Oceans warmed in recent decades

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The upper ocean warmed substantially between 1993 and 2008, a new study indicates. The trend signals growing heat storage in oceans, researchers say, a result of human-caused warming.

The new study, reported in the May 20 *Nature*, combined oceanographic data gathered worldwide between 1993 and 2008, the time period with the most data available. During that period, the upper 700 meters of the world's ocean warmed on average by about 0.18 degrees Celsius.However, t hat small temperature increase represents a lot of heat. Scientists estimate that the total heat added to the oceans during that 15-year period is equivalent to the energy that would be released by exploding about 2 billion Hiroshima-scale atomic bombs.

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