



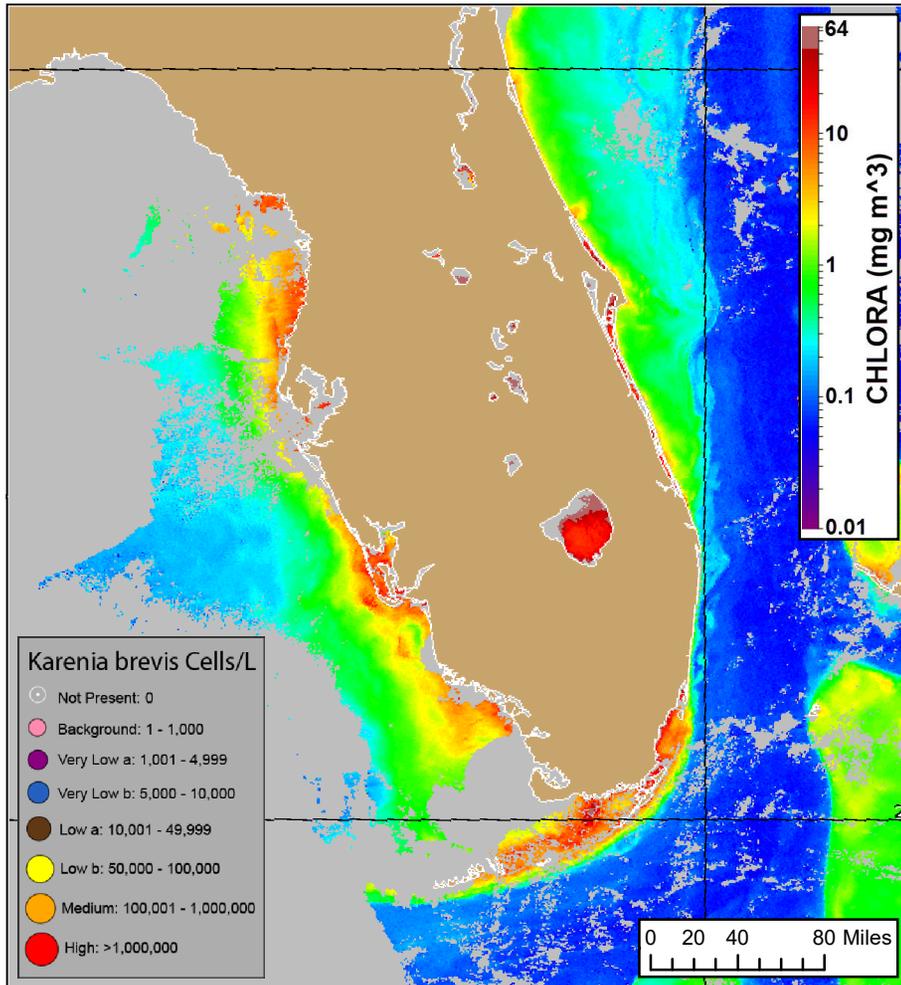
# Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Monday, August 10, 2020  
NOAA National Ocean Service  
NOAA Satellite and Information Service  
NOAA National Weather Service

Region: Southwest Florida



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## Conditions Report

No respiratory irritation associated with *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as red tide) is expected in this region.

## Analysis

### Imagery:

Recent ensemble imagery (VIIRS, 8/7) is partially obscured by clouds alongshore Manatee and Sarasota counties, limiting analysis of this region. Patches of elevated to high chlorophyll (1-16  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) are present along- and offshore from Charlotte to Collier counties, though none contain the optical characteristics of *K. brevis*.

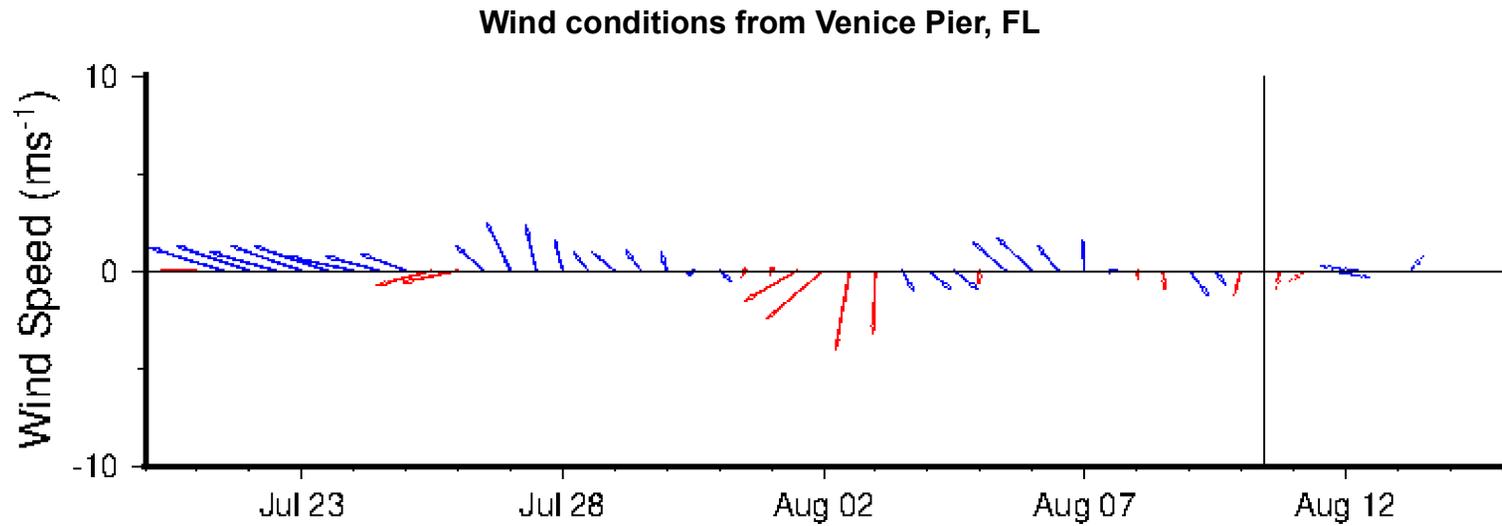
### Forecasts:

Harmful algal bloom formation at the coast of southwest Florida is not expected today through Monday, August 17.

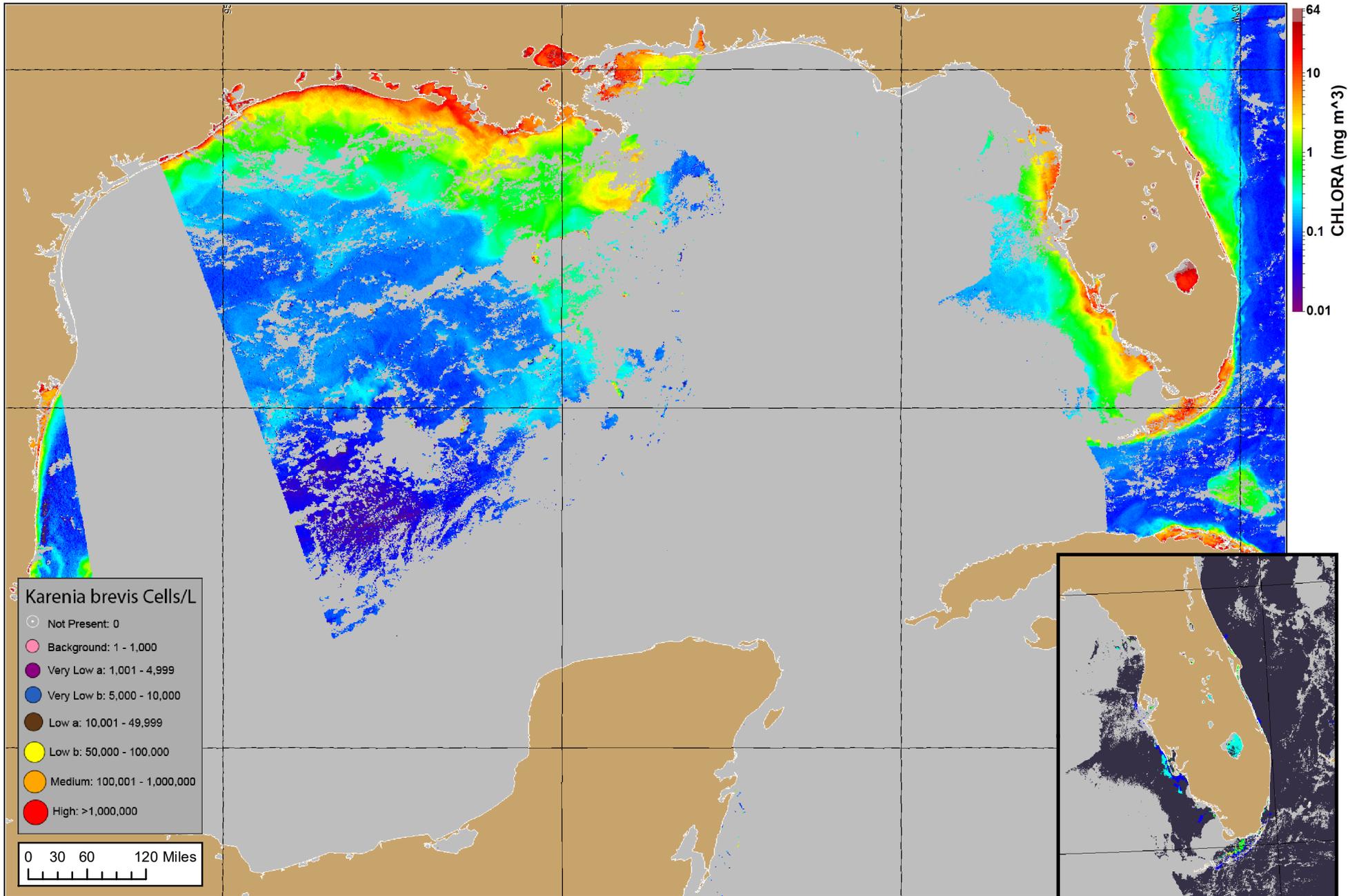
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VIIRS satellite chlorophyll image (08/07/20) with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s).



Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS). A text summary of the marine forecast by region is available from NWS at <https://www.weather.gov/marine/stheastmz>.



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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).