



Figure 9. This image of the Pacific Ocean was produced using sea surface height measurements taken by the U.S./French TOPEX/Poseidon satellite. The image shows sea surface height relative to normal ocean conditions on Nov. 10, 1997. Regions shown in white are areas where sea surface is between 14 to 32 centimeters (6 to 13 inches) higher than normal; regions shown in purple are areas where sea surface is at least 18 centimeters (7 inches) lower than normal. The green areas indicate normal conditions.