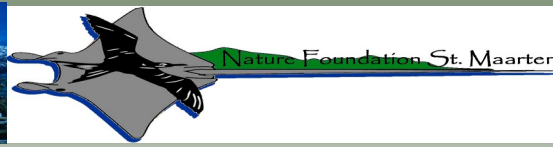
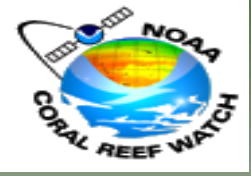
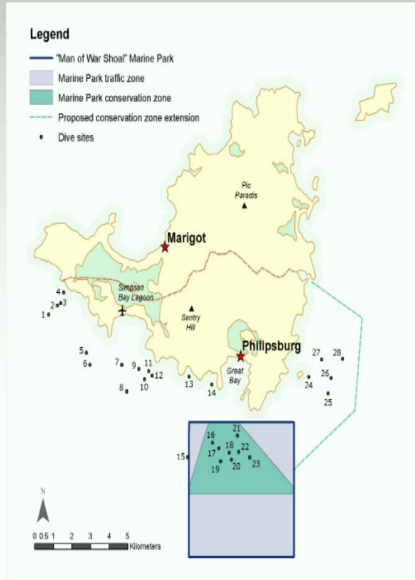




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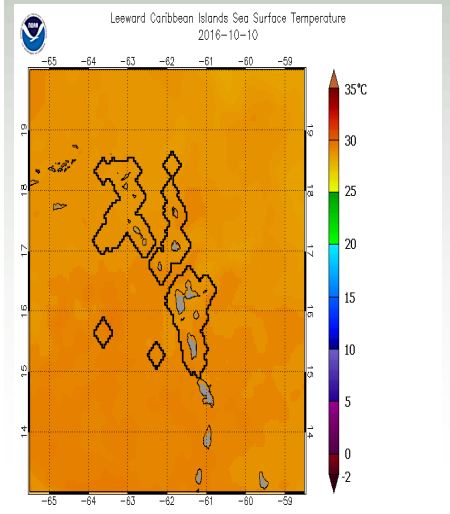
Widespread Bleaching is likely by the end of November 2016.



Presently sea surface temperatures (SST) around St. Maarten are about 29.0°C (84°F). This is approximately 0.7°C above normal.

Temperatures are near the bleaching threshold therefore bleaching is likely during the next few weeks. Mean temperatures is expected to remain high across the Region during the next 3 months. Widespread bleaching within the next 8 weeks across the Region.

By the end of November widespread bleaching and some mortality is expected across the Eastern Caribbean. Please report any impacts seen.



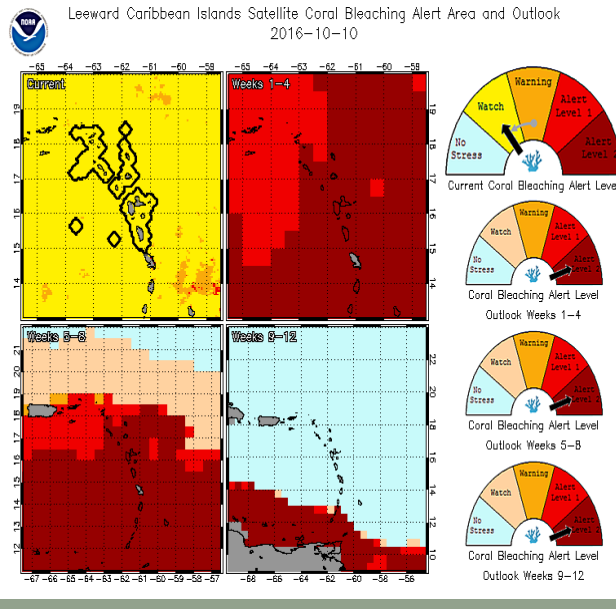
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STATUS	INTERPRETATION
NO STRESS	No thermal stress
WATCH	Low-level thermal stress
WARNING	Thermal stress is accumulating
ALERT LEVEL 1	Bleaching expected.
ALERT LEVEL 2	Widespread bleaching and some mortality expected.

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