

What is ERA-20C

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ERA-20C is a climate reanalysis dataset covering the period 1900 to 2010.

ERA-20C assimilates observations of surface pressure and surface marine winds only. It is an outcome of the [ERA-CLIM](#) project.

The ERA-20C analysed surface parameters that are only available 6-hourly are those that are produced by the land-surface analysis scheme. Separate from the 4D-Var assimilation, the land-surface analysis scheme runs every 6 hours and only produces one temporal estimate at the centre of each 6-hour window. These 6-hourly parameters are:

1. Sea-ice cover
2. Snow density
3. Sea surface temperature
4. Volumetric soil water layer 1
5. Volumetric soil water layer 2
6. Volumetric soil water layer 3
7. Volumetric soil water layer 4
8. Soil temperature level 1
9. Snow depth
10. 2 metre temperature
11. 2 metre dewpoint temperature
12. Soil temperature level 2
13. Soil temperature level 3
14. Temperature of snow layer

The other ERA-20C analysed surface parameters are available 3 hourly. All the ERA-20C forecast surface parameters are available 3 hourly (from daily forecasts beginning at 0600UTC).

For further details please see [the ECMWF product page](#).

Also of interest: [ERA-20C: ECMWF's atmospheric reanalysis of the 20th century \(and comparisons with NOAA's 20CR\)](#)

Known issues

Currently there are no known issues with ERA-20C.

References

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Some ERA-20C references available from the [ECMWF website](#).

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