

Sea Ice Outlook  
2017 August Report  
Individual Outlook

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**Name of contributor or name of contributing organization:**

UTokyo (Kimura et al.)

**Is this contribution from a person or group not affiliated with a research organization?**

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**Do you want your June contribution to automatically be included in subsequent reports? (If yes, you may still update your contribution via the Google form.)**

Yes automatically include my contributions in July and August 2017

**What is the type of your Outlook projection?**

Statistical

**Starting in 2017 we are accepting both pan-Arctic and pan-Antarctic sea ice extent (either one or both) of the September monthly mean. As in 2016, we are also collecting Alaskan regional sea ice extent. To be consistent with the validating sea ice extent index from NSIDC, if possible, please first compute the average sea ice concentration for the month and then compute the extent as the sum of cell areas > 15%.**

**a) Pan-Arctic September extent prediction in million square kilometers.**

4.79

**b) same as in (a) but for pan-Antarctic. If your method differs substantially from that for the Arctic, please enter it as a separate submission.**

**c) same as in (b) but for the Alaskan region. Please also tell us maximum possible extent if every ocean cell in your region were ice covered.**

**"Executive summary" of your Outlook contribution (using 300 words or less) describe how and why your contribution was formulated. To the extent possible, use non-technical language.**

Monthly mean ice extent in September will be about 4.79 million square kilometers. Our estimate is based on a statistical way using data from satellite microwave sensor. We used the ice thickness in December and ice movement from December to May. Predicted ice concentration map from July to September is available in our website:

[http://ccsr.aori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~kimura\\_n/arctic/2017e.html](http://ccsr.aori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~kimura_n/arctic/2017e.html)

Sea ice in the Laptev Sea and Chukchi Sea is expected to be thin and retreat quickly. On the other hand, sea ice in the East Siberian Sea will retreat slowly with nearly same speed as normal years. On the Canadian side, sea ice in the Beaufort Sea is expected to be thick and retreat slowly compared with the last year.

**Brief explanation of Outlook method (using 300 words or less).**

We predicted the Arctic sea-ice cover from coming July 1 to November 1, using the data from satellite microwave sensors, AMSR-E (2002/03-2010/11) and AMSR2 (2012/13-2016/17). The analysis method is based on our recent research (Kimura et al., 2013). First, we expect the ice thickness distribution in May 31 from redistribution (divergence/convergence) of sea ice during December 1 and May 31, based on the daily ice velocity data. Then, we predict the summer ice area depending on the assumption that thick ice remains later and thin ice melts sooner than the average.

For this analysis, we distributed particles homogeneously over the Arctic sea ice on December 1. We traced the trajectories of the particles to the end of May by using the satellite derived daily ice velocity (Kimura Dataset). Based on the relationship between particle density on May 31 and ice concentration in summer, we predicted the summer sea ice cover of this year. We also take it into account that thickness of sea ice on December 1 calculated by an algorithm of Krishfield et al. (2014).

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Concentration (SIC). Include name and date (e.g., "NASA Team, May 2017"). We also encourage you to submit initial fields to the dropbox, see <https://www.arcus.org/sipn/sea-ice-outlook/2017/june/call> in the section on "Submitting Figures and Gridded Data of Full Spatial Fields (Optional) of Forecasts and Initial Conditions" for detailed instructions. Required if sea Ice concentration is used.**

**Dataset of initial Sea Ice Thickness (SIT) used (include name and date):**

SIT dataset distributed by distributed by Arctic Data archive System (ADS, <https://ads.nipr.ac.jp/index.html>), December 1 of all AMSR-E/AMSR2 years. This SIT is calculated by an algorithm of Krishfield et al. (2014).

**If you use a dynamic model, please specify the name of the model as a whole and each component including version numbers and how the component is initialized:**

**If available from your method for pan-Arctic extent prediction, please provide**

**a) Uncertainty/probability estimate such as median, ranges, and/or standard deviations (specify what you are providing).**

**b) Brief explanation/assessment of basis for the uncertainty estimate (1-2 sentences).**

**c) Brief description of any post processing you have done (1-2 sentences).**