

Sea Surface Temperature Variability in the Arabian Sea: Exploring Seasonal Patterns and Atmospheric Interactions

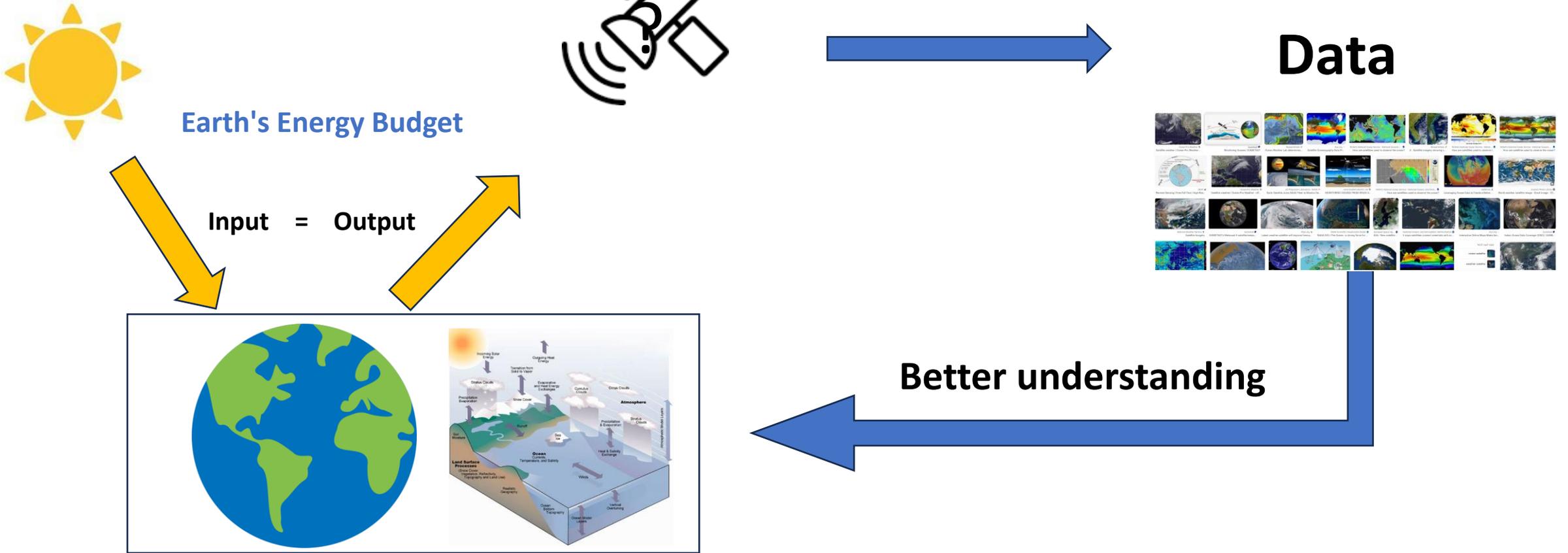
Main Points:

- Sea Surface Temperature SST , Importance and Impacts
- SST Measurements
- A quick Journey throughout the SST seasons of Arabian Sea
- Historic Review on SST of Arabian Sea



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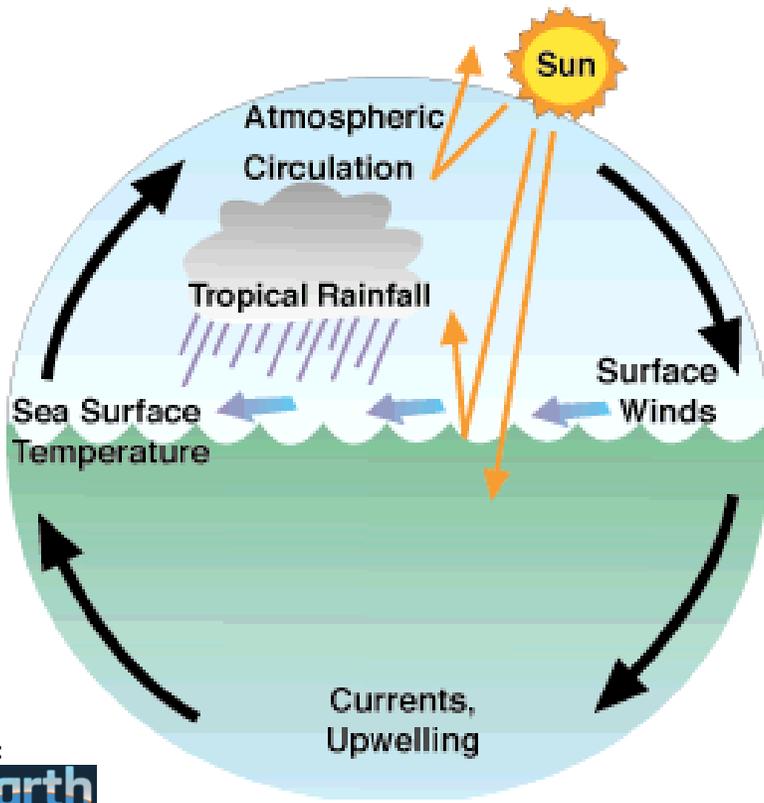
Earth is not over heated

SST !

Why SST and how it's measured ?

Atmosphere-ocean coupling

Refers to the interaction and exchange of **energy**, **momentum**, and **mass** between the Earth's atmosphere and its oceans.



Exchange of energy like :

- Solar SW insolation and land , atm and ocean LW radiation
- Heat fluxes like conduction and convection

Momentum exchange like:

- winds , sea waves ,pressure and ocean currents

Mass exchange like :

- water by evaporation and precipitation , aerosols, and other substances.

Like in Tropical Cyclone!

SST!

***That is fully nonlinear.**

>> Very complex !

>> Numerical Models

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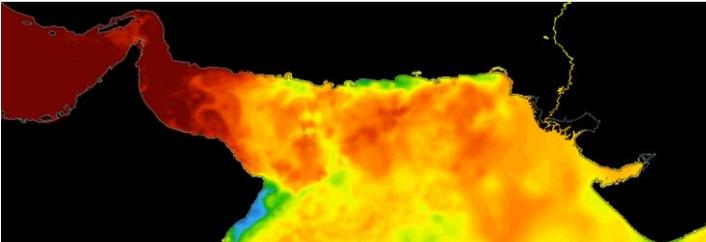


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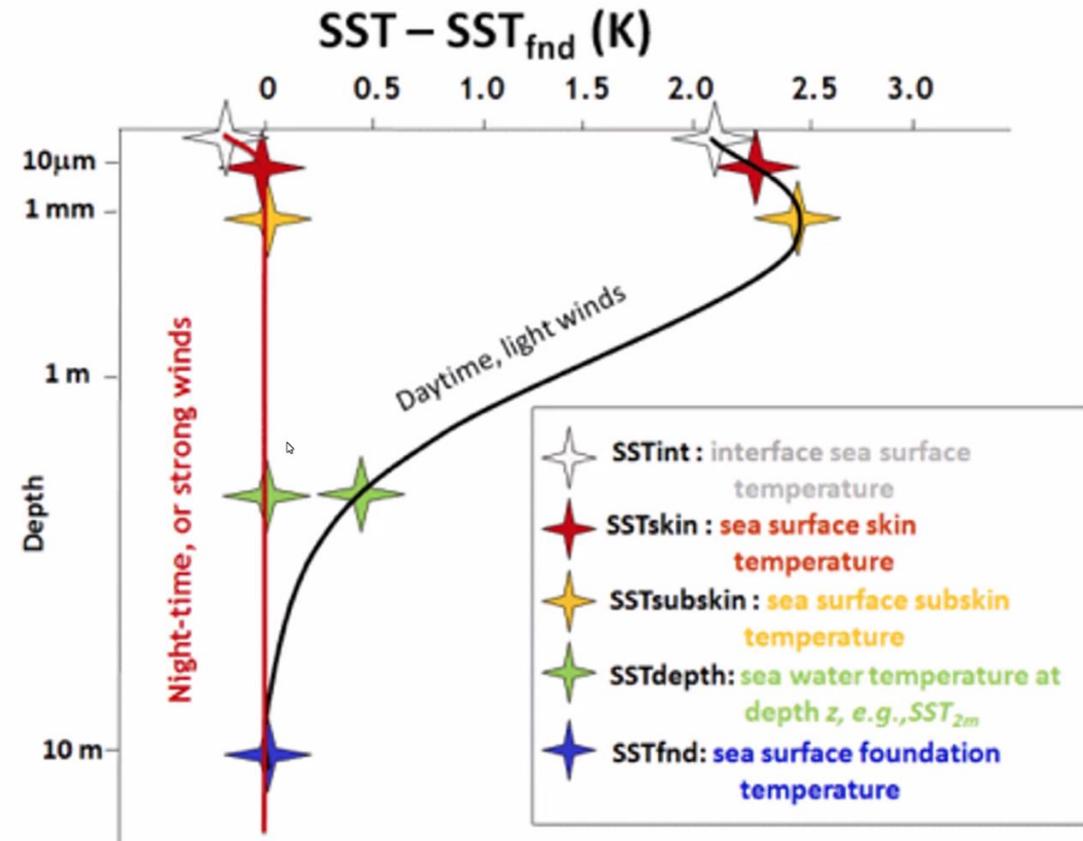
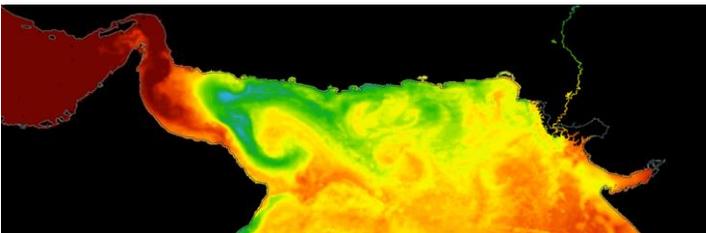
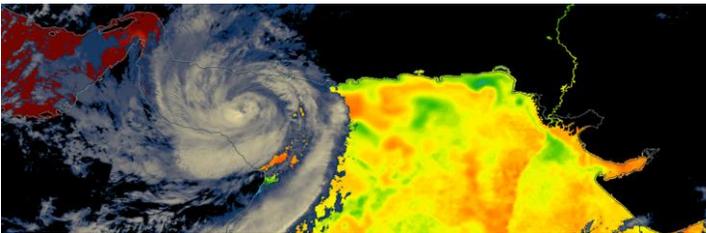
In Meteorology :

The sea surface temperature is defined as the temperature of the ocean at depths of 0-10 meters.

Before



After



*Foundation Temperature is nearly free of any diurnal temperature variability

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- In situ measurements such as:

buoys, ships, and others floats equipped with sensors to directly measure the temperature of the ocean surface beside other air and water parameters . Later will sea Saildrone!

Accurate and detailed data 😊 but very limited in spatial coverage 😞

- Satellite-based measurements:

Mosely infrared and microwave radiometers can measure the thermal radiation emitted by the ocean surface then it could corrected or calibrated to SST In situ measurements .

provide wide spatial coverage 😊 lower accuracy and less temporal details 😞

Satellite Carrying instruments with SST Capability:

NOAA-20
MetOp series
Sentinel-3
Aqua and Terra

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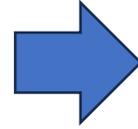
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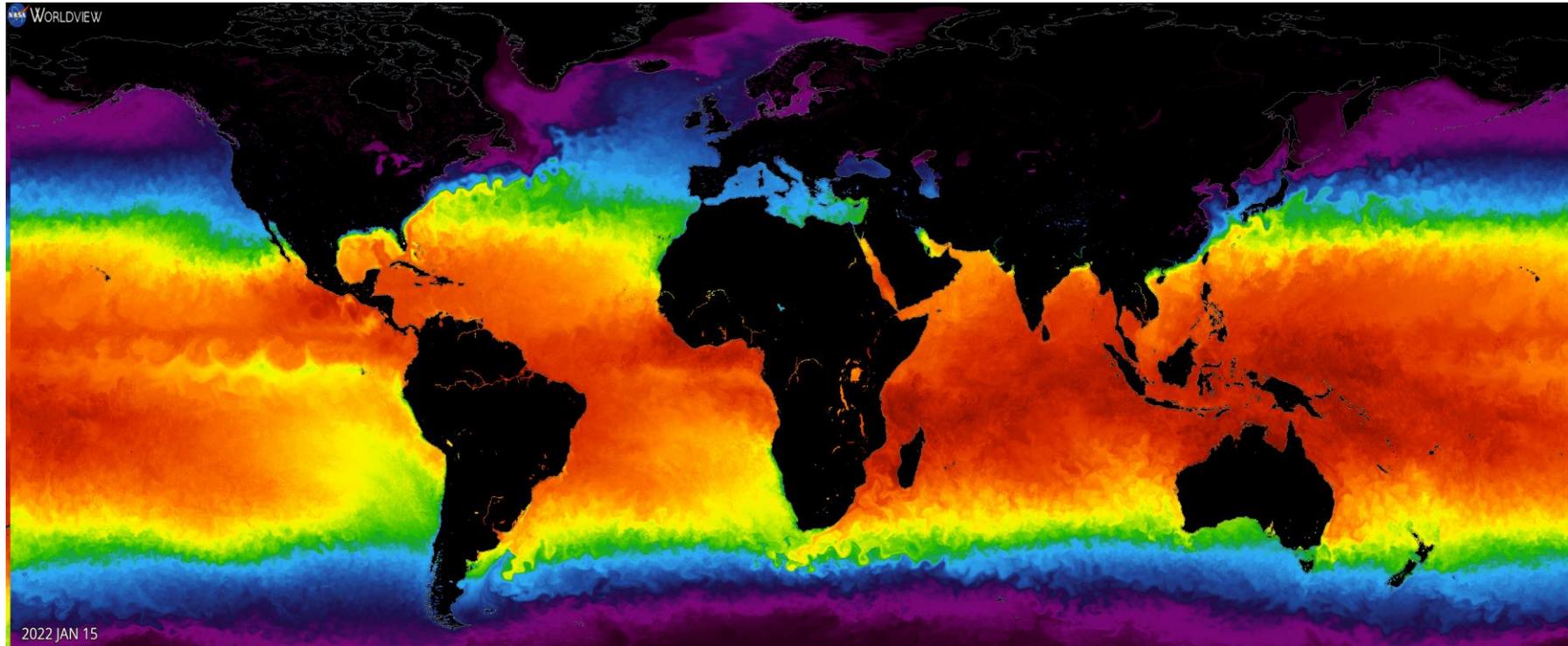
Integrated into one System for optimal accuracy Like :

The **Group for High Resolution Sea Surface Temperature (GHRSSST)**

>> skin sea surface temperature at approximately 10-20 μm

using instruments like :

AVHRR , VIIRS , MODIS and SLSTR + in-situ instruments



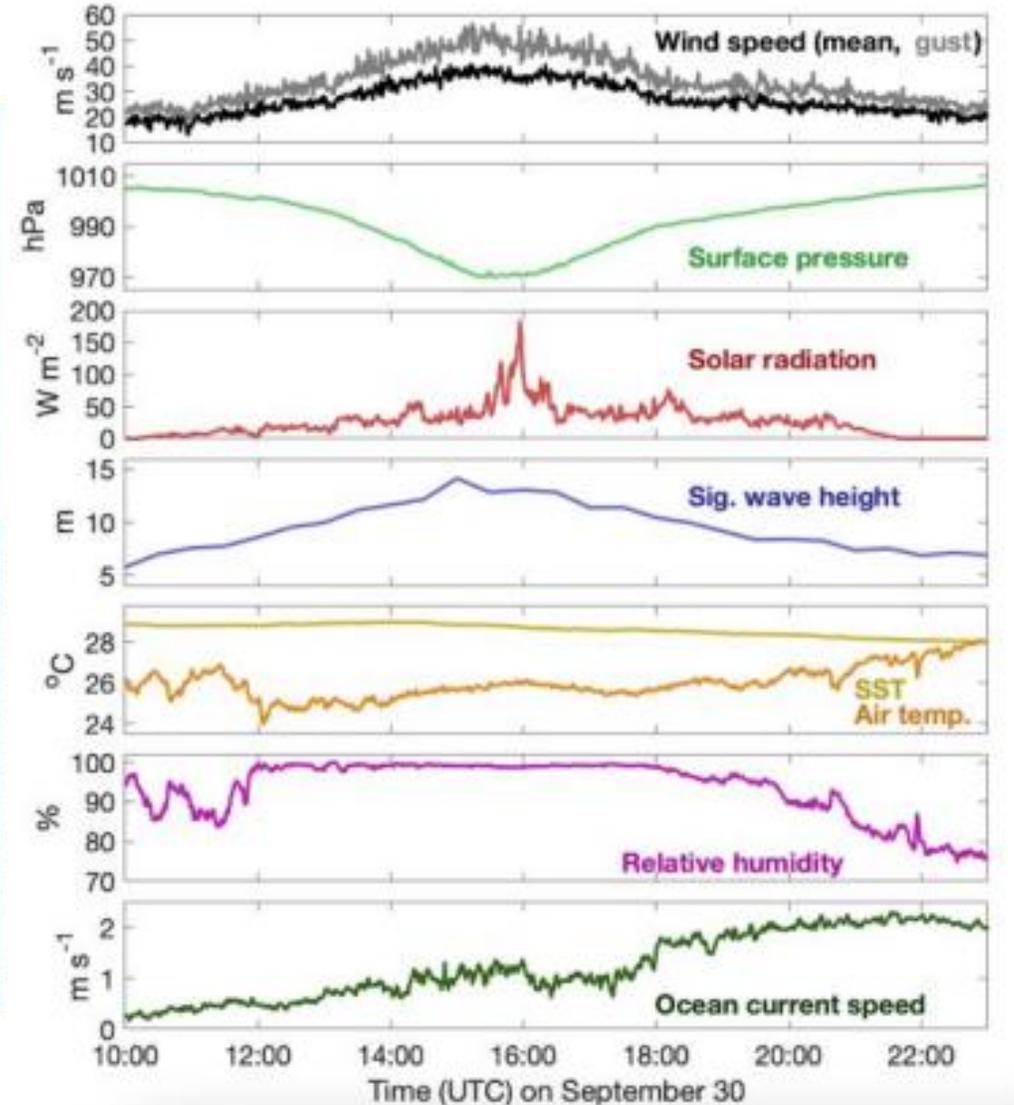
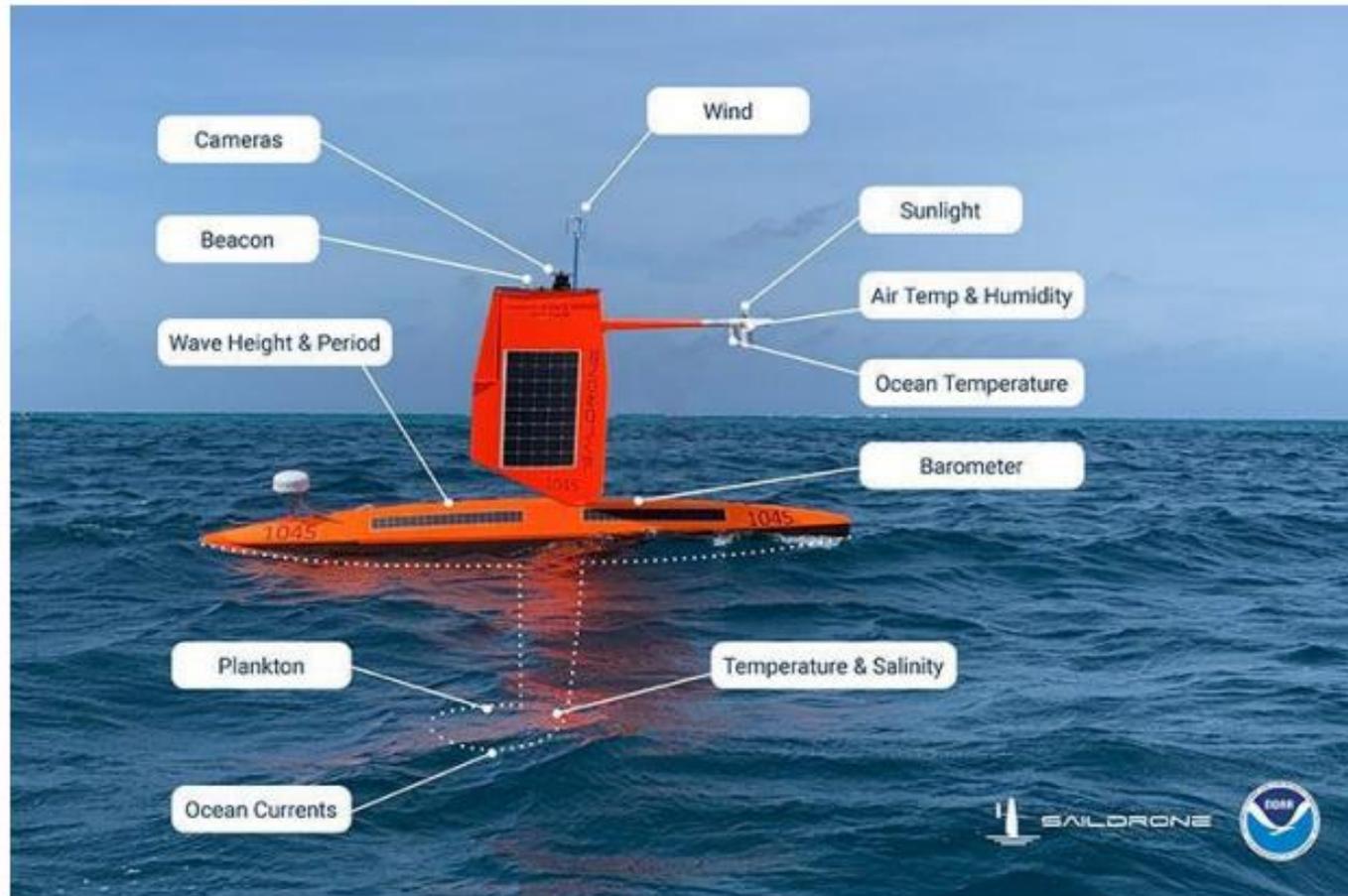
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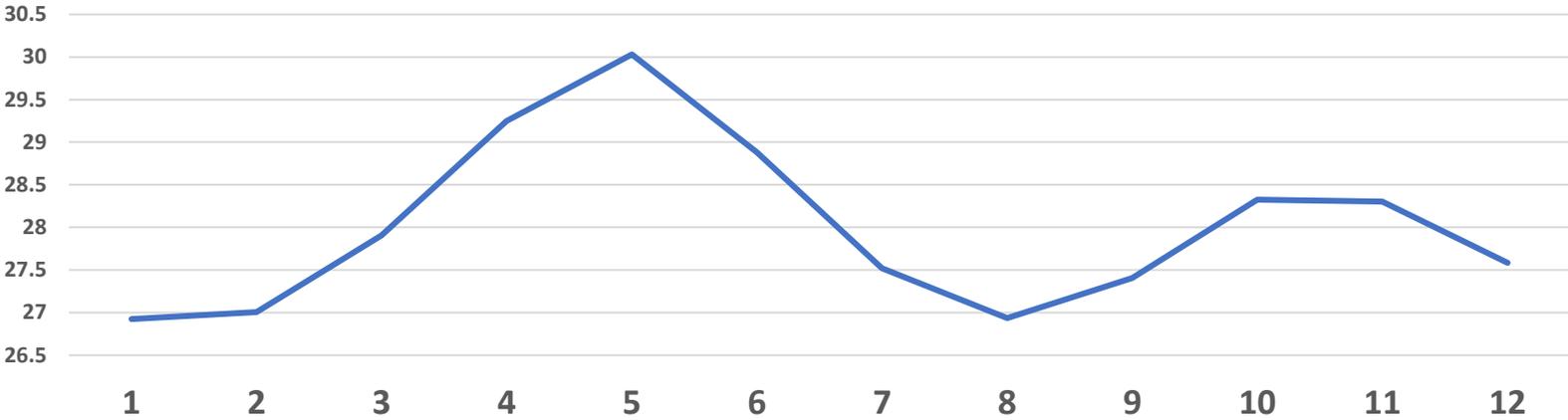
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Saildrone



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Arabian Sea SST Seasonal Variation



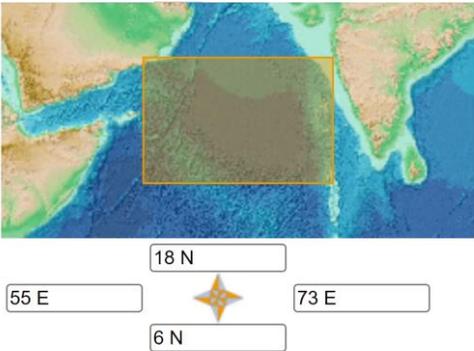
Monthly Average Arabian Sea SS 1982-2021



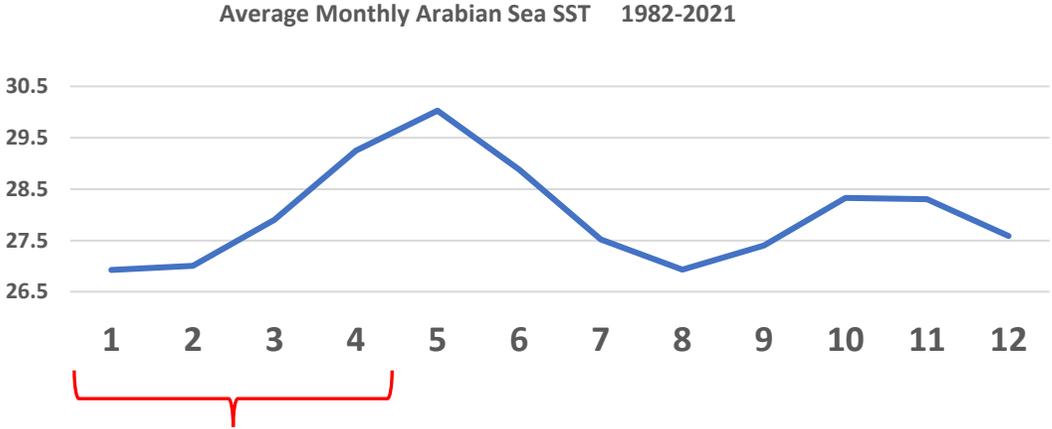
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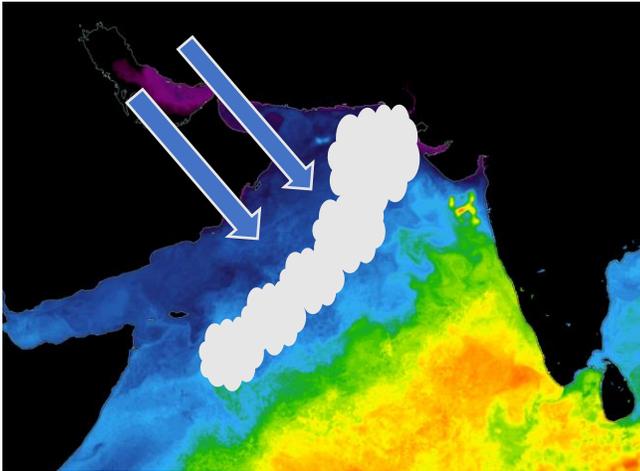


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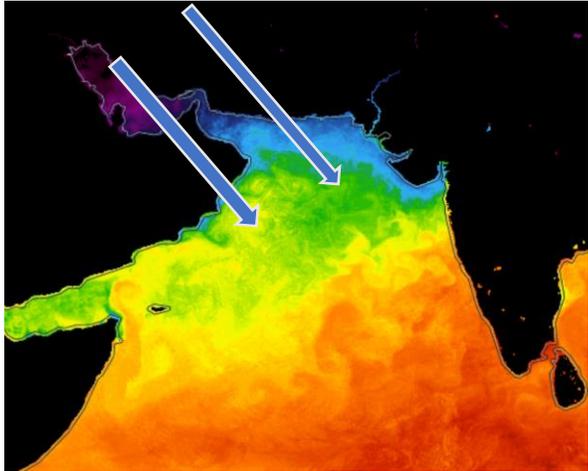


Westerlies ,fronts and shamal winds
Winter Indian monsoon!

Winter
Jan - Feb

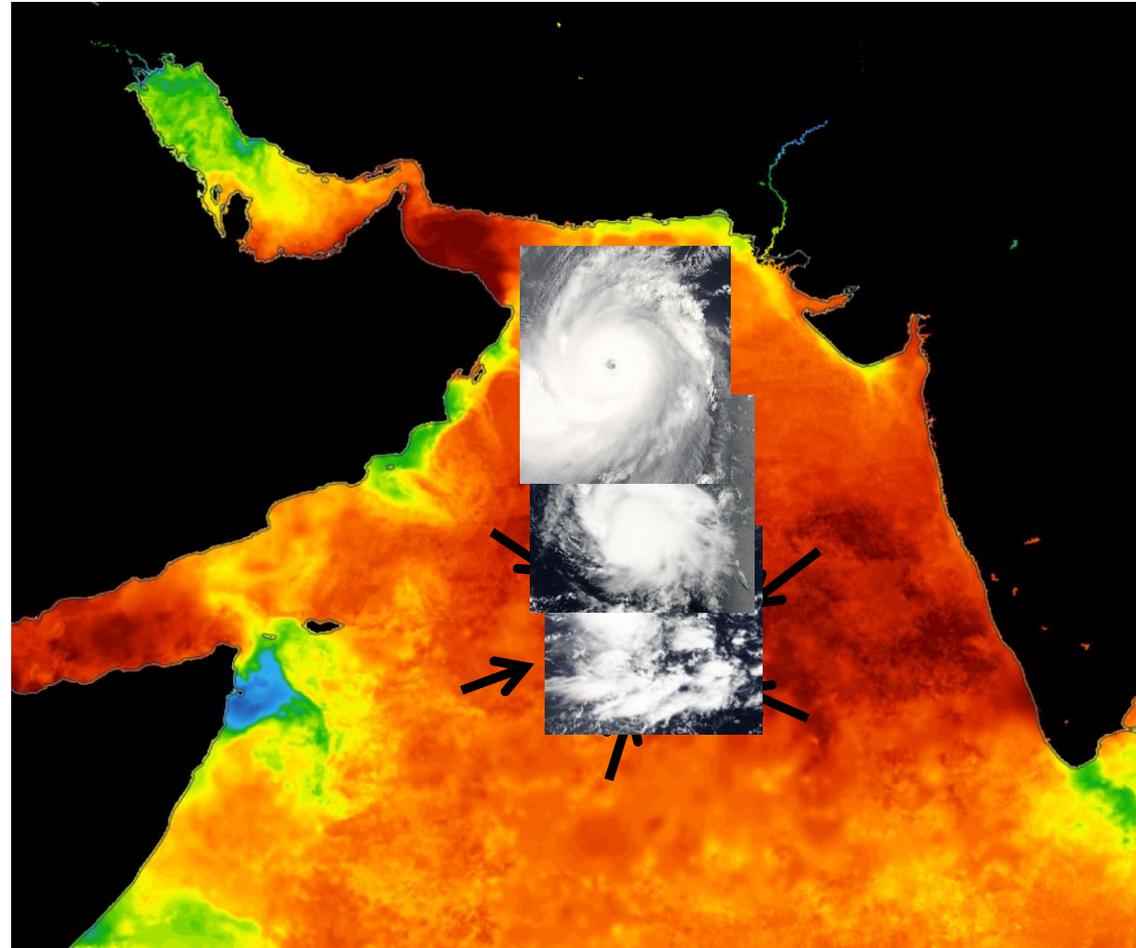
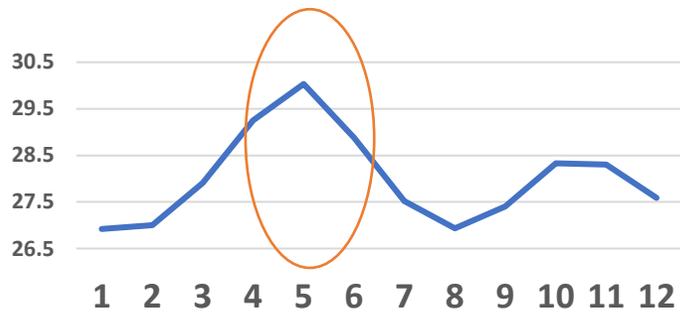


Transition
Mar - Apr



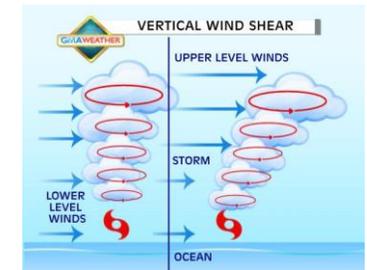
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Pre monsoon Season 20 May to 20 July

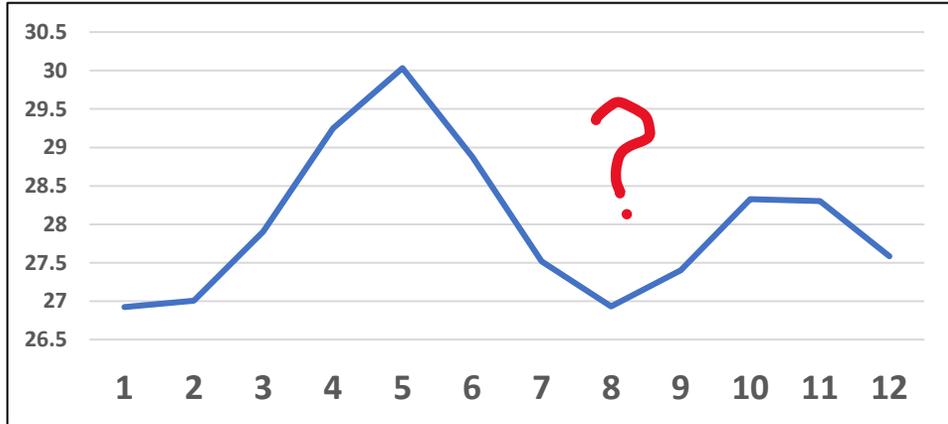


Cyclogenesis Ingredients :

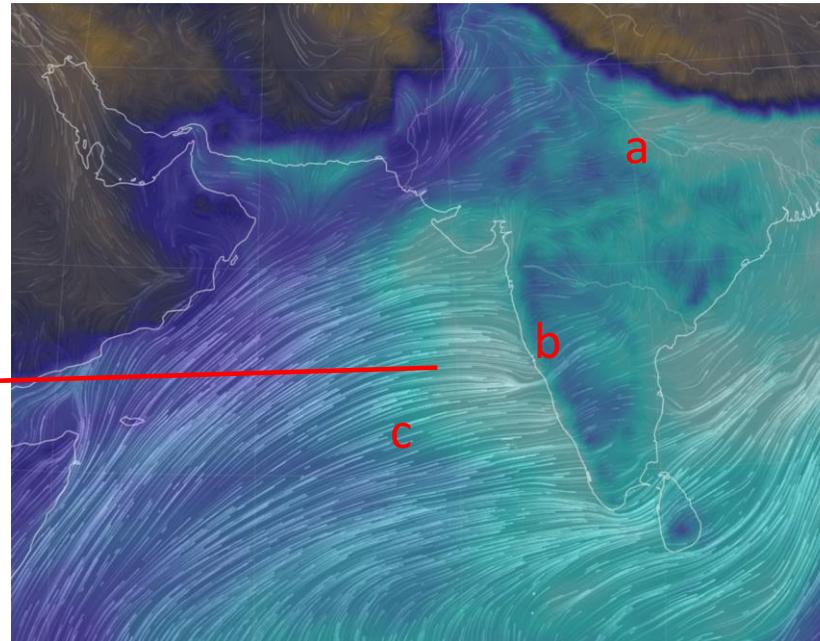
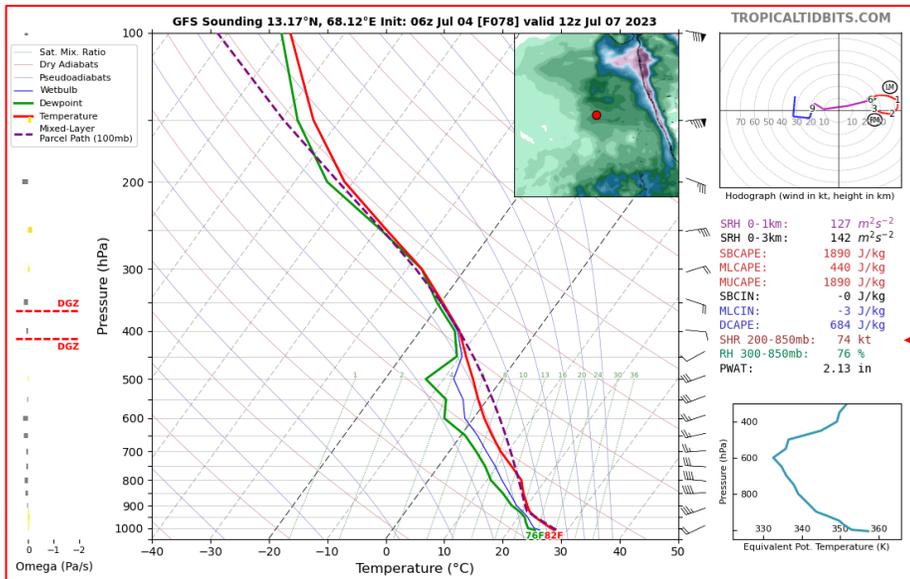
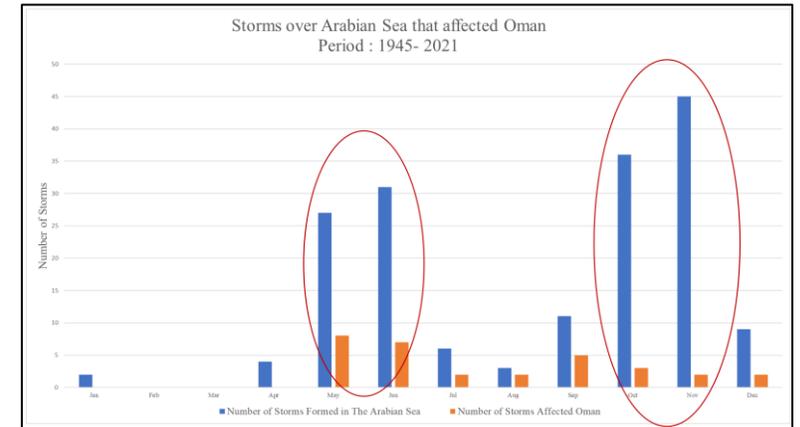
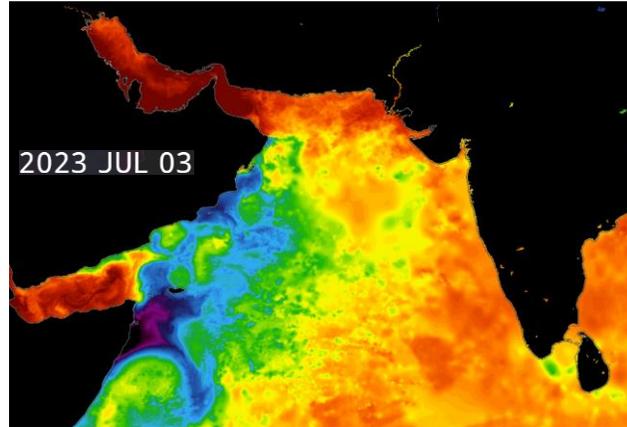
- SST > 26.5 Deep down to 50 m
- Instability
- Sufficient moisture in low and mid troposphere ←
- A pre-existing atm disturbance, such as a tropical wave or a low-pressure system
- Low vertical wind shear ←



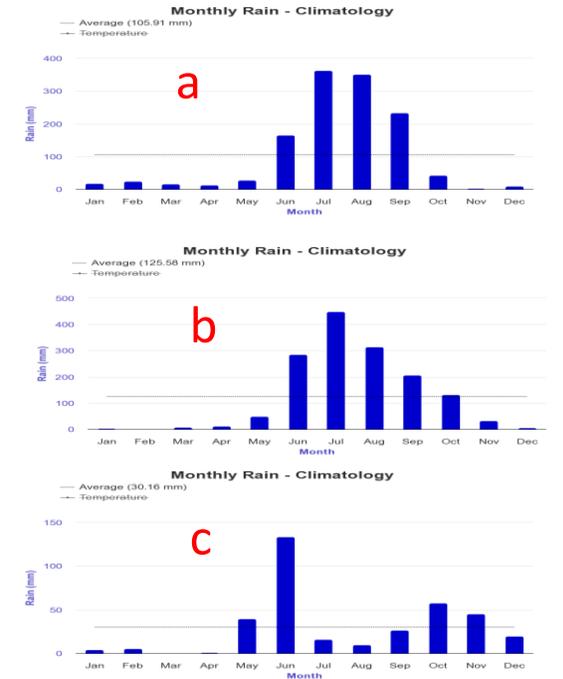
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Average Monthly Arabian Sea SST 1982-2021

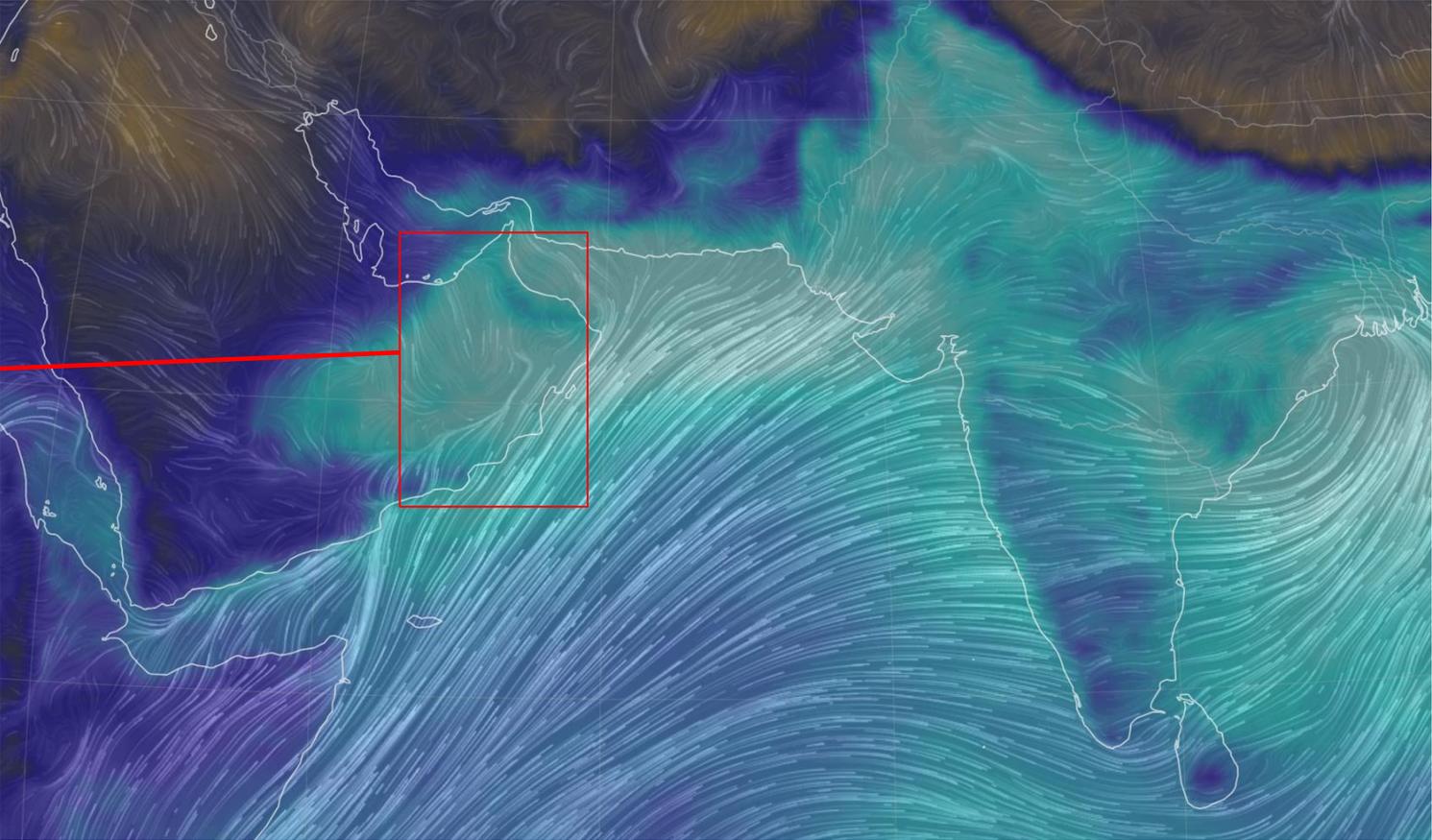
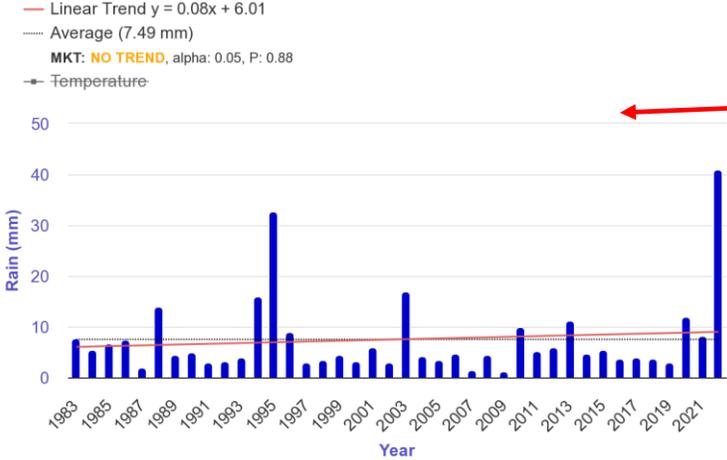


Indian Summer Monsoon

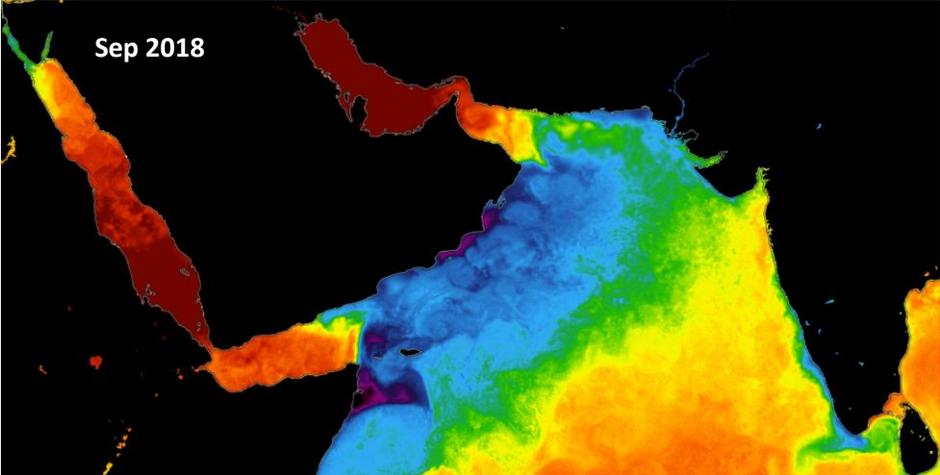
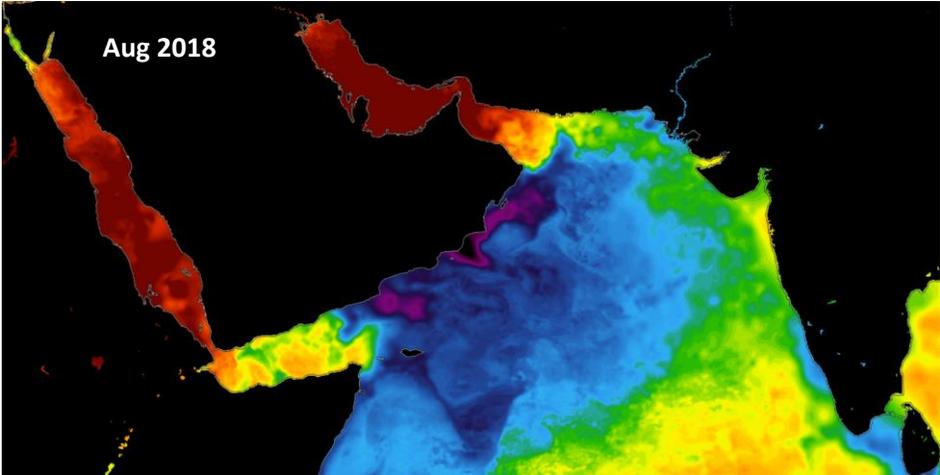
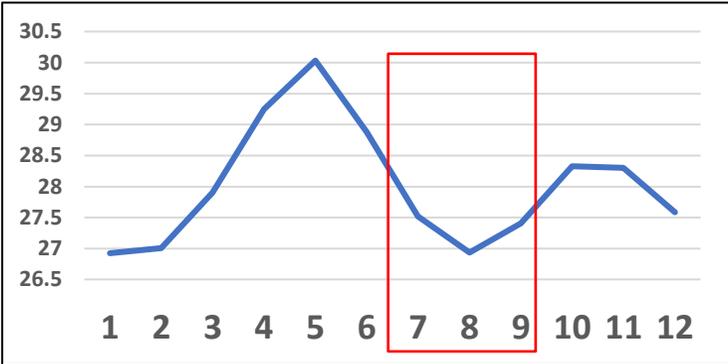
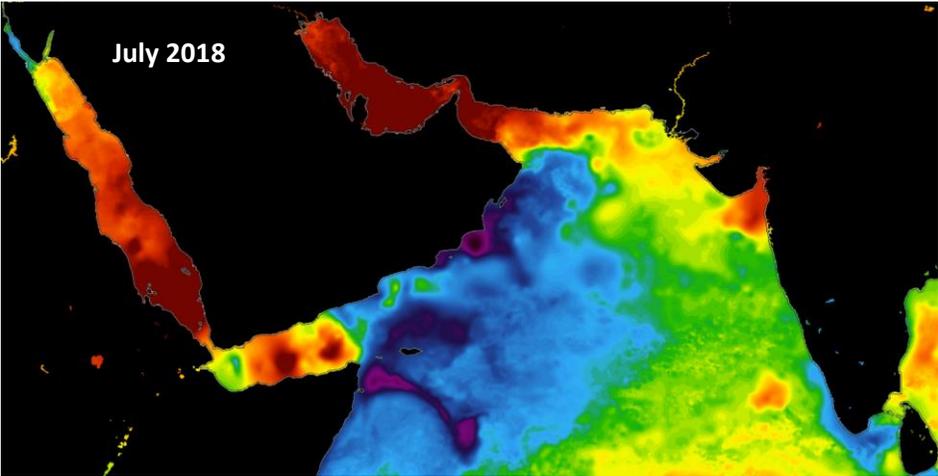


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Monthly by Year Rain - July

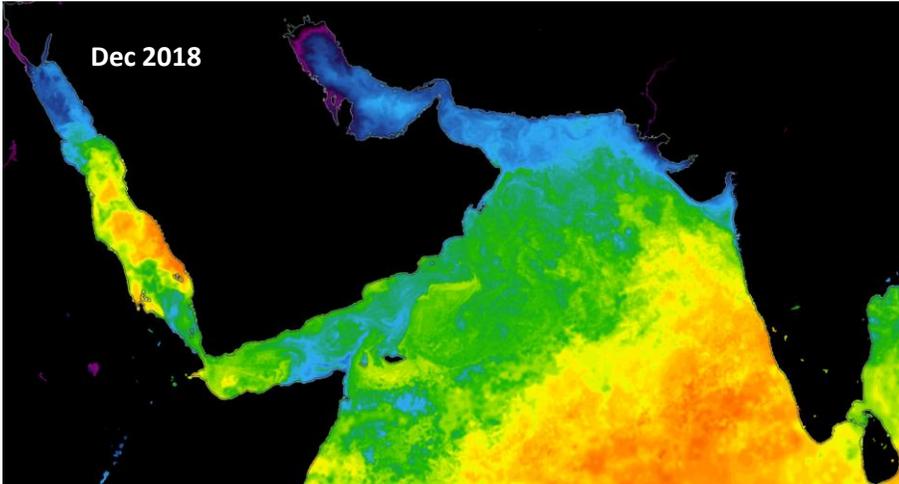
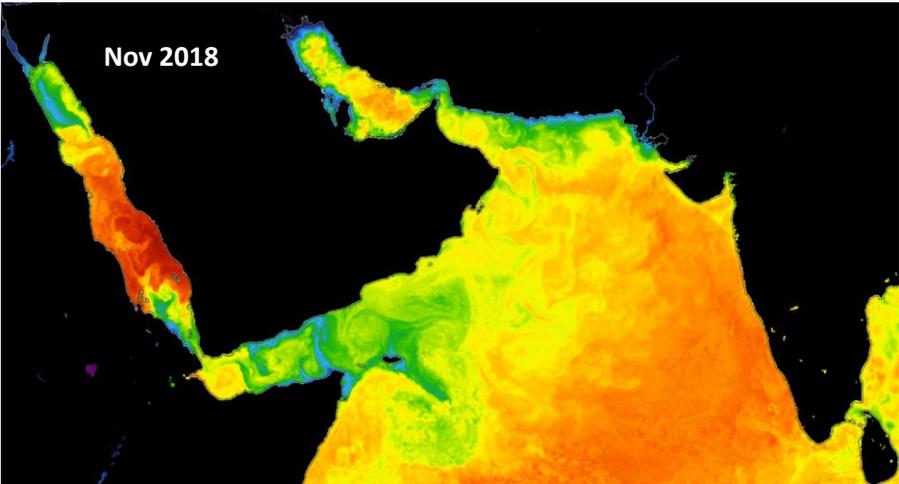
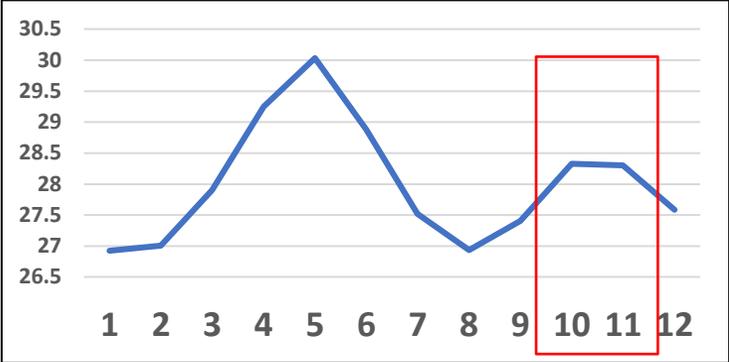
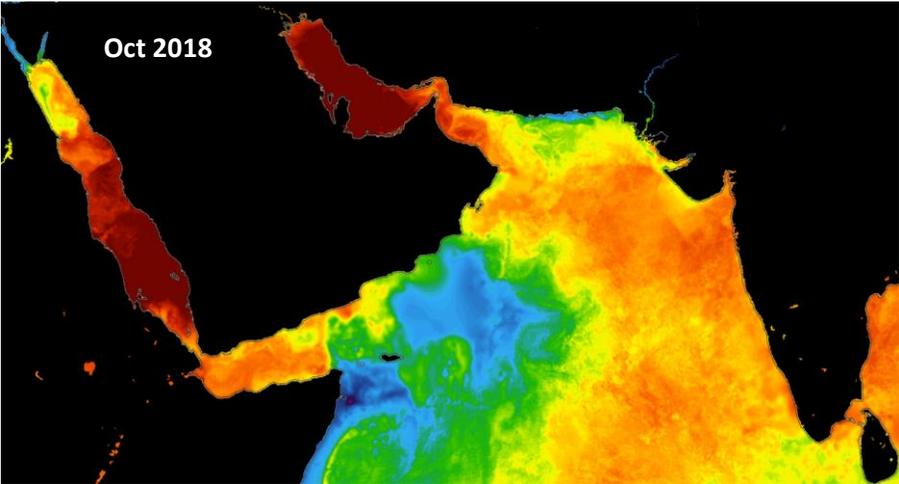


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AS Post Monsoon TC season



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Kyaar and Maha Impact



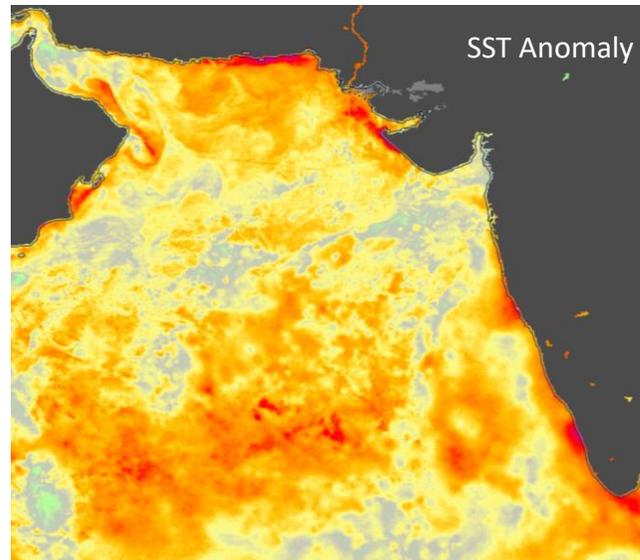
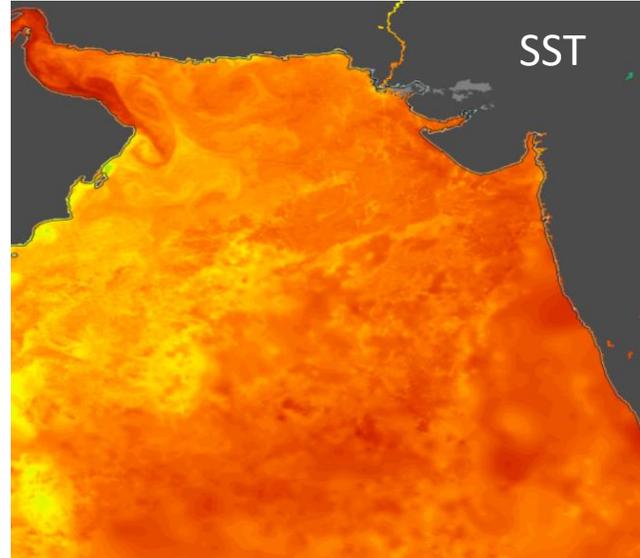
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MAHA 2019	Oct 28, 2019 to Nov 11, 2019	105	959	H3
KYAAR:KYARR 2019	Oct 22, 2019 to Nov 03, 2019	135	924	H4

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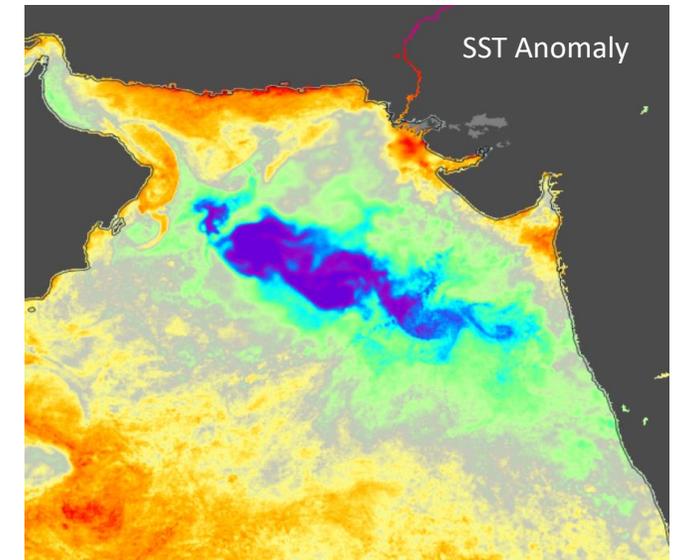
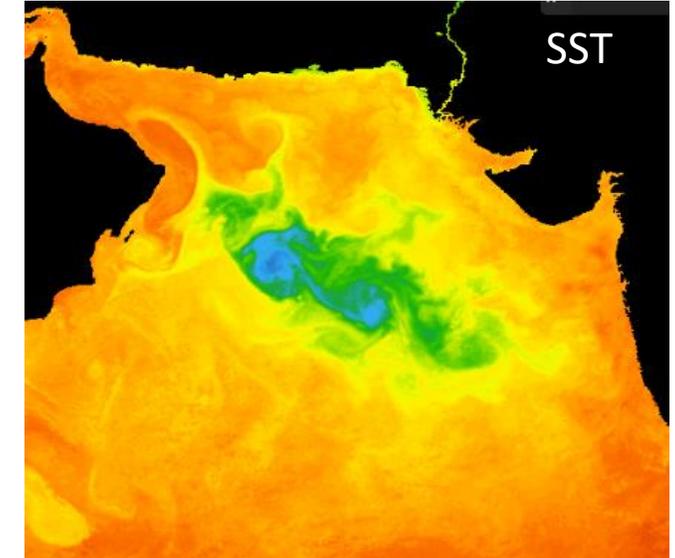


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Before



After



Historic Review on SST of Arabian Sea

Changing status of tropical cyclones over the north Indian Ocean

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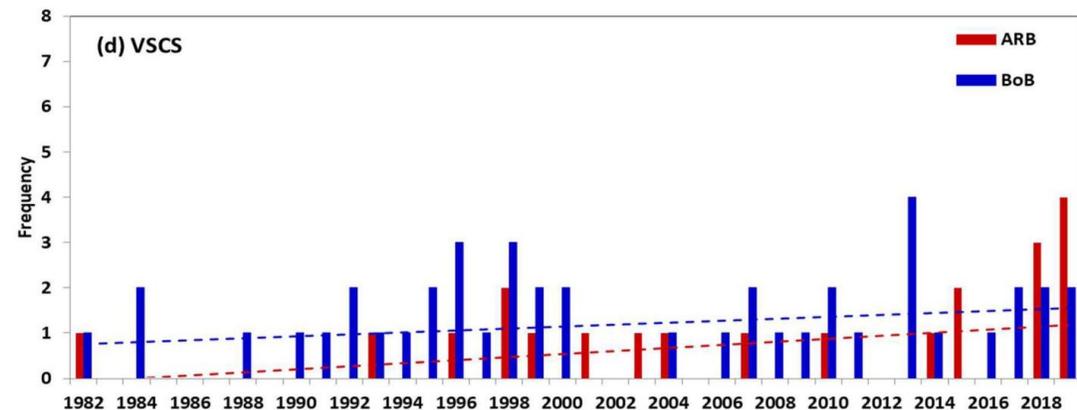
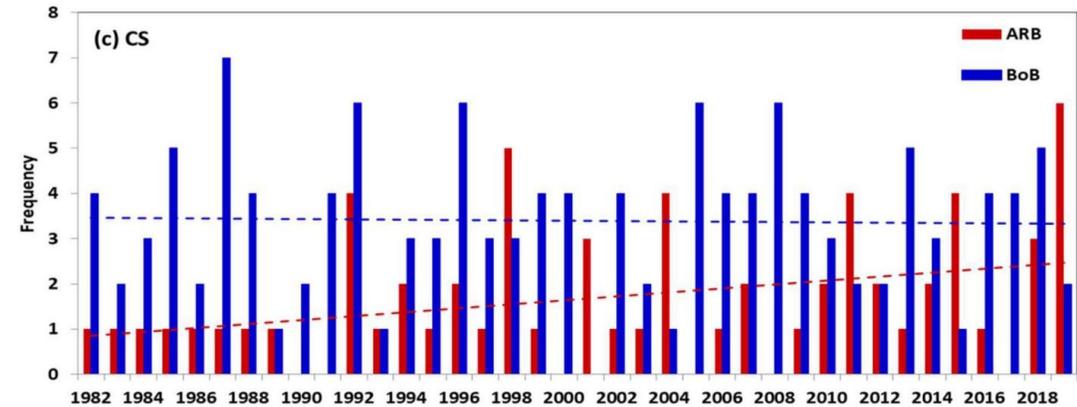
Abstract

Climatologically, the frequency of tropical cyclones (TCs) in the Bay of Bengal (BoB) is higher relative to that over the Arabian Sea (ARB). However, recent years exhibit a greater number of TCs forming in the ARB than in the BoB. During the study period (1982–2019), a significant increasing trend in the intensity, frequency, and duration of cyclonic storms (CS) and very severe CS (VSCS) is observed over the ARB. There is a 52% increase in the frequency of CS during the recent epoch (2001–2019) in the ARB, while there is a decrease of 8% in the BoB. Over the ARB, increment in CS duration is 80% and VSCS is almost threefold in the recent epoch as compared to the past epoch (1982–2000). Also, lifetime maximum intensity and accumulated cyclone energy have increased over the ARB implying an increase in the strength of TCs. The increase in TC duration over the ARB is prominent during May, June, and October and a decrease over the BoB is noted during November. The increase in the duration of TCs in the ARB is associated with an increase in mid-level relative humidity and column averaged (950–150 hPa) moist static energy, which is significantly correlated to an increase in sea surface temperatures and tropical cyclone heat potential in the basin. In the recent epoch, TC genesis is observed at lower latitudes ($< 8^\circ \text{N}$), which is another factor contributing to longer durations of TCs. This increases the probability of TC intensification with the support from other favourable environmental parameters. Significant changes in TC tracks are also noted in May, June, and October due to changes in steering currents.

Keywords Tropical cyclones · Climate change · North Indian Ocean · Bay of Bengal · Arabian Sea

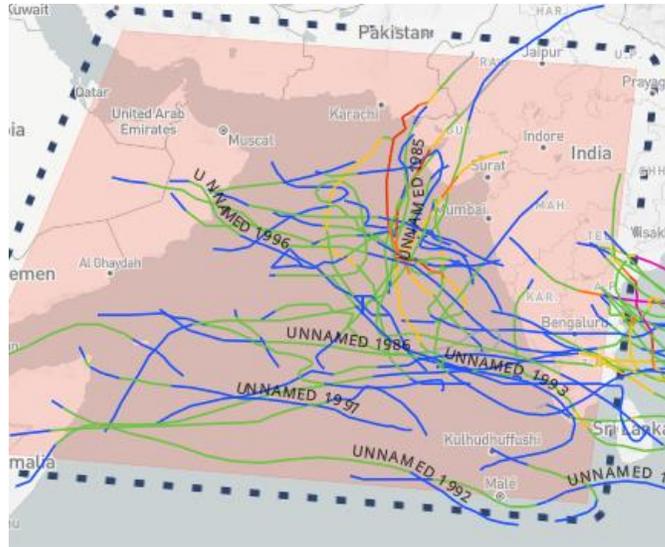
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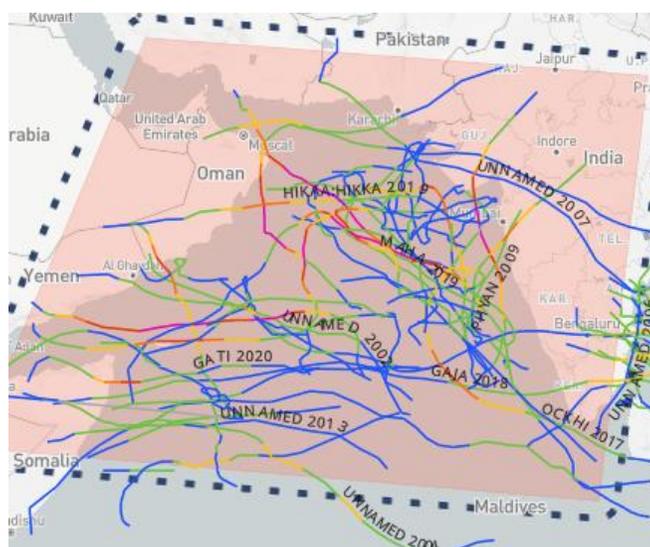


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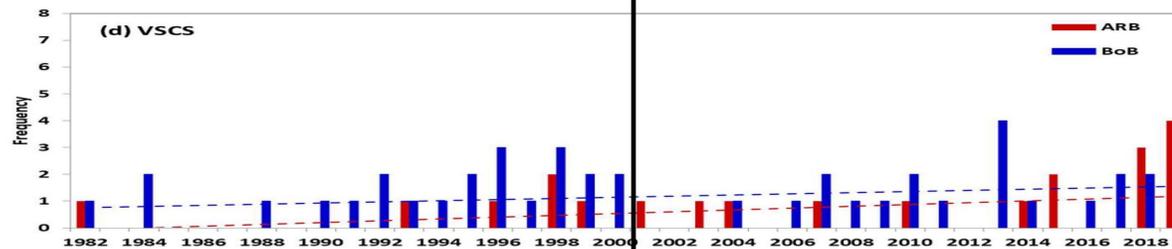
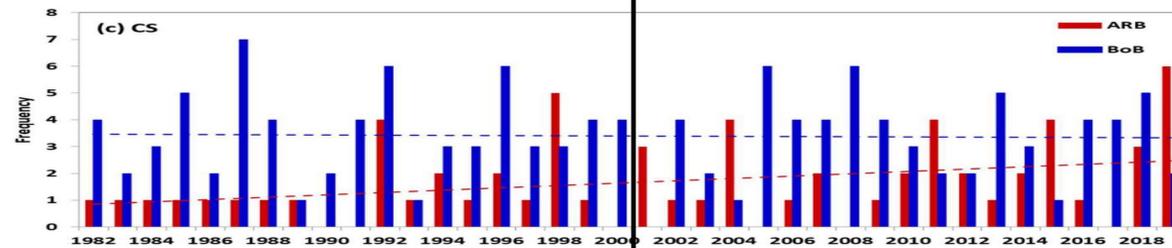
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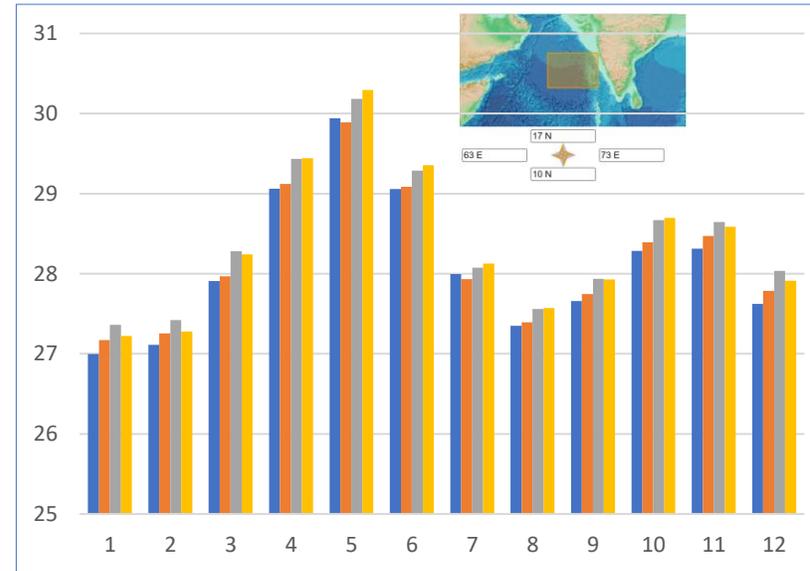
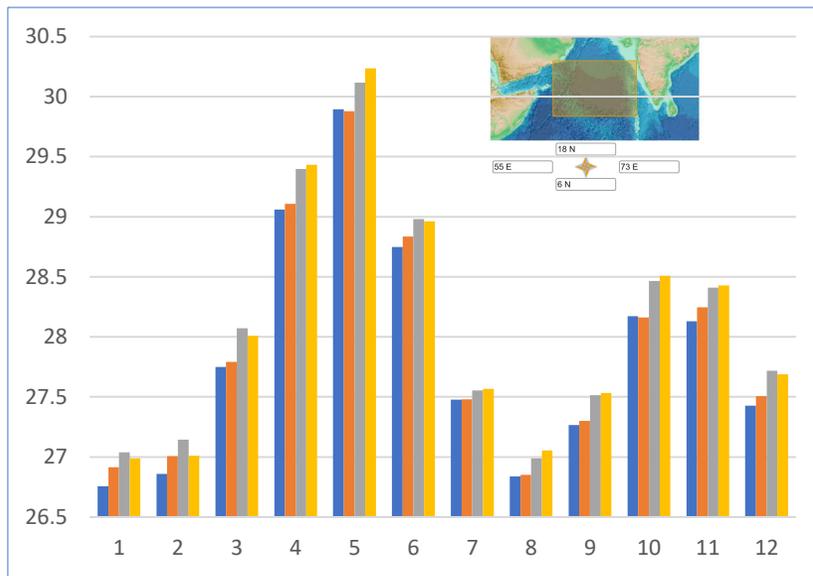


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Arabian Sea SST



■ Average 1982-1991
 ■ Average 1992-2001
 ■ Average 2002-2011
 ■ Average 2012-2021



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