

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

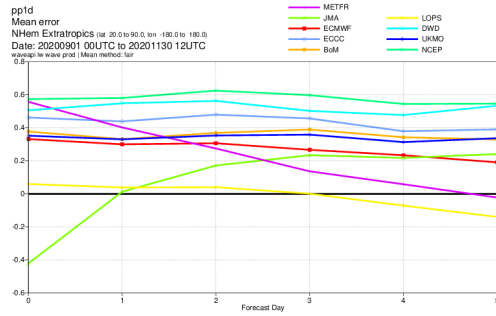
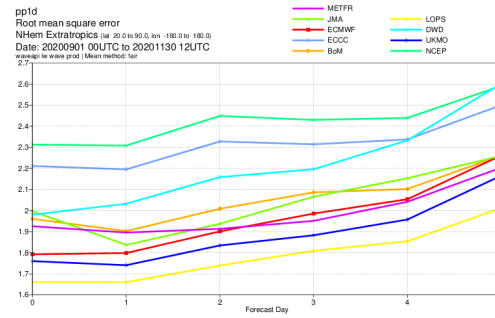
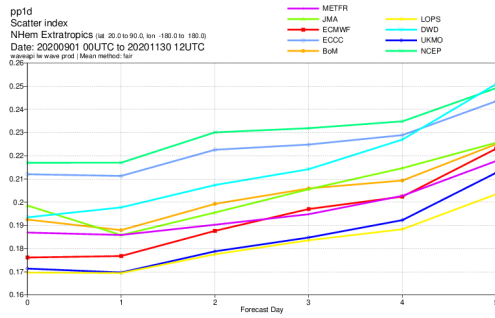
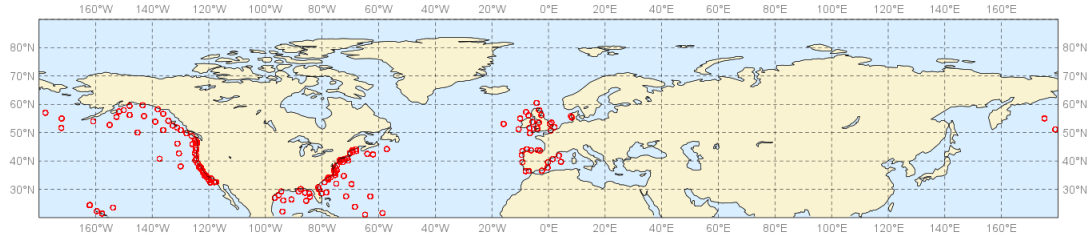
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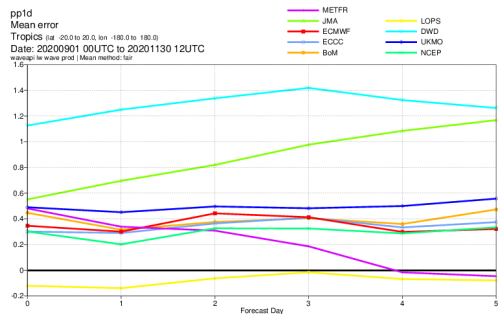
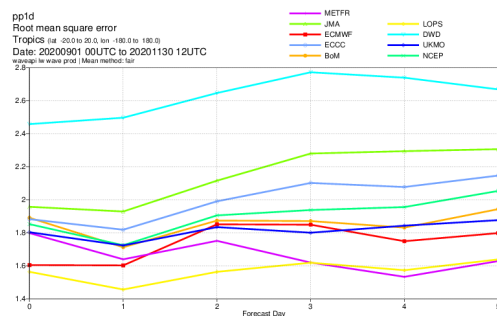
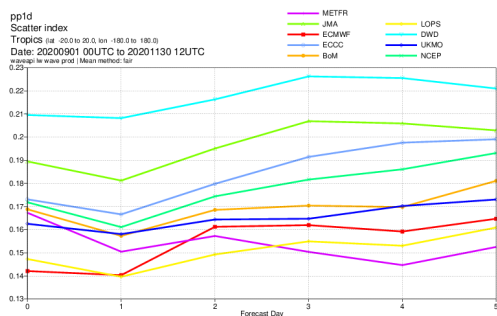
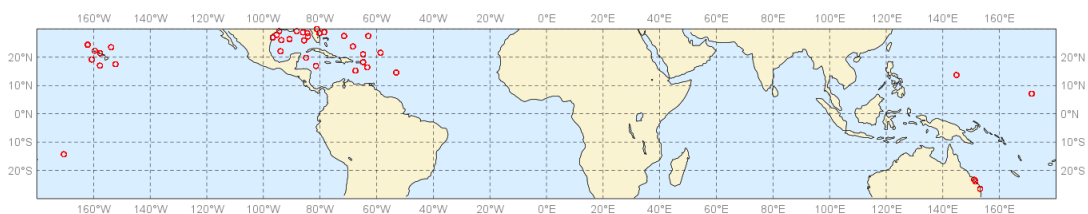
**PART II: Peak wave period (PP1D)**

Buoys observations - from 20200901 to 20201130 - (pp1d)



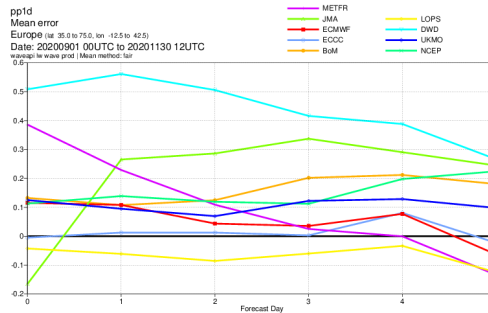
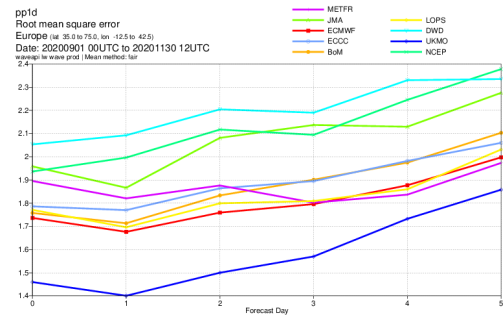
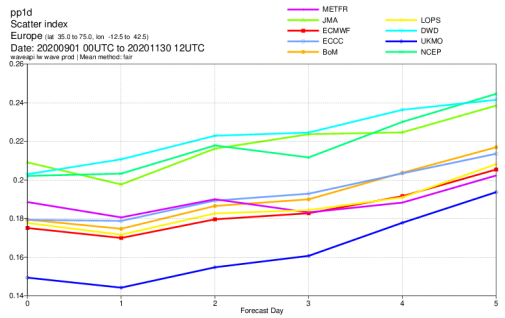
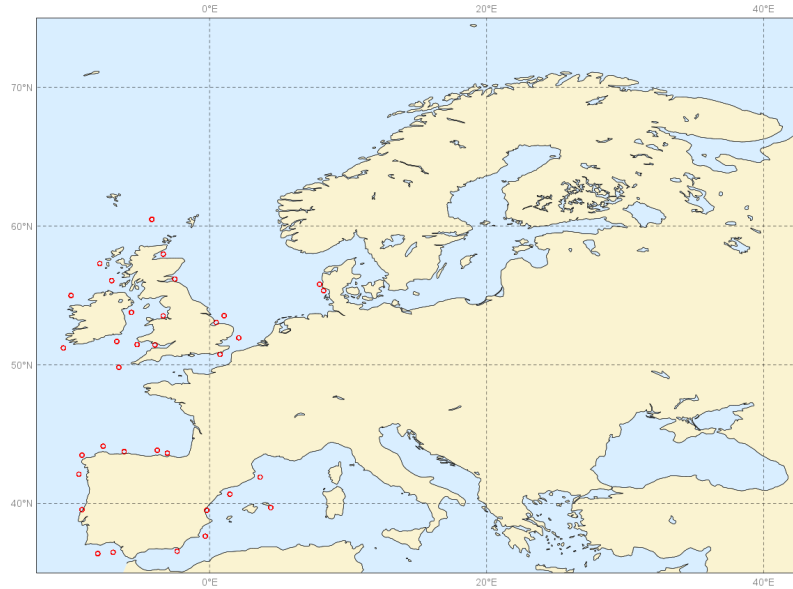
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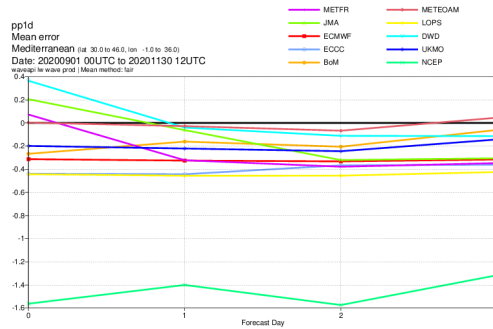
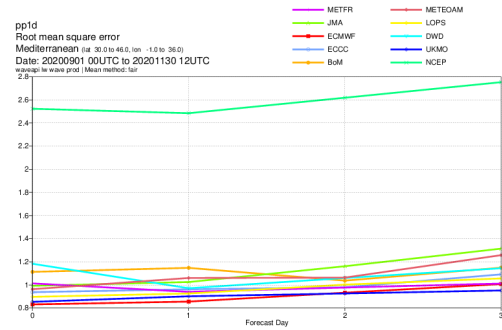
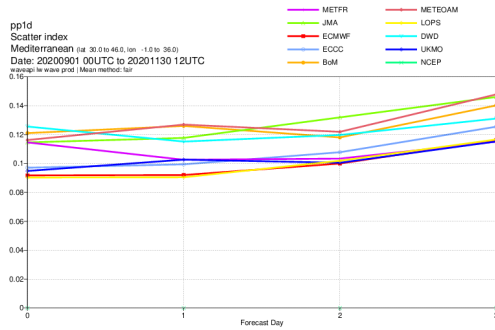
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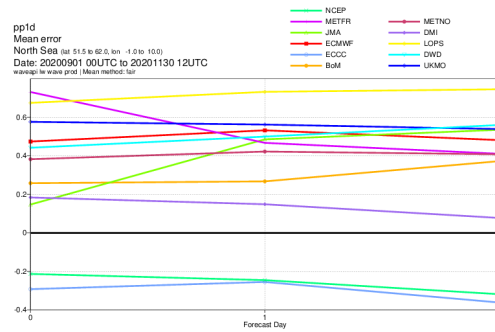
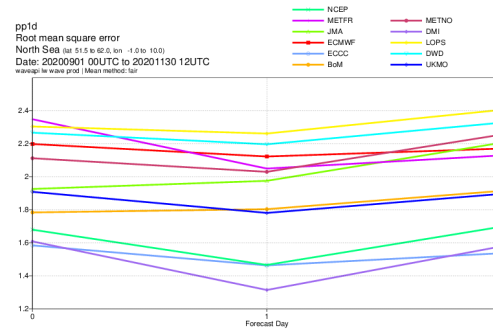
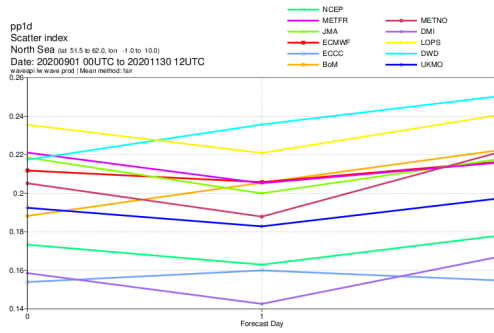
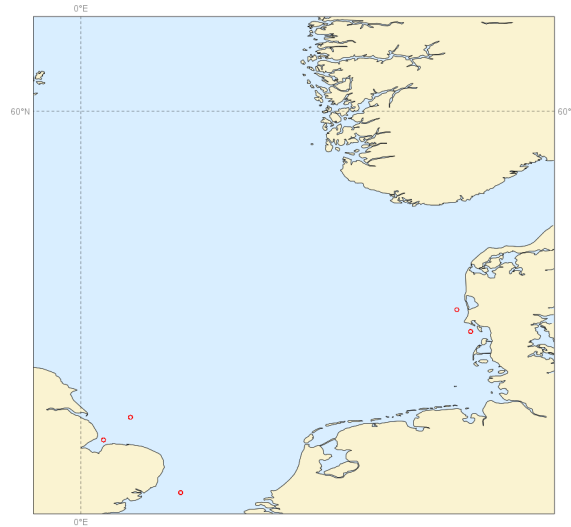
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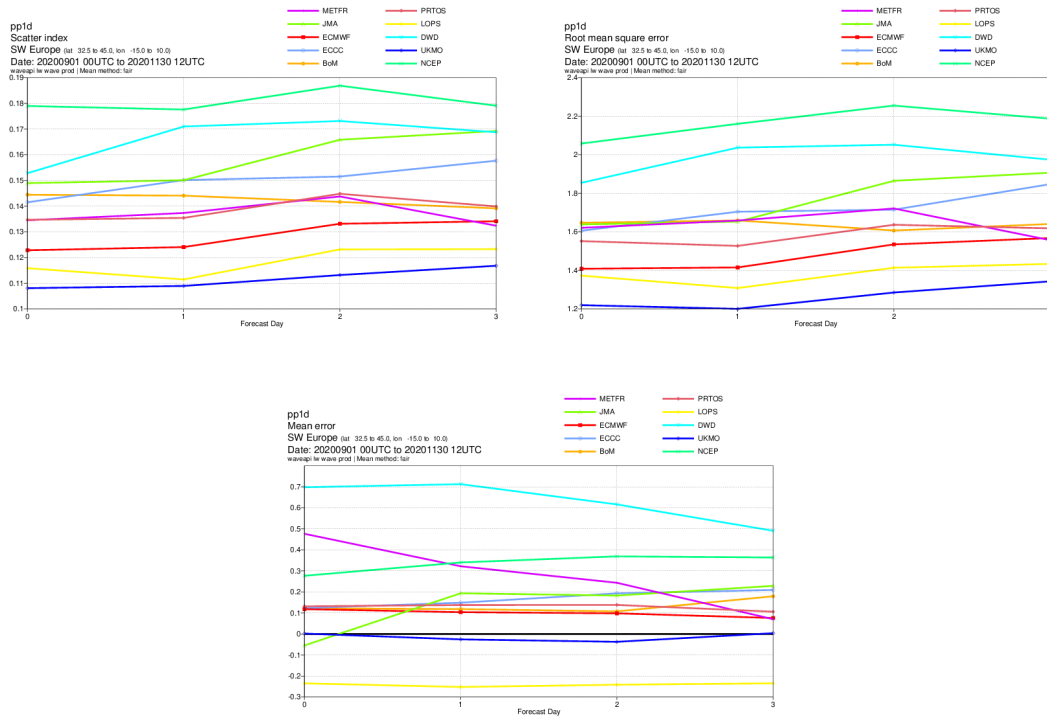
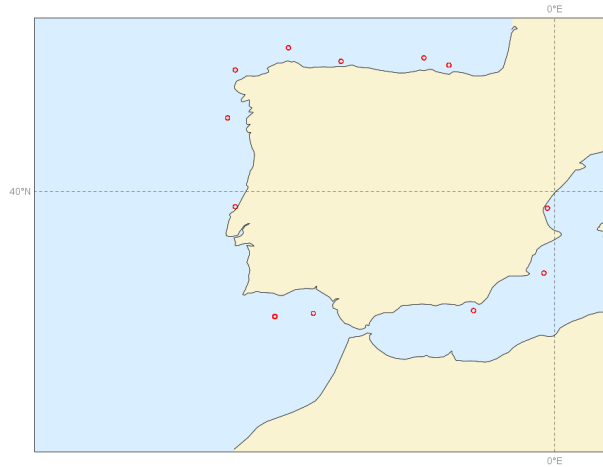
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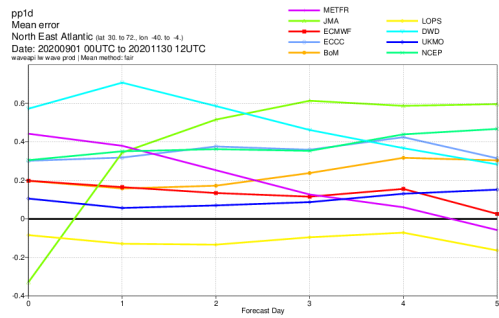
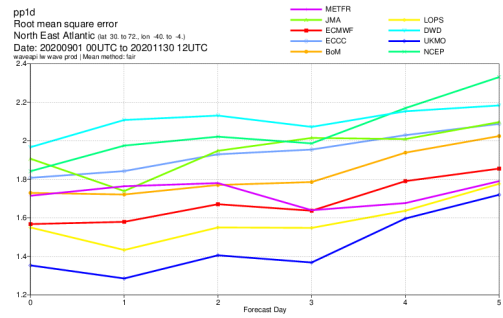
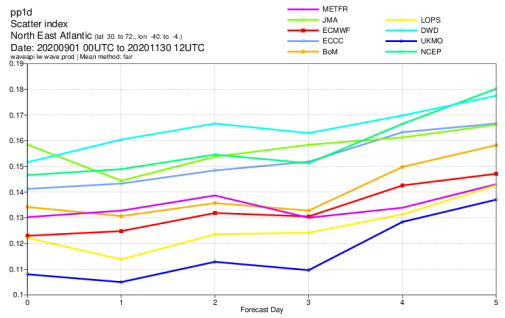
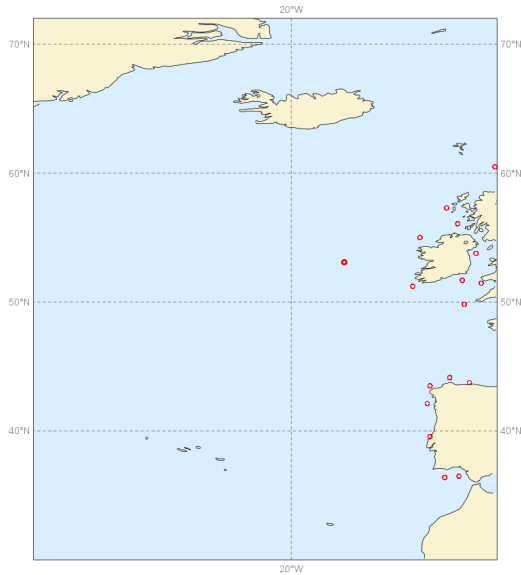
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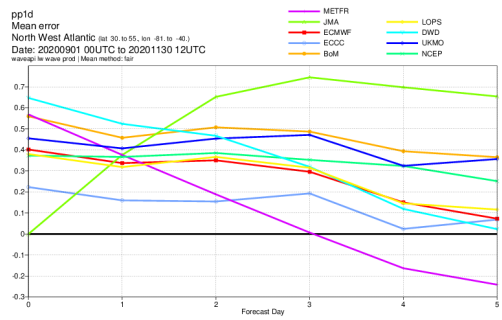
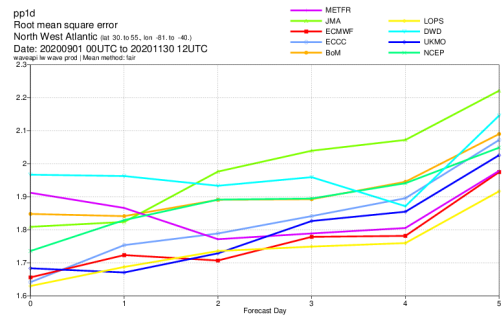
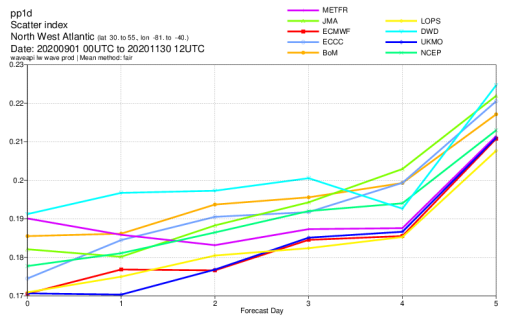
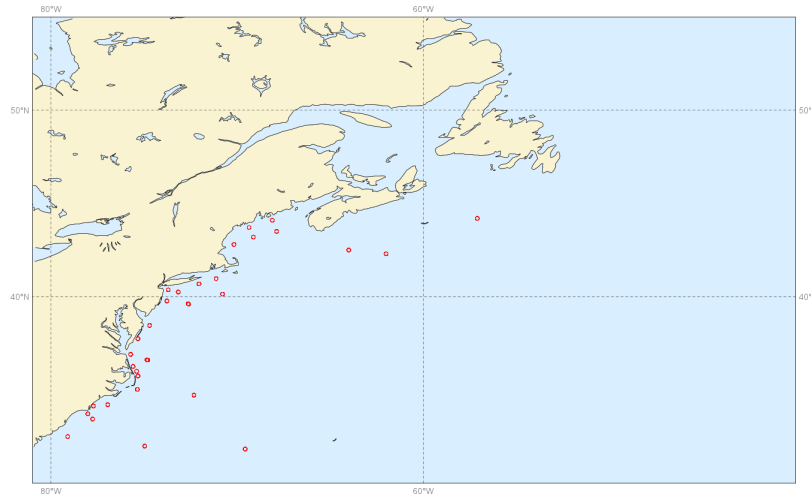
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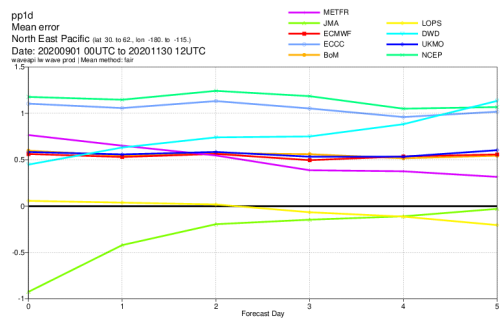
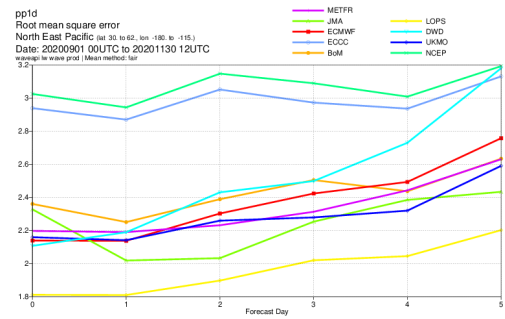
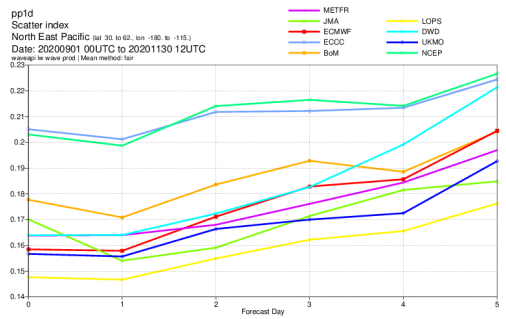
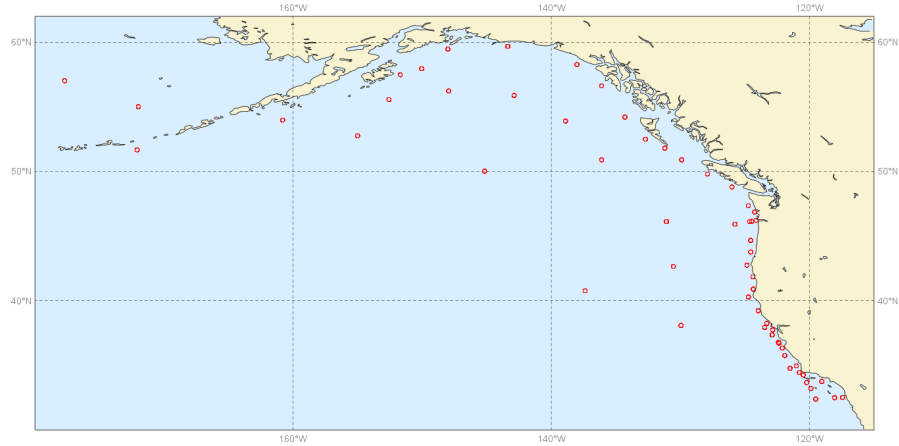


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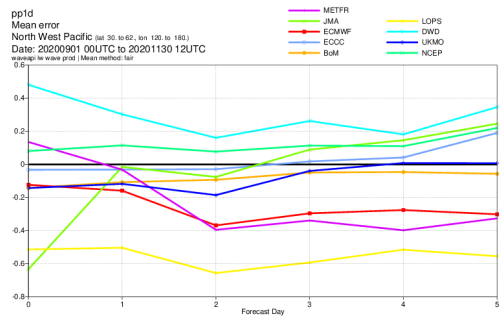
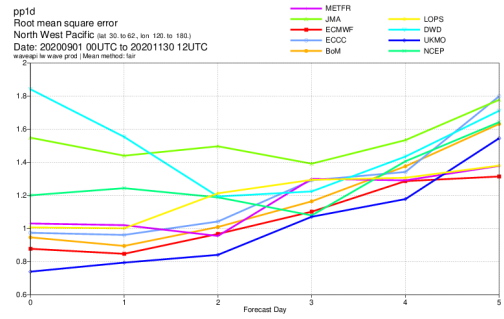
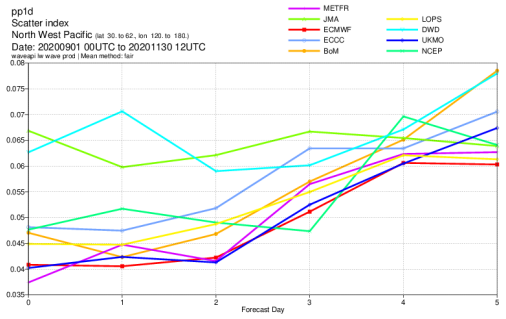
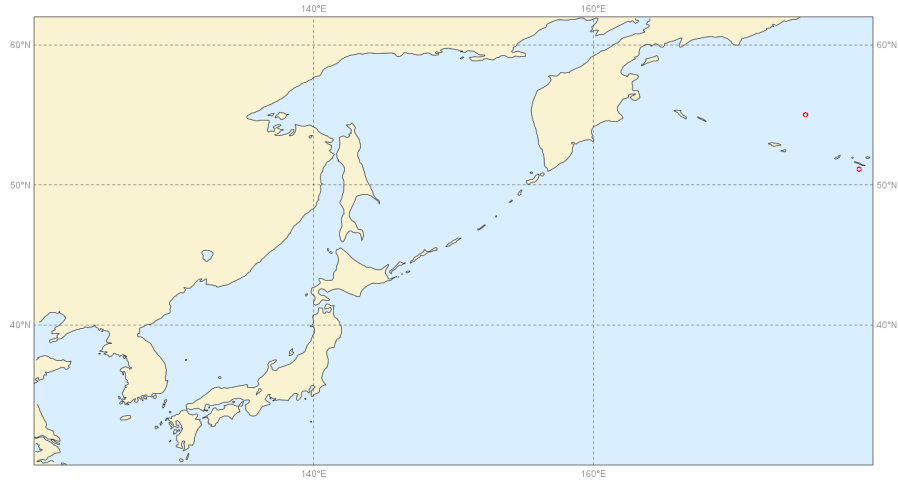
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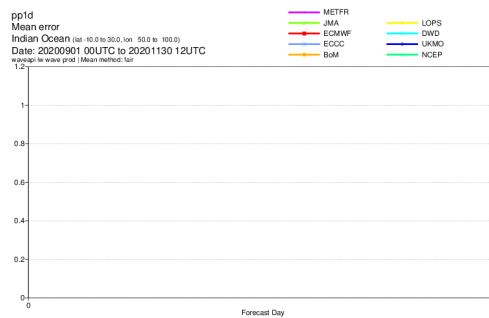
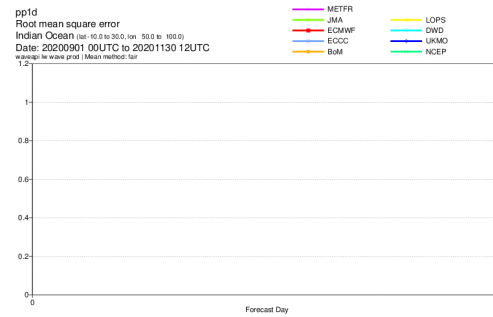
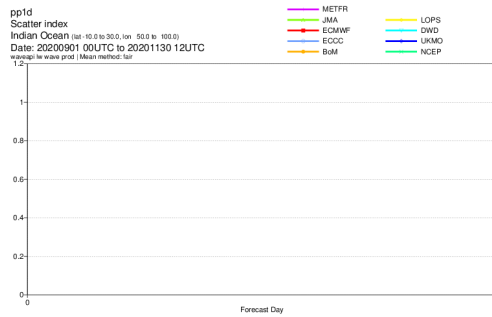
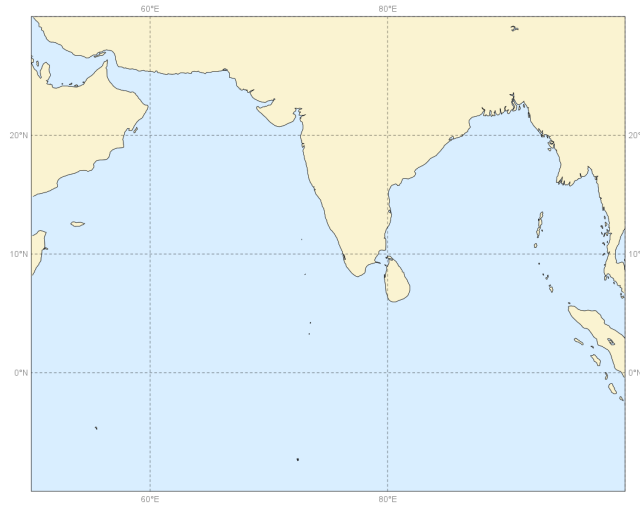
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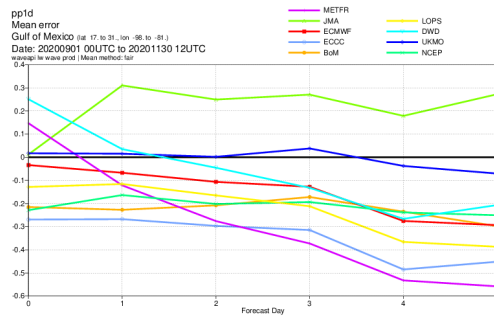
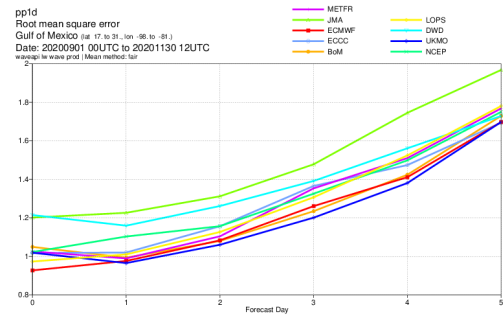
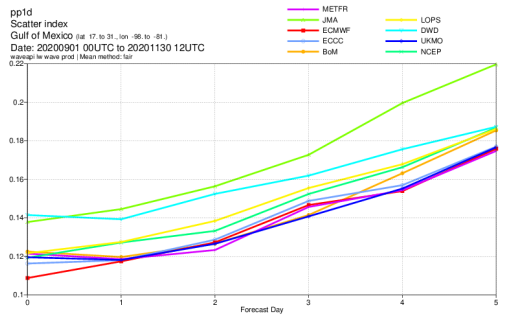
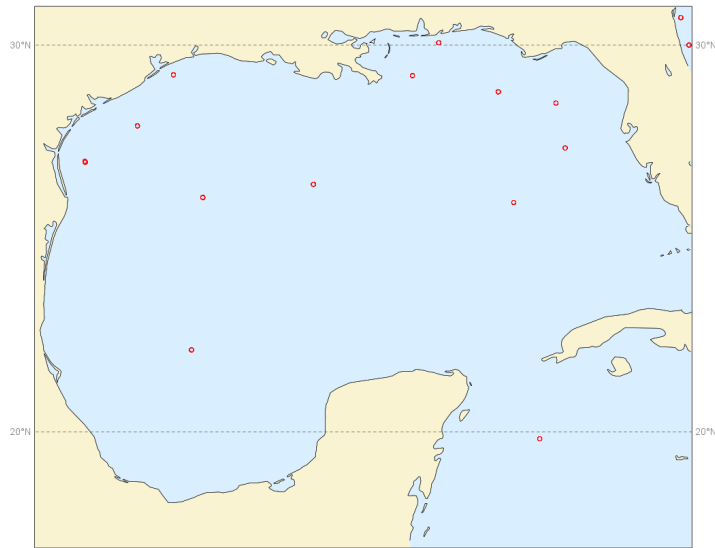
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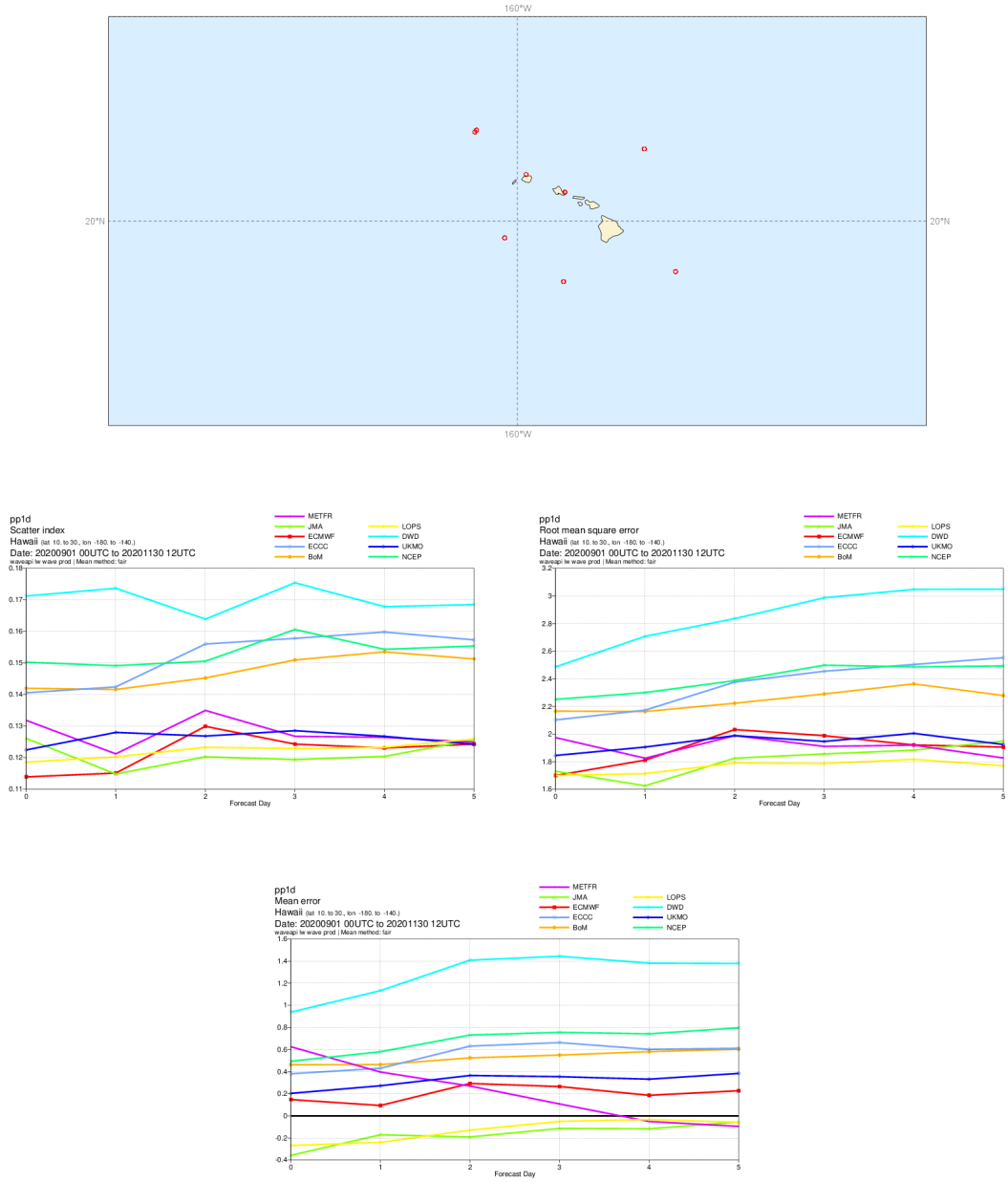
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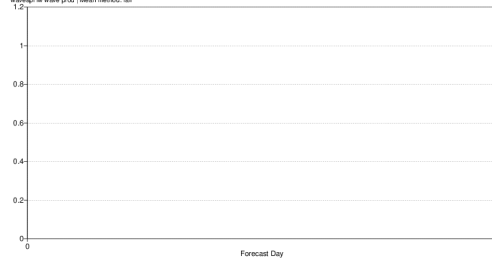


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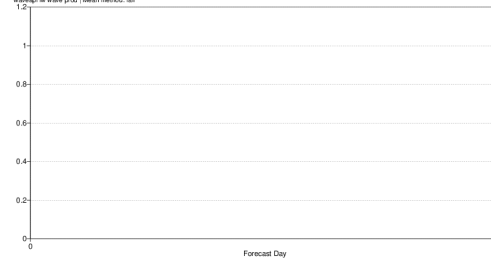


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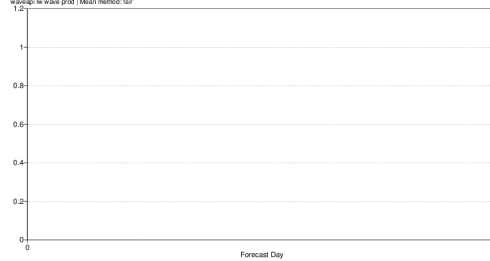
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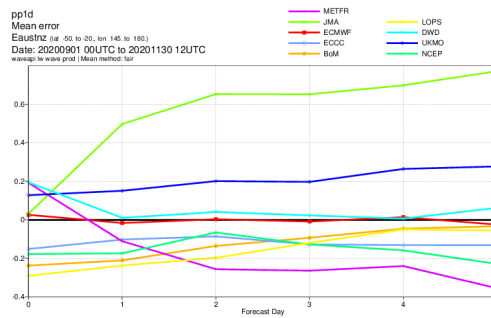
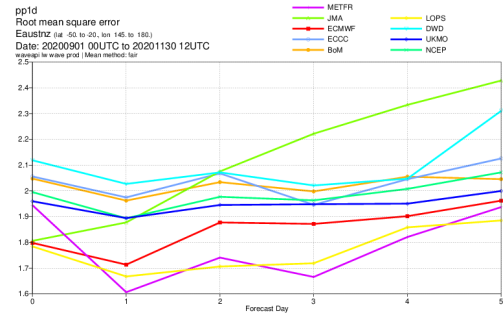
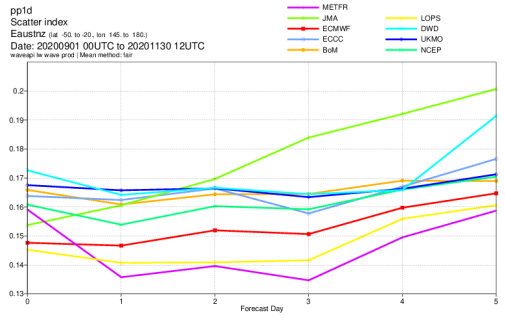
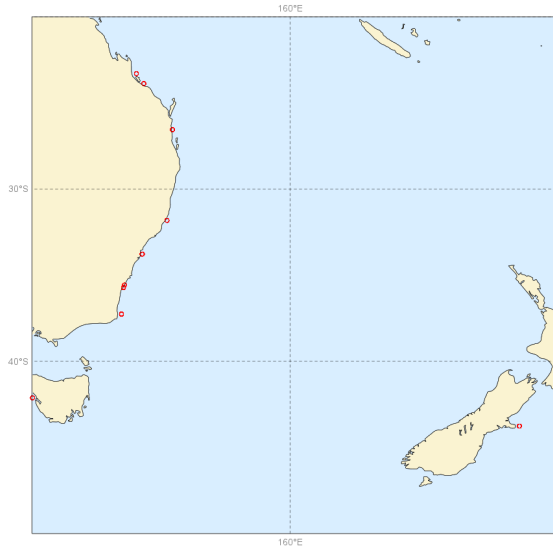
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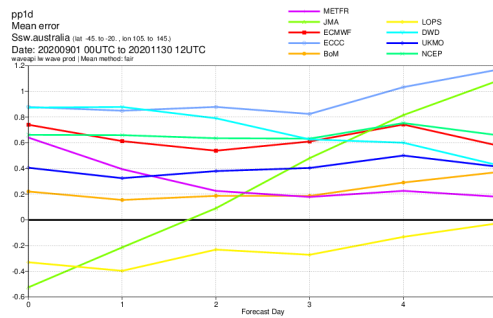
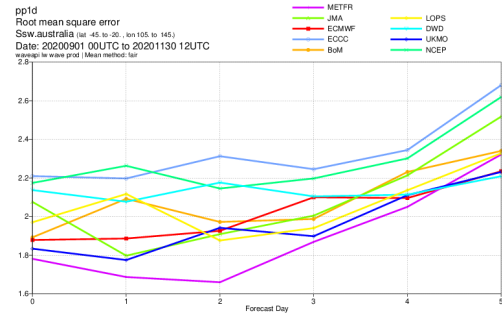
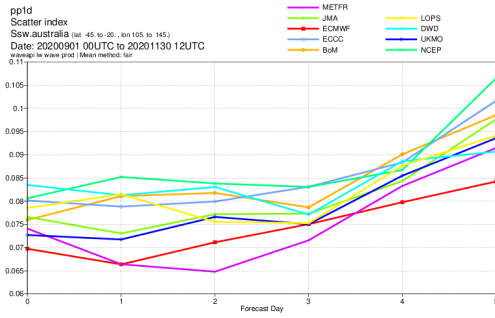
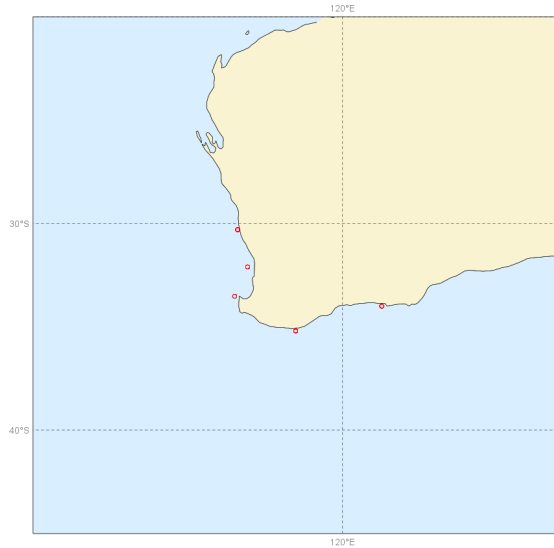
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**East Australia - New Zealand.** Top panel: observation distribution. Middle left panel: Forecast scatter index (standard deviation of the difference normalised by the mean of the observations). Middle right panel: Forecast root mean square error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



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