

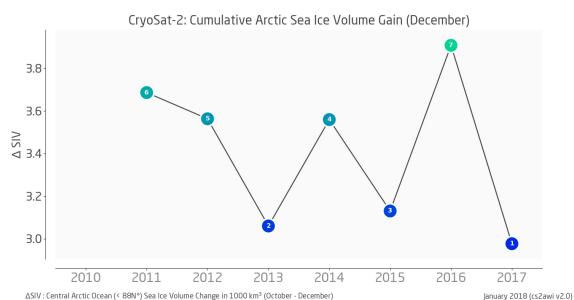
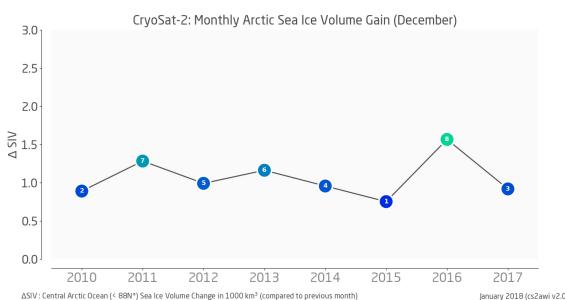
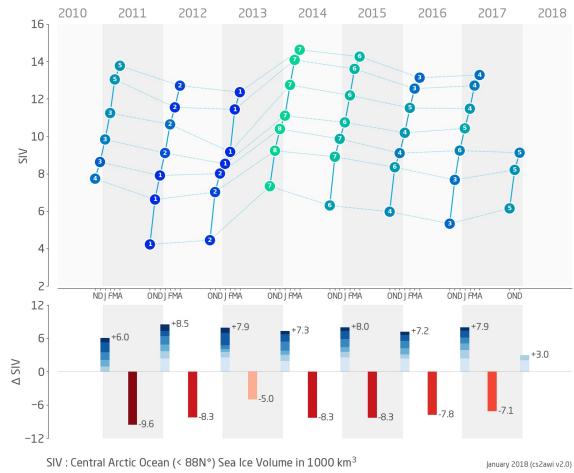
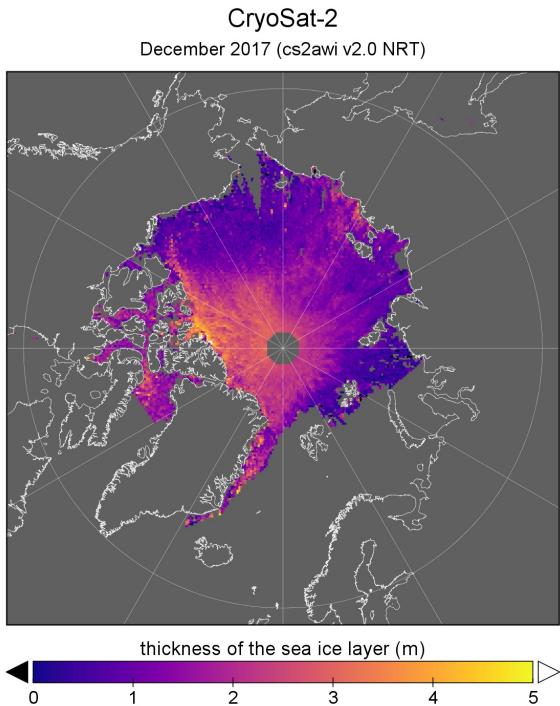
# CryoSat-2: Arctic Update (January 2018)

Arctic sea ice thickness information has been updated with NRT data for December 2017 and reprocessed data for November 2017. Daily, weekly and monthly products are available here: [Reprocessed](#), [Near-real time](#)



## Missing Input Data

CryoSat-2 NRT Level-1b input data was not available for December 16-17 on the ESA server. No sea ice data is available for these dates, which may affect estimates of sea ice volume and volume gain below.



## Short Facts

- December sea ice volume in the central Arctic was 5<sup>th</sup> lowest in 8 years of CryoSat-2 observations: 9.12 km<sup>3</sup>
  - highest: 10.39 km<sup>3</sup> in Dec 2013
  - lowest: 7.90 km<sup>3</sup> in Dec 2011
  - average: 9.03 km<sup>3</sup>
- Monthly sea ice volume gain (November through December) was 3rd lowest in 8 years of CryoSat-2 observations: +0.92 km<sup>3</sup>
  - highest: +1.57 km<sup>3</sup> in Dec 2016
  - lowest: +0.75 km<sup>3</sup> in Dec 2015
  - average: +1.07 km<sup>3</sup>
- Cummulative sea ice volume gain (October through December) was lowest in 8 years of CryoSat-2 observations: +2.98 km<sup>3</sup>
  - highest: +3.91 km<sup>3</sup> in Dec 2016
  - average: +3.41 km<sup>3</sup>

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