



Marine Climate Change Impacts Partnership

Dear MCCIP news subscriber,

The MCCIP website has recently been updated with new marine climate change news and events. Below is a brief summary of the new items that have been added. For more details on all of the items listed below, simply go to www.mccip.org.uk and go to the relevant links in the 'news and events' box on our homepage. Please note that the material presented in MCCIP news does not necessarily reflect the views of MCCIP.

- **[MetOffice: Gulf Stream slowdown due to nature not climate change](#)**
Natural long term cycles in the ocean, and not climate change, are behind the well-publicised slow-down in the Gulf Stream that has been observed in recent years, according to new research from Met Office scientists. The observed decrease in the so called Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation – of which the Gulf Stream is a part – over the past decade was preceded by a period where the circulation intensified. The study therefore suggests that the trend is likely due to variability over decades [see [Nature](#) paper].
- **[Exeter researchers to lead two major projects on past and future climate change](#)**
Scientists at the University of Exeter will be leading two major world-class research projects after winning funding to investigate climate change. Geo-scientists, mathematicians, statisticians and geographers from the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences and department of Geography will work with researchers from a range of other institutions to significantly advance understanding of environmental change in two different projects - one predicting the future and the other exploring the past.
- **[Rising sea levels vanish five Solomon islands in the West Pacific; global warming blamed?](#)**
Five Solomon Islands reportedly disappeared in the West Pacific due to sea level rise. Based on a new study published in Environmental Research Letters, a team

of Australian scientists from the University of Queensland found the worsening impact of climate change as the culprit to the vanishing of five vegetated reef islands [see [Environmental Research Letters](#) article].

News stories: If there are any relevant news items or events that you would like to highlight on the MCCIP website please contact Susana Lincoln at office@mccip.org.uk. New items will be added to the website next month.

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