

Changing Ocean, Marine Ecosystems, and Dependent Communities

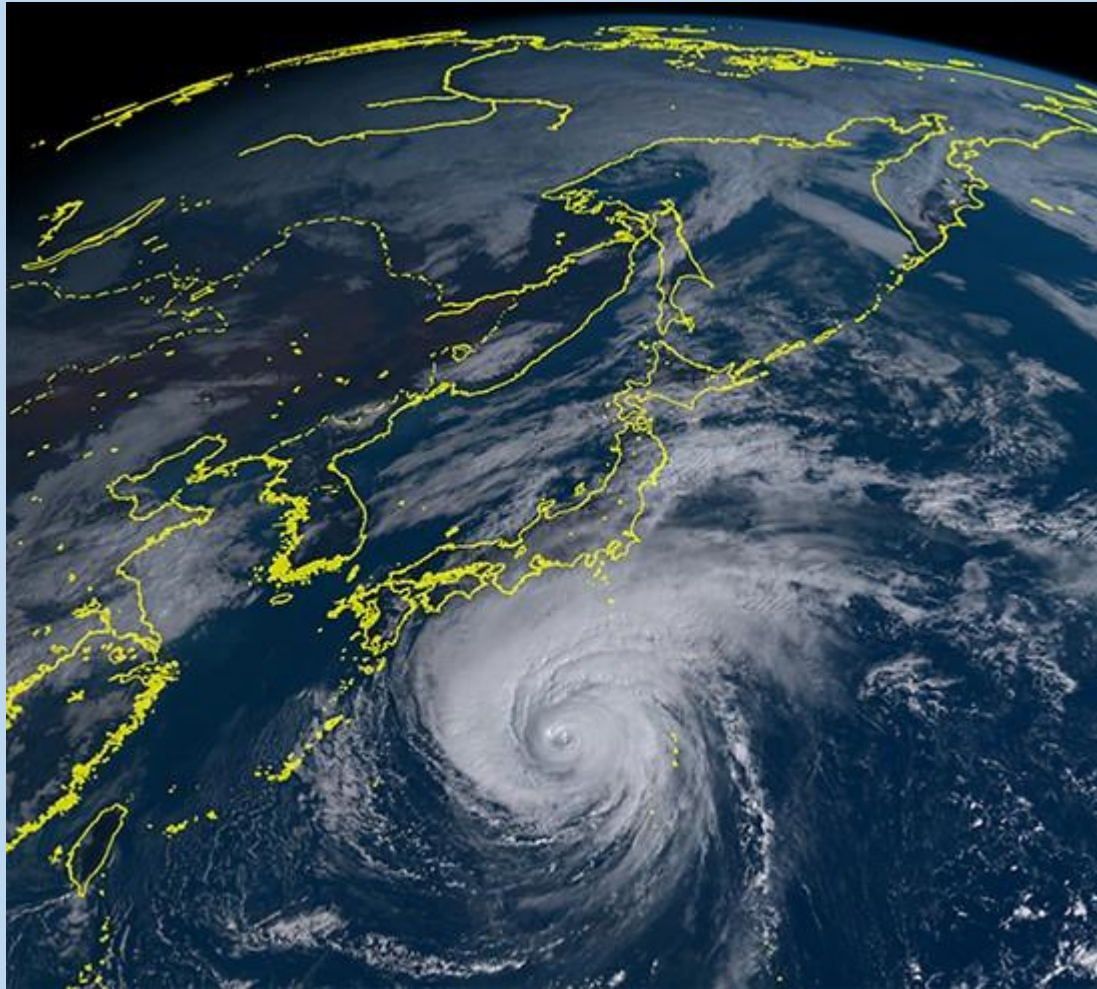
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Super Typhoon No. 19 - Hagibis



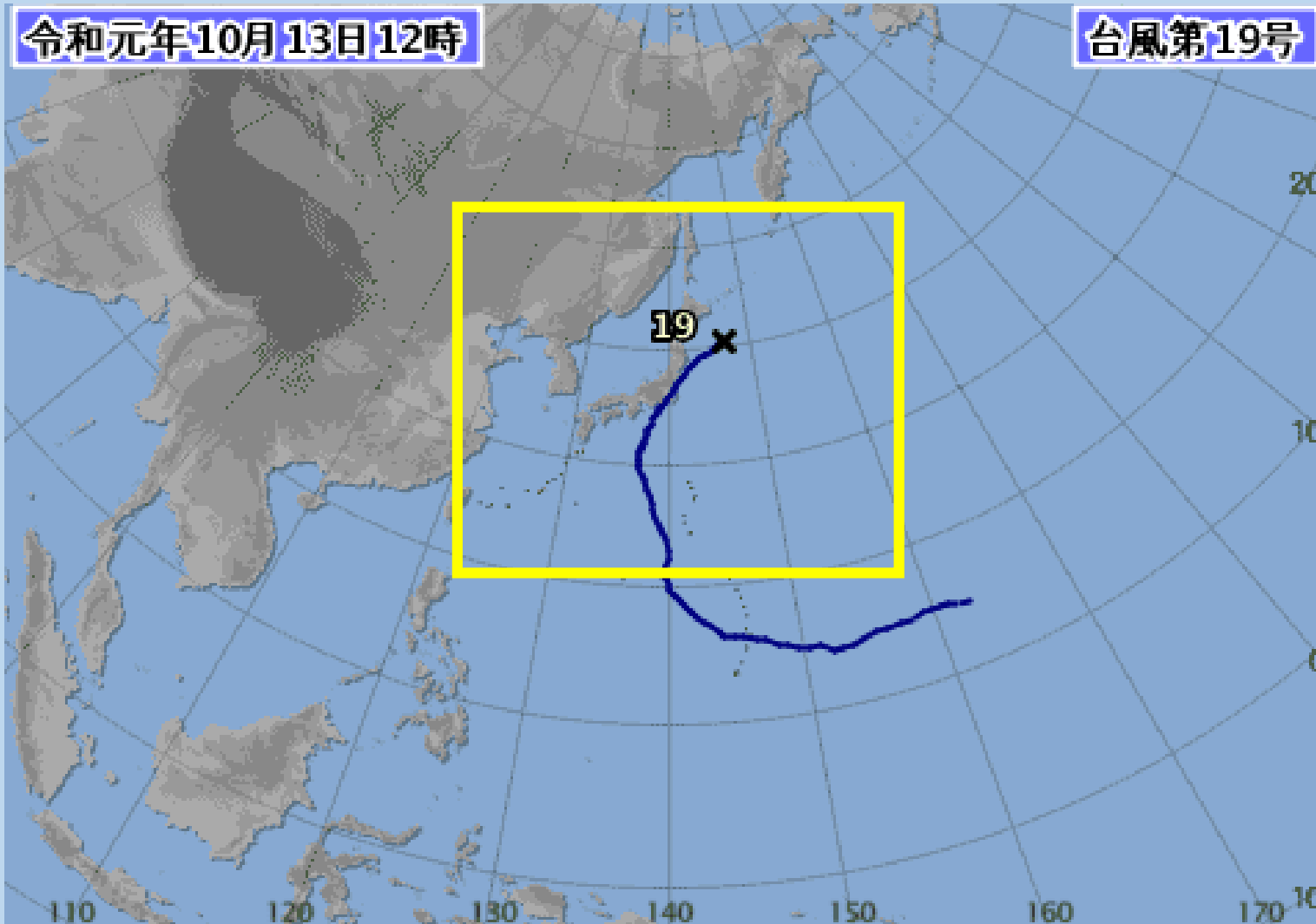
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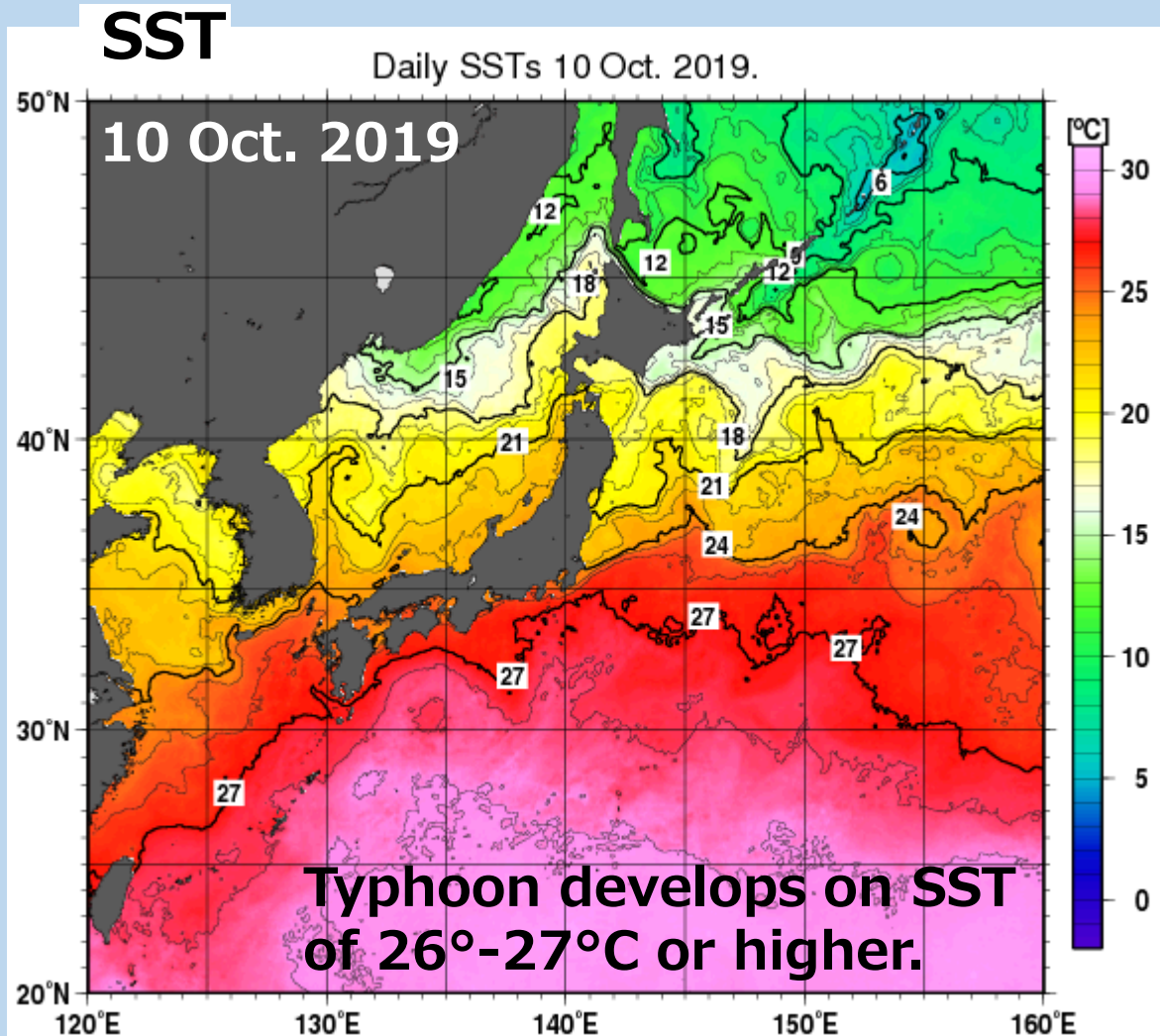
Why Typhoon Hagibis was so strong?



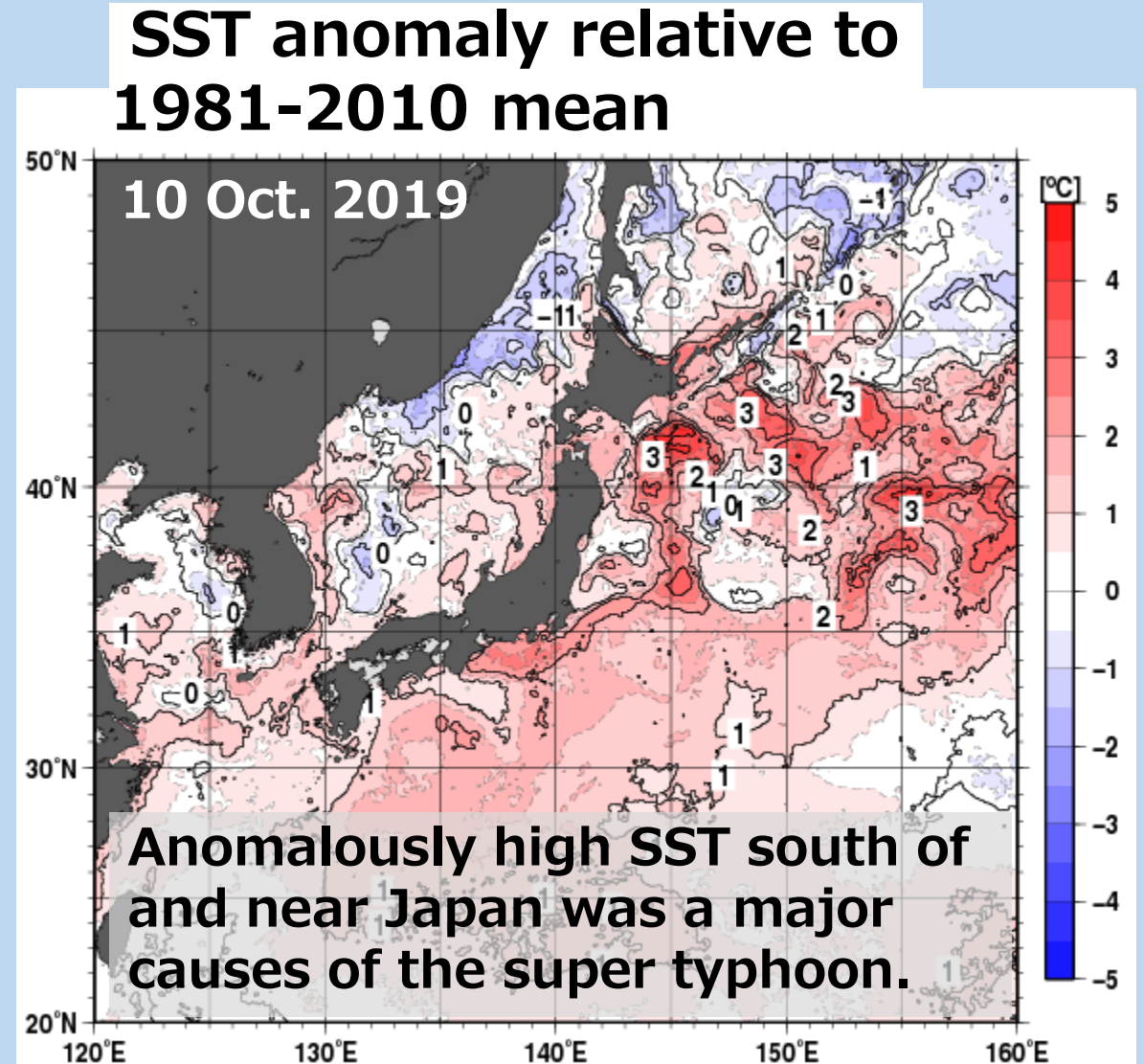
Typhoons in October typically become weakened when approaching Japan due to **low sea surface temperature** near Japan.

But this time was different.

Sea surface temperature (SST) near Japan is anomalously high



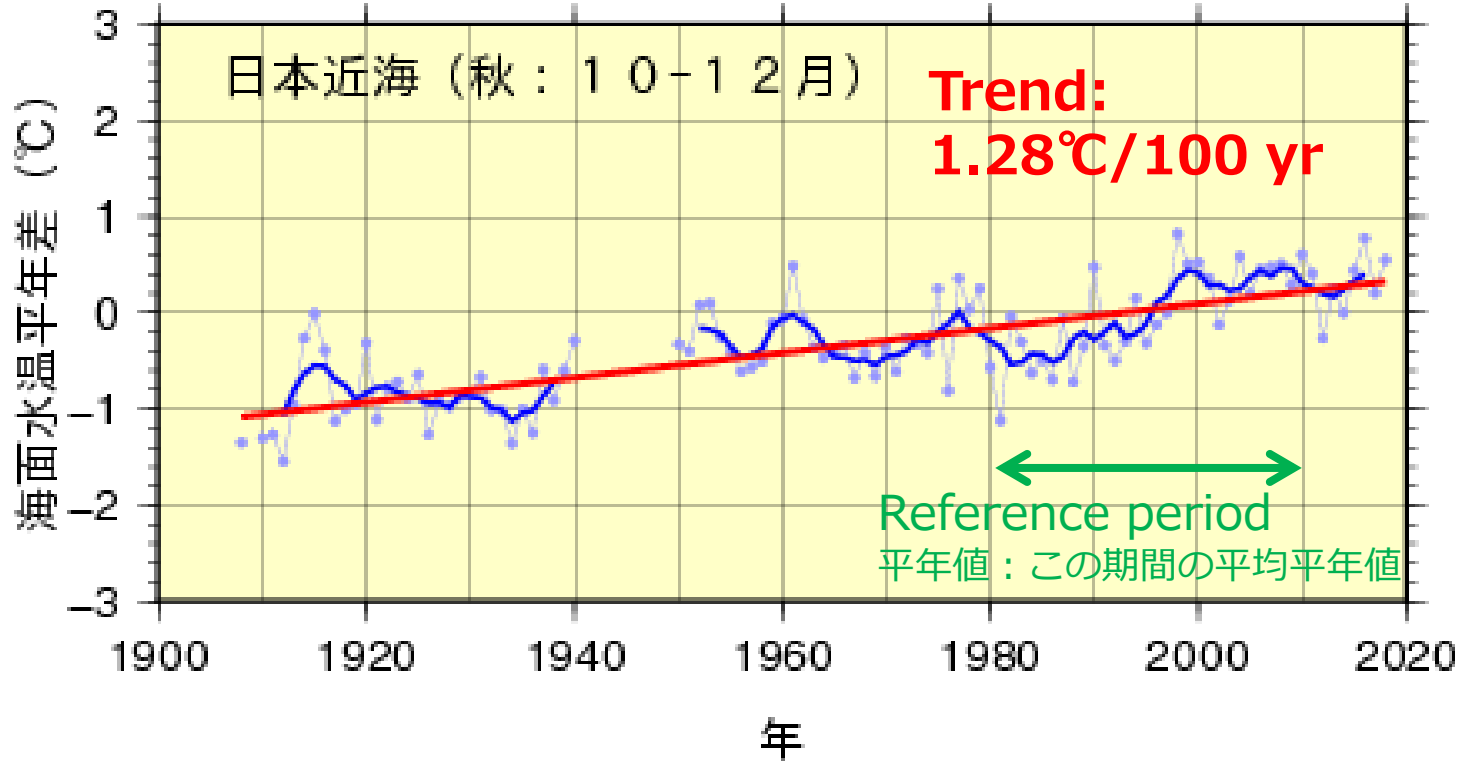
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SST variability and long-term change

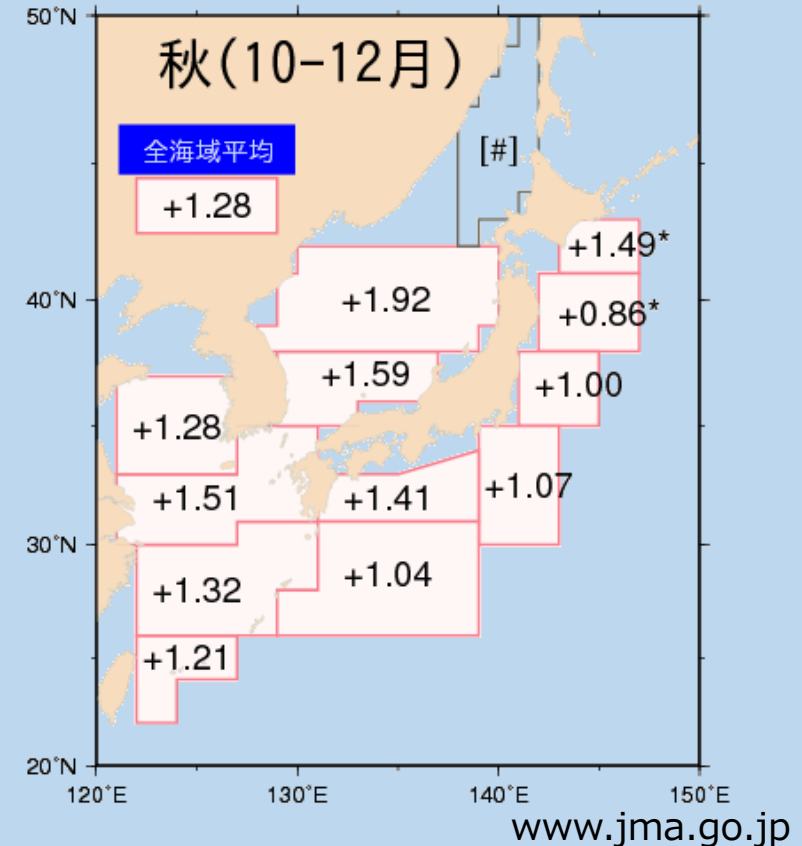
SST anomaly in Fall (Oct.-Dec.) near Japan



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While year-to-year fluctuations of SST are large, the **warming trend** increases the probability of SST anomaly occurrence, say, higher than 26-27°C, increasing the risk of stronger typhoon.

Long-term change:
Trend during 1902-2018
(°C/100 yr) in Fall



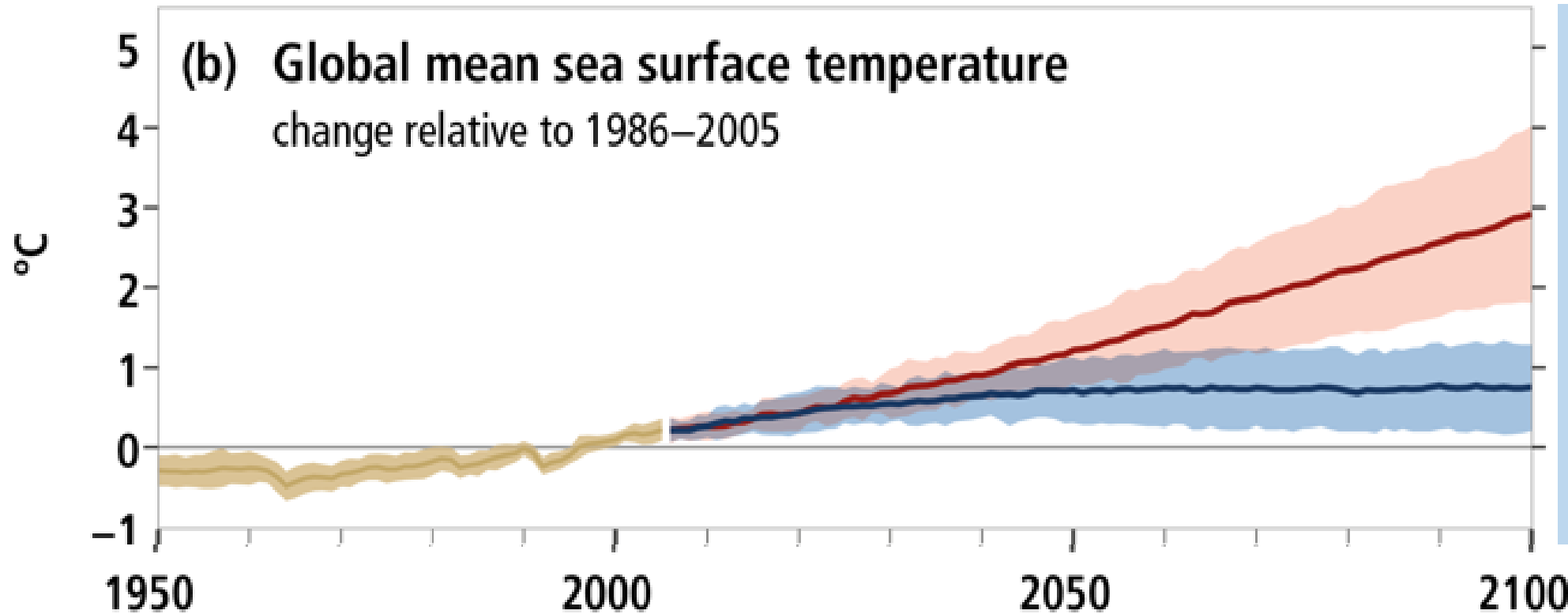
Warming trend near Japan is twice as large as the global mean.

SST warming trend is a consequence of taking the heat from climate change and will continue...

Past and future changes in the ocean and cryosphere

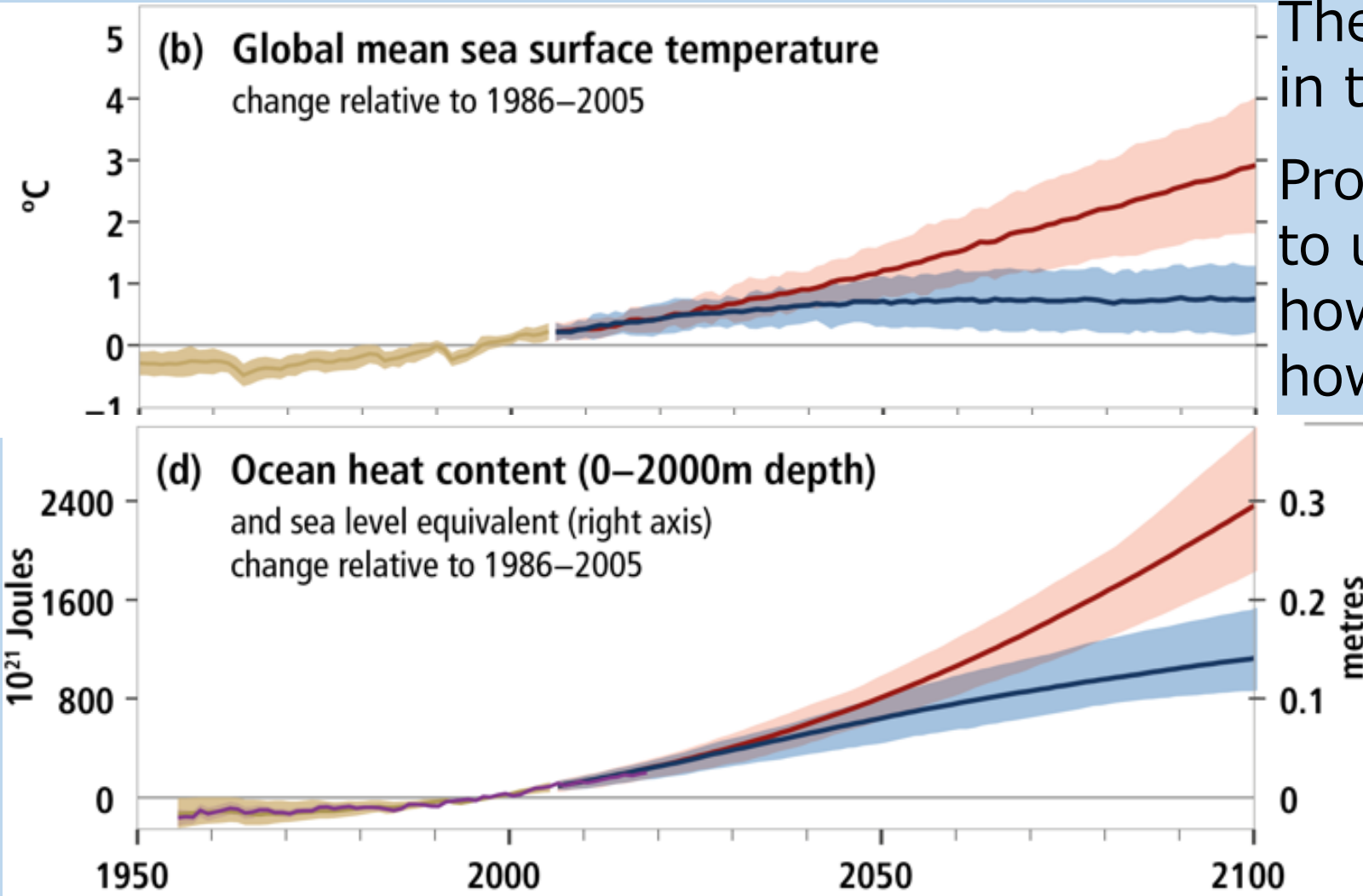
Historical changes (observed and modelled) and projections under RCP2.6 and RCP8.5 for key indicators

Historical (observed) Historical (modelled) Projected (RCP2.6) Projected (RCP8.5)



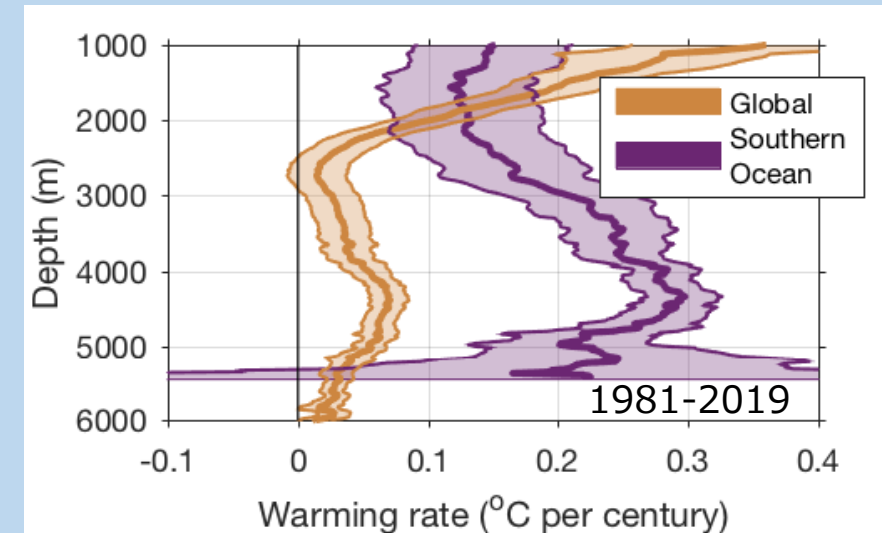
Remember the warming is much faster near Japan!

Where did/will the excess heat go?



The up-taken heat is distributed in the **whole water column**.

Proper **observations** are needed to understand and help predict how the heat is up taken and how the temperature changes.



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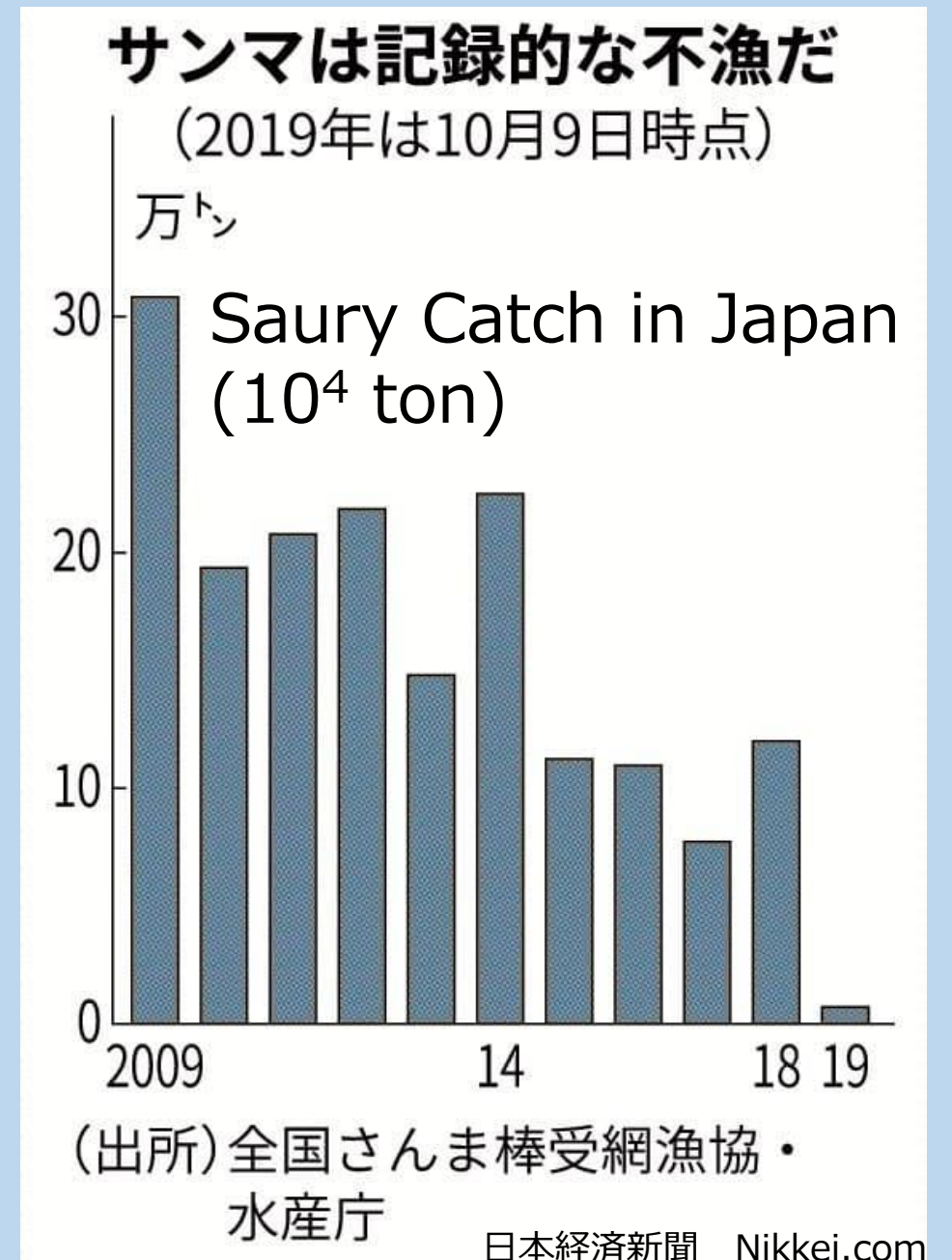
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Saury Poor Catch



Warm ocean temperature off Japan is presumably one of major causes, which is apparently related to the global warming.

The story is possibly more complicated and part of changes in marine ecosystem.



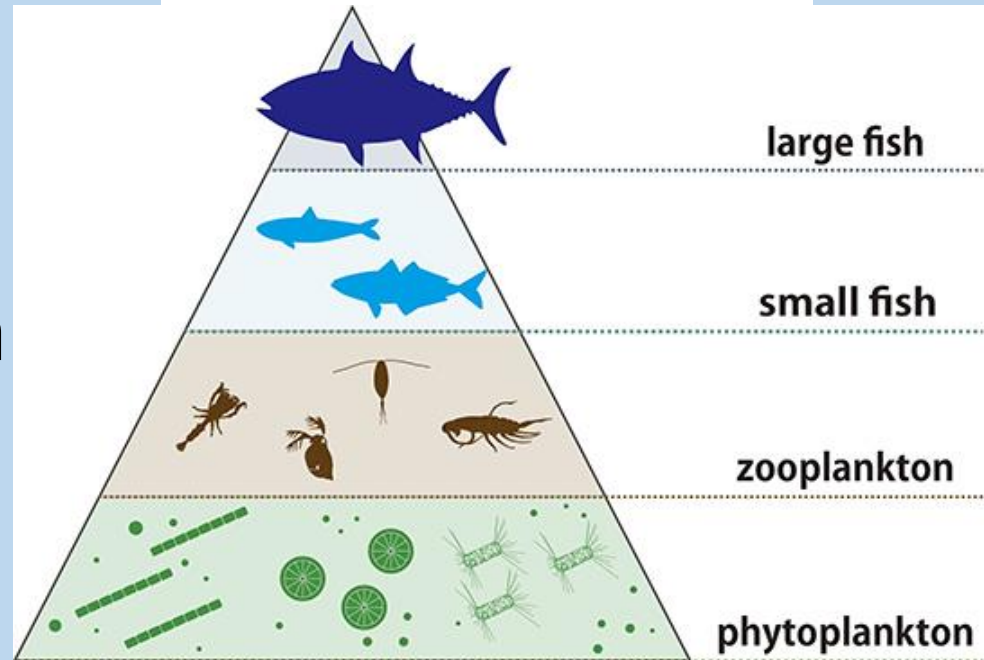
Climate change is causing...

- **Warming**
- Intensification of the **stratification**,
 - that reduces the supply of **oxygen** and **nutrients**
- **Acidification** due to carbon uptake

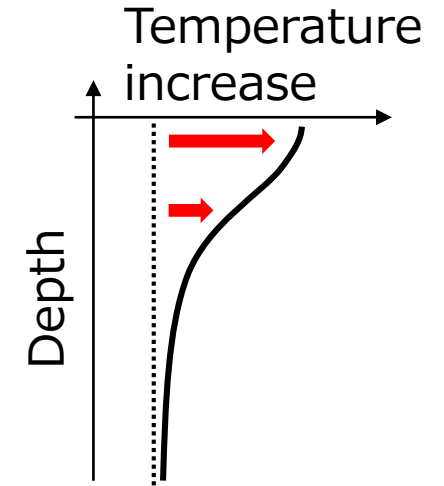
These changes along with human stressors are affecting marine ecosystem through various elements of marine food chain, causing

- Changes in **primary production** and **biomass**
- Shifts in fish populations
- ...

Marine food chain



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Surface intensified warming **strengthens stratification.**

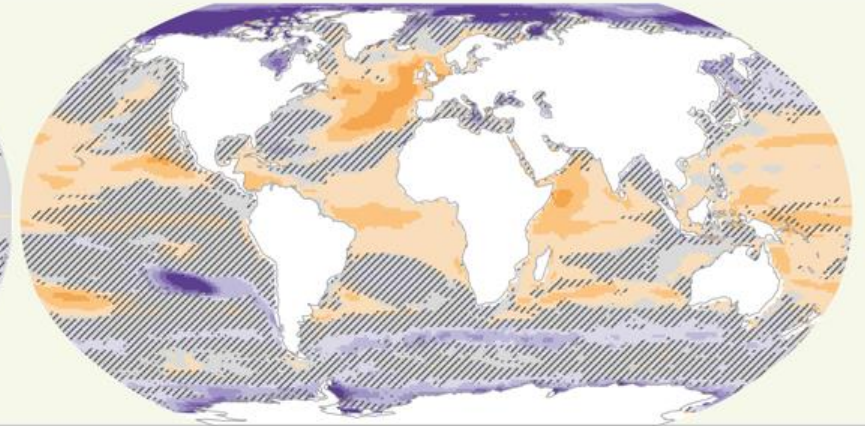
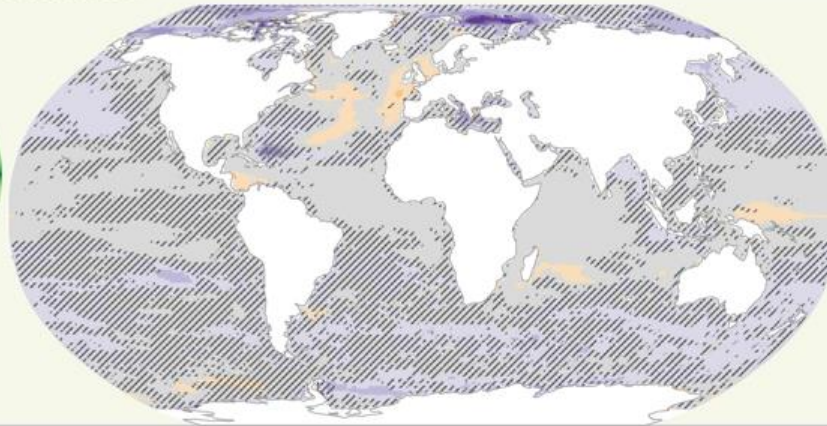
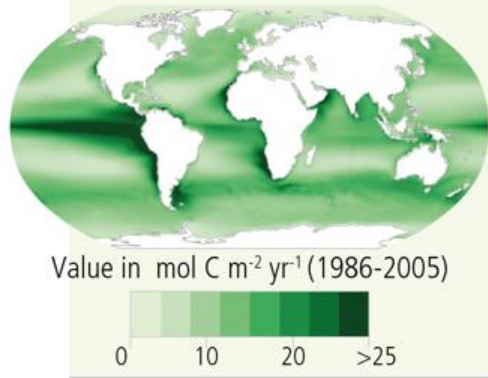
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Mixing between upper and lower layers is **suppressed.**

Projected changes, impacts and risks for ocean ecosystems as a result of climate change

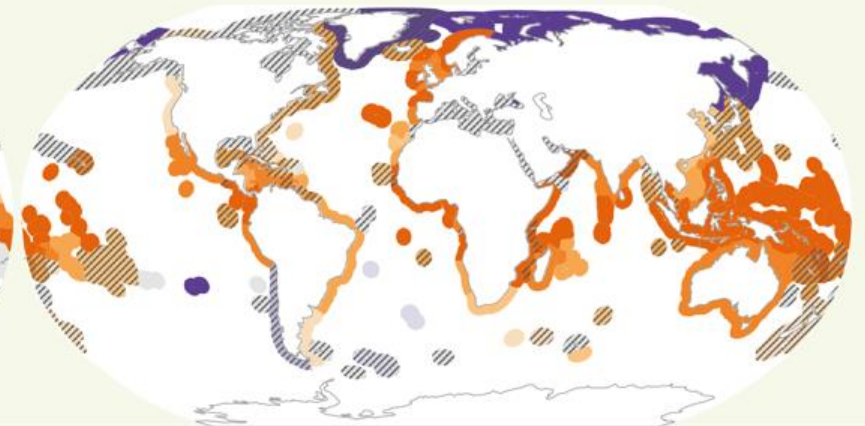
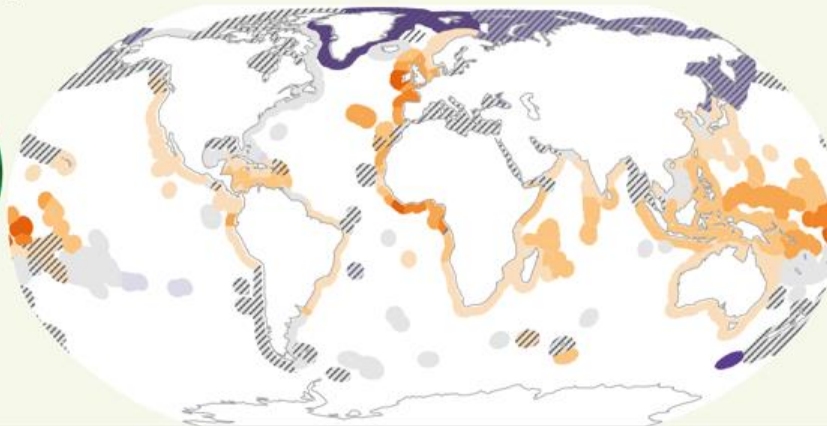
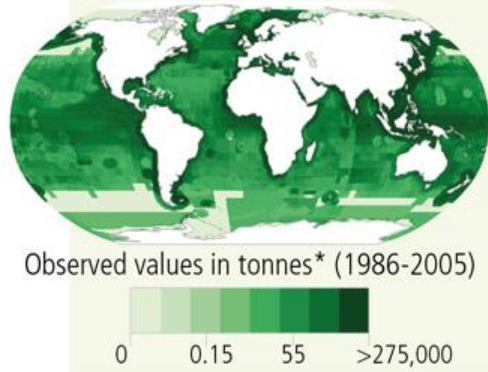
(a) Simulated net primary production

RCP2.6

RCP8.5

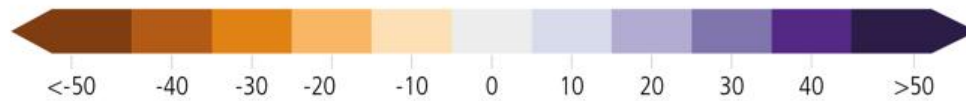


(c) Maximum fisheries catch potential



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Percent change
Average by 2081-2100, relative to 1986-2005



model disagreement
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Global Ocean Observing System



Ocean health

Climate

Operational services



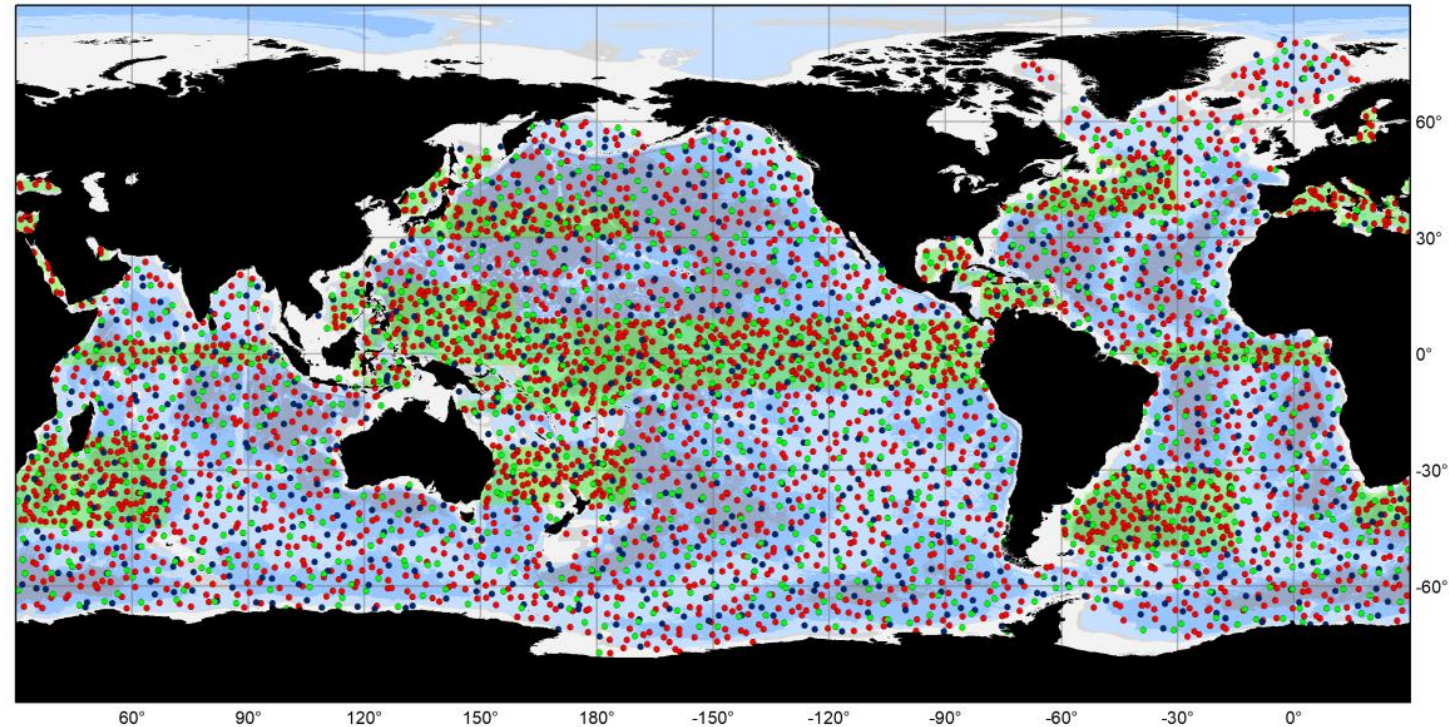
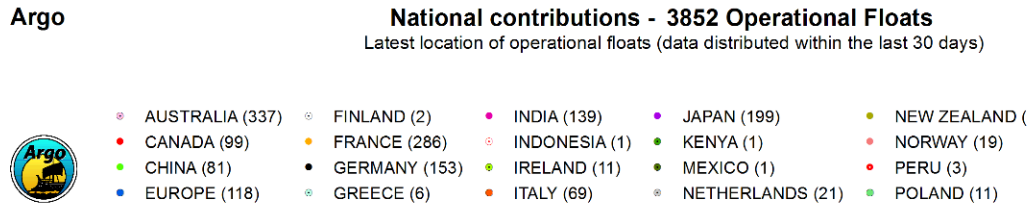
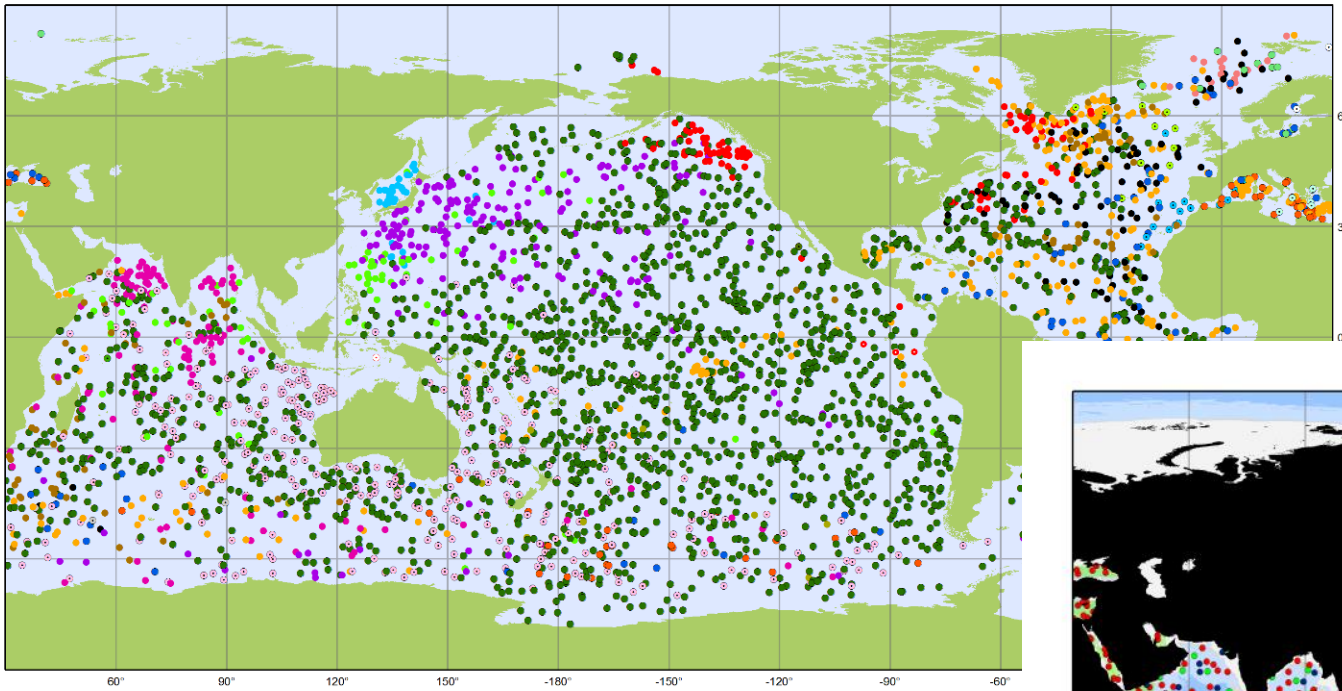
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to deliver the essential information needed for our sustainable development, safety, wellbeing and prosperity

Contributing to **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**



Argo: A network of over 3000 profiling floats measuring temperature and salinity of the top 2000 m of the global ocean, maintained for 15 years and contributing to detect ocean changes.



New phase of Argo Program:
Argo 2020 Design
 to measure down to the bottom and to measure biogeochemical properties for better understanding/prediction of climate change and impacts



Take-home messages

- Carbon emissions from human activities are causing ocean **warming, acidification**, and **oxygen loss** with some evidence of **changes in nutrient cycling and primary production**.
- Those changes are affecting **weather/coastal phenomena** and **marine ecosystem**, which impacts on our **life** through increasing **disaster risks**, threatening **food security**, etc.
- The changes and impacts are projected to increase over coming decades; **adaptation** actions are required and a **decarbonized** society will help make more time and space for the adaptation.