Application and verification of ECMWF products 2010

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1. Summary of major highlights

As a new member of ECMWF, we still use only products that are available online on the website of ECMWF. ECMWF products are widely used by forecasters to make short and medium-range forecasts, monthly and seasonal forecasts and severe weather warnings. We have not made any numerical verification of ECMWF products yet.

2. Use and application of products

2.1 Post-processing of model output

None for ECMWF products yet.

- 2.1.1 Statistical adaptation
- 2.1.2 Physical adaptation
- 2.1.3 Derived fields

2.2 Use of products

We use a wide range of the products, available on the ECMWF website, for example:

1. For short and medium-range forecast:

Most used: EPSgrams. Daily use: Deterministic forecast of Cloud cover, Rainfall and MSLP, 2m temperature and 30m winds, z500 and t850, The Extreme forecast index and wind at 200 hPa. Occasional use: Simulated satellite images and Relative humidity and wind.

- 2. For long range forecast (monthly and seasonal): Products of the Ensemble prediction system (seasonal forecast maps and monthly forecast maps).
- 3. For very short-range and short-range severe weather warnings at the national level: The Extreme forecast index and Deterministic forecast.

3. Verification of Products

3.1 Objective verification

None for ECMWF products yet.

- 3.1.1 Direct ECMWF model output
- 3.1.2 ECMWF model output compared to other NWP models used by the HMS
- 3.1.3 Post processed products
- 3.1.4 End products delivered to users

3.2 Subjective verification

3.2.1 Subjective scores

For Rainfall and MSLP: our experience is that the product more often overestimates the rainfall for the next 3 to 10 days.

For EFI it will be more useful to have a model climate.

3.2.2 Synoptic studies

None with ECMWF products yet.

4. References