

Sea Ice Outlook  
2018 August Report  
Individual Outlook

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

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

false

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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 submission form.)**

true

**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.**

4.42

**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.**

We predict the September monthly average sea ice extent of Arctic by statistic method and based on monthly sea ice concentration and extent from National Snow and Ice Data Center. The monthly average ice extent of September 2018 will be 4.42 million square kilometers .

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

A simple statistical model is used to predict September monthly Arctic sea ice extent. We find that the sea ice extent of September is well related with the sea ice extent of Jan. to Apr. in the same year. Combined the multiple regression method and optimal climate normal method, the predicted September sea ice extent in 2018 is 4.42 million square kilometers.

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Concentration (SIC).**

Include source (e.g., which data center), name (algorithm), DOI and/or data set website, and date (e.g., "NSIDC NASA Team, <https://nsidc.org/data/nsidc-0081>, <https://doi.org/10.5067/U8C09DWVX9LM>.")

Sea Ice Index - Daily and monthly sea ice concentration(NASA Team) and extent from National Snow and Ice Data Center.

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Thickness (SIT) used. Include name and date.**

**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:**

Not specified

**If available from your method.**

**a) Uncertainty/probability estimates:**

**Median**

**Ranges**

**Standard Deviations**

**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).**