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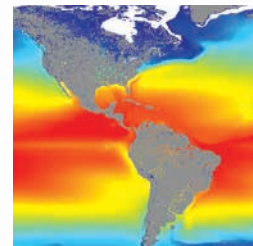
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- Ensuring the delivery of scientific, technical, and legislative information to users including NOAA staff, general public, academia, industry, and other government agencies
- Supporting ecosystem management by providing access to the Nation's coastal and ocean data resources
- Building scientifically, quality-controlled global oceanographic databases and providing analysis and climatologies of key ocean variables

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