

## Regionale Ozeanographie

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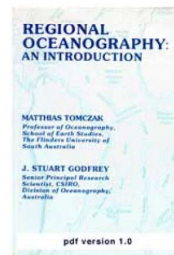
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#### The monsoon circulation of the Indian Ocean

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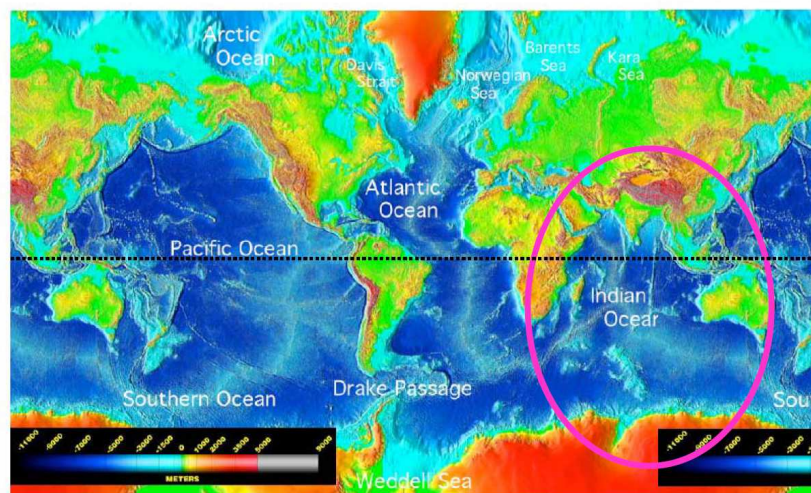
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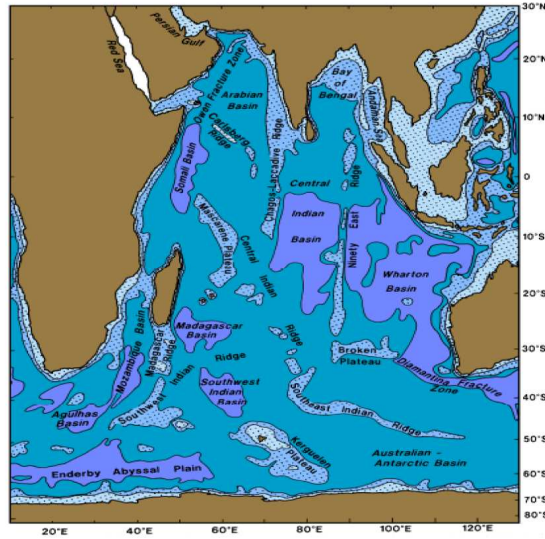


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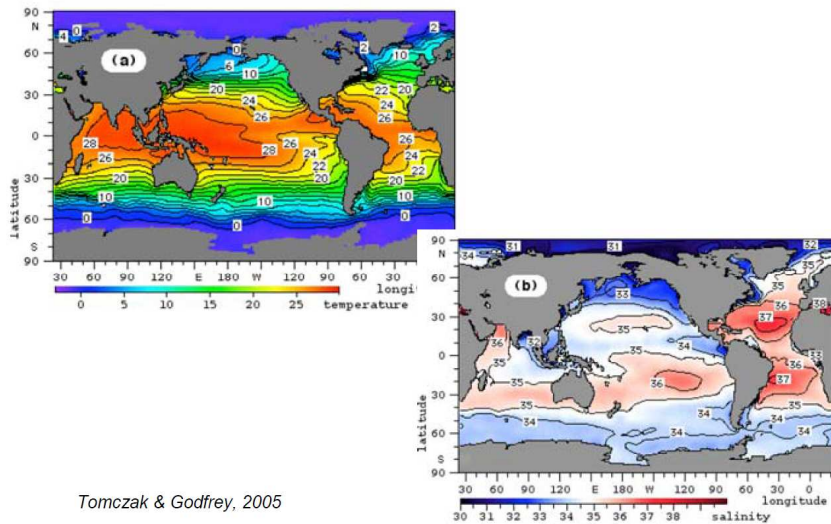


## Indian Ocean bathymetry



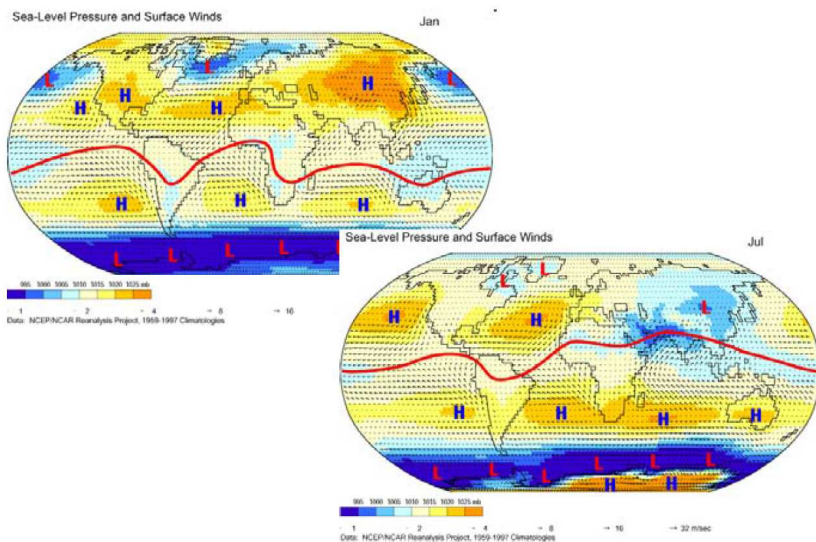
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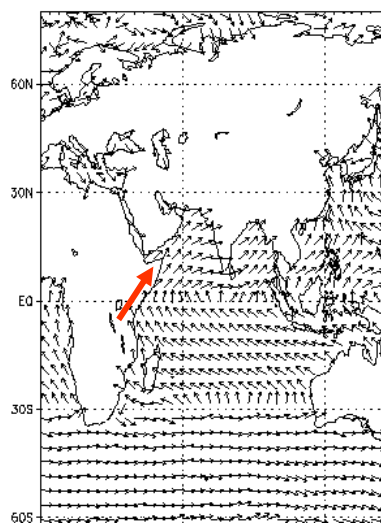


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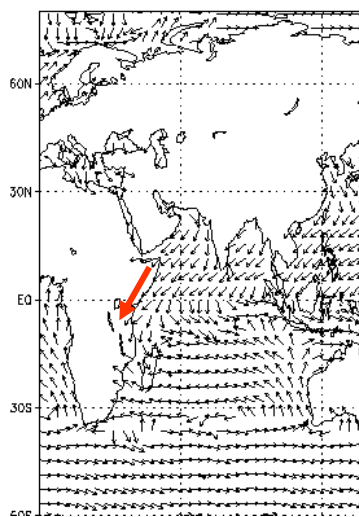
## Global SL Pressure and winds



## Monsoon winds – northern Indian Ocean



SW monsoon winds



NE monsoon winds

## IO – seasonal wind

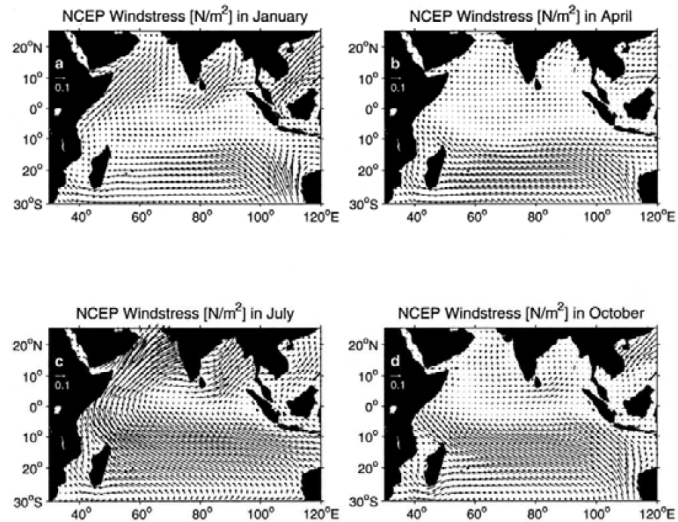


Fig. 1. Monsoon wind stress fields from the NCEP climatology for a) January; b) April; c) July; d) November.

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## Wind-driven circulation

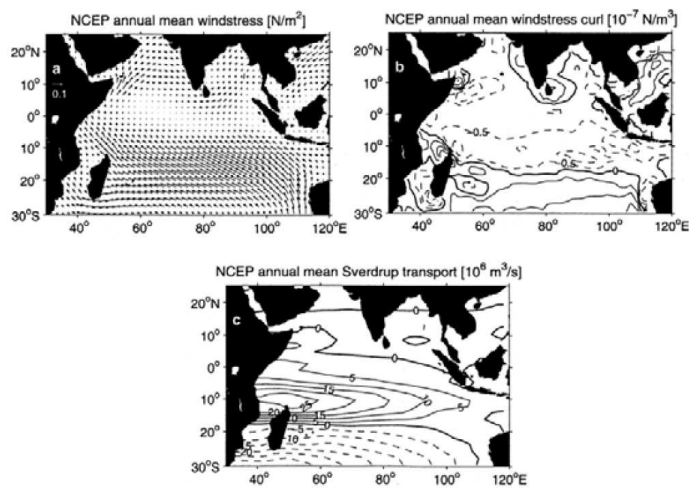
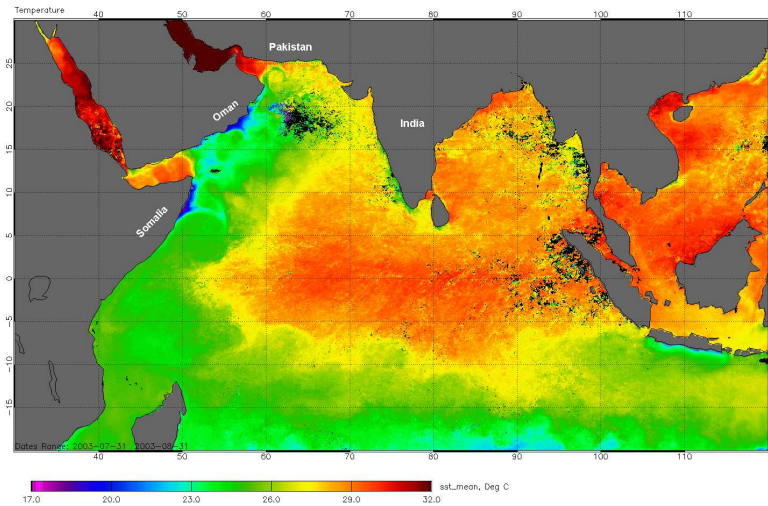


Fig. 4. Annual mean fields of a) wind stress; b) wind stress curl; c) Sverdrup transport function (in  $\text{Sv}=10^6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), from NCEP climatology.

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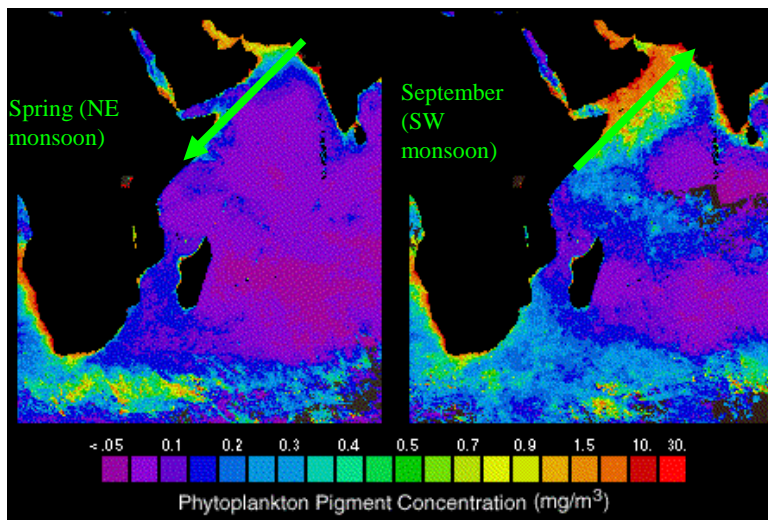
## Sea surface temperature



July 2003 SST: Low along Somalia and Arabian peninsula during SW monsoon. (NASA MODIS satellite, NASA GSFC)

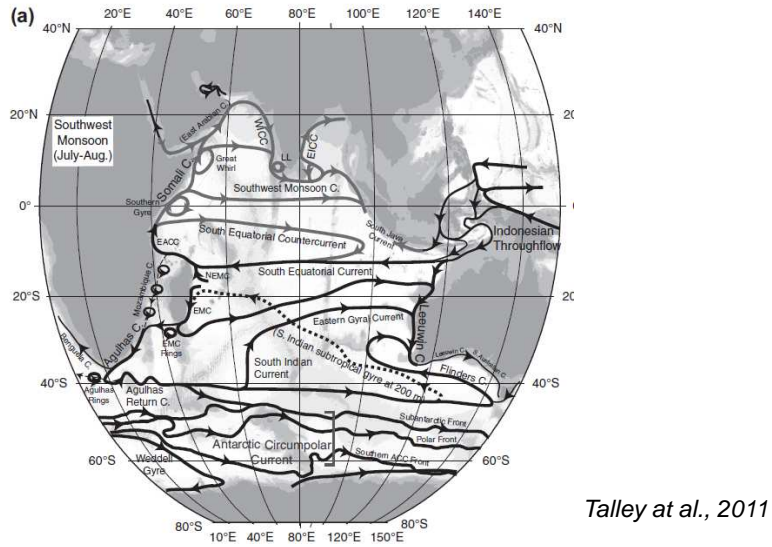
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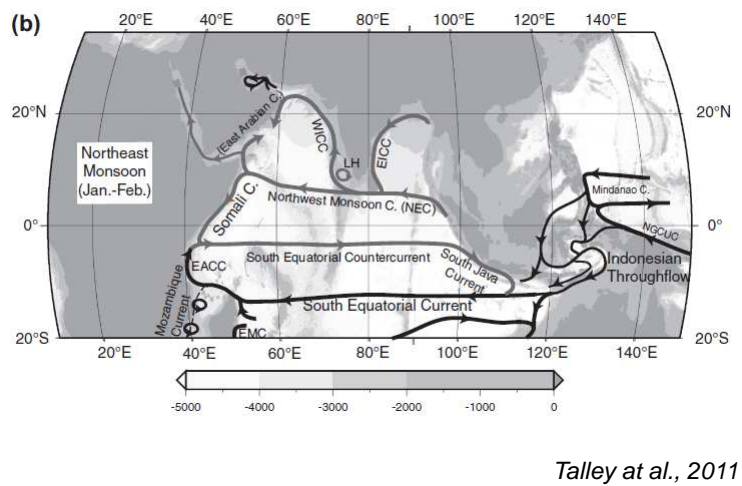


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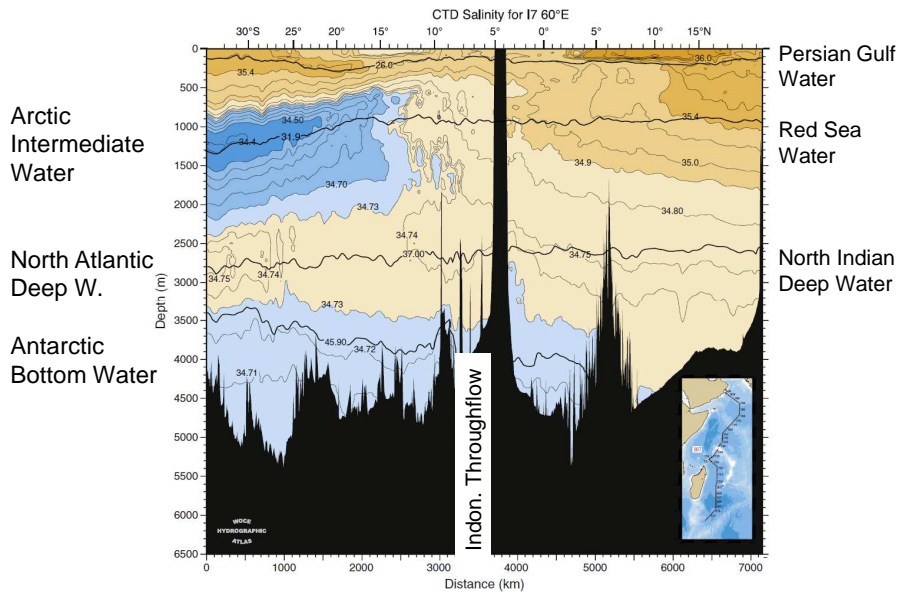
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## Salinity western IO



## External water masses

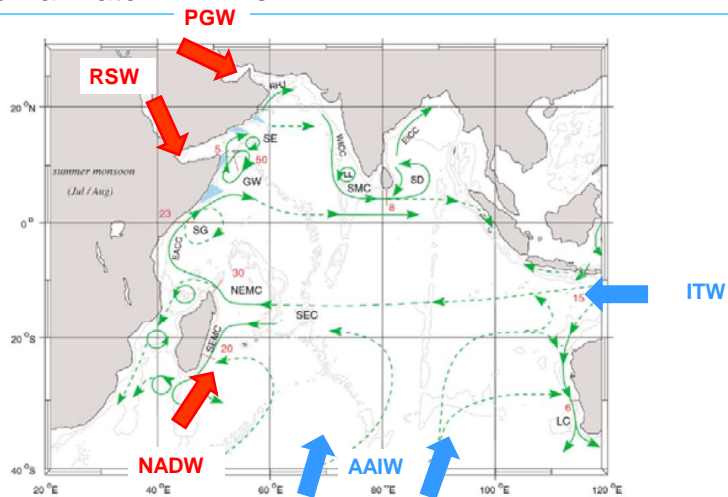
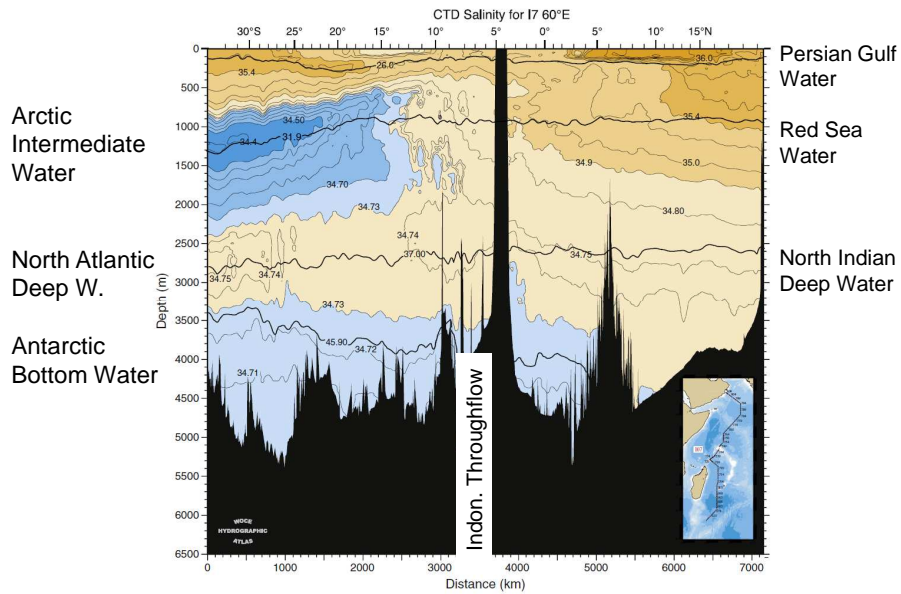


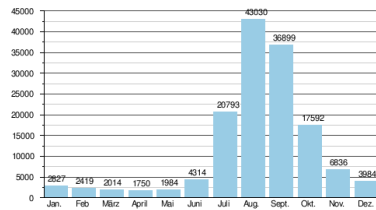
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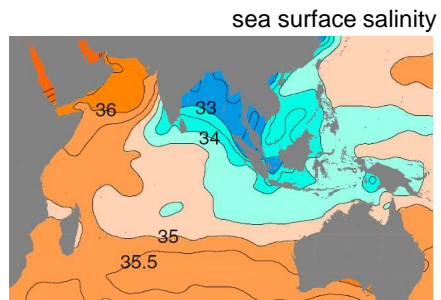
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## Freshwater Input Bay of Bengal

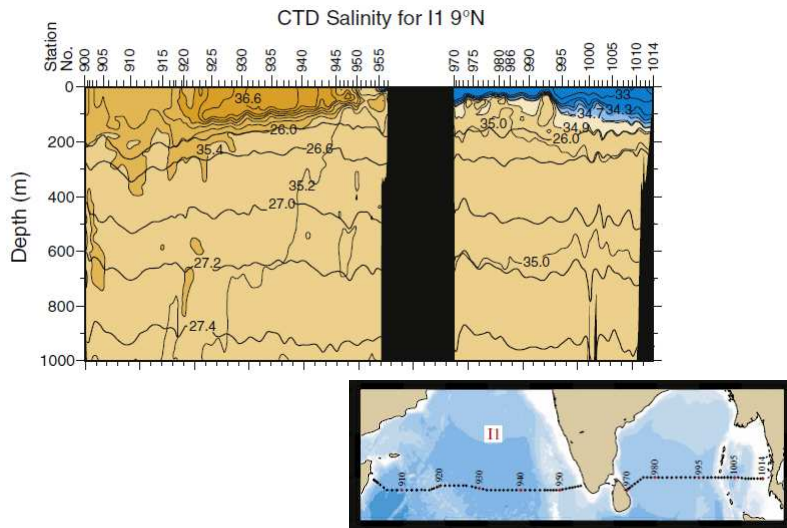


Ganges – Brahmaputra Delta





## Arabian Sea – Bay of Bengal



## Water masses

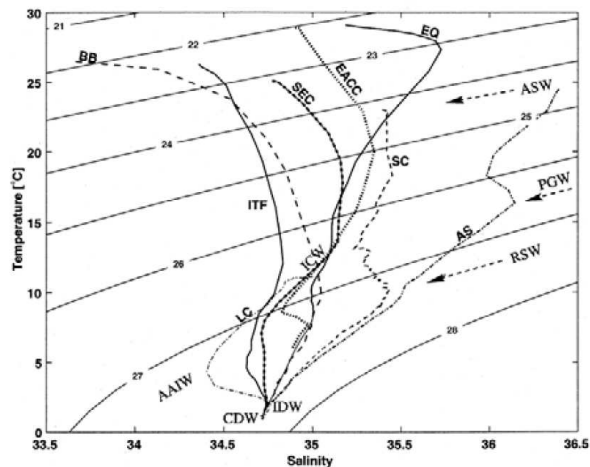


Fig. 7. Temperature-Salinity diagram of Indian Ocean water masses taken from Levitus and Boyer (1994a,b) climatology for the Bay of Bengal (BB), northern Arabian Sea (AS), equatorial region of western basin (EQ), South Equatorial Current (SEC), western exit of Indonesian Throughflow (ITF), and Leeuwin Current (LC). The Somali Current (SC) curve is from August 1993 measurements in northern upwelling wedge. Core water masses indicated are Circumpolar Deep Water (CDW), Indian Deep Water (IDW), Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW), Indian Central Water (ICW), Red Sea Water (RSW), Persian Gulf Water (PGW), and Arabian Sea Water (ASW). Profiles are for respective winter seasons in each hemisphere.

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## Water masses thermocline

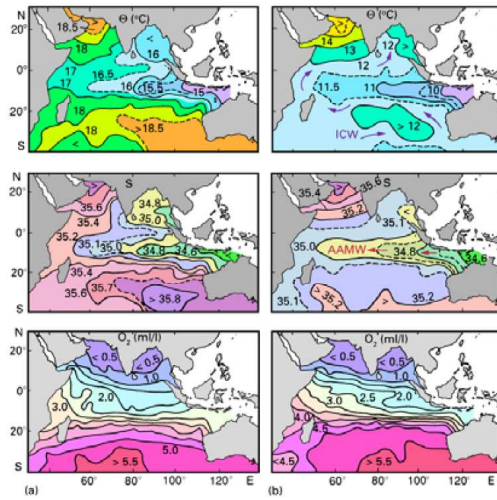


Fig. 12.9. Annual mean temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), salinity, and oxygen (ml/l) in the thermocline on isopycnal surfaces. (a) On the  $\sigma_{t_0}$  surface 25.7, located in the depth range 150 - 200 m, (b) on the  $\sigma_{t_0}$  surface 26.7, located in the depth range 300 - 450 m. Arrows indicate the movement of ICW and AAMW. After You and Tomczak (1993)

Tomczak & Godfrey, 2005

## 'Unusual' current systems

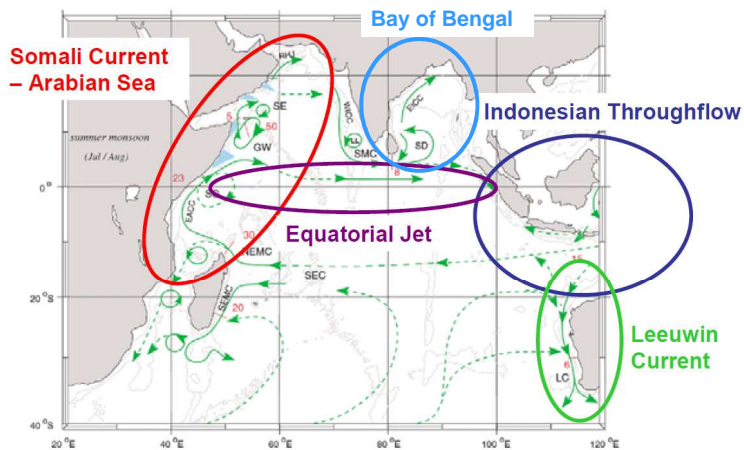
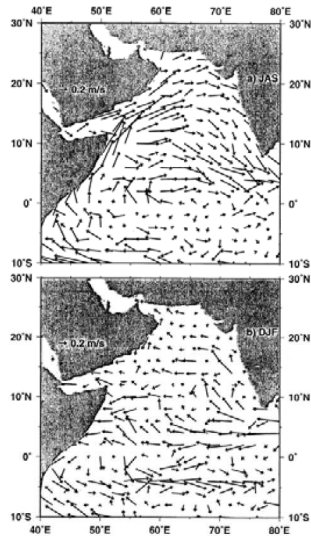


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## Oberflächenströmungen Arabische See



Somalistrom:

Frühere Erklärungen  
Wind – Ekman Transport von der Küste  
weg – Aufbau eines barotropen  
Druckgradienten – küstenparallele  
geostrophische Strömung

Zeitskala: Mehrere Tage bis Wochen

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Fig. 31. Surface current vectors from drifter climatology for a) July–September; and b) December–February. (Courtesy A. Mariano.)

## Somali Current

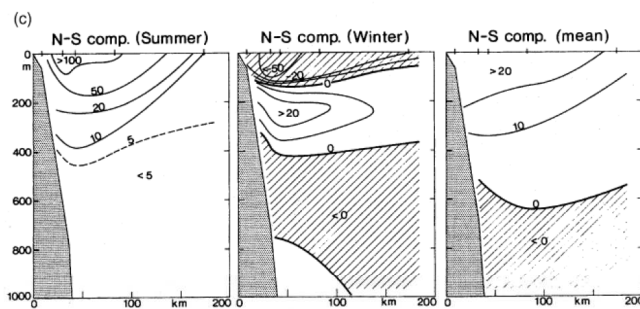


Fig. 33. Mean velocity sections across Indian Ocean western boundary currents for a) Northeast Madagascar Current at Cape Amber (westward is positive); b) Southeast Madagascar Current at 23°S (southward is positive); both from Swallow et al. (1988); and c) Somali Current on the equator (northward is positive) during the summer monsoon (left), during the winter monsoon (middle) and annual mean (right); from Schott et al., 1990; section locations see Fig. 20.

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## Somali Current Upwelling

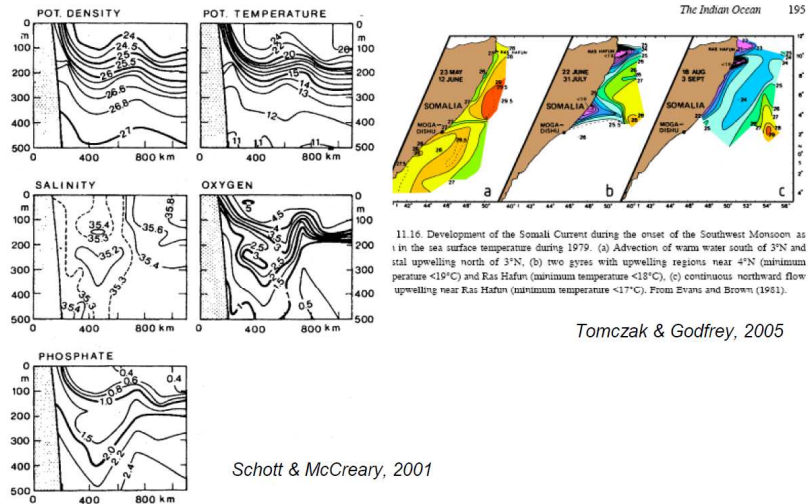
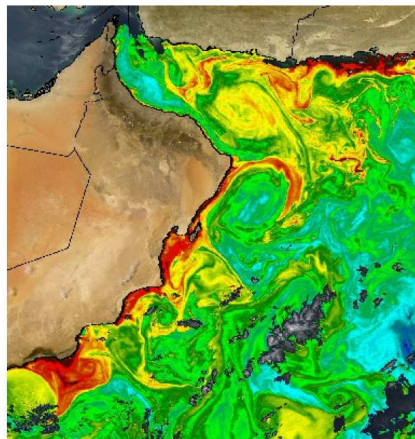


Fig. 37. Section along approx. 12°N through the northern Somali Current upwelling regime taken 29 August–1 September 1964 during a particularly strong upwelling episode, showing potential density ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ), potential temperature, salinity, oxygen ( $\text{ml}^{-1}$ ) and phosphate ( $\mu\text{gatl}^{-1}$ ). (After Swallow & Bruce, 1966; see Fig. 20 for section location.)

## Arabian Sea Upwelling

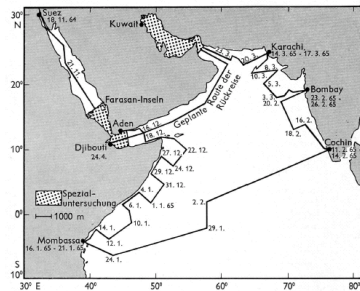


Energetic jets emerging from the coastal upwelling region cool the Arabian Sea and carry nutrients and other matter from the coastal region into the interior.



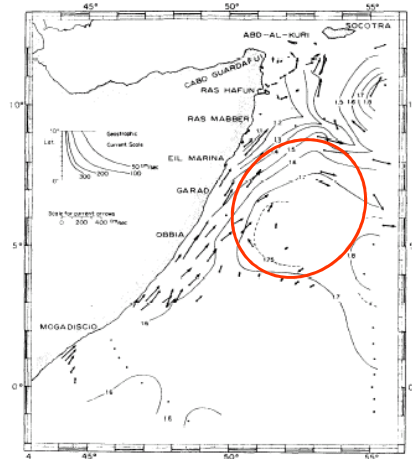
## Indian Ocean Expedition 1960s

FS METEOR cruise 1964/65



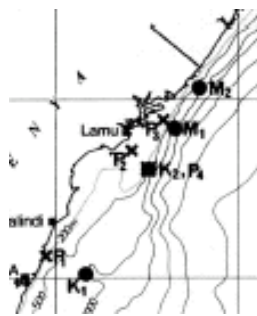
Seasonal reversal of the Somali Current

Great Whirl during summer monsoon

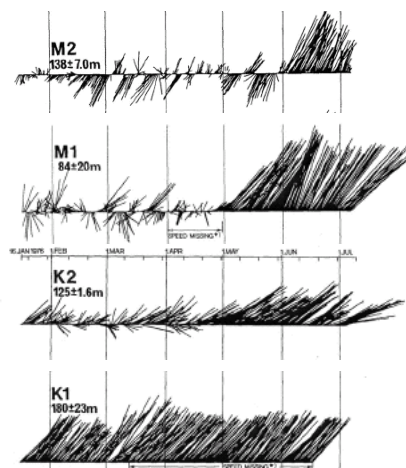


Swallow and Bruce, 1966

## Somali Current at the equator

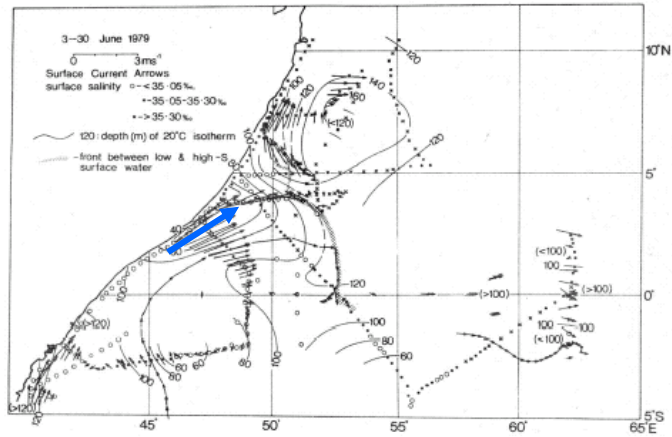


Response to the onset of the summer monsoon



Düing and Schott, 1978

## INDEX 1979



Development of the Somali Current in a two-gyre system

Evidence for remote forcing

Big signal: > 7 kn

Swallow et al., 1987

## Somali Current

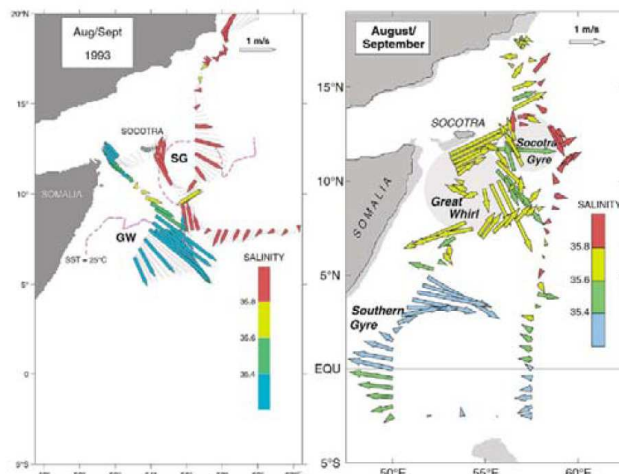


Fig. 36. Somali Current flow patterns during the late summer monsoon phases of a) 1993 (after Fischer et al., 1996) and b) 1995 (after Schott et al., 1997). Marked are the Southern Gyre, Great Whirl and Socotra Gyre. Near-surface salinities (colour-coded on the current vectors) indicate that lower-salinity waters originating from the southwestern and upwelling regions recirculate in the Great Whirl and do not leave the Somali Current zone toward the east in the 4°–12°N latitude belt. Instead, outflow from the northern Somali Current during the summer monsoon occurs through the Socotra Passage. Note also that the GW in 1995 was located much more northerly, against the banks of southern Socotra, than in 1993.

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McCreary,  
2001

## Response Somalstrom – INDEX 1979

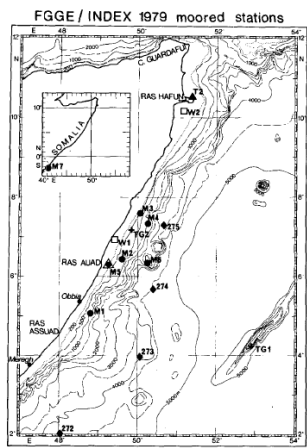


FIG. 1. Positions of moored instrumentation during INDEX from March to July, 1979. Depths in meters.

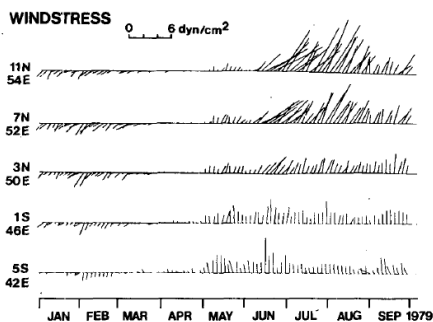


FIG. 3. Wind-stress vectors as determined from standard ship observations (Schott and Fernandez-Partagas, 1981) for five points along the East African coast during January to September, 1979; north is upward.

Schott & Quadfasel, 1982

## Response Somalstrom

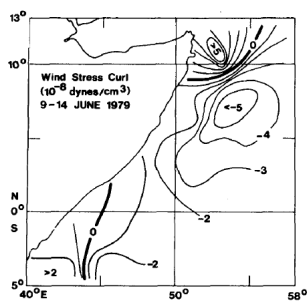


FIG. 12. Wind-stress curl off Somalia at time of final onset of summer monsoon, 9-14 June 1979.

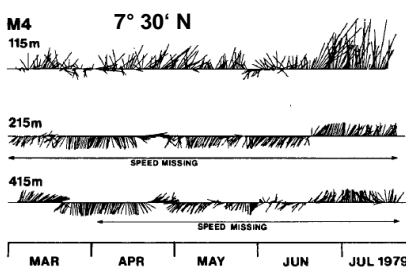


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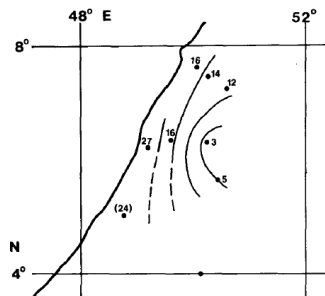
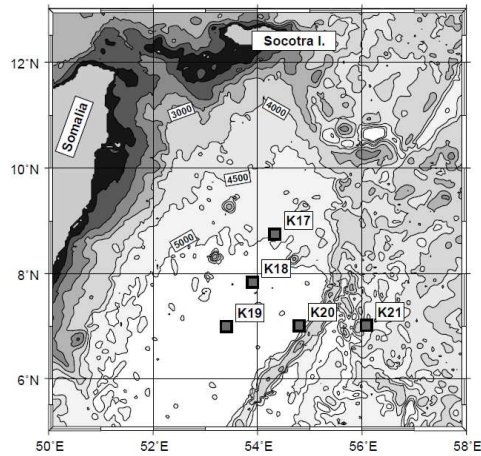


FIG. 8. Response time of currents at instruments of different moorings counted in days after final monsoon onset on 10 June 1979.

Schott & Quadfasel, 1982

## Response Somalstrom – WOCE 1995-96



Verankerungsarray zum Testen des Wellenansatzes

Brandt et al., 2002

## Somalstrom Wellenausbreitung

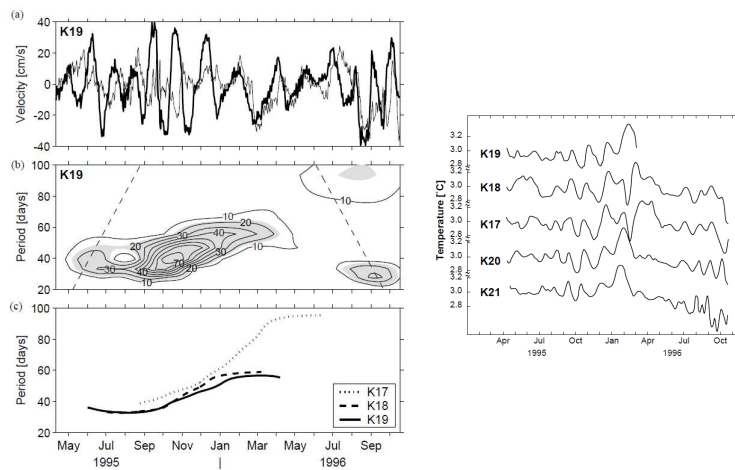
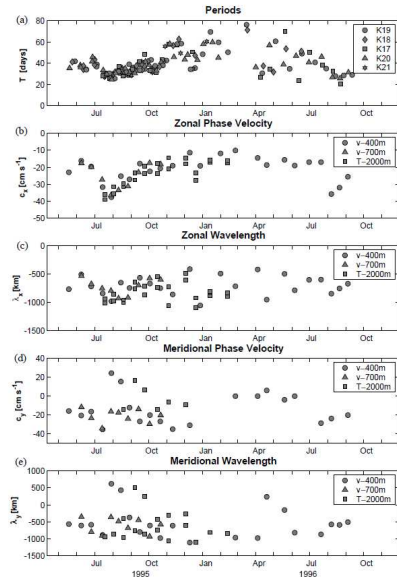


Fig. 8. (a) Time-series of zonal (thin solid line) and meridional (thick solid line) velocity at 400 m depth at mooring K19, (b) period-time plot of normalized meridional velocity wavelet energy at 400 m depth at mooring K19, and (c) periods of maximum oscillation amplitude at 400 m depth at the three moorings K17-K19. The light gray shaded areas in (b) mark the regions with a significance level higher than 95%. The curves shown in (c) are plotted only in these regions. The locations of the moorings are given in Fig. 1.

Brandt et al., 2002



## Somalstrom Wellenausbreitung



1. Mode barokline Rossbywelle

$$\omega = \frac{-\beta k_x}{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + f^2/c_1^2}$$

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## Somalstrom Wellenausbreitung

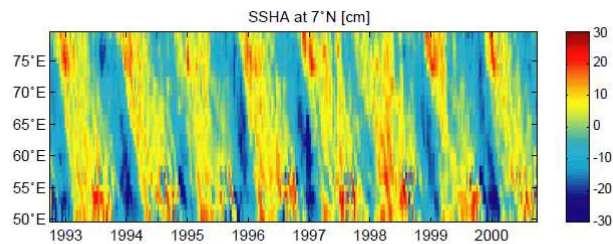


Fig. 2. Longitude-time plot of TOPEX/POSEIDON SSHA at 7°N.

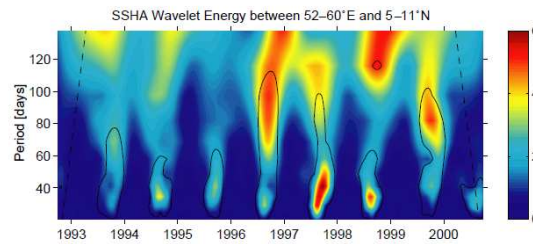


Fig. 4. Period-time plot of normalized SSHA wavelet energy averaged between 52-60°E and 5-11°N. Solid lines mark the 95% significance level.

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## Wyrтки Jet

Oberflächenströmung

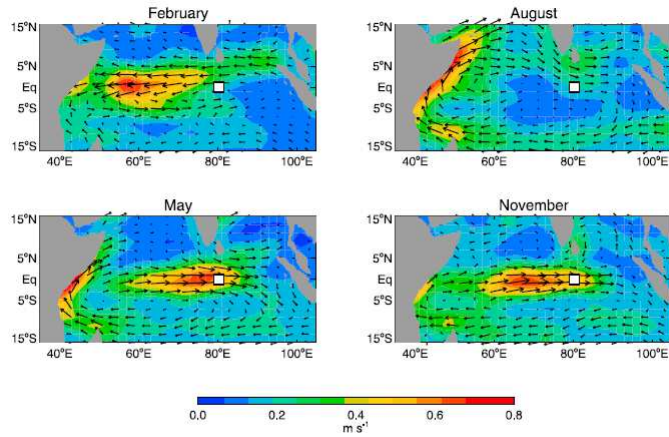


Figure 1. Monthly climatologies of surface velocity (vectors) and scalar speed (color shading) from ship drift observations for February, May, August, and November [Cutler and Swallow, 1984]. The white box at 0°, 80.5°E indicates the position of RAMA ADCP observations.

Nagura & McPhaden, 2010

## Equatorial Jet (Wyrтки Jet)

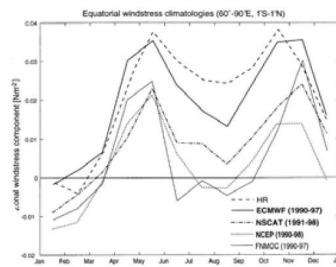
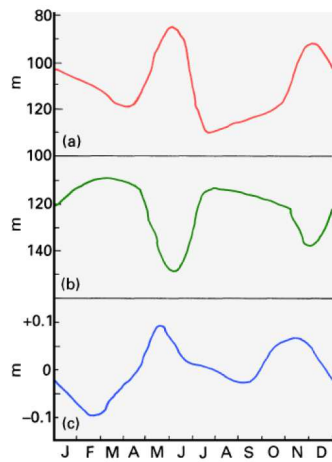


Fig. 11.6. Climatological mean monthly thermocline depth and sea level at the equator.

(a) Depth of 20°C isotherm off Africa,

(b) depth of 20°C isotherm off Sumatra,

(c) sea level at the west coast of Sumatra. After Wyrтки (1973a)

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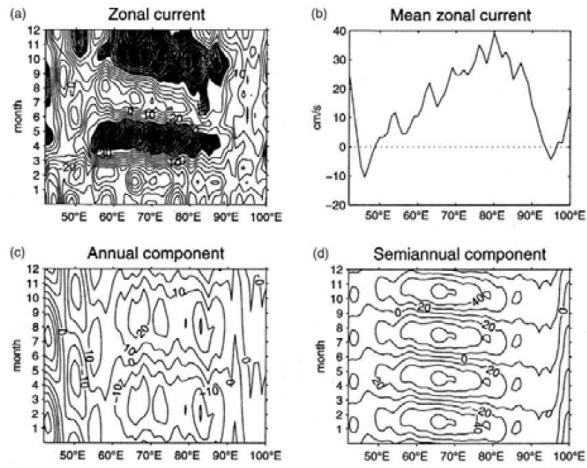
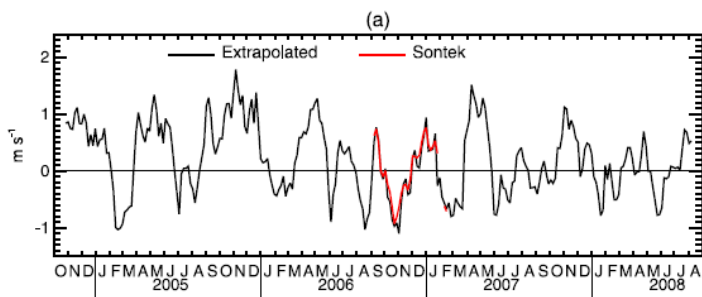


Fig. 21. Longitude-time plots of zonal currents in the 1°S–1°N latitude band, showing the a) total current, and its b) annual-mean; c) annual, and d) semiannual components. (After Han et al., 1999.)

Schott & McCreary, 2001

## Wyrтки Jet



Zonale Strömung bei 80° 30' E

Nagura & McPhaden, 2010

## Wyrтки Jet

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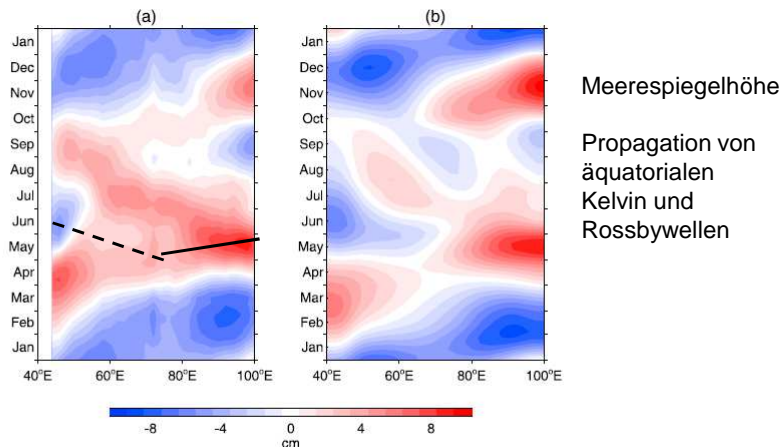


Figure 12. Climatological mean seasonal cycles of SSH along the equator for (a) the observations and (b) the K-R1 model. Record length means are subtracted so that the modeled SSH can be compared with the observed SSH. Climatologies are based on weekly data smoothed with a 35 day running mean filter.

*Nagura & McPhaden, 2010*

## Competing theories

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Lighthill 1969: remote forcing through equatorial waves,  
response after 4 weeks

Cox 1970: local forcing through coastal winds,  
response time 2 weeks

Anderson and Rowlands 1976: combined effects of local  
and remote forcing, stacked response

Anderson and Moore 1979: inertial overshoot  
rapid response



## Seasonal Somali Current

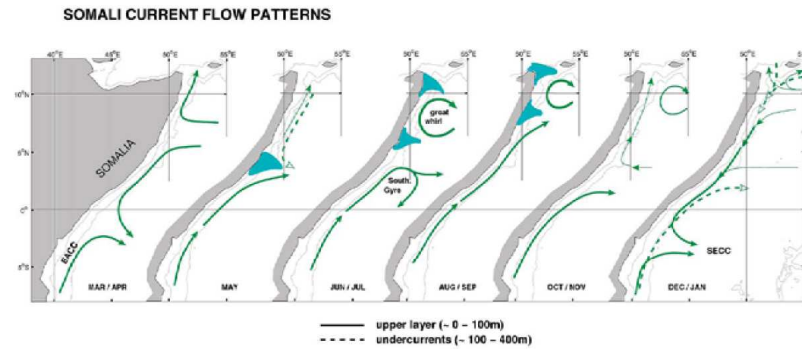


Fig. 32. Schematic diagram of the Somali Current upper-layer flow patterns over the course of the year. Also marked are undercurrents as presently known (after Schott et al., 1990, with revisions). See Figs. 8, 9 and Appendix for acronyms and text for details.

*Schott & McCreary, 2001*

## Süd Java Strom

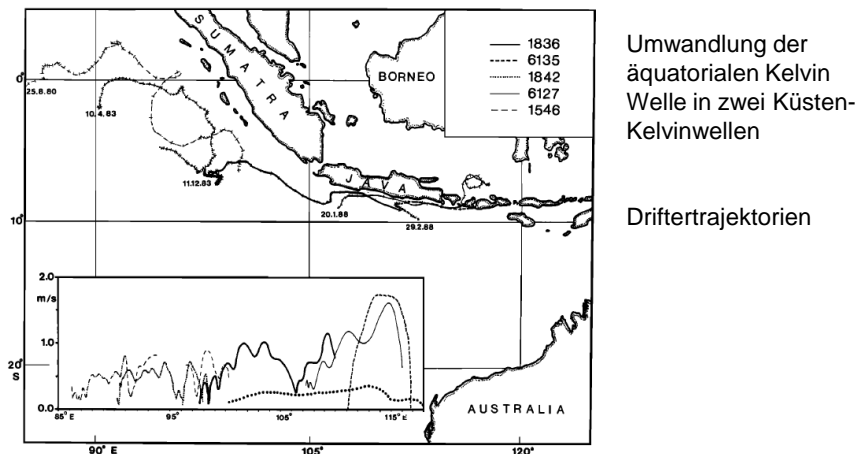
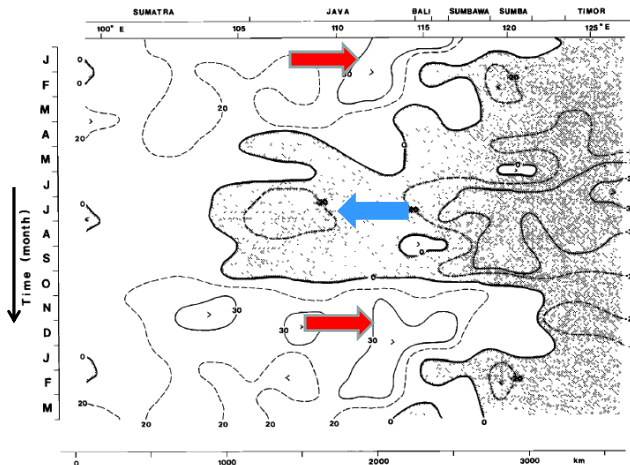


Fig. 1. Trajectories of satellite tracked drifters in the South Java Current. Tick marks indicate the start of successive UTC days. The inset shows mean current speeds of drifters versus longitude; the dotted line is mean alongshore current speed from shipdrifts during the NE monsoon (November-February).

*Quadfasel & Cresswell, 1992*

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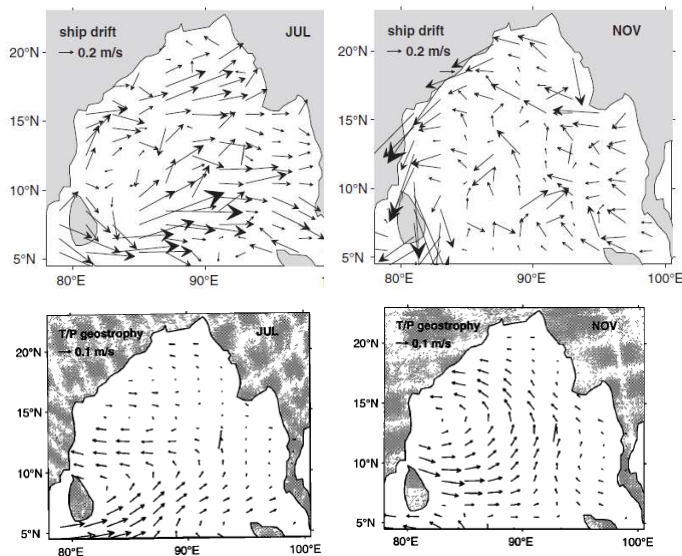


Oberflächenströmungen

Überlagerung von saisonalen windgetriebenen geostrophischen Strömungen und Küsten-Kelvin-Wellen

Fig. 2. Time-latitude diagram of alongshore surface current speed (centimeters per second) in the South Java Current based on 1° square monthly averages of shipdrifts [KRNI, 1949]. The stippled area indicates westward flow.

## Surface circulation Bay of Bengal



Lokale Sverdrup Zirkulation plus Einflüsse von Küsten-Kelvinwellen

*Eigenheer & Quadfasel, 2000*

## Indonesian Archipelago

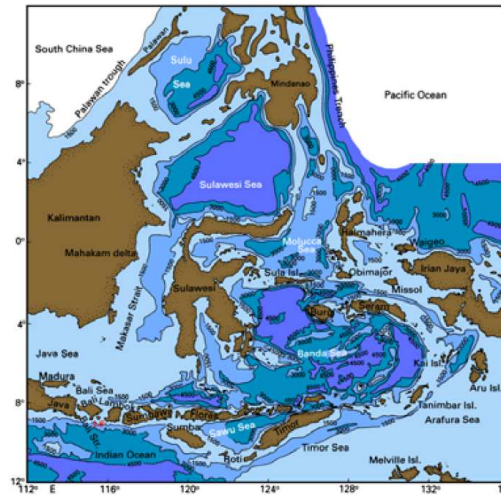
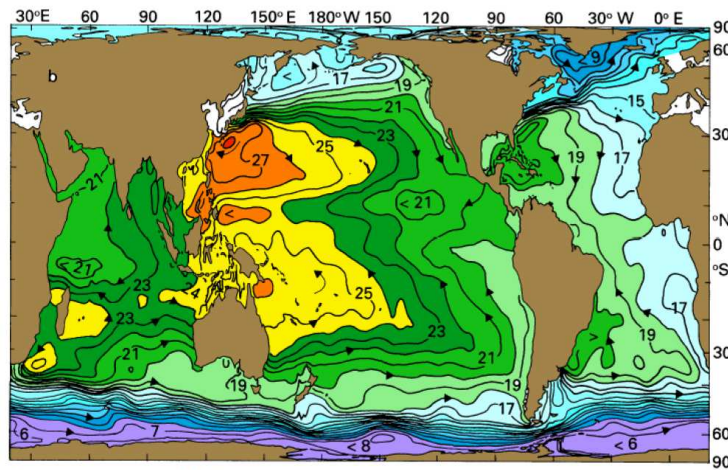


Fig. 13.5. Topography of the Australasian Mediterranean Sea. Depths are in m. LS: Lombok Strait.

Tomczak & Godfrey, 2005

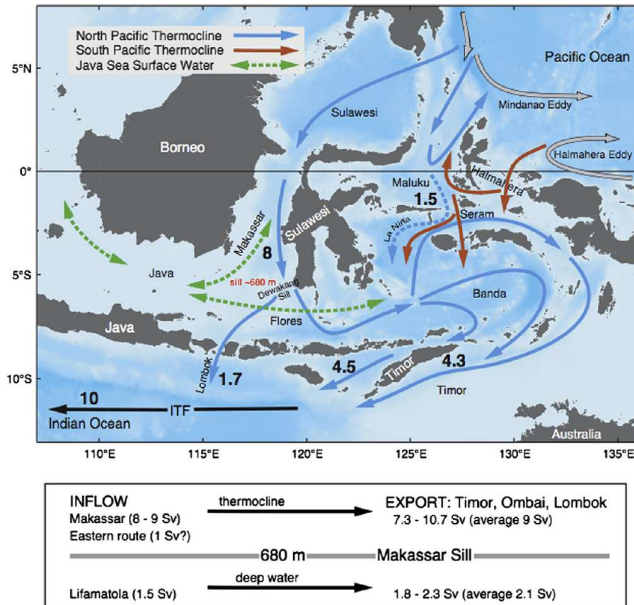
## Indo-Pacific (Indonesian) Throughflow



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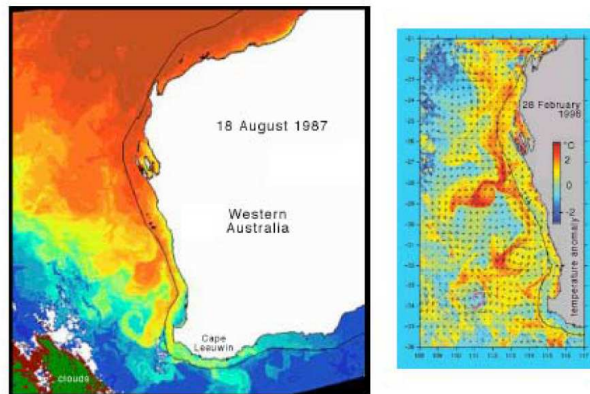
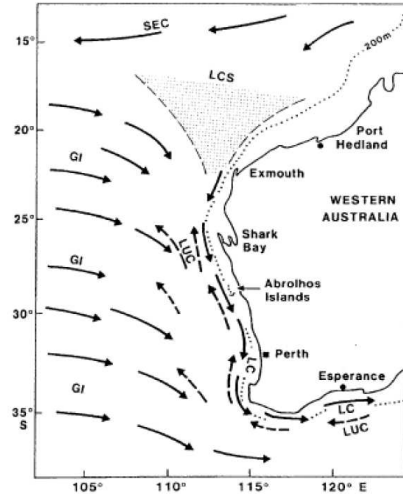


Fig. 11.21. Satellite images of sea surface temperature in the Leeuwin Current and associated eddies. Warm is red, cold is blue. Left: Sea surface temperature in August 1987. The Leeuwin Current is seen as a band of warm water along the western coastline that continues around Cape Leeuwin. The black line indicates the shelf break. (b) Sea surface temperature anomalies (departures from the latitudinal mean temperature) in February 1996 showing large eddies near Cape Leeuwin. Black arrows indicate surface currents. © CSIRO Marine Research, reproduced by permission.

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Fig. 52. Schematic diagram showing the Leeuwin Current (LC) off western Australia, the geostrophic inflow from the west (GI), the Leeuwin Undercurrent offshore (LUC) and the presumed Leeuwin Current source area (LCS). (From Pearce, 1991.)

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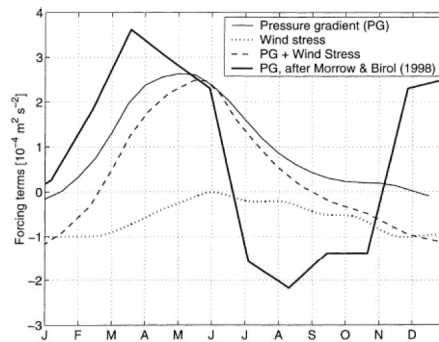


Fig. 54. Annual cycle of forcing terms off western Australia, showing meridional pressure gradient from climatological hydrographic data (PG, thin solid) and wind stress (dotted), as well as their sum (dashed; after Godfrey & Ridgeway, 1985) and new evaluations of pressure gradient from T/P altimetry (heavy solid) by Morrow and Birol (1998). Note the strong semiannual component in the latter curve.

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## 'Unusual' current systems

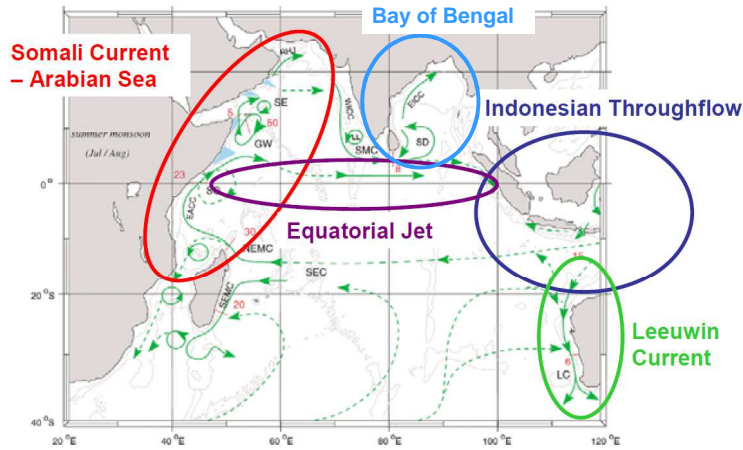
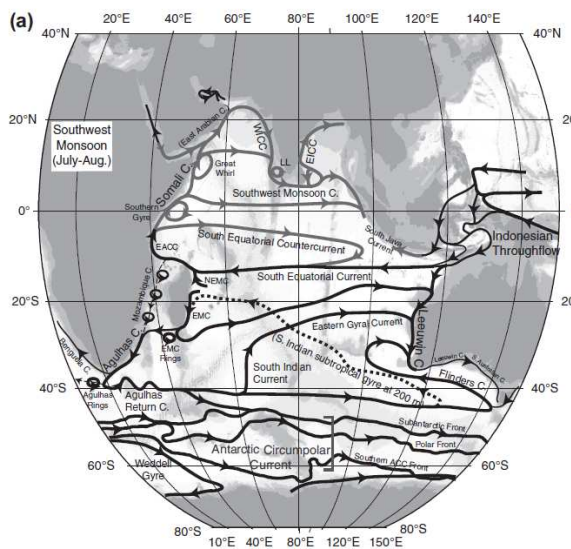


Fig. 8. A schematic representation of identified current branches during the Southwest Monsoon, including some choke point transport numbers ( $Sv=10^6 m^3 s^{-1}$ ). Current branches indicated (see also Fig. 9) are the South Equatorial Current (SEC), South Equatorial Countercurrent (SECC), Northeast and Southeast Madagascar Current (NEMC and SEMC), East African Coast Current (EACC), Somali Current (SC), Southern Gyre (SG) and Great Whirl (GW) and associated upwelling wedges, Socotra Eddy (SE), Ras al Hadd Jet (RHJ) and upwelling wedges off Oman, West Indian Coast Current (WICC), Laccadive High and Low (LH and LL), East Indian Coast Current (EICC), Southwest and Northeast Monsoon Current (SMC and NMC), South Java Current (JC) and Leeuwin Current (LC). See text for details.

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## Near surface circulation SW-Monsoon



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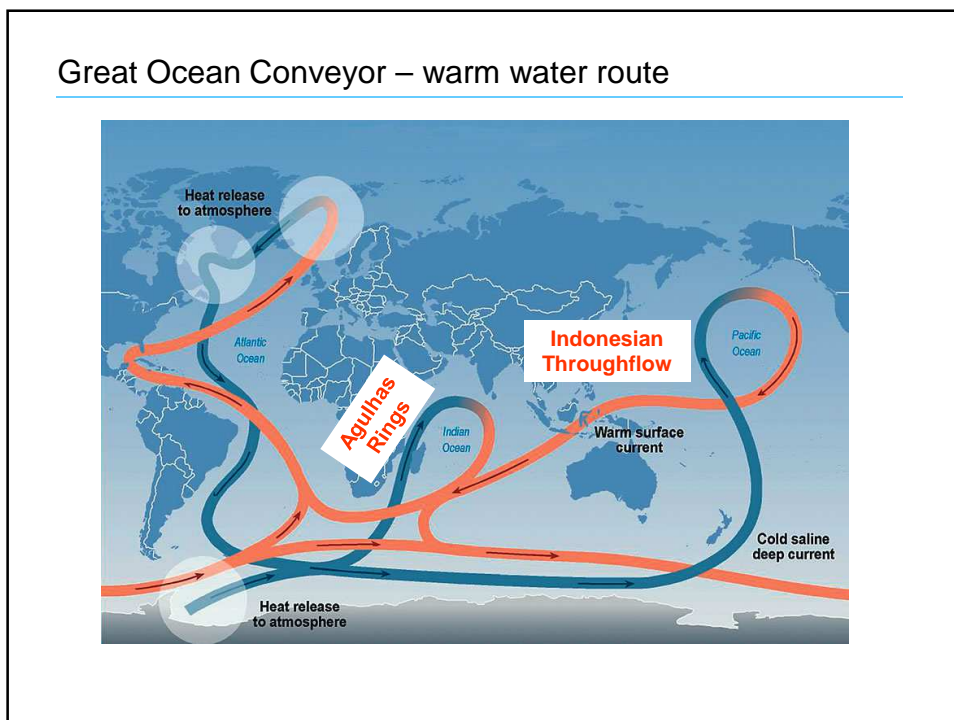
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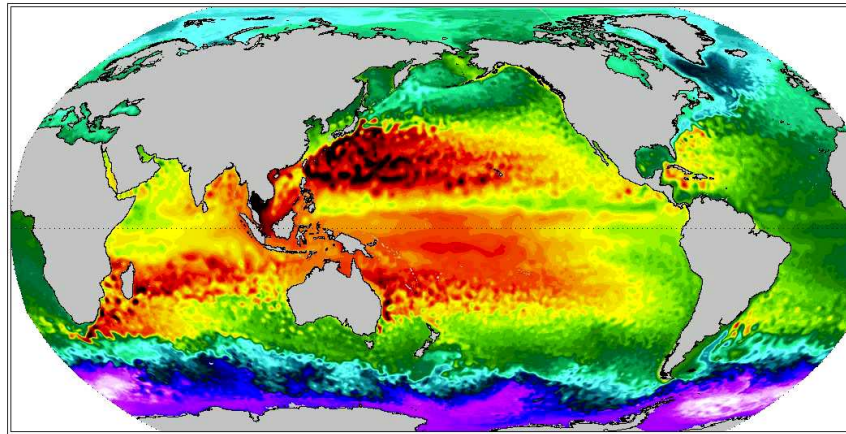
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