

Announcement

THERMAL STRESS CONDITIONS ARE PREDICTED FOR THE CARIBBEAN IN 5-8 WEEKS. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF BLEACHING AT THIS TIME.



REPORT CORAL BLEACHING OBSERVATIONS
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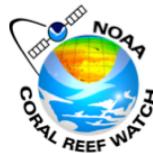
CORAL REEF WATCH (CRW) HAS RELEASED ITS VERSION 3 5KM CORAL BLEACHING PRODUCT SUITE!
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CRW CO-AUTHORS NEW HIGH-RESOLUTION GLOBAL MASS CORAL BLEACHING DATABASE IN *PLOS ONE*.
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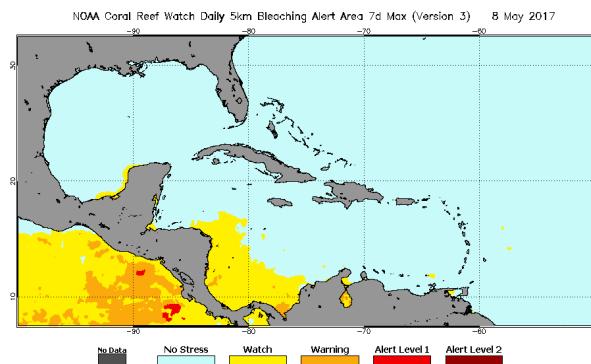


CARIBBEAN CORAL REEF WATCH



Notable Observations

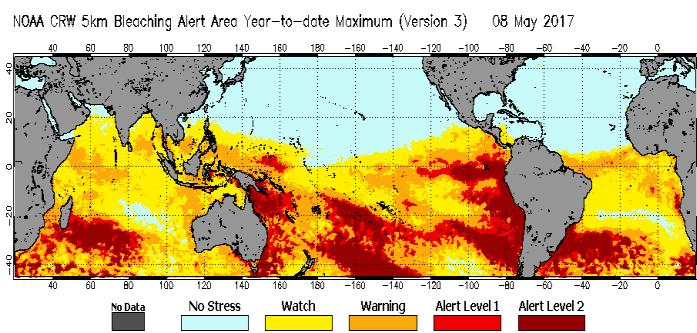
- ENSO-neutral conditions are favored to continue through at least the Northern Hemisphere spring 2017, with increasing chances for El Niño development by late summer and fall. [Read more....](#)
- Warm SSTs observed in the Caribbean. No bleaching reported in the Caribbean at this time.
- Bleaching Watch is issued for Belize.



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Current Global Conditions

- Great Barrier Reef bleached for unprecedented second year running.
- Bleaching has again hit the Samoas with more bleaching of fore reef sites than was seen in 2015.
- Severe bleaching was reported for Niue.

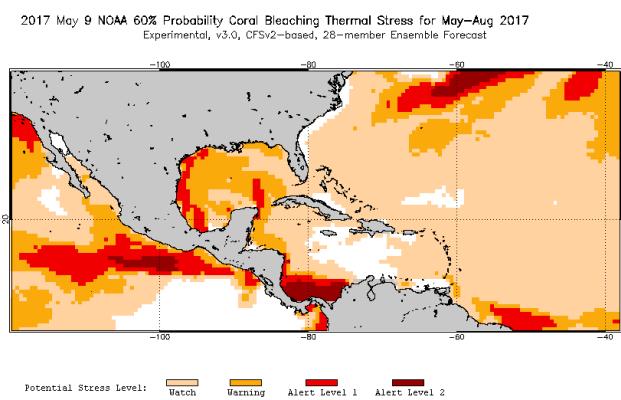


Alert Level Guide

Alert Level	Interpretation
No Stress	No Thermal Stress
Watch	Low-level thermal stress
Warning	Thermal stress is accumulating
Alert level 1	Bleaching expected
Alert level 2	Widespread bleaching and some mortality expected

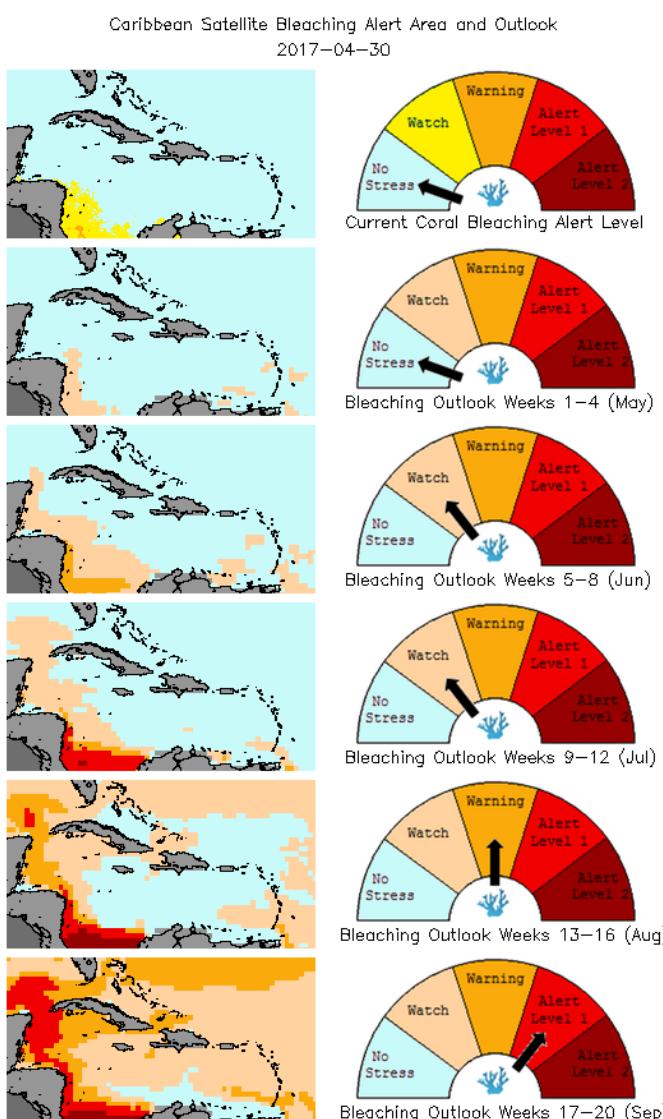
Current Outlook (May-August 2017)

- 4-Month Outlook indicates that there will be thermal stress in the Caribbean in 5-8 weeks.



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Bleaching Alert Area and Outlook

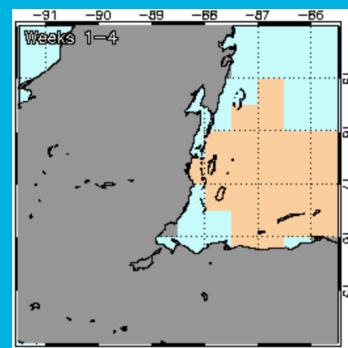


Caribbean Bleaching Outlook

A bleaching watch has been issued for the eastern Caribbean in 5-8 weeks.

Thermal stress conditions are predicted to be below bleaching levels until the end of May.

5-km Regional Virtual Stations



Bleaching Watch issued for Belize in 1-4 Weeks

[Click here for more information about the NOAA Coral Reef Watch methodology](#)

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