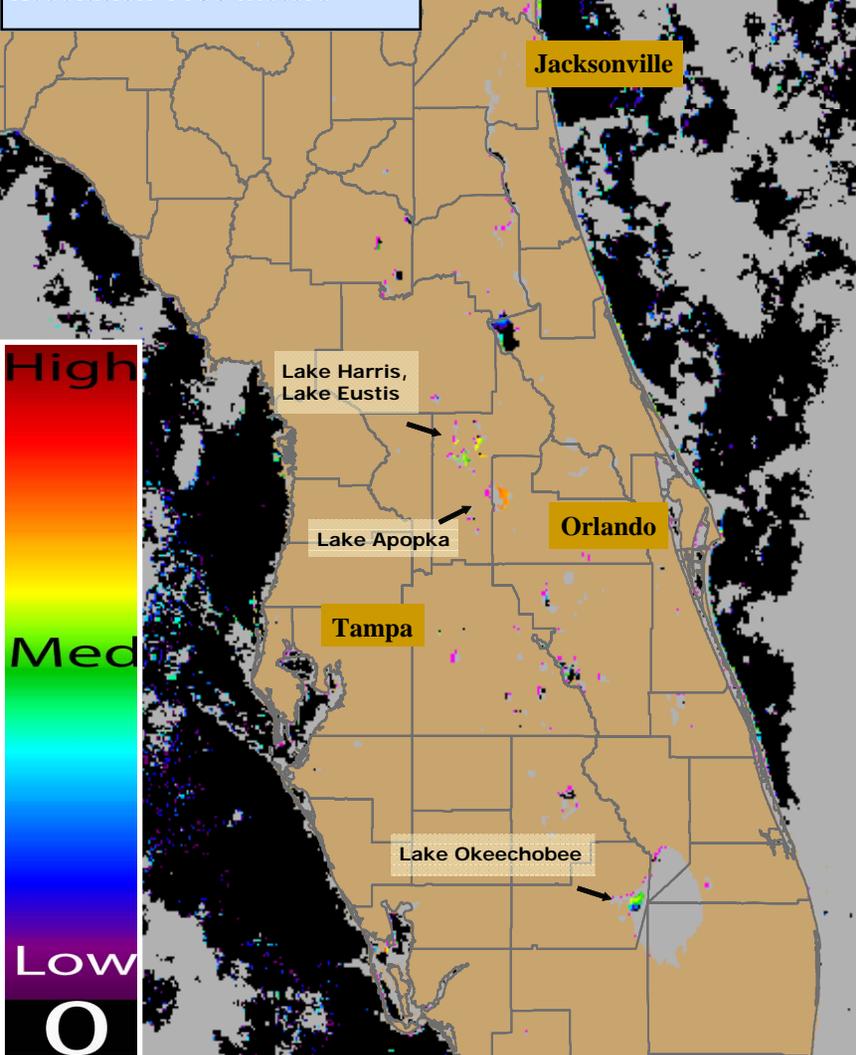


To report an illness related to a marine toxin or algal bloom contact the Florida Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222.

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August 12, 2013 MODIS
Resolution 1100 meters



Lakes Apopka, Harris, Eustis and Okeechobee highlighted by

- Lake Apopka (Orange and Lake Counties) displayed high estimated elevated chlorophyll-a concentrations.
- Lake Harris and Lake Eustis (Lake County) displayed medium estimated elevated chlorophyll-a concentrations.
- Lake Okeechobee displayed medium estimated elevated chlorophyll-a concentrations. Based on feedback from local scientists, its likely shoreline emergent vegetation, although surface algal blooms were seen in open water.

Scott urges feds to step up funding for ... Lake Okeechobee



Tuesday August 20, 2013

Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday pledged \$40 million to speed up a project intended to help clean up polluted Lake Okeechobee water that has poured into the St. Lucie River this summer, triggering toxic algae blooms, killing oysters and sea grass and angering residents and tourists.

But the governor placed most of the blame for the worsening disaster in the St. Lucie, and a similar mess in the Caloosahatchee River on the southwest coast, on the federal government.

In a letter sent Tuesday to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Scott criticized it for "inaction" on repairing the deteriorating dike around the massive lake and for failing to adequately fund water quality and Everglades restoration projects that could help reduce periodic damaging releases of lake water.



MODIS Images display a chlorophyll-a index generated with a Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

- Very low likelihood of a bloom
- May indicate clouds or missing data
- Low estimated chlorophyll-a concentrations
- Medium estimated chlorophyll-a concentrations
- Higher estimated chlorophyll-a concentrations

Read more here: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/08/20/3575475/scott-urges-feds-to-step-up-funding.html#storylink=cpy>

**** Due to background levels of *K. brevis* off Florida's SW coast, status reports for Florida red tide will be suspended until bloom concentrations re-occur.**

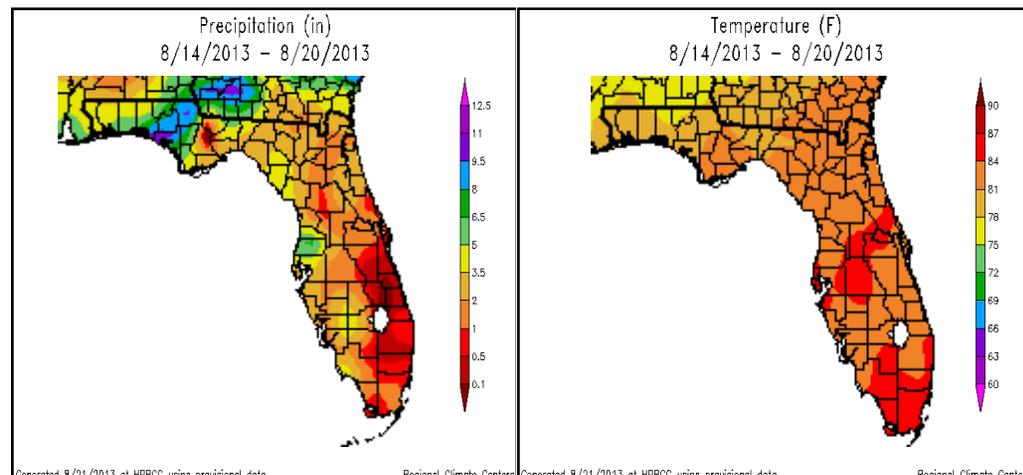
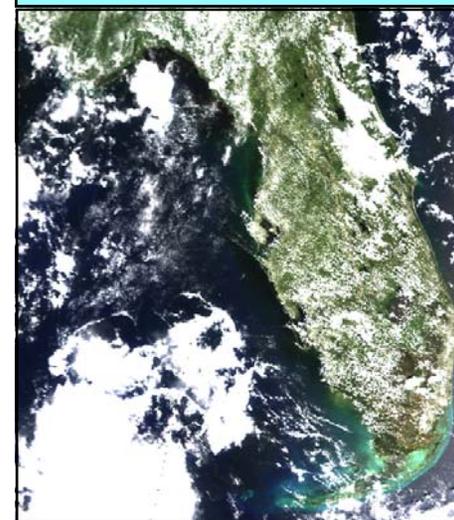
Interpreting Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer Data

- The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) is deployed by NASA onboard the Terra (EOS AM) and Aqua (EOS PM) satellite. It passes over the earth, collecting new imagery every 1-2 days.
- This imagery is used as a surveillance tool. Data collected by the MODIS sensor are used to generate a chlorophyll-a index which is used to forecast harmful algal blooms. The results are not specific to any one HABs species and should be followed-up with onsite field observations. Data is only suggestive of a potential HAB event.
- MODIS uses a spectral band which is much coarser than MERIS, therefore only select larger water bodies in FL are visible using this technology.
- MODIS is better at depicting low to medium chlorophyll-a concentrations so once a potential bloom is depicted, a switch in algorithms may be used to improve the visibility. MODIS has a few spectral bands which have higher resolution that are more comparable to MERIS although these bands do not cover all of FL.
- Several environmental factors may affect how results can be interpreted. For example, areas with abundant aquatic vegetation may present with a high Chl-a index resulting in a false positive bloom reading.
- The sensor identifies biomass near the surface (in the upper few feet of water). As a result, it may underestimate the total biomass for blooms that are mixed or dispersed through the water column.
- While patches of red or warm colors may indicate higher chlorophyll-a concentrations, these data have not been verified in most cases using ground-truth methods.

Weather Conditions: Temperature and Precipitation - 8/14/13 to 8/20/13

- Weather conditions can impact the duration and location of blooms and the satellite imagery shown in this report may no longer be relevant.
- Images represent the last image taken with a realization that blooms may have moved, dissipated or intensified.
- Cloud coverage can obscure imagery and create patches or gray areas on map and obscure bloom detection.

August 19, 2013
MODIS True Color Image



To review HABs satellite reports in the Gulf of Mexico and marine waters visit the NOAA Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecast System bulletin archive at: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/>



For Individual Weather Station Data-Visit:
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