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In the North Sea and the western Baltic Sea the ice decreases, in the southern Baltic Sea the ice situation is virtually unchanged.

**North Sea:**

In the area around Sylt open water occurs locally. The harbour of Tönning is ice free.

**Western Baltic Sea:**

In Schleswig and Heiligenhafen open water occurs.

**Southern Baltic Sea**

The Darss-Zingster Bodden Chain is locally covered by close to very close ice, which is mostly thinner than 15 cm. Between Rügen and Hiddensee there is open to very close and locally very open ice up to 10 cm thick. The Strelasund is covered by open to very close ice in the north and by open water in the south. In the Greifswalder Bodden there is a belt of open to very close ice at the south-western coast, else there is very open to open thin or new ice. In the sea area off Rügen, very open ice occurs in Thiessow and open water in Sassnitz. On the southern Peene Strait, close to very close thin ice exists. In the German part of the Szczecin Lagoon, there is locally open to very close ice, up to 10 cm thick.

**Outlook**

The ice coverage is not expected to change significantly.

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