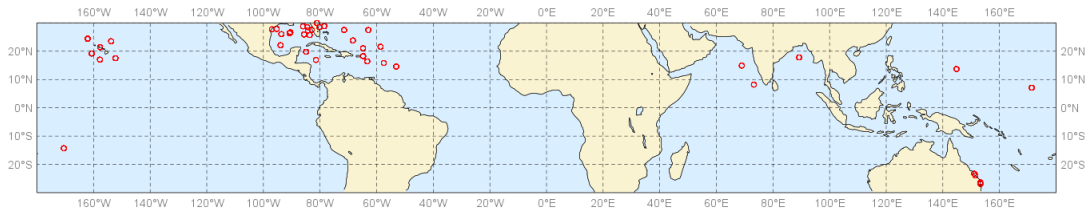
PART I: significant wave height (SWH)

Buoys observations - from 20201201 to 20210228 - (swH)



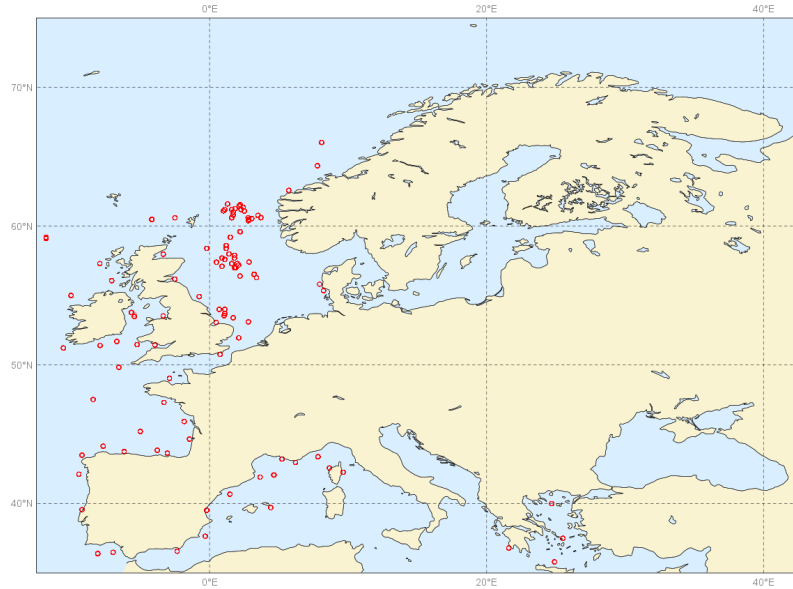
Northern Hemisphere. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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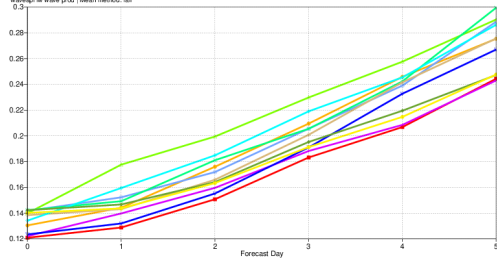


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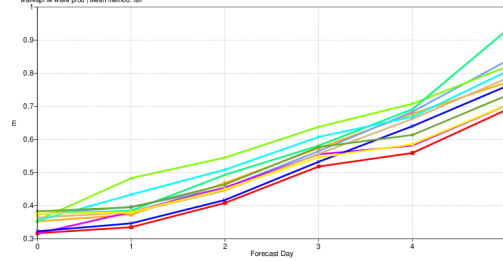
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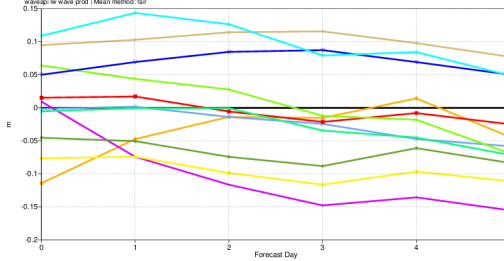
significant wave height
Scatter index
Europe (lat. 35.0 to 75.0, lon. -12.5 to 42.5)
Date: 20201201 00UTC to 20210228 12UTC
Average for wave grid (Mean method, lat)



significant wave height
Root mean square error
Europe (lat. 35.0 to 75.0, lon. -12.5 to 42.5)
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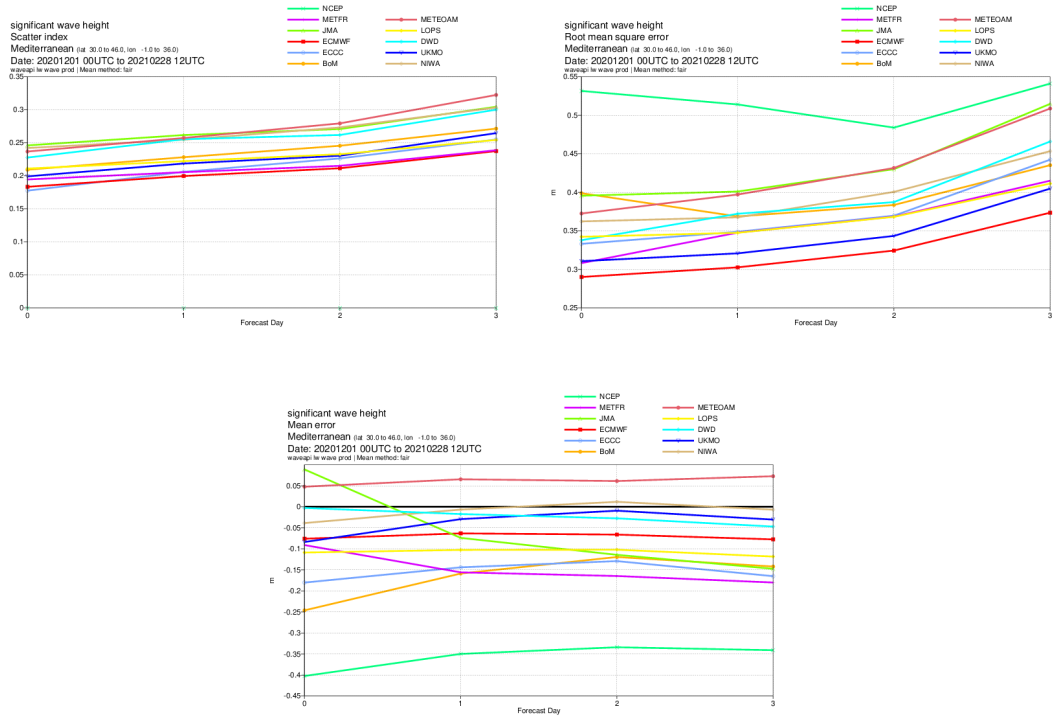
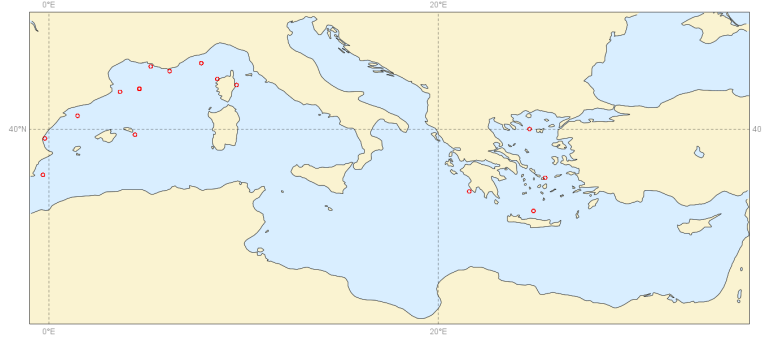


significant wave height
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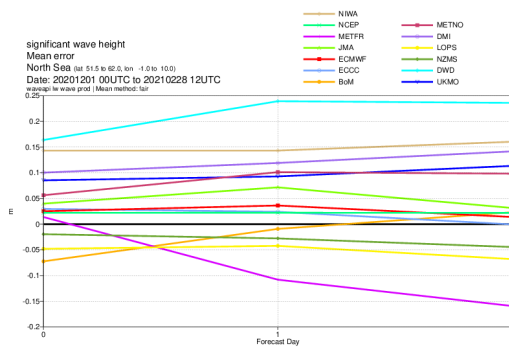
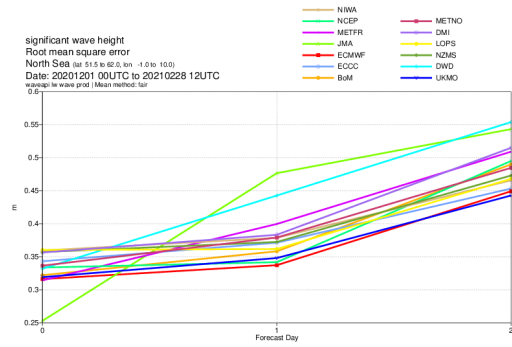
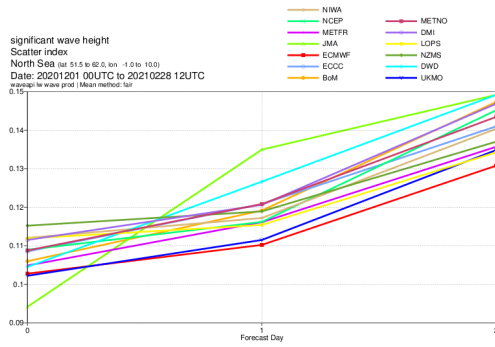
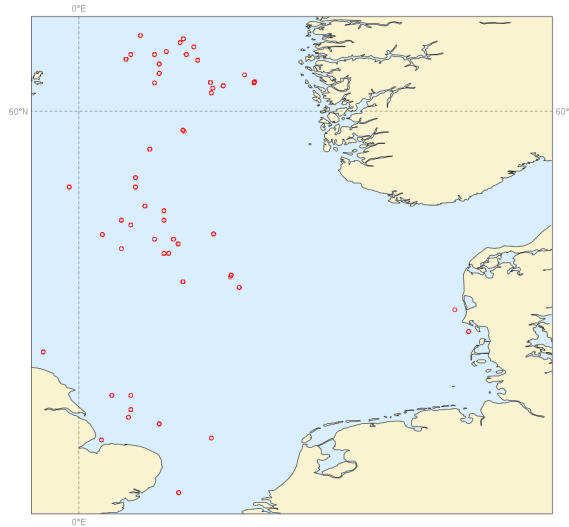
Europe. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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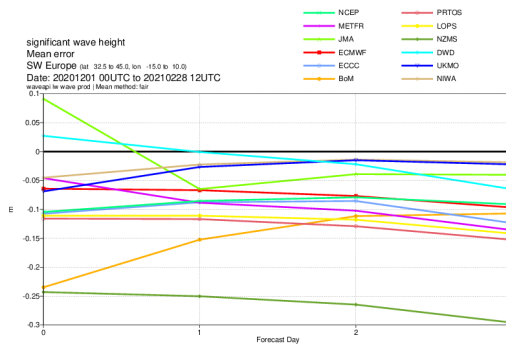
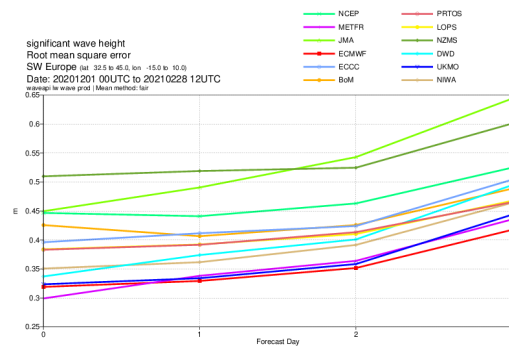
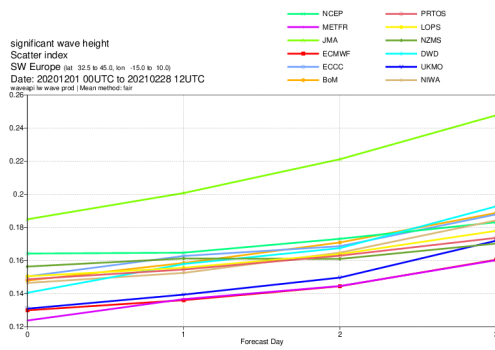
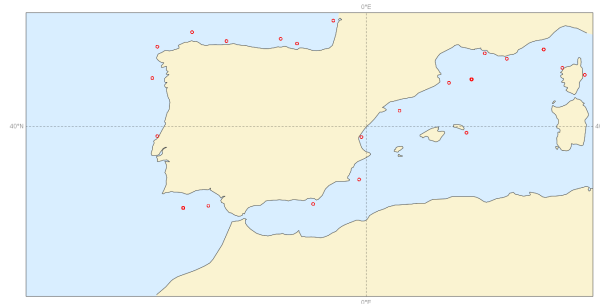
Mediterranean Sea. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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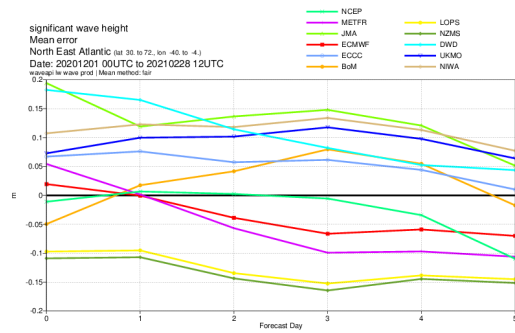
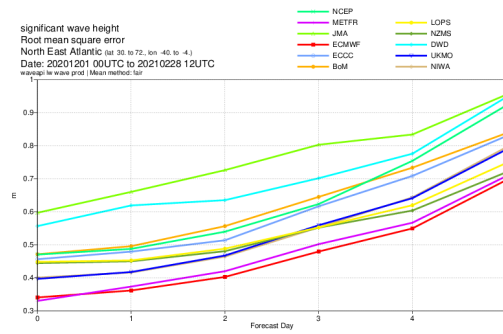
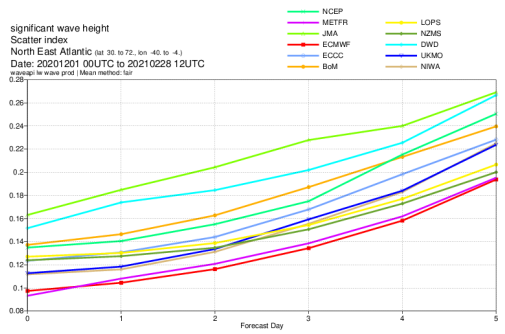
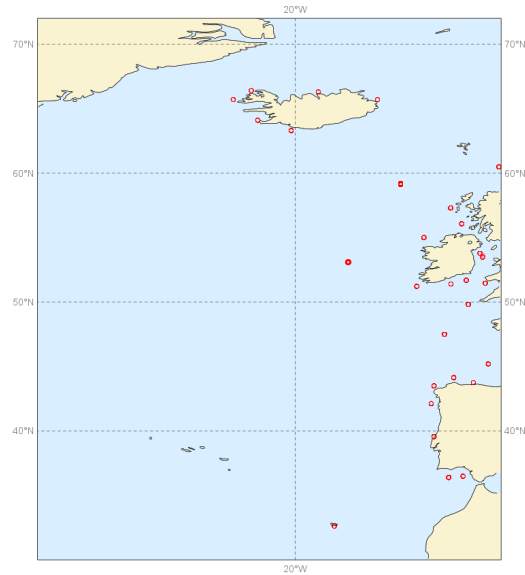
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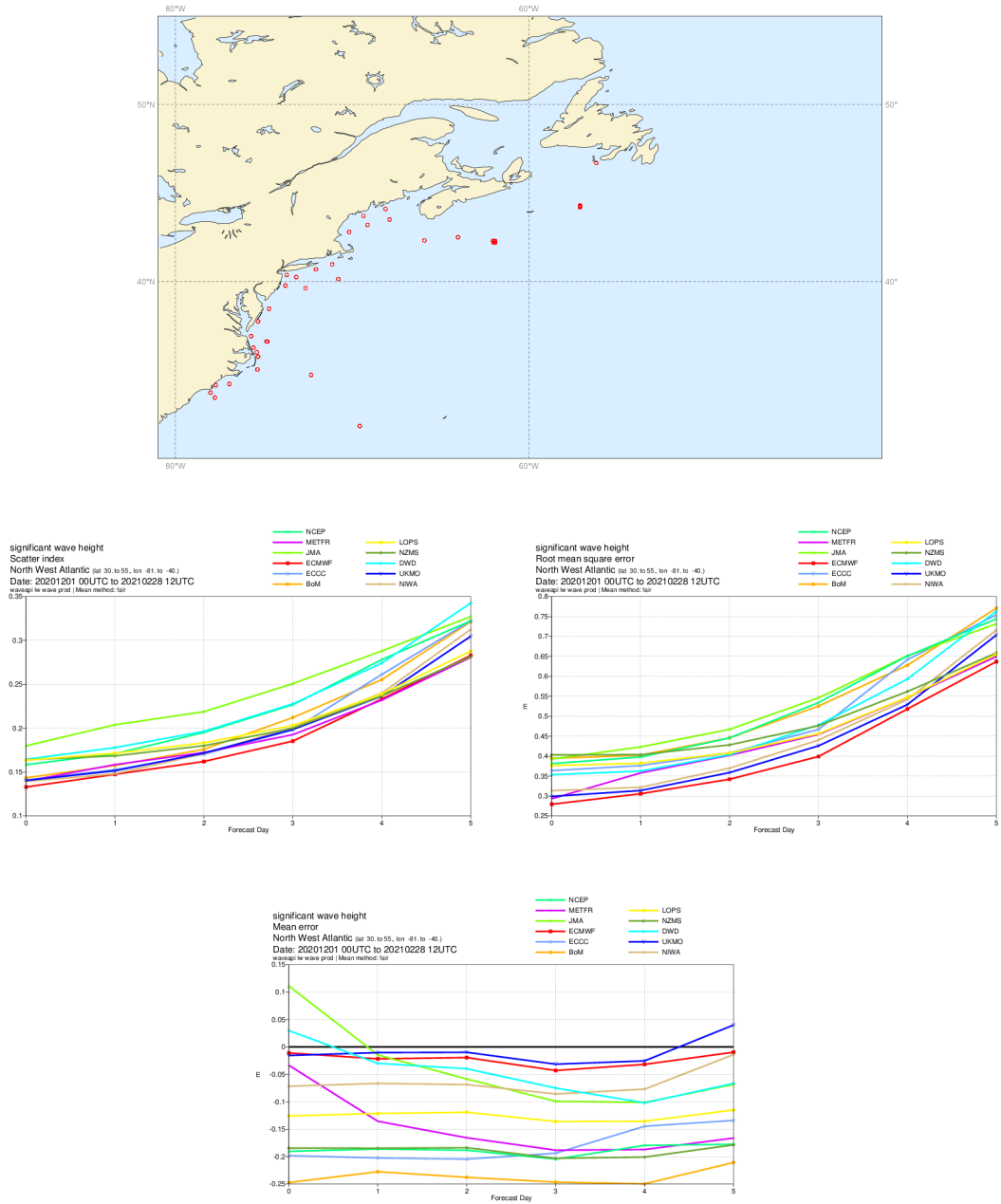
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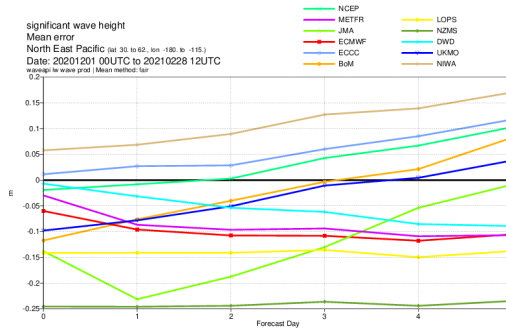
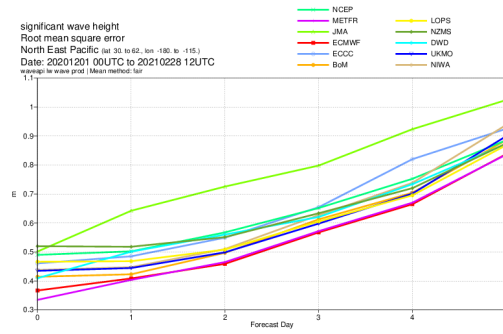
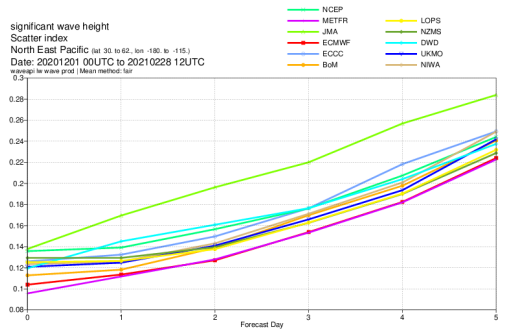
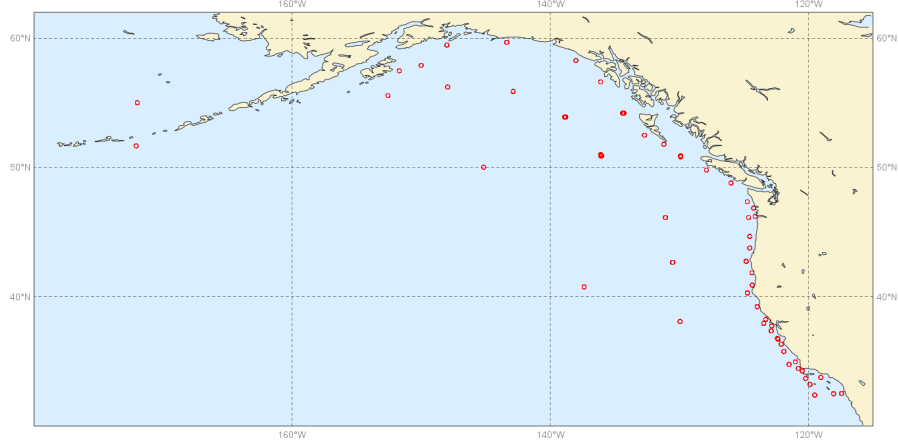
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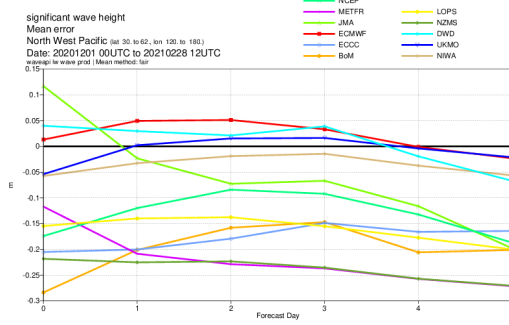
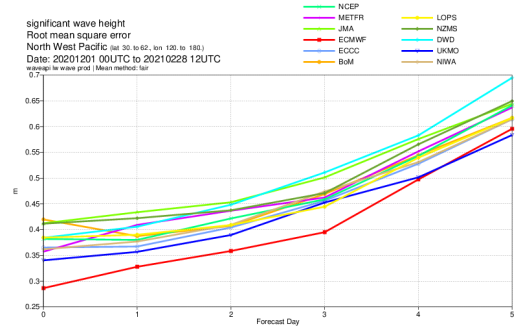
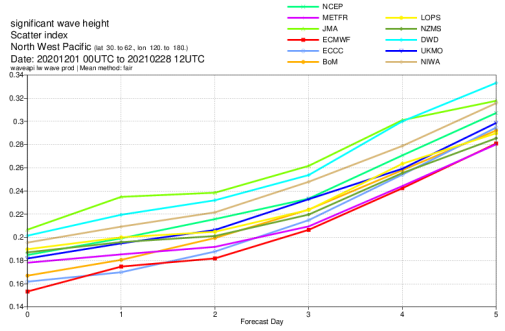
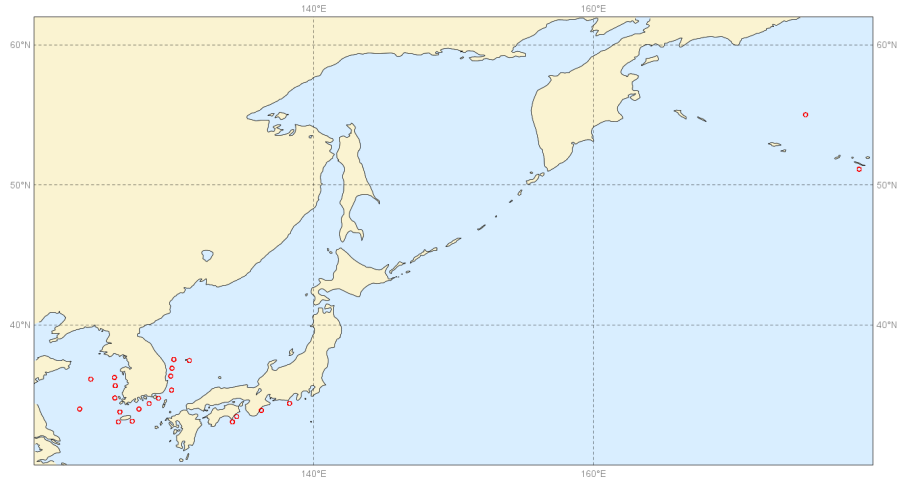
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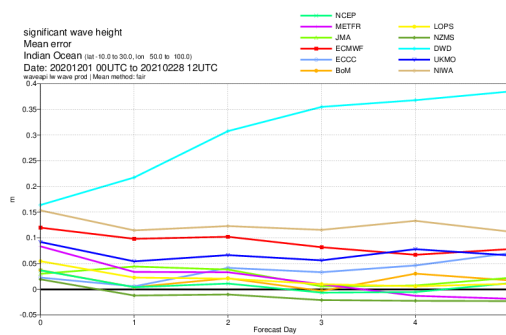
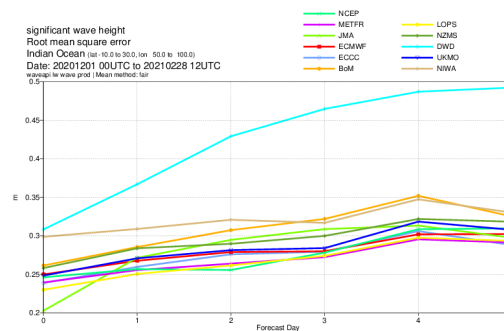
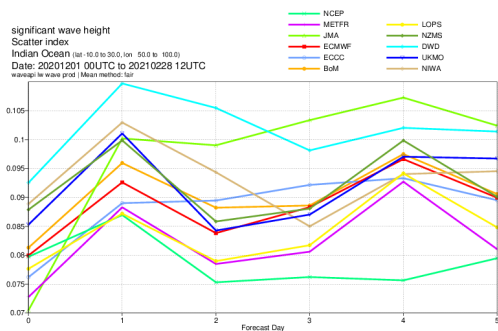
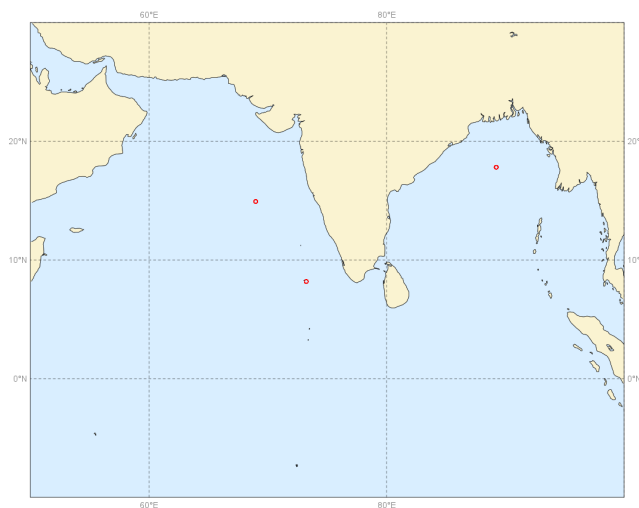
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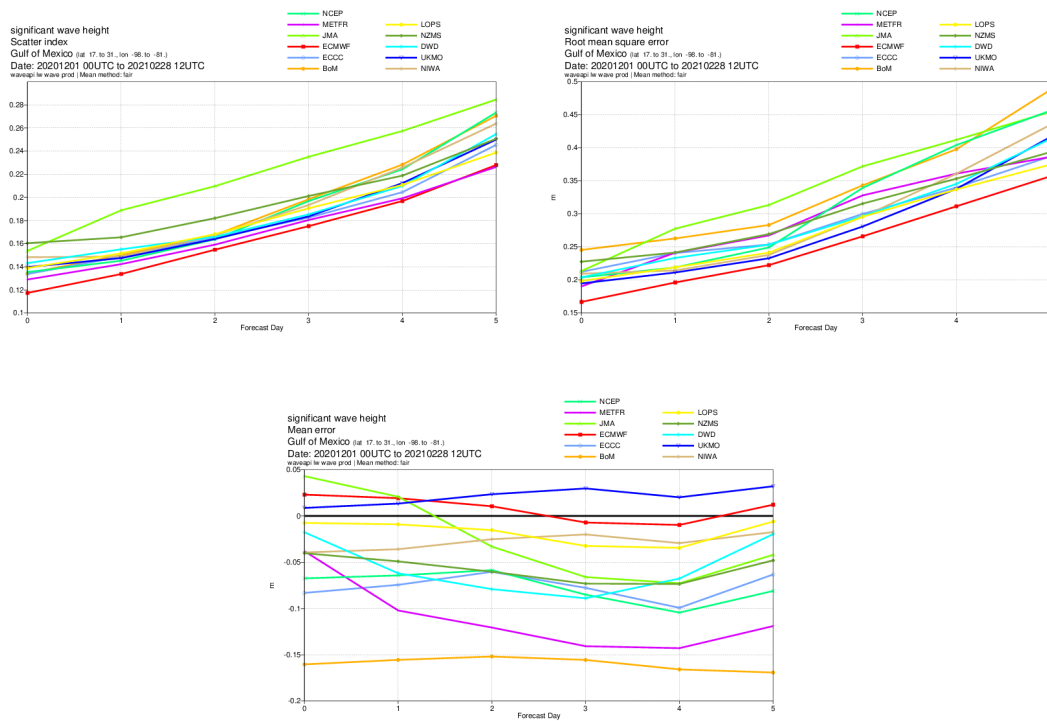
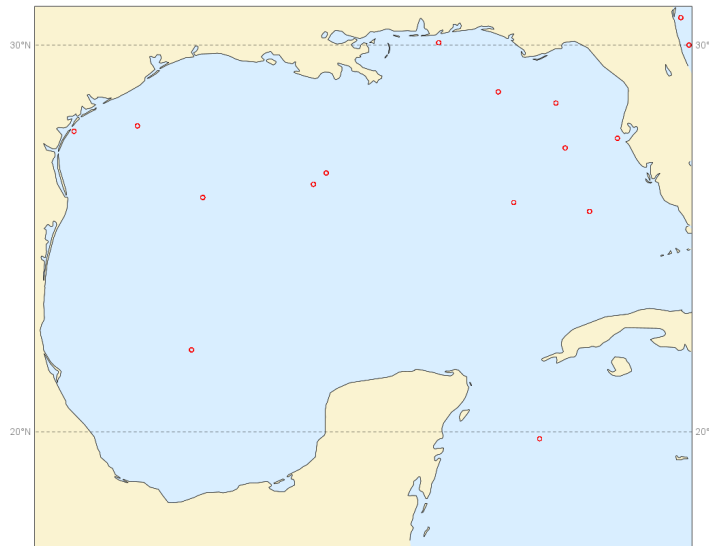
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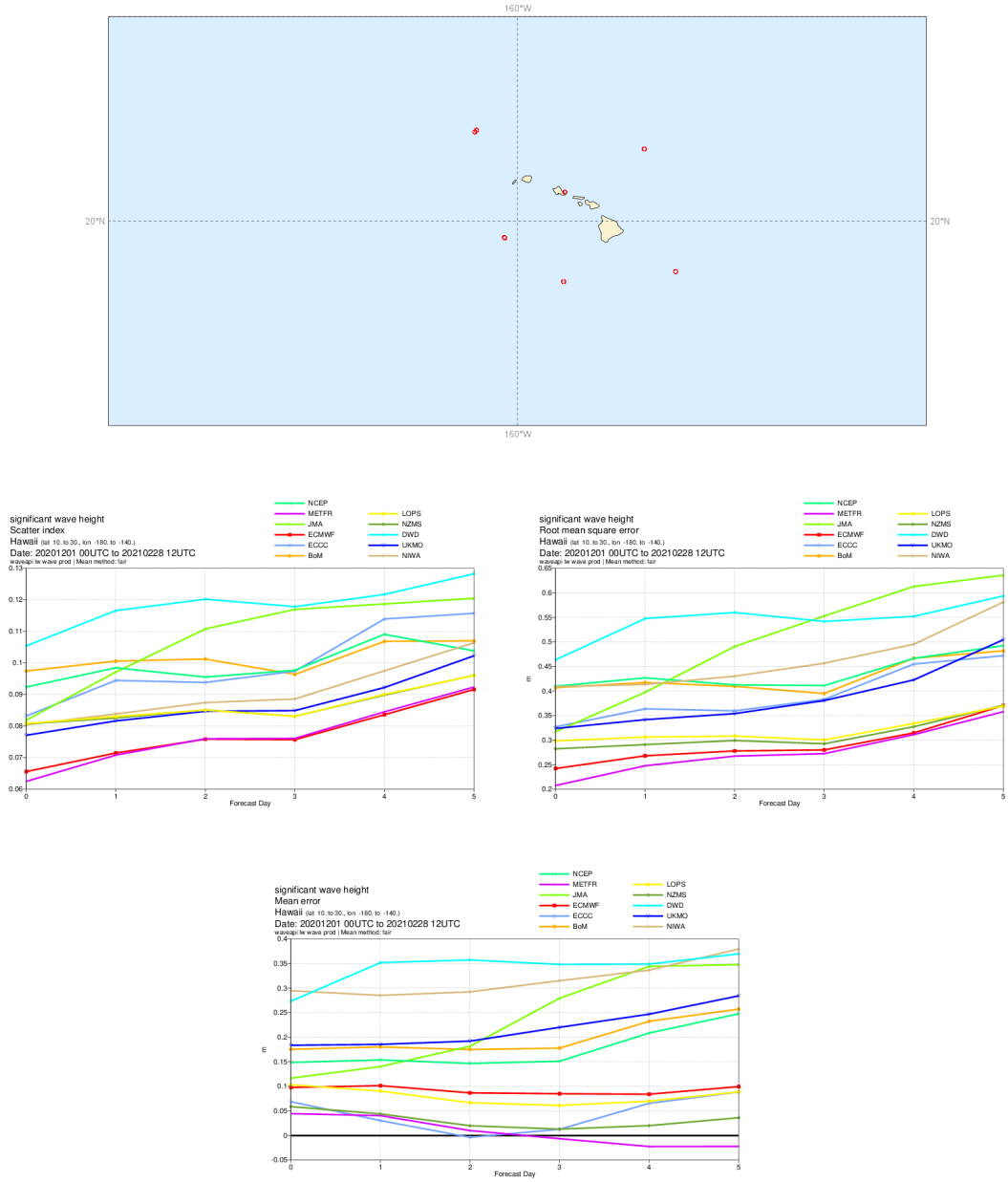
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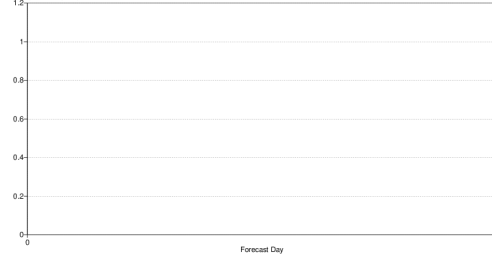


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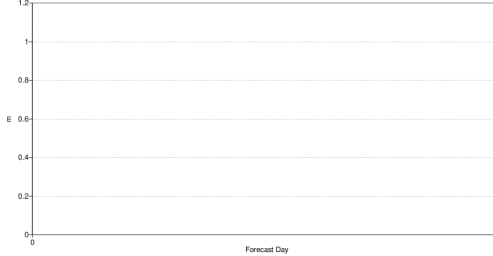
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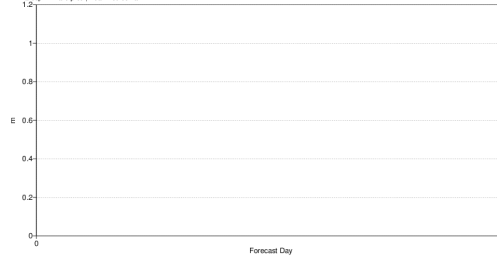
significant wave height
Scatter index
S America (south) (lat -57.5 to -12.5, lon -80.0 to -42.5)
Date: 20201201 00UTC to 20210228 12UTC
Average for wave grid. Mean method. lat



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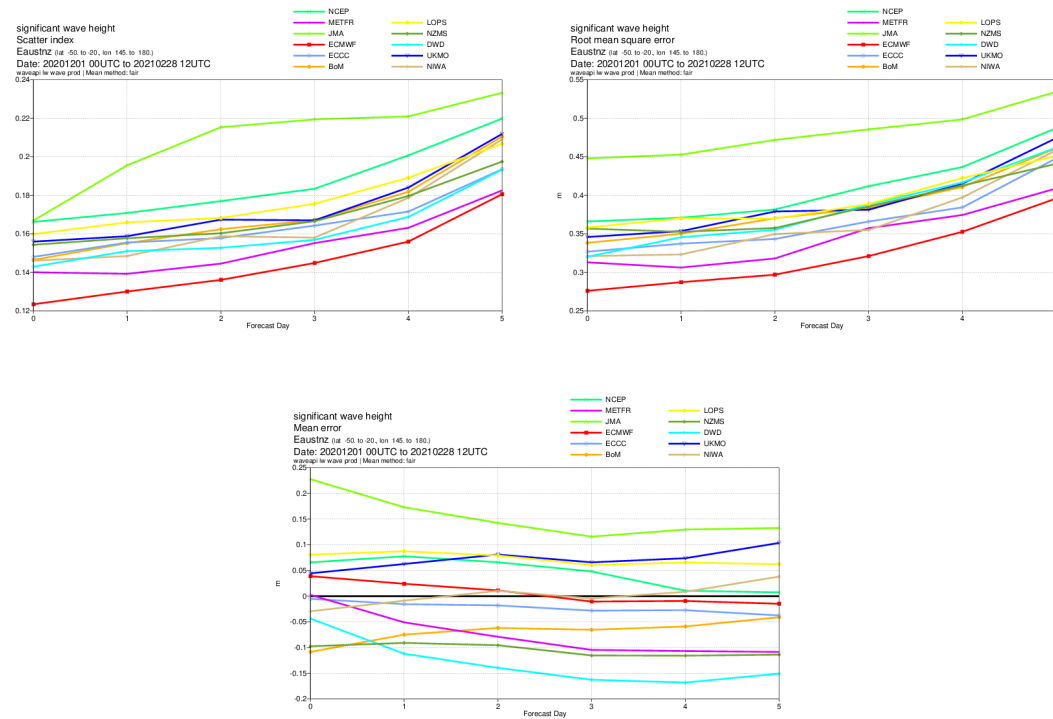
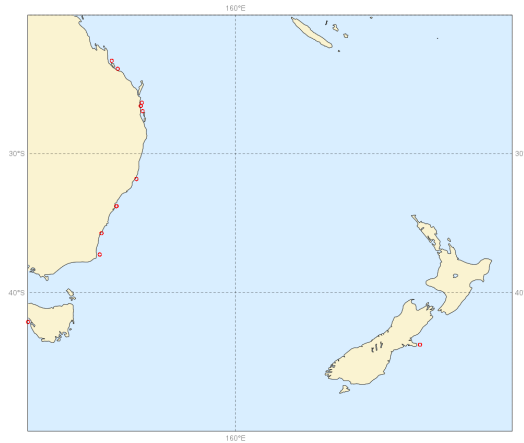


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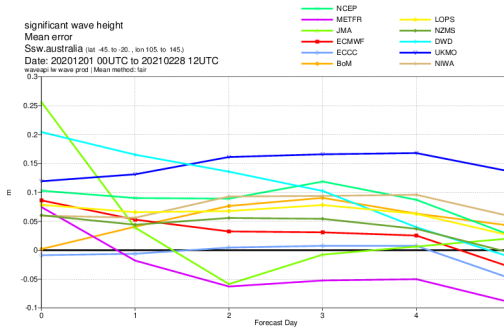
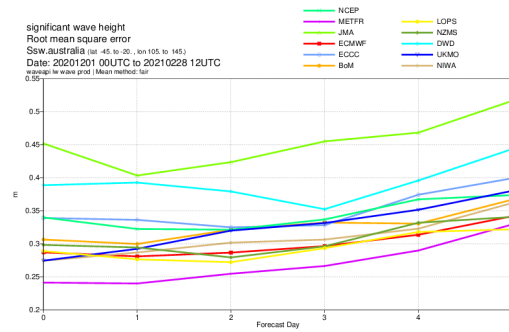
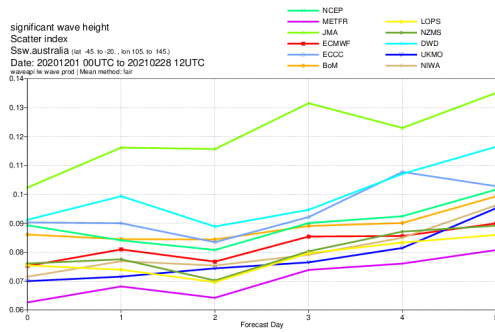
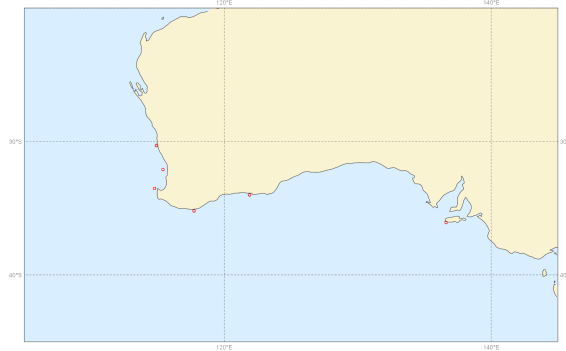
South of South America. Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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East Australia - New Zealand. 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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