Using ECMWF's Ensemble Products and Forecasts at DWD (German Weather Service)

German Meteorological Service

Divisions:

- Climate and Environment
- Weather Forecasting
- Technical Infrastructure and Operations
- Research and Development
- Personnel and Business Management

Operational Meteorological Service:

- Headquarter in Offenbach/Main & regional offices in Hamburg,
 Potsdam, Leipzig, Essen, Stuttgart, and Munich
- 6 regional climate offices (consultancy services concerning climate and environment)
- 5 advisory centres for aviation

Governmental Tasks

- Meeting meteorological requirements arising from all areas of economy and society in Germany
- Provision of meteorological services (such as forecasts)
- Meteorological safeguarding of aviation and shipping
- Issuing of official weather warnings
- Short and long-term recording, monitoring, and evaluation of meteorological processes in the atmosphere, its structure and composition
- Recording of interactions between atmosphere and other environmental spheres
- Monitoring of atmosphere for radioactive trace elements and forecasting of their dissemination
- Operation of necessary measuring and observation systems
- Provision, storage, and documentation of meteorological data and products

International cooperation



Marine Meteorological Service



Marine Weather Forecasts

- Forecasts for North Sea, and certain areas of the Baltic Sea, as well as for English Channel, parts of the Mediterranean Sea, Bay of Biscay and Canary Islands
- Forecasting wind, significant weather (thunder storms, gusts, fog,...)
 sea/swell, and ice
- Issuing hurricane warnings
- Broadcasted via radio, internet, fax
- Cooperation with German Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH; wind forecasts in case of storm surges)
- Worldwide ship routeing

Ship Routeing & duty aboard

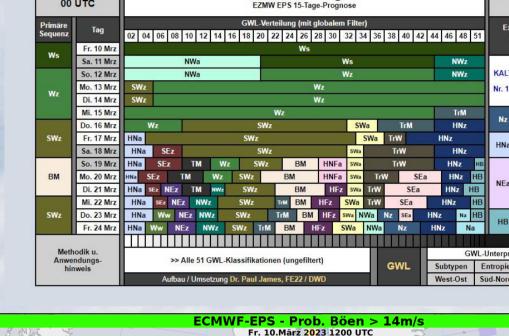


- Research Ships: Meteor and Polarstern, temporarily als Sonne
- Use of ECMWF products among others (wind, sea and swell)
- On-board weather observation and forecast
- Ship routeing
- Helicopter flight advice (only Polarstern)
- Forecasts at the Antarctic station Neumayer III during Antarctic summer

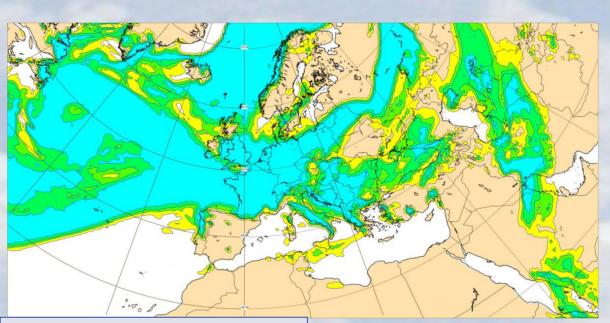
Using ensemble models and data of ECMWF-Products

- Weather Forecasting: land meteorology for Northwestern Germany including official warnings for severe weather
- Marine forecasting as described in section "Marine Weather Forecasts" including official wind warnings in case of severe wind conditions like storm, gale, severe storm or hurricane force, nationally for German coastline and internationally (NAVTEX) for both the marine areas German Bight, Western and Southern Baltic Sea
- ➤ Use of ECMWF Products (among others) visualized in the work platform NinJo or via the ECMWF homepage (individual chosen different dashboards), on the meteorological offices aboard only the ECMWF homepage can be used in case of a working internet connection
- Usage of ECMWF EPS 15-days-forecast for general weather situation classified through synoptic patterns, can also show if very cold, cold, warm or very warm air-masses will flow into Germany

Classification of general weather situation: e.g. Wz – west cyclonic, SWz/SWa south- western flow cyclonic/anticyclonic, BMc – ridge central Europe cyclonic, HNz – high Arctic Ocean cyclonic

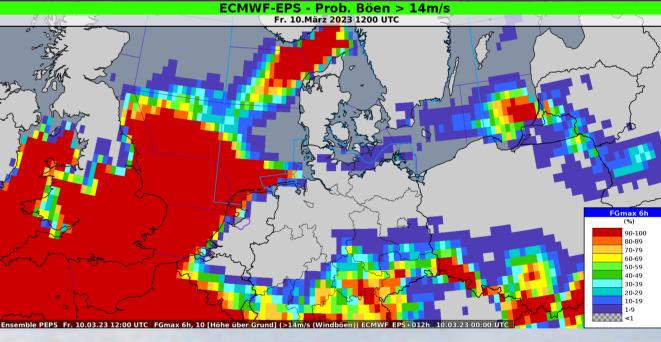


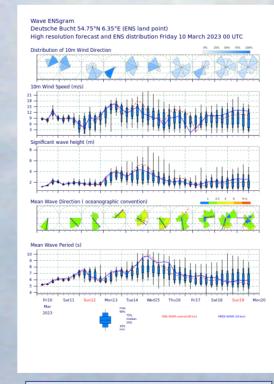
GWL-EPS Referenzbilder: GWL/Subtypen Historische Klassifikation 1851-2023



24 hour total precipitation derived from the ECMWF ensemble (ENS), shown for 10 March 2023

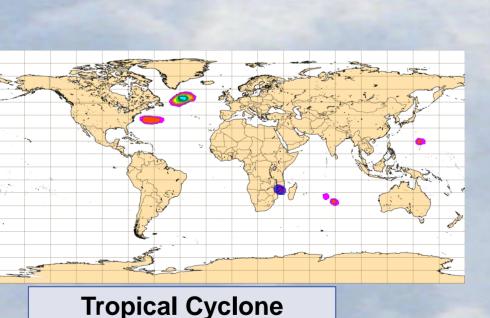
NWP-Layer in NinJo: gusts (shown here), others: Sign. wave height or mean wind



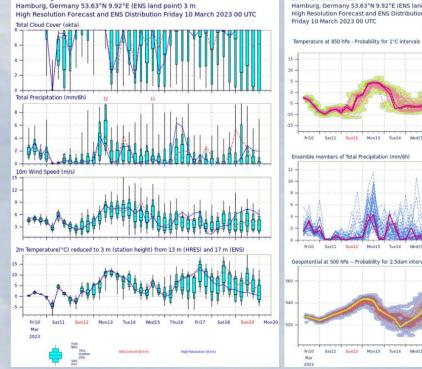


EPS wavegram:

- Sign. wave height
 - Mean wave direction



Activity: shown from 10
March 2023. Animation
shows daily
development in a
forecast, which can be
used as a strike
probability



High resolution forecast and ENS distribution: Total cloud cover, Total precipitation 6h, 10m wind speed, 2 m temperature, Temperature 850 hPa, Geopotential 500 hPa

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