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Impact of climate change in the marine environment of the Iberian Peninsula

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CLimate change Impacts on the Marine Environment of the North Atlantic

- ✓ 3 year national project funded by FCT (Portuguese foundation for Science and Technology)
- ✓ Collaboration with the Portuguese Institute for the Sea and the Atmosphere Portuguese Mett Office)
- ✓ Started 1st October 2018
- ✓ It's a follow up of the CLIBECO exploratory project (EXPL/AAG-MAA/1001/2013)



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- ✓ The main objective of CLIMENA is to study the impacts of climate change in the North Atlantic wind and wave climate with special focus on the coast of the Iberian Peninsula.

- ✓ Aims to:
 - ✓ extend the simulations done in exploratory project CLIBECO
 - ✓ evaluate changes at different spatial and temporal scales
 - ✓ relate to large scale atmospheric regimes
 - ✓ study the impacts of marine climate change on different areas
 - ✓ routing of maritime transportation
 - ✓ assessment of wave and wind resources



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Data and models

Reanalysis

ERA-Interim from ECMWF
ERA5

Climate simulations

EC_Earth RCP8.5 simulation – EC-Earth is a global climate model system based on the weather forecast model of the ECMWF in its seasonal prediction configuration as the base of climate model.

EURO-CORDEX

Meteorological model

IFS- Integrated forecasting system (ECMWF)
WRF- Weather Research & Forecasting – mesoscale model

Wave models

WWIII – for large scale wave simulations
SWAN – for coastal wave simulations.



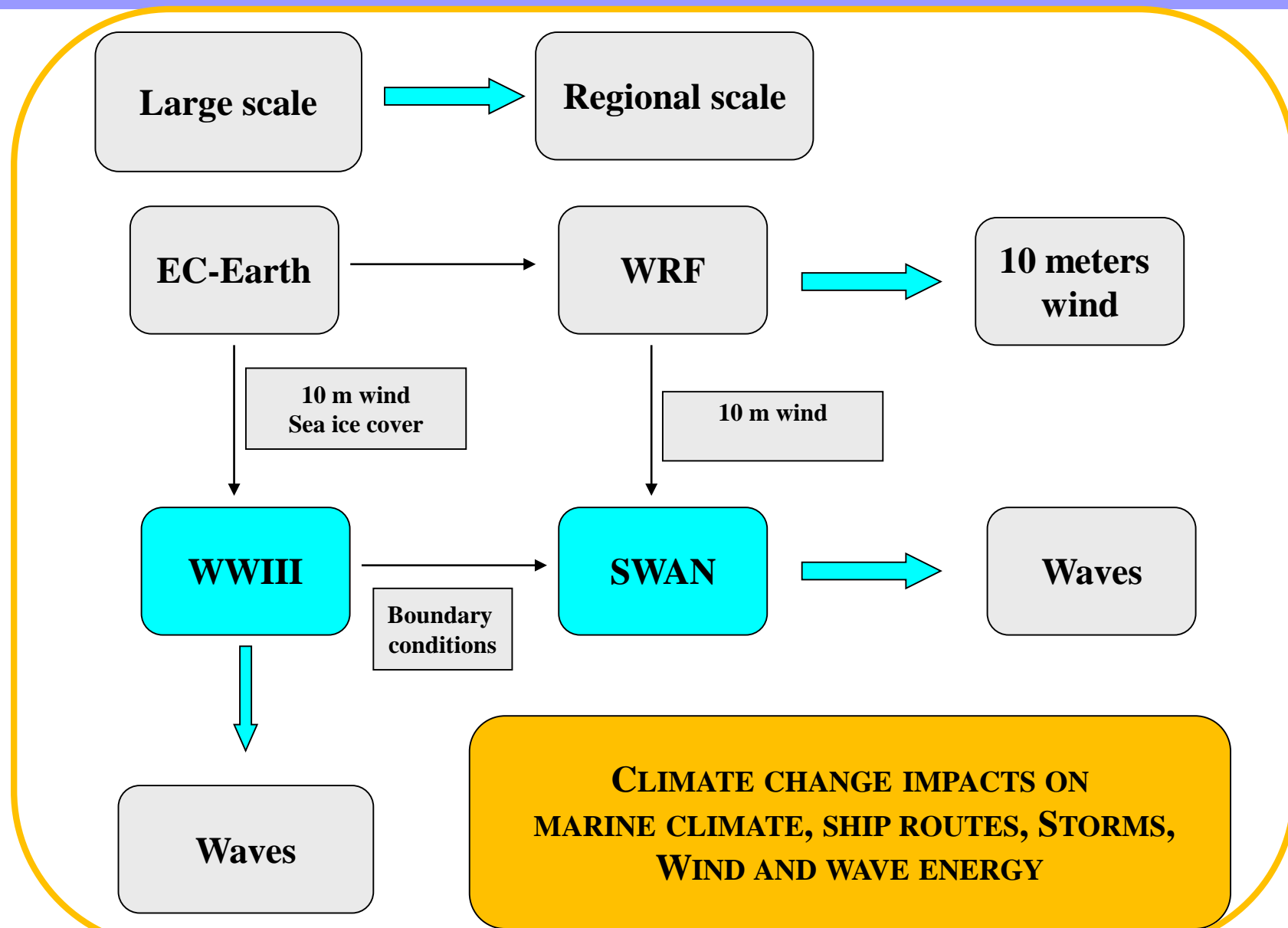
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Climate simulations



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North Atlantic wave simulations

To perform the large scale wave simulations

WAVEWATCH III (WW3) (Tolman 2016) - third generation wave model developed at NOAA/NCEP

Domain: North Atlantic , Global

Spatial resolution: 0.5° by 0.5°

The wave spectrum was discretized using 32 frequencies, being the lowest frequency equal to 0.0373 Hz (increment factor=1.1) and 24 directions.

Forcing: EC-EARTH (historical, RCP8.5)

10 meters wind components and ice cover

Simulations

30 years present climate (1979-2008)

10 years future climate (2031-2040)



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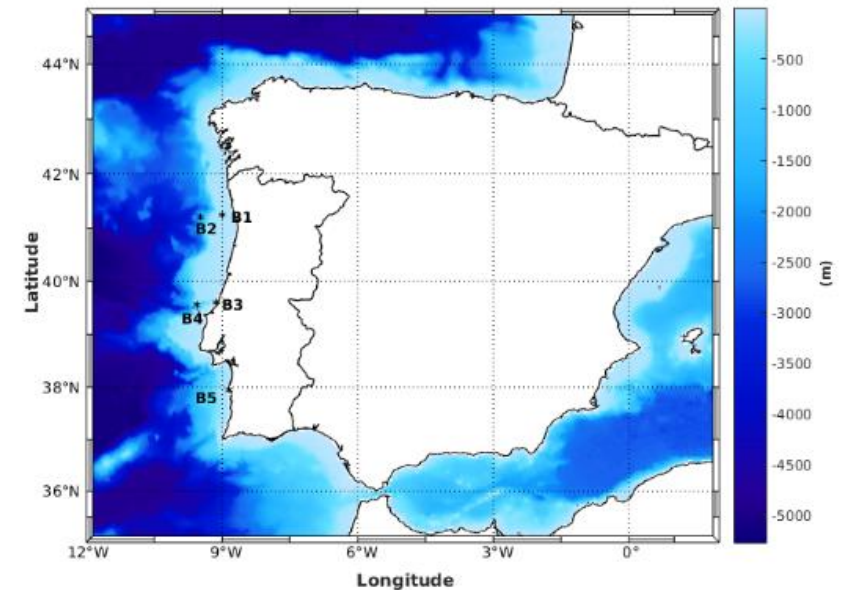
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Regional Wave Modelling

- While WW3, was used to generate waves for the entire North Atlantic basin, the SWAN model was used to study the evolution of the waves in the Iberian Peninsula
- The SWAN model is a third-generation phase-averaged wave model based on the action balance equation.
- The model describes the propagation of the waves from offshore to nearshore, considering a wide range of physical processes.

$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} + \nabla_x \cdot \dot{x}N + \frac{\partial}{\partial k} kN + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \dot{\theta}N = \frac{S}{\sigma}$$

- Bathymetry
- Boundary conditions
- High resolution wind input



SWAN parameterization tests

One year- 2003

Wind forcing WRF (forced by ERA- Interim)
6 hour and 0.1° resolution

Boundary conditions – spectral information from
ERA- Interim

Numerical squeme	Wave generation			
		JASSEN	WESTH	KOMEN
	S&L	1	2	5
BSBT	3	4	6	

OUTPUT:

Wave parameters fields – 6h

Selected locations:

Wave parameters
and spectra- 3h

HS

Experiment	BIAS			RMSE			SI			R		
	LEX	SINES	FARO	LEX	SINES	FARO	LEX	SINES	FARO	LEX	SINES	FARO
1	-0,15	-0,12	-0,49	0,41	0,46	0,7	0,21	0,27	0,72	0,92	0,9	0,66
2	-0,46	-0,44	-0,76	0,68	0,63	0,95	0,35	0,37	0,97	0,88	0,88	0,67
3	-0,24	-0,29	-0,58	0,48	0,5	0,77	0,25	0,29	0,79	0,91	0,89	0,67
4	-0,14	-0,18	-0,42	0,41	0,43	0,64	0,21	0,25	0,65	0,92	0,9	0,66
5	-0,45	-0,41	-0,68	0,67	0,6	0,87	0,35	0,35	0,89	0,88	0,89	0,67
6	-0,23	-0,26	-0,51	0,47	0,47	0,7	0,24	0,28	0,72	0,91	0,9	0,67

TM02

Experiment	BIAS			RMSE			SI			R		
	LEX	SINES	FARO	LEX	SINES	FARO	LEX	SINES	FARO	LEX	SINES	FARO
1	0,57	0,04	-1,02	1,25	1,17	1,63	0,19	0,18	0,36	0,78	0,81	0,65
2	0,76	0,37	-0,67	1,65	1,53	1,32	0,25	0,24	0,29	0,64	0,71	0,72
3	0,3	-0,21	-1,06	1,57	1,54	1,74	0,24	0,24	0,38	0,7	0,75	0,72
4	0,57	0,07	-0,92	1,25	1,16	1,57	0,19	0,18	0,35	0,78	0,81	0,65
5	0,81	0,45	-0,53	1,66	1,54	1,22	0,25	0,24	0,27	0,64	0,71	0,71
6	0,32	-0,14	-0,92	1,56	1,52	1,66	0,24	0,24	0,36	0,7	0,75	0,71

Comparison with 3 buoys in the
Portuguese coast

- Leixões
- Sines
- Faro



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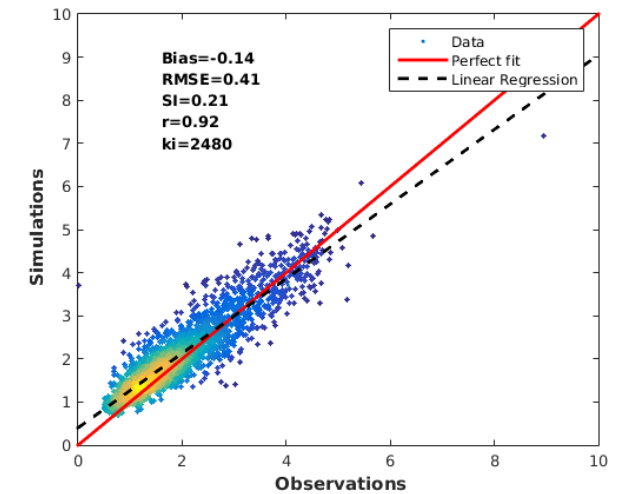
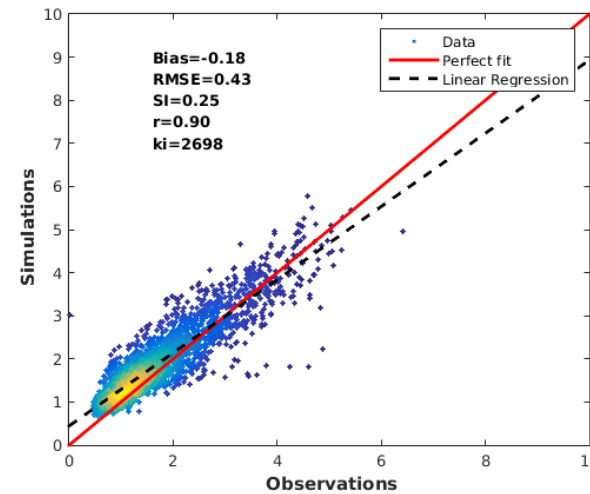
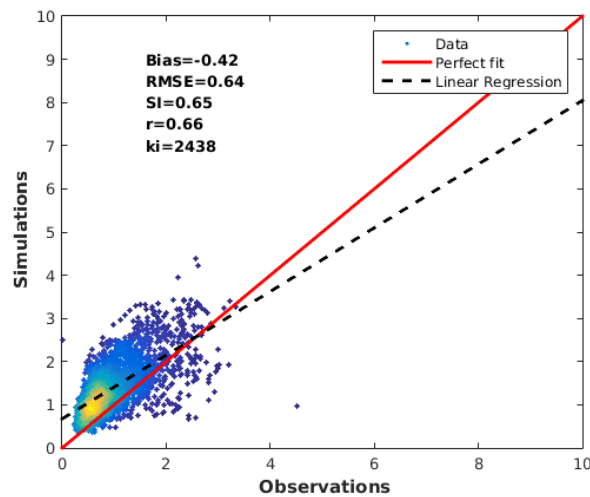
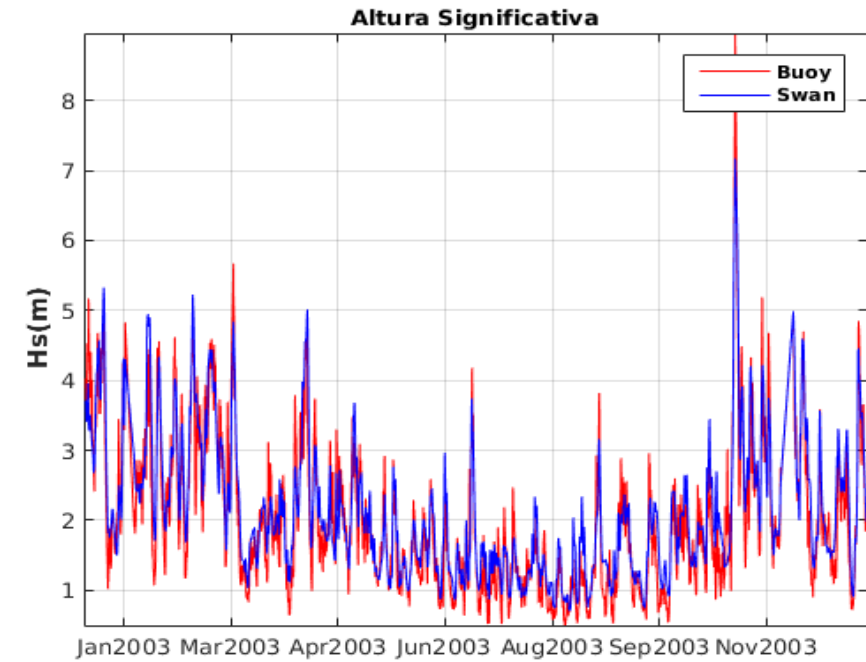


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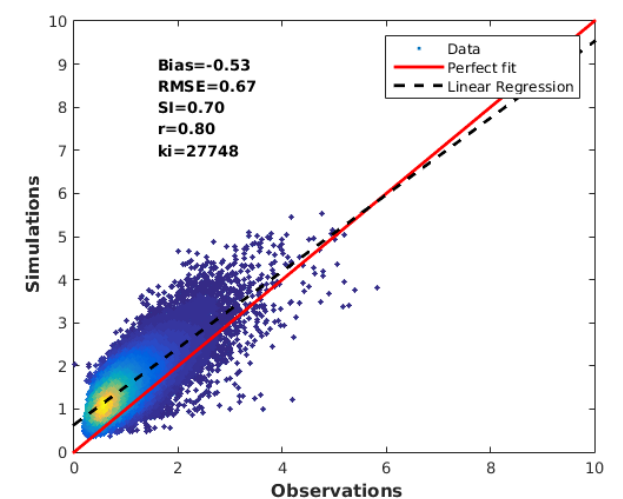
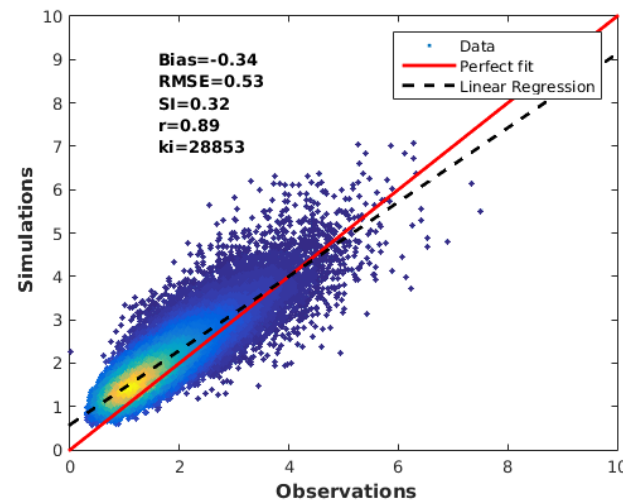
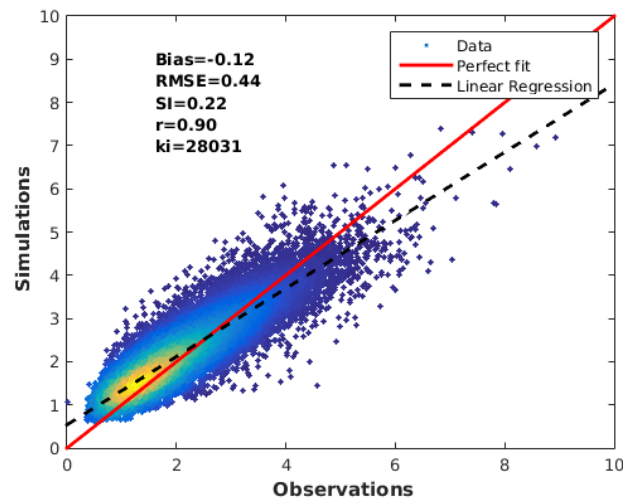
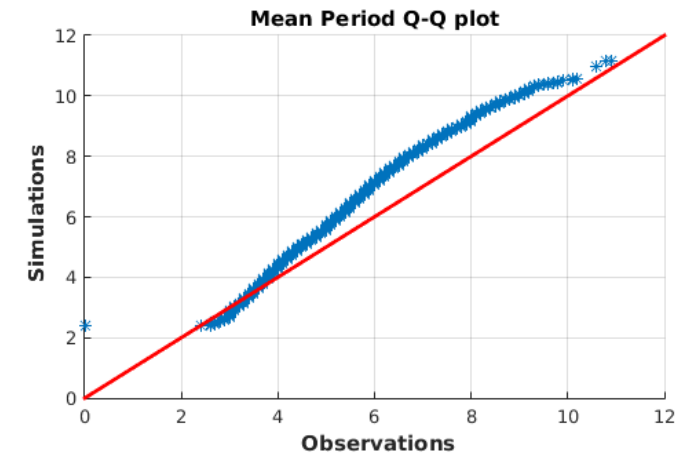
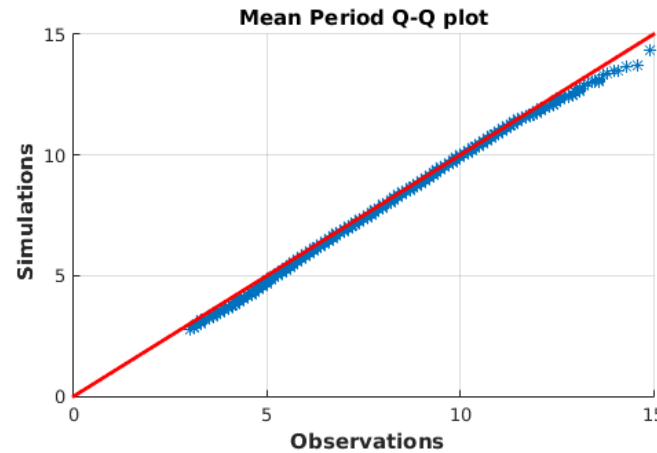
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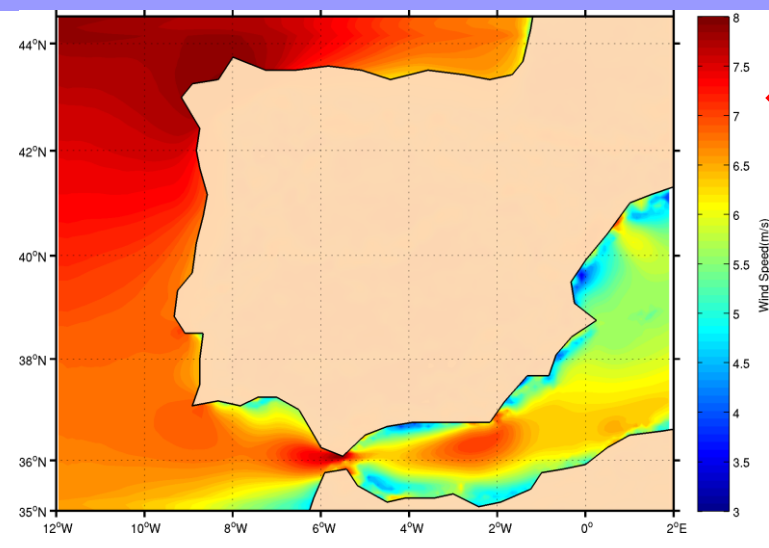
Regional wave climate simulation

23 years simulation (1989-2011) compared with available buoy data



Wind Climate – Euro Cordex (WRF forced by ERA-Int)

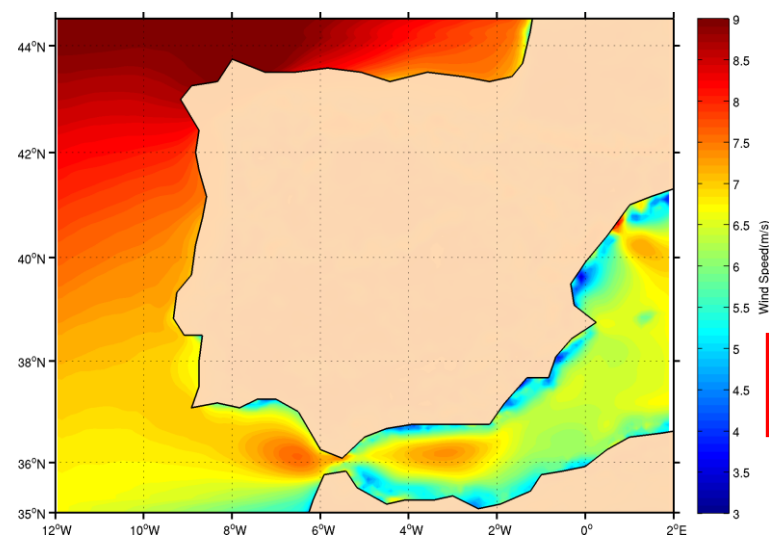
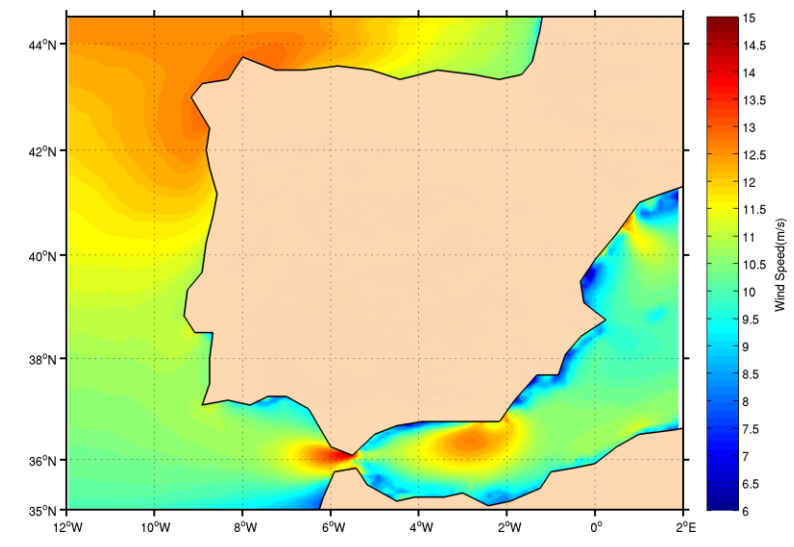
10 meters wind magnitude



Annual mean



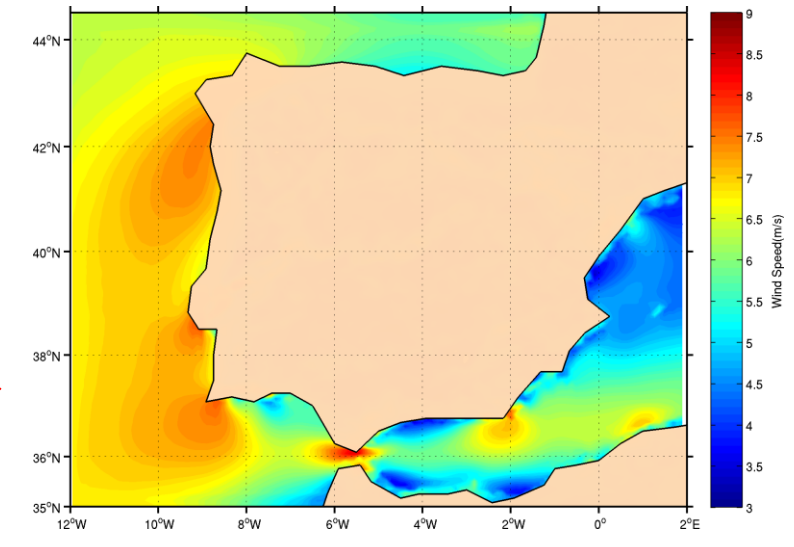
Annual P90



Winter mean



Summer mean

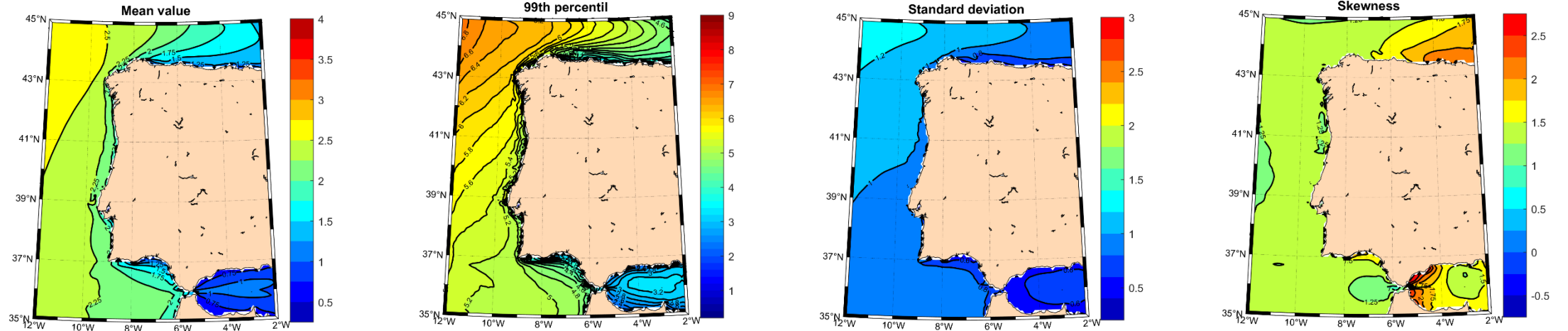


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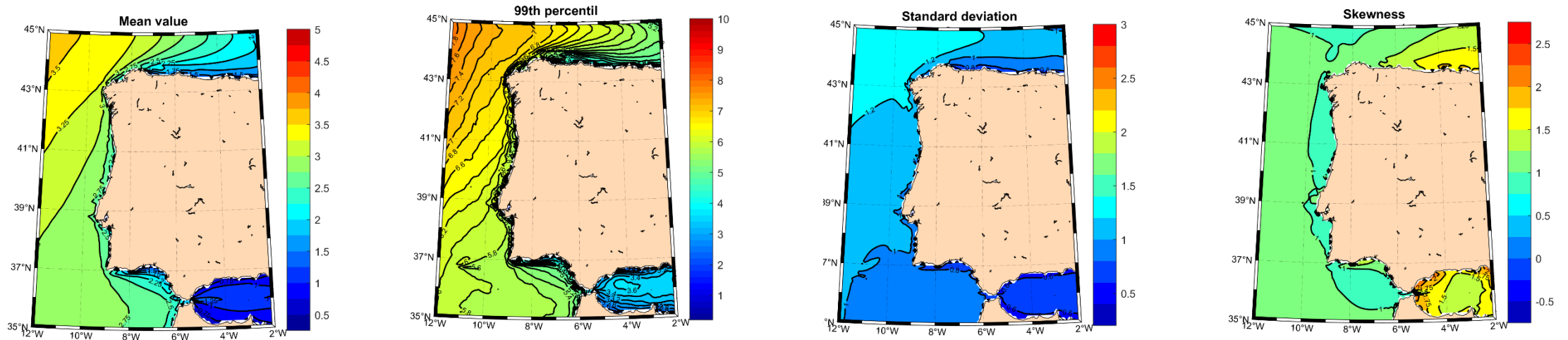


Regional wave climate (historical)

Annual statistics



Winter statistics



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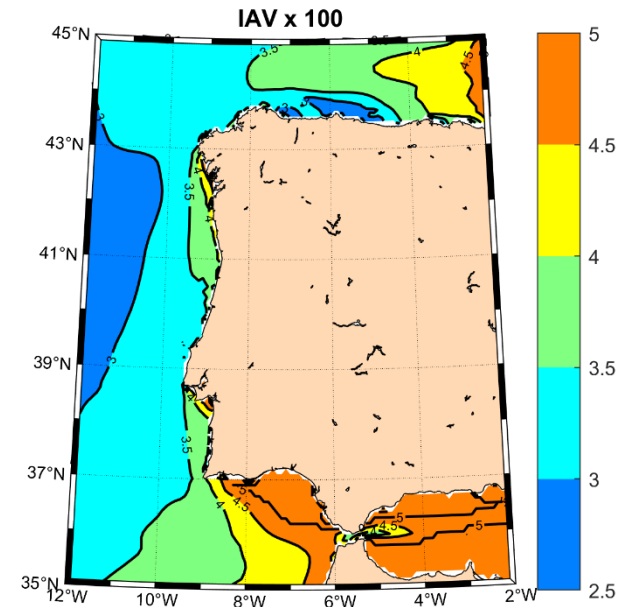
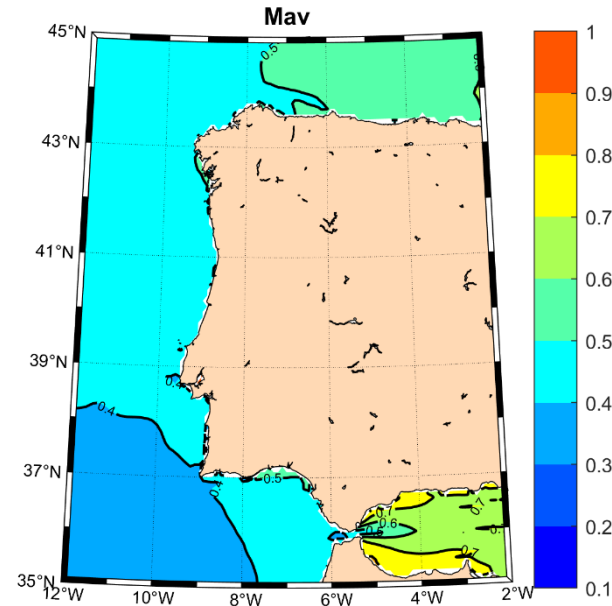
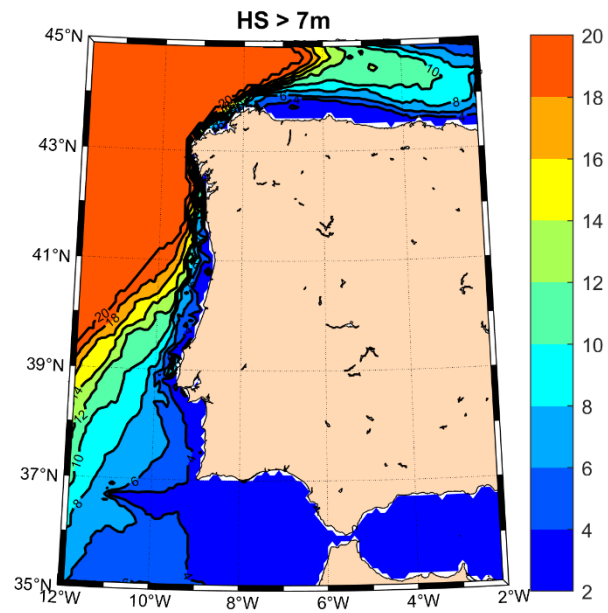
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Regional wave climate (historical)



Mean annual variability

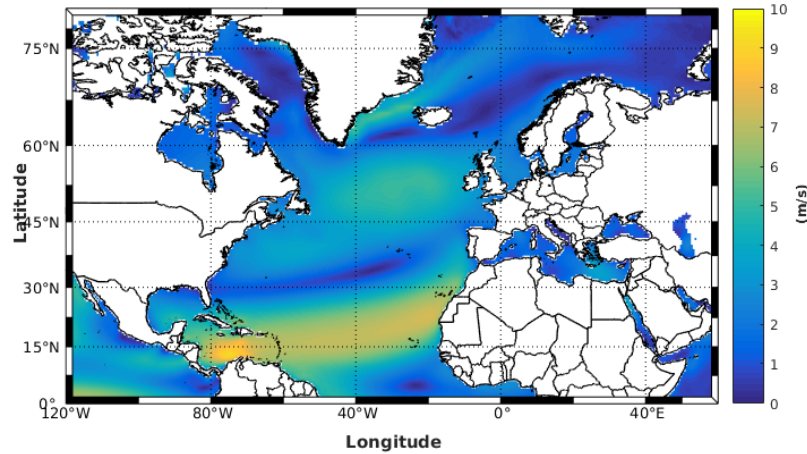
$$MAV = \overline{\left(\frac{\sigma_k}{\bar{x}_k}\right)}$$

Inter annual variability

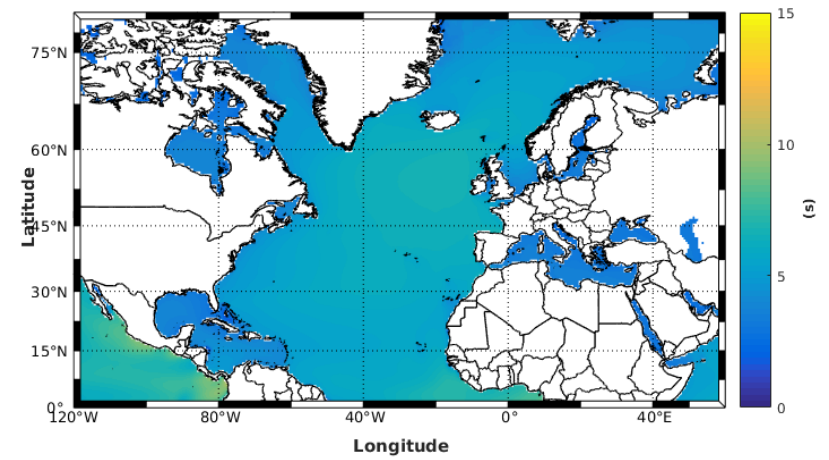
$$IAV = \frac{\sigma_{\bar{x}_k}}{\bar{x}}$$

PRESENT CLIMATE (1979-2008) EC-EARTH and WW3

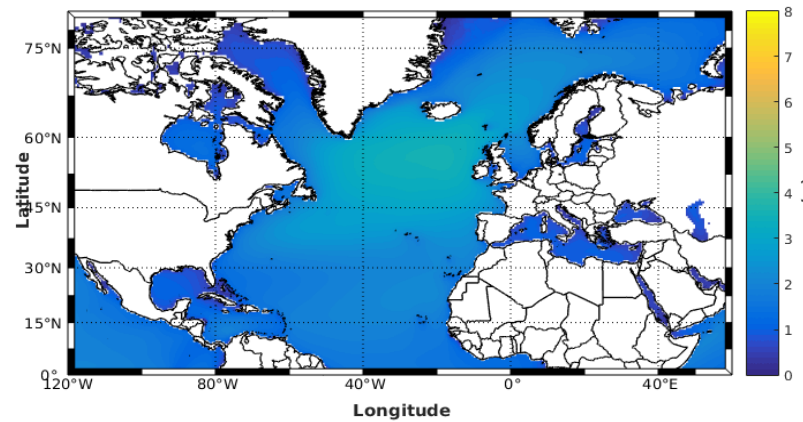
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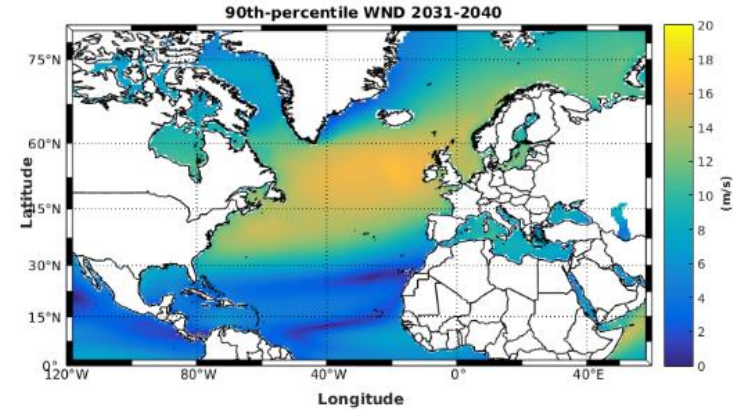
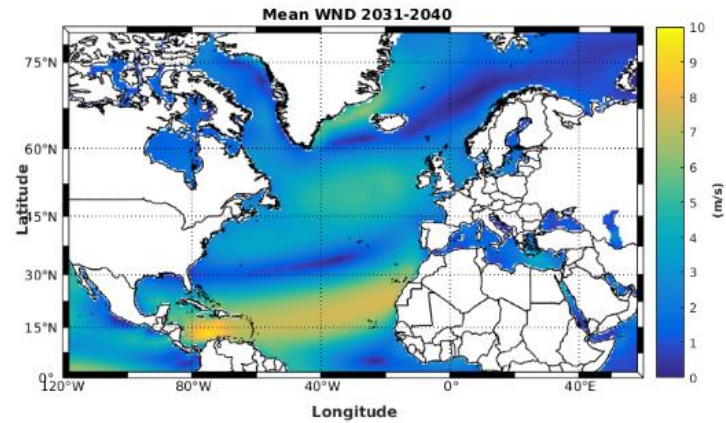


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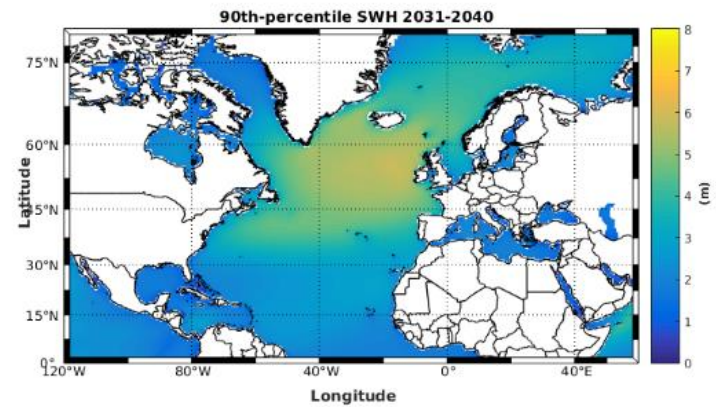
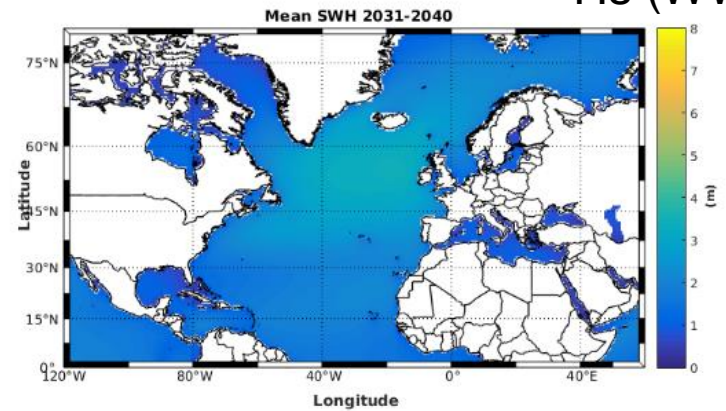


FUTURE CLIMATE (2031-2040) RCP8.5

WIND (EC-EARTH)



Hs (WW3)



Future work

Nº	tasks	Nº de meses
1	Production of present and future climate simulations	12
2	Present and future climate analyzes at different time scales	24
3	Storm characteristics under climate change conditions	12
4	Climate indices associated with wave regimes in the North Atlantic	12
5	Climate change impacts on ship routes	12
6	Wind and wave energy potential under climate change conditions	24
7	Project management	36



PRODUCTS

Regional Climatology

- Wave parameters
- Sea states

Applications to

- Coastal structures
- Energy



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