

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

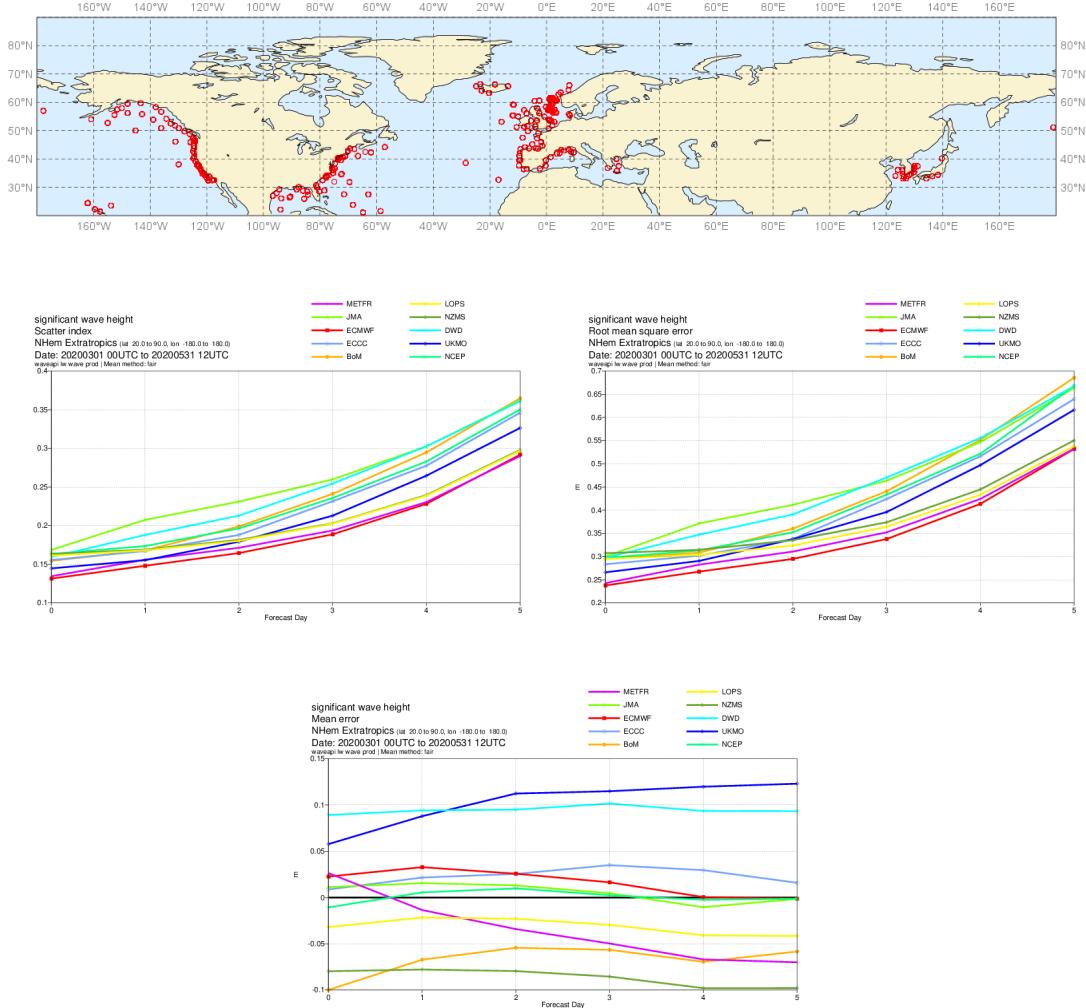
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WMO Lead Centre for Wave Forecast Verification LC-WFV,  
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June 17, 2020

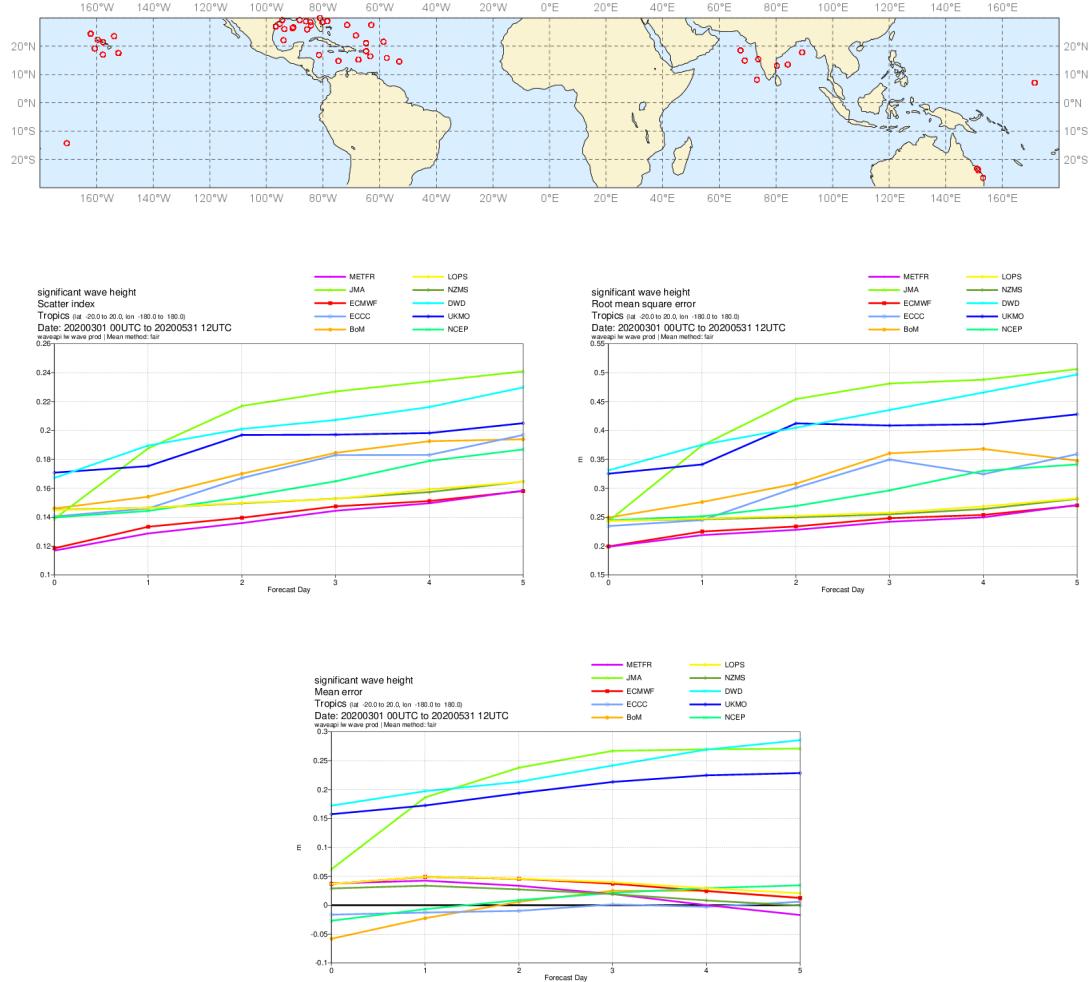
## **PART I: significant wave height (SWH)**

## Buoys observations - from 20200301 to 20200531 - (swh)



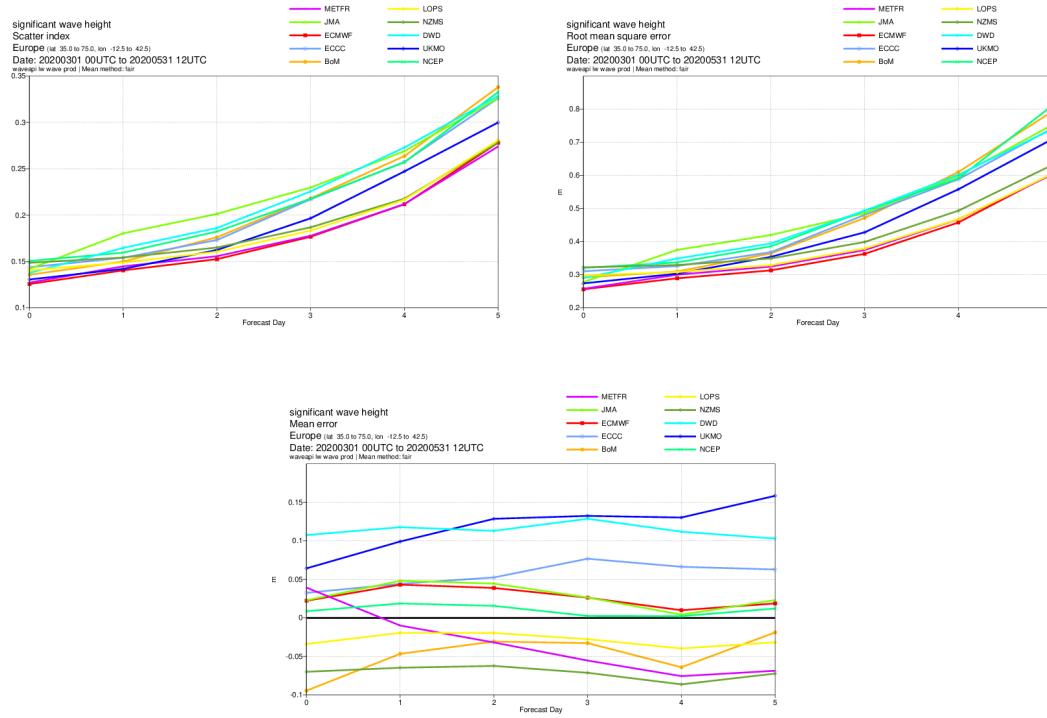
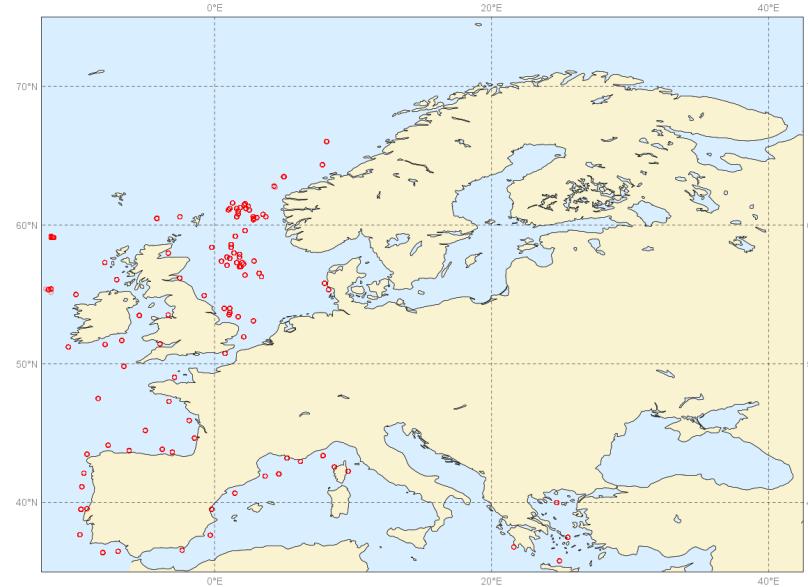
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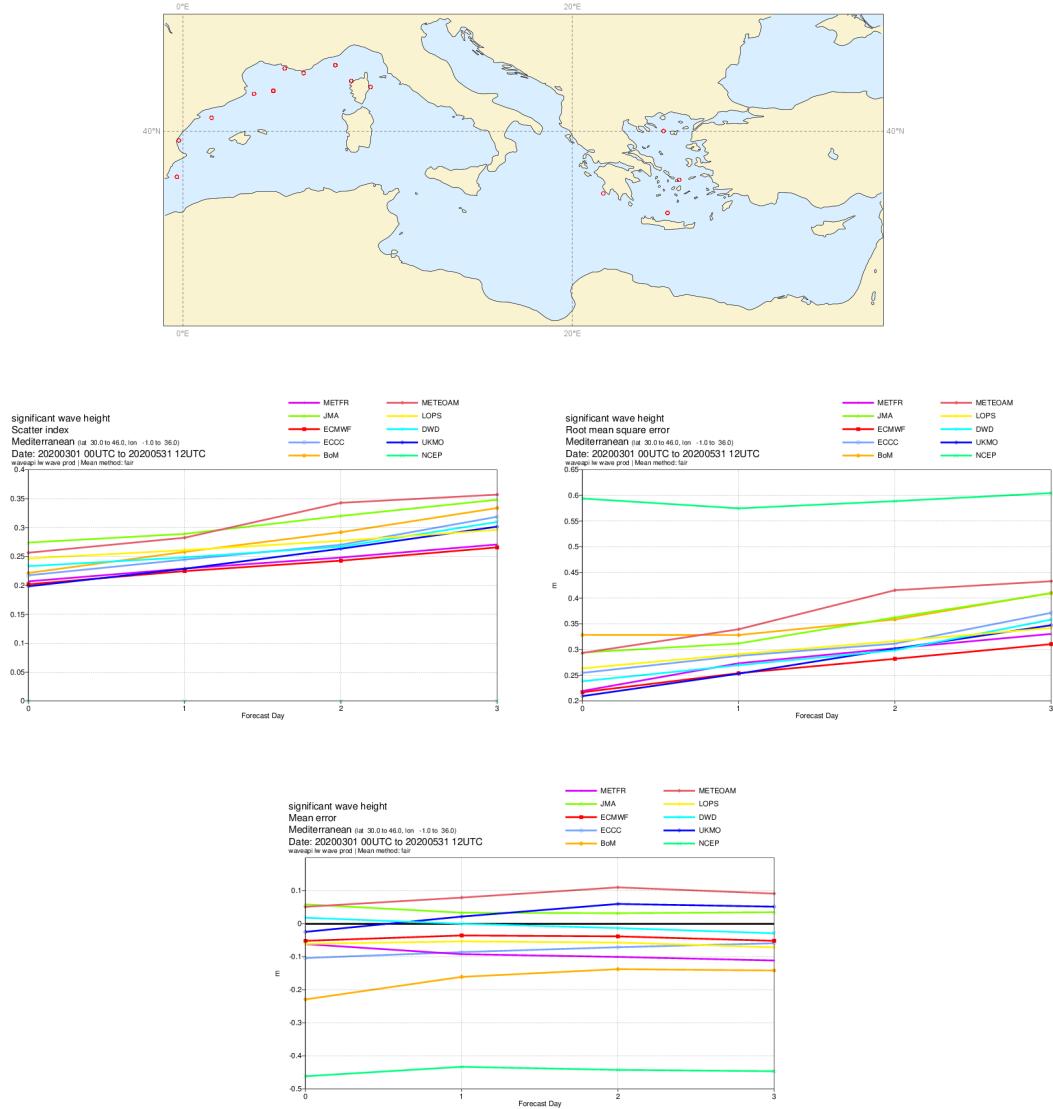
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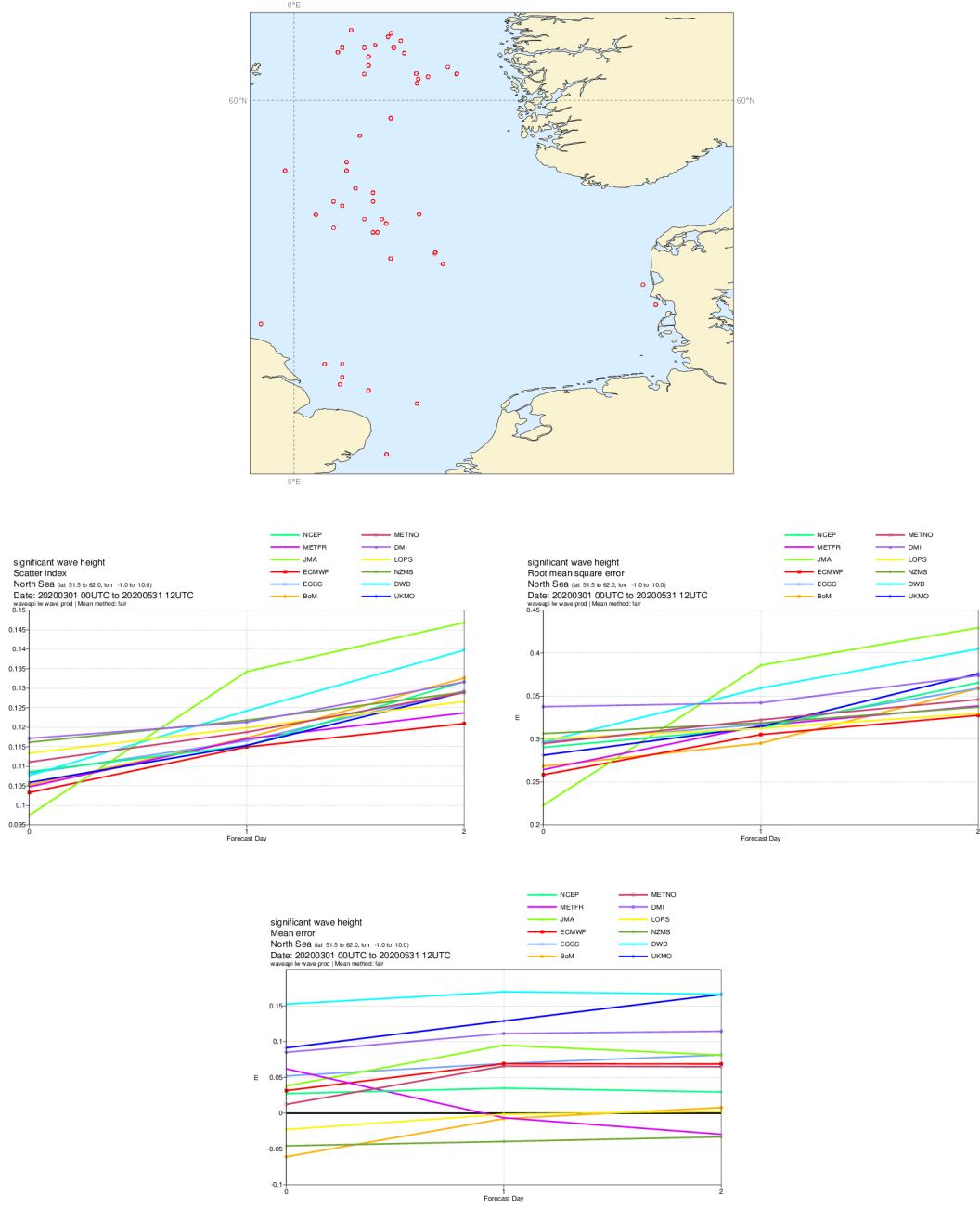
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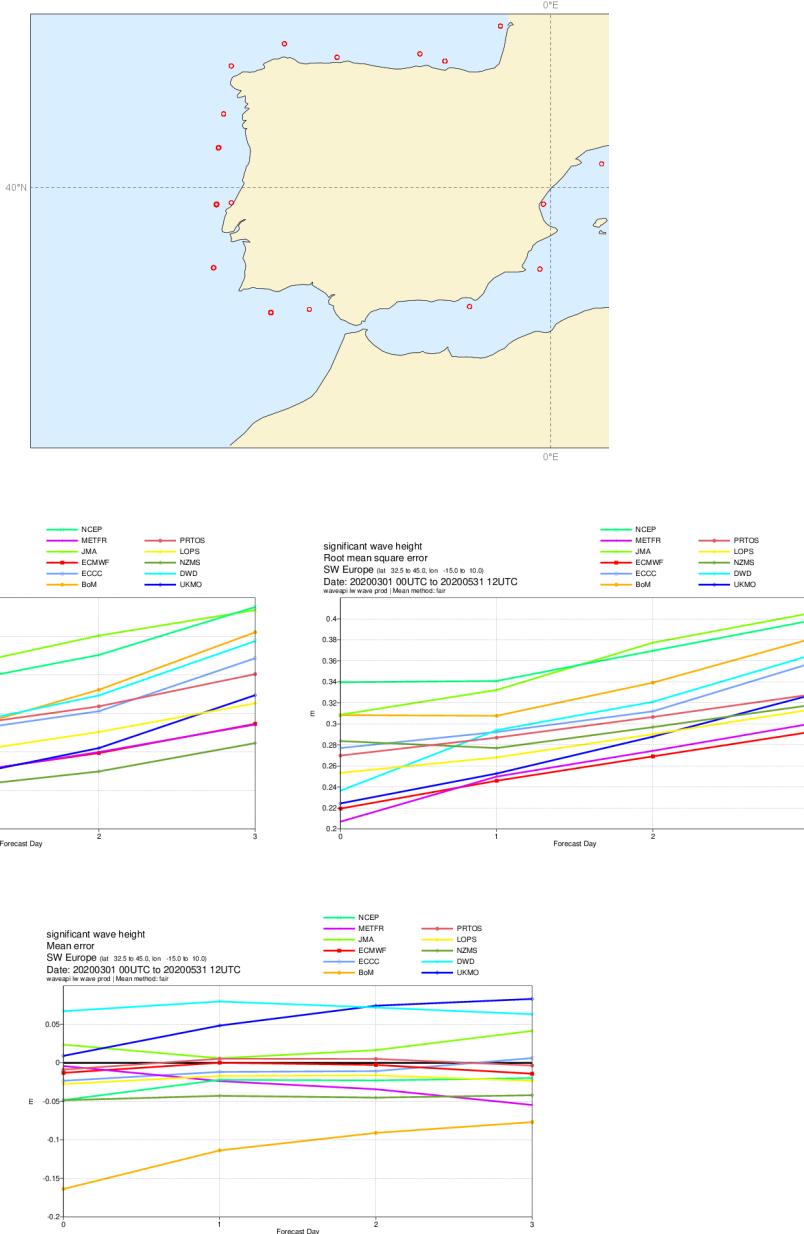
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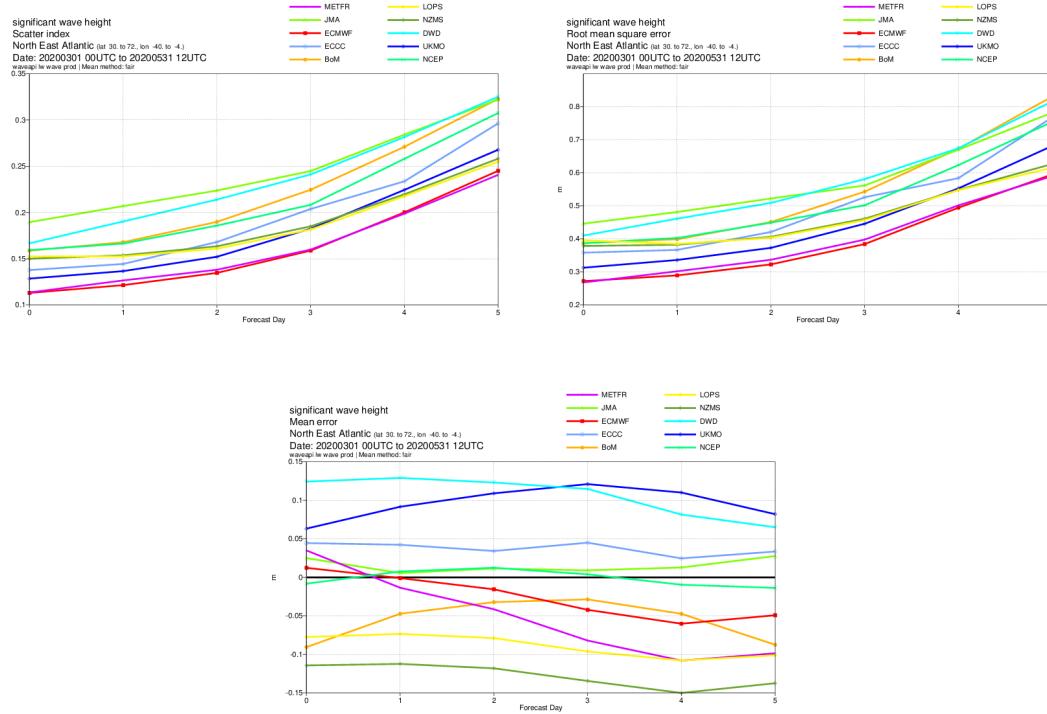
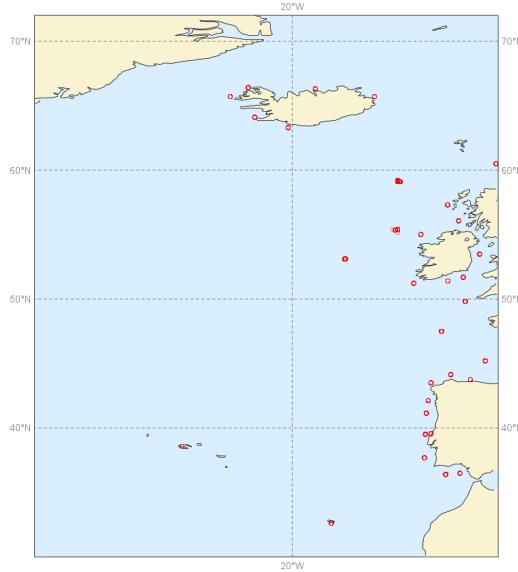
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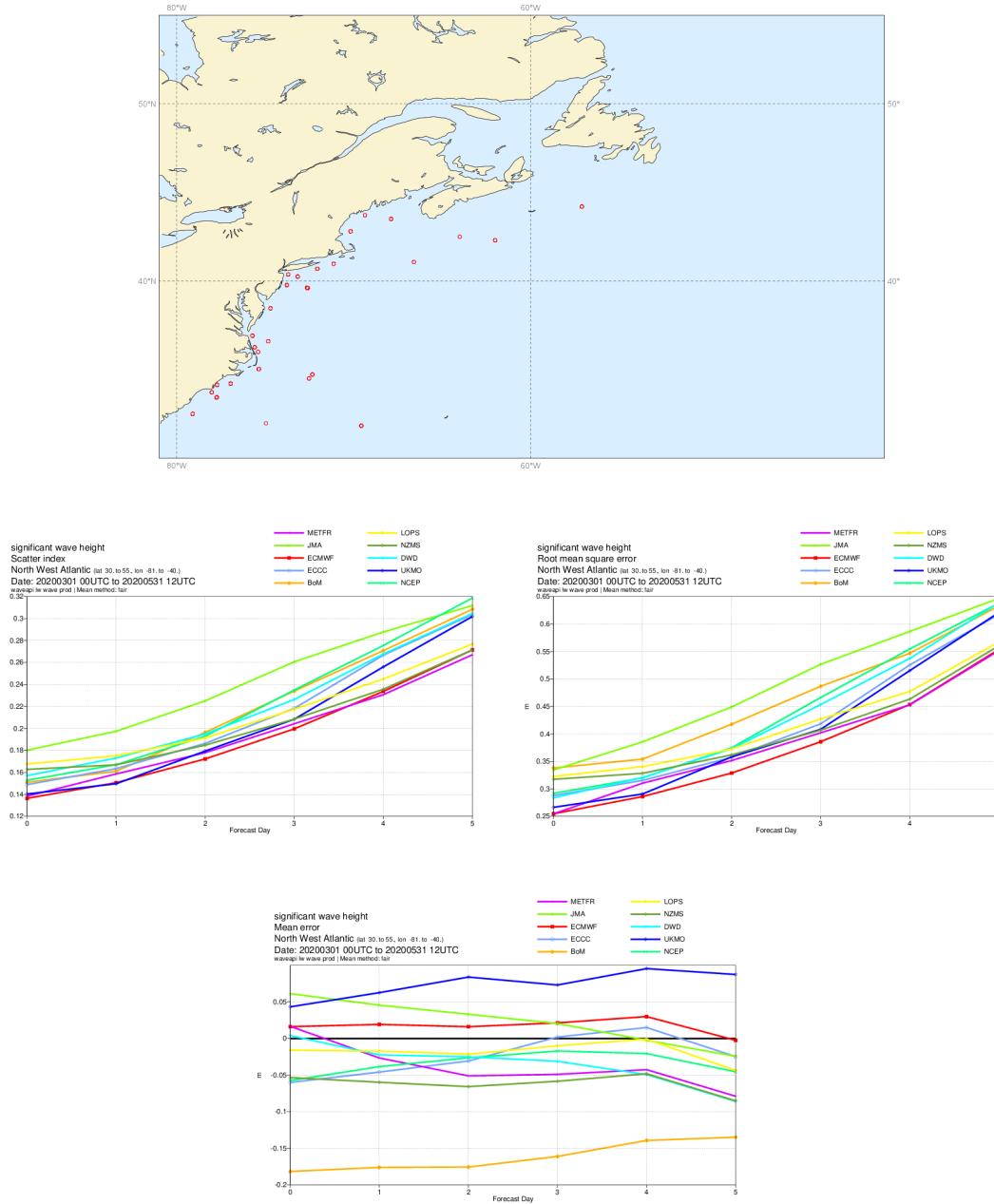
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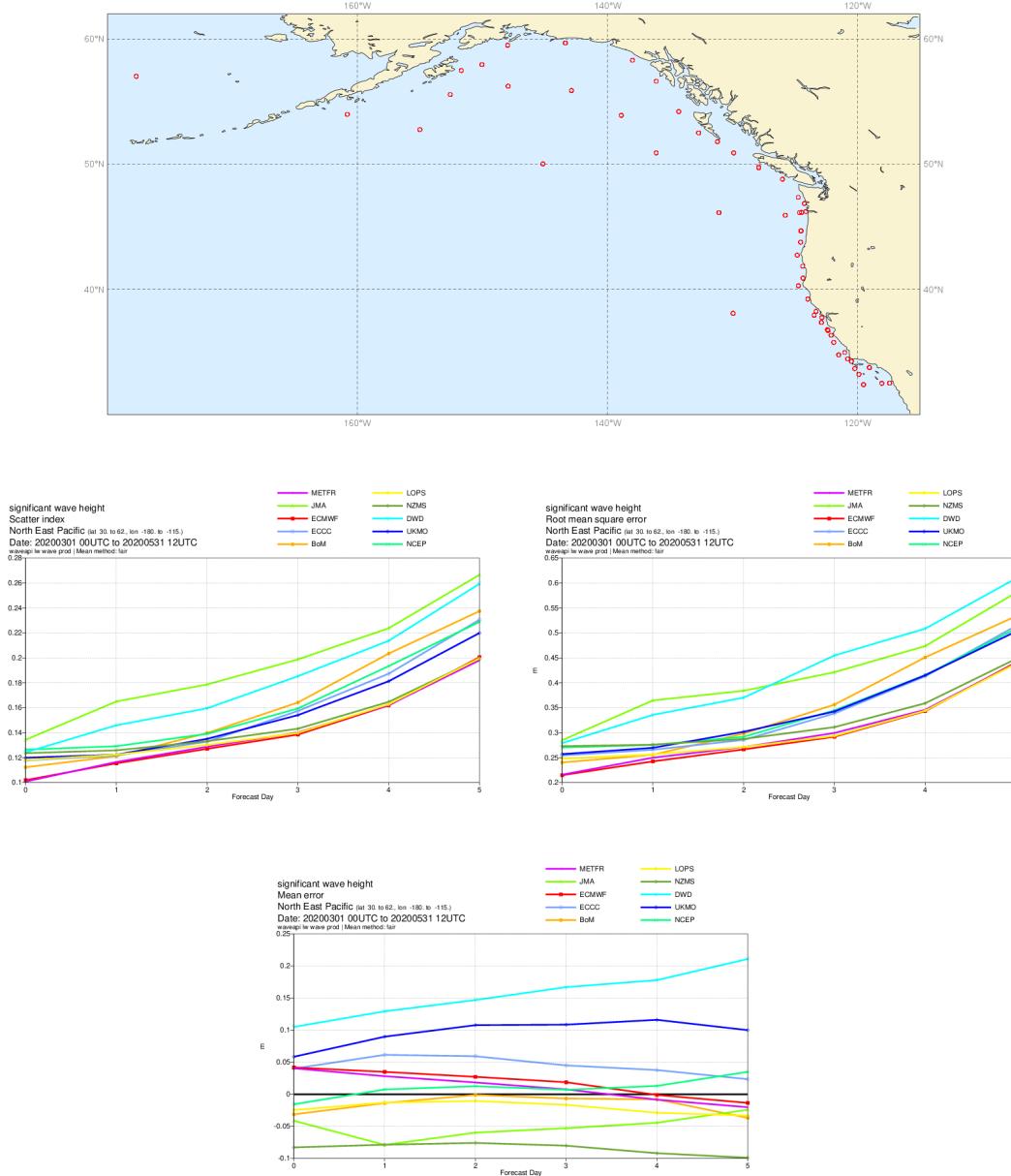
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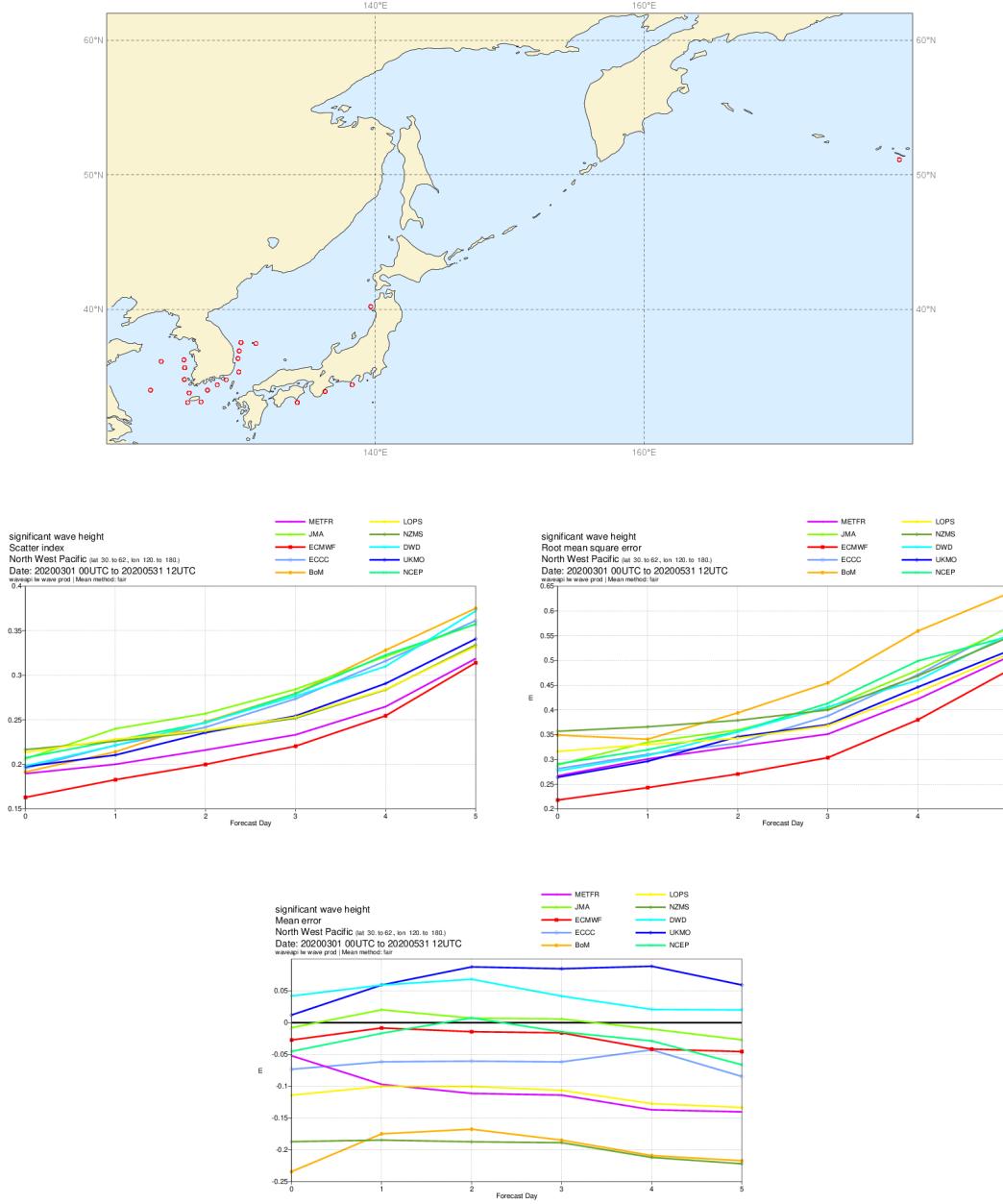
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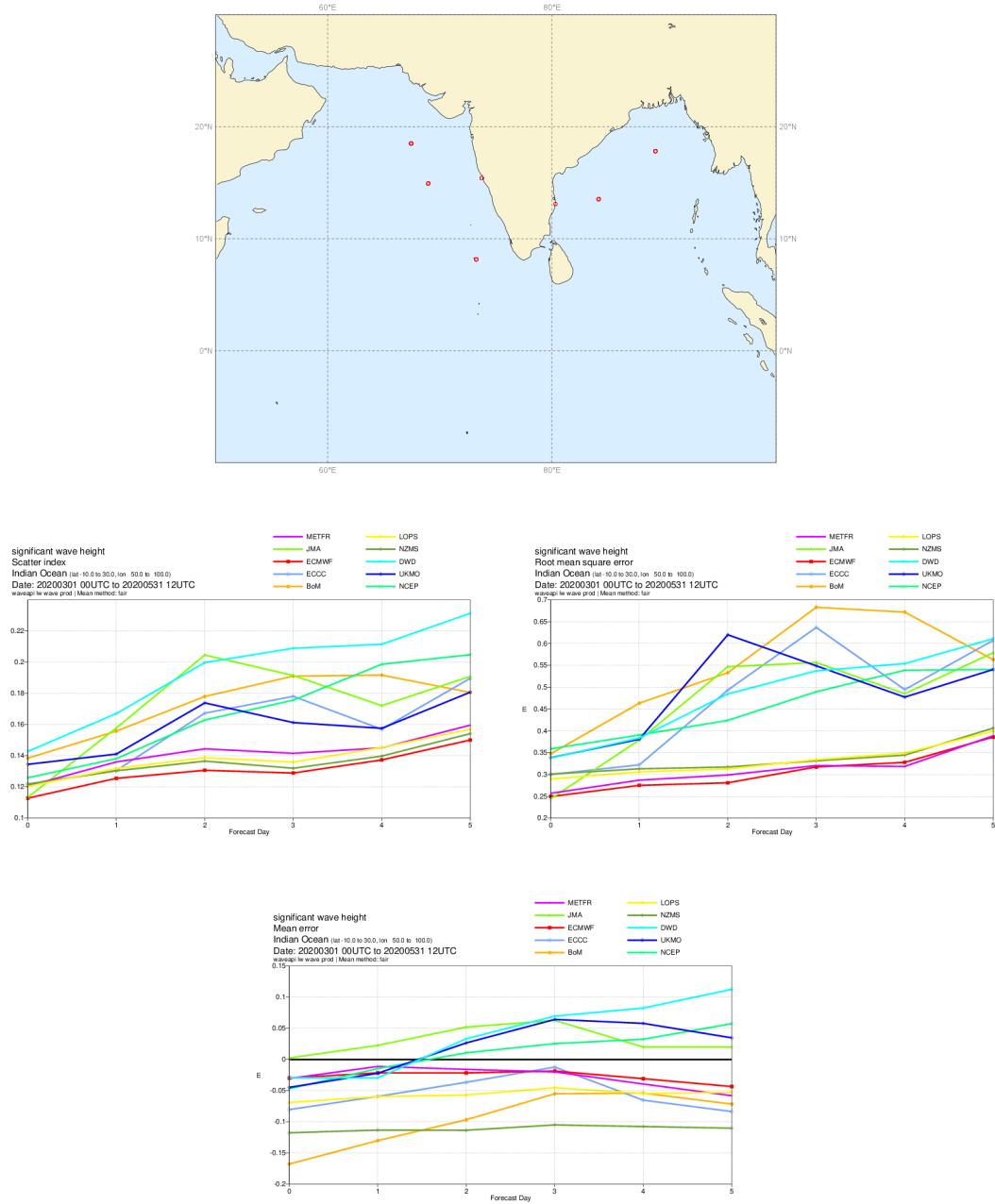
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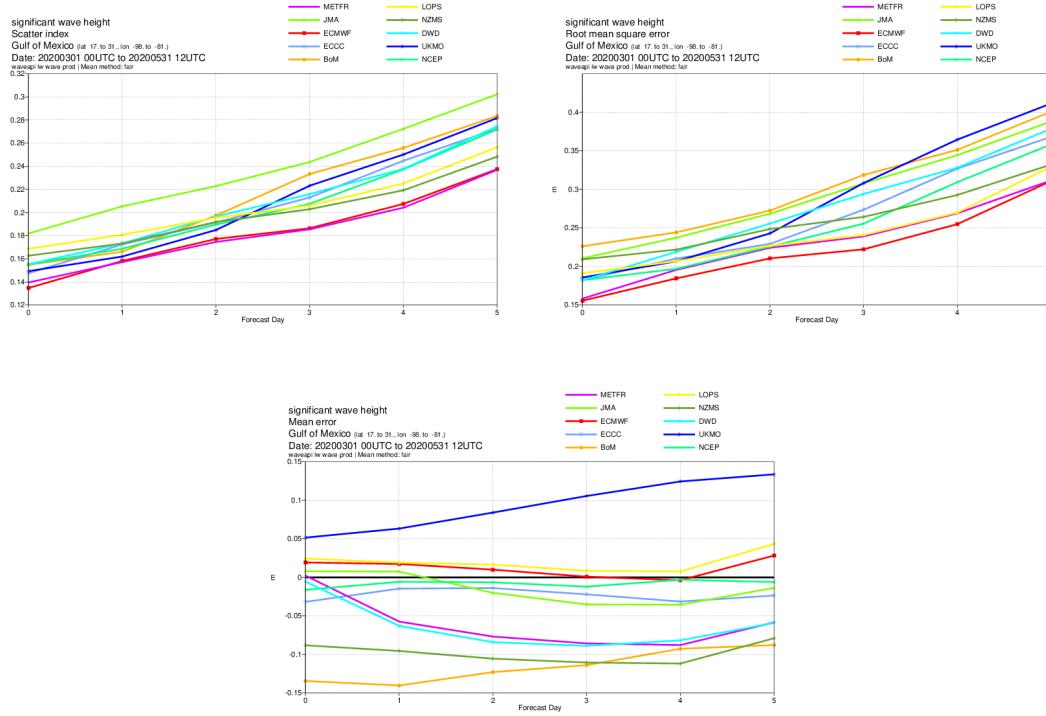
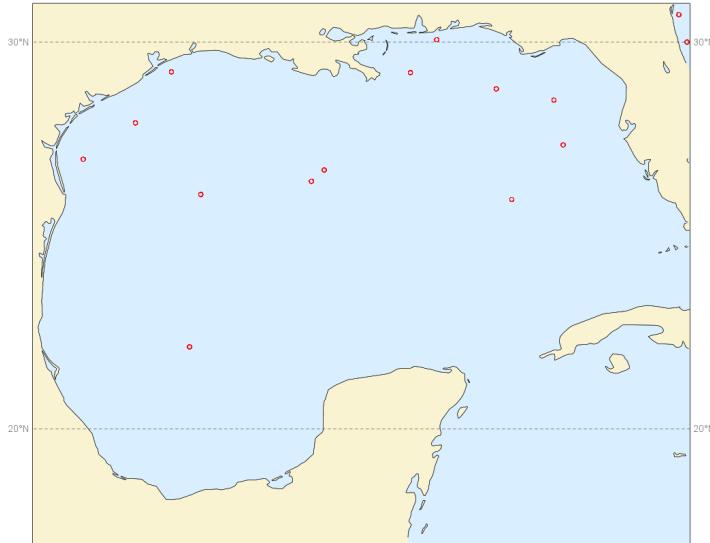
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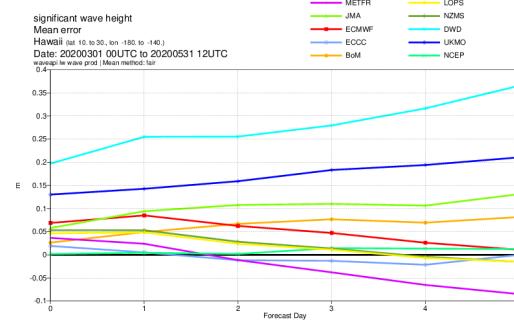
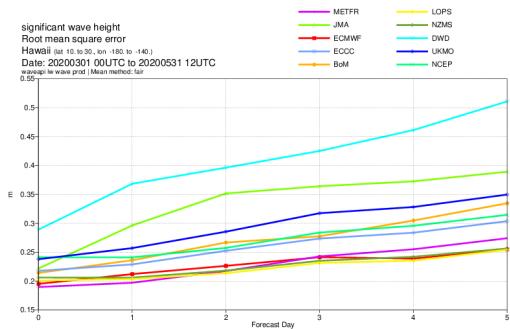
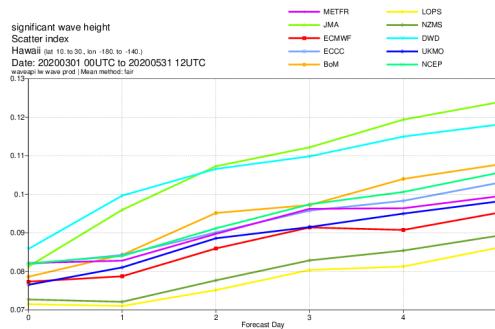
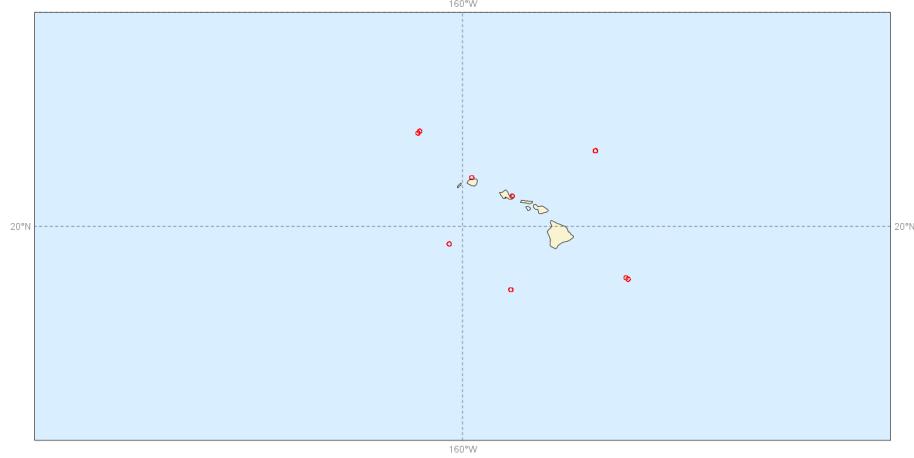
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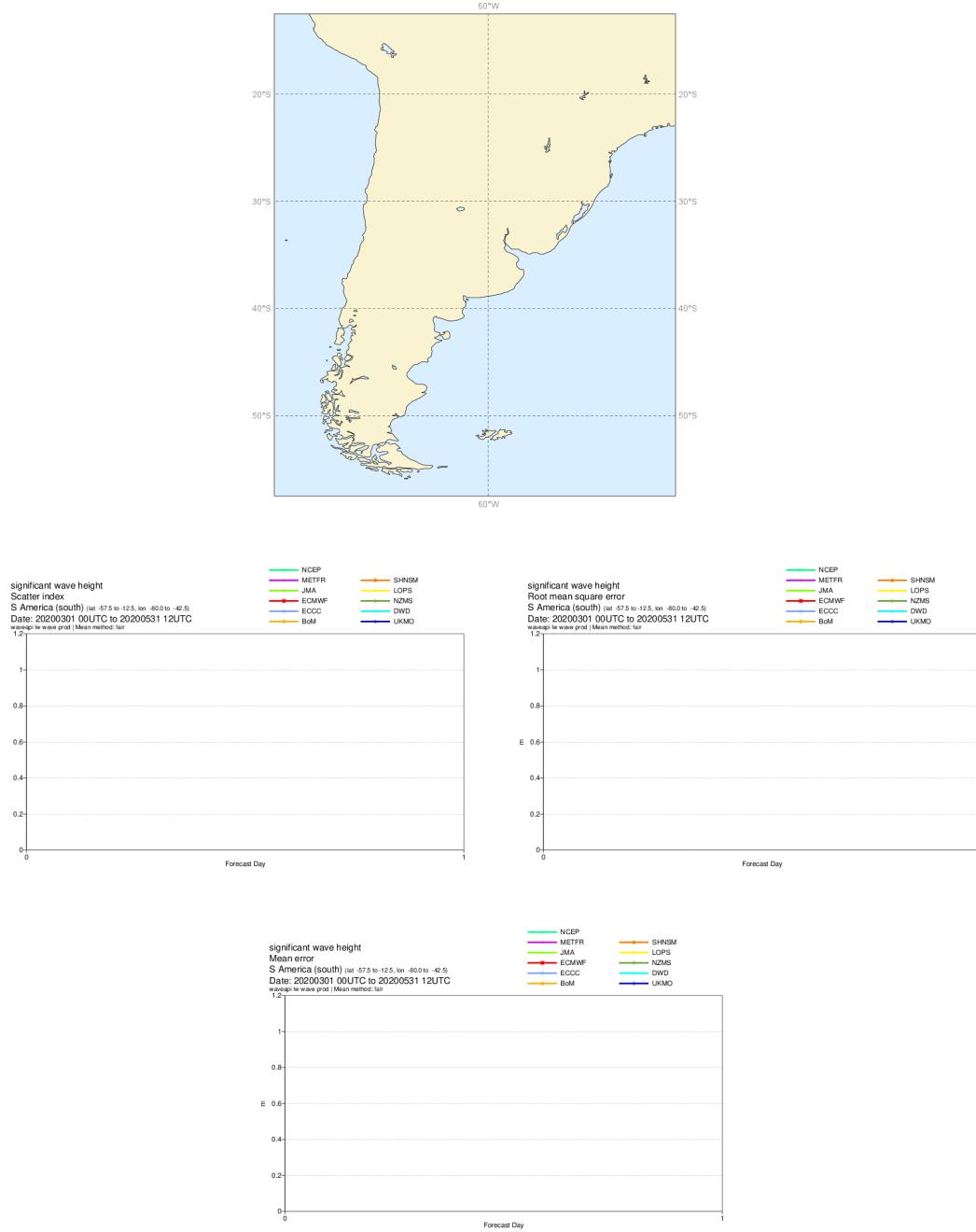
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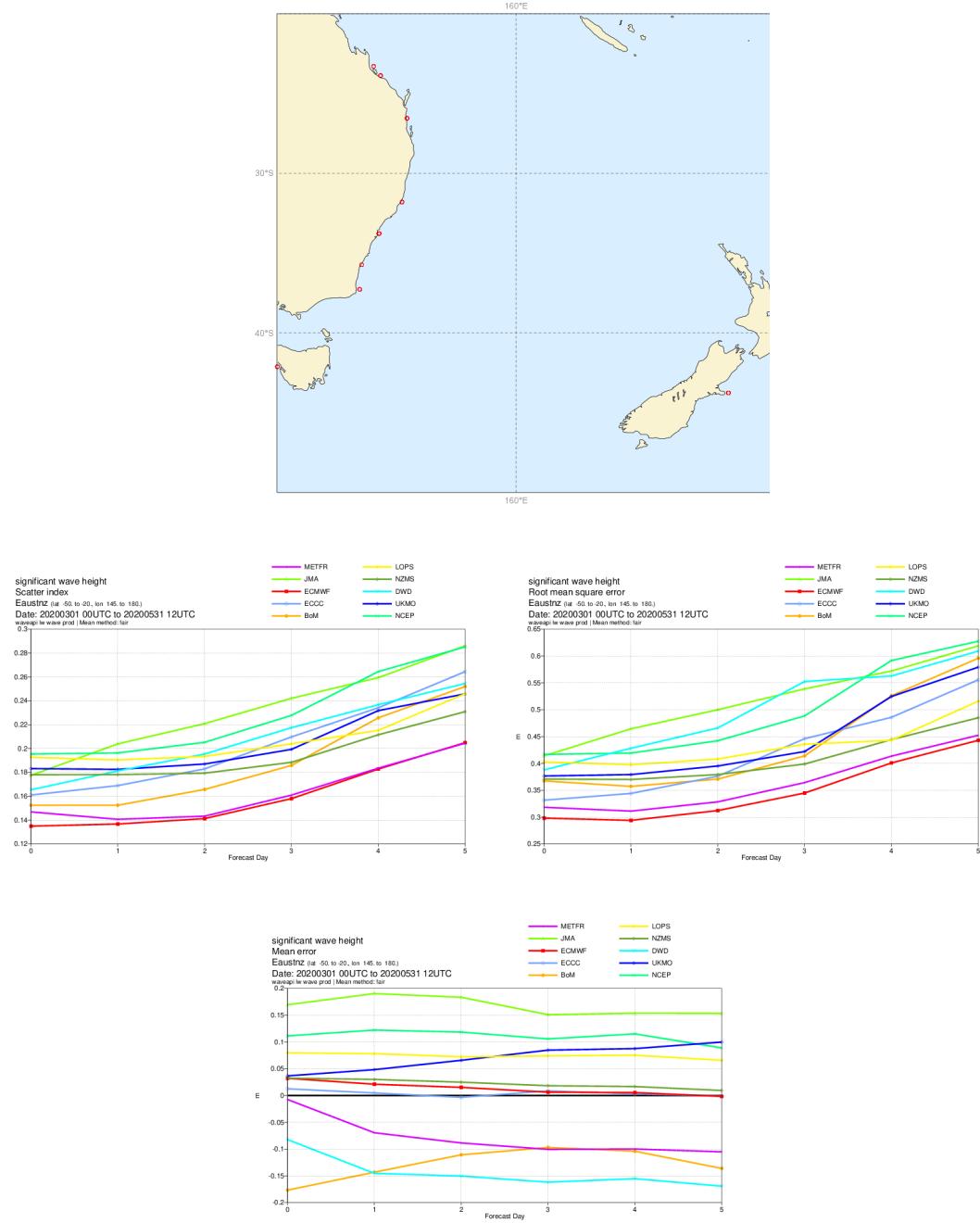
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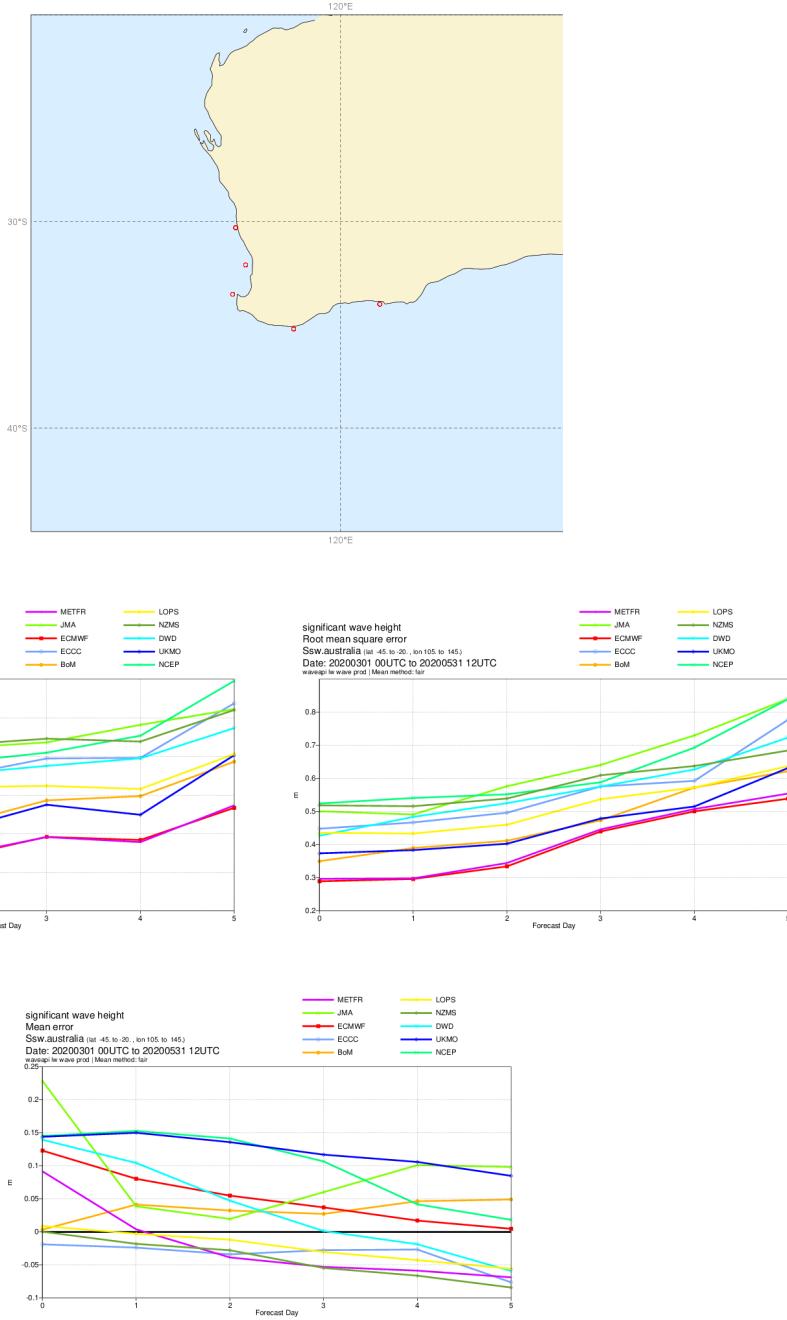
**South of South America.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error (RMSE). Bottom panel: forecast mean error (bias).

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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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