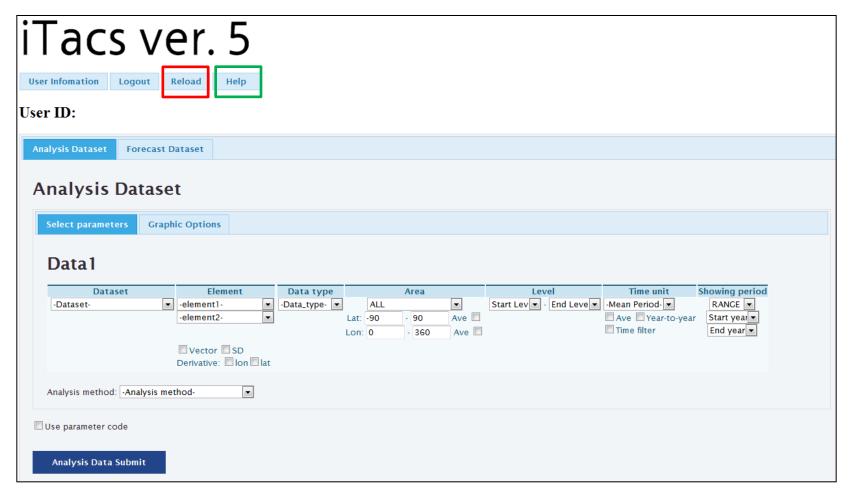


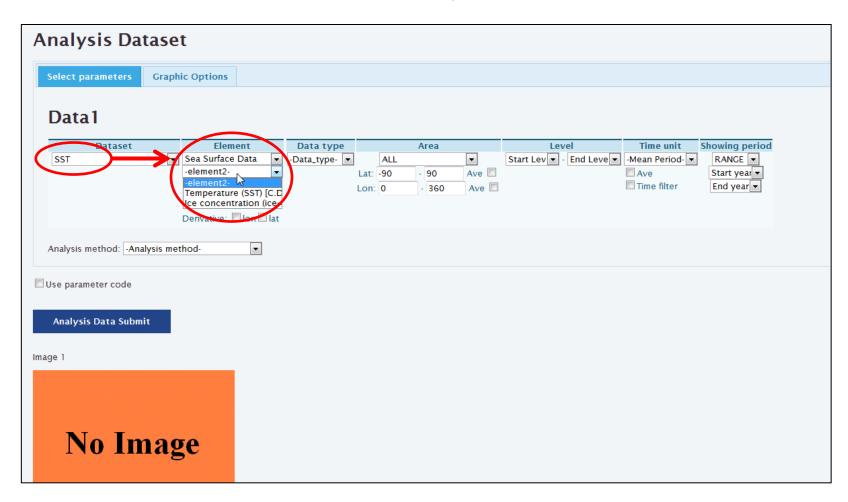
Sea surface temperature in August 2012

Sea surface temperature anomaly in August 2012

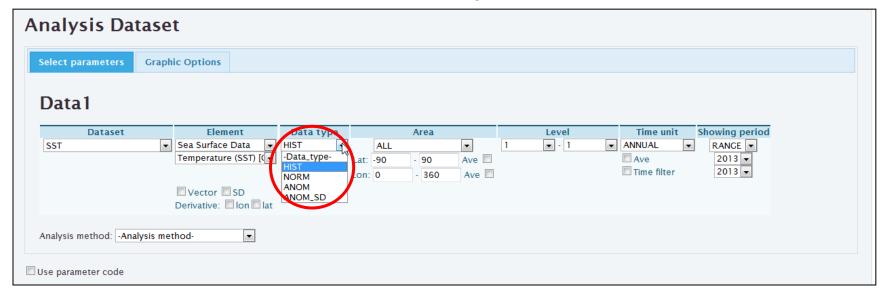
- The most basic type of chart is a 2D map.
- First create a 2D sea surface temperature (SST) map to learn about basic iTacs operations.



- This is the default iTacs screen. Click "Reload" to initialize the screen.
- Click "Help" to see the help page.



- Select "SST" as the "Dataset".
- Select "Sea Surface Temperature" as "element1" and "Temperature" as "element2".



- Select "HIST" as the "Data type".
- The options are:

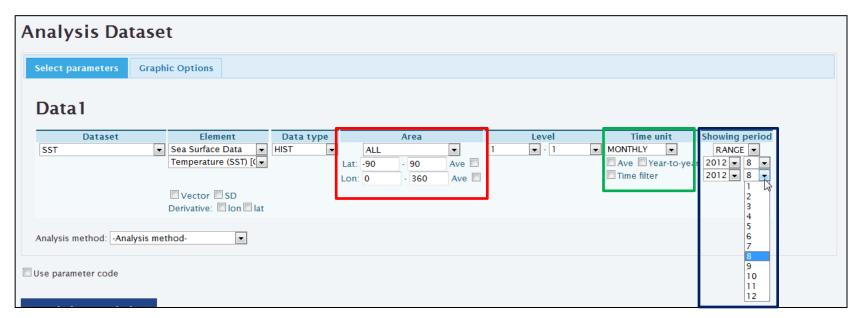
HIST: historical actual analysis or observation data

NORM: Climatological normal data averaged for the period from

1981 to 2010

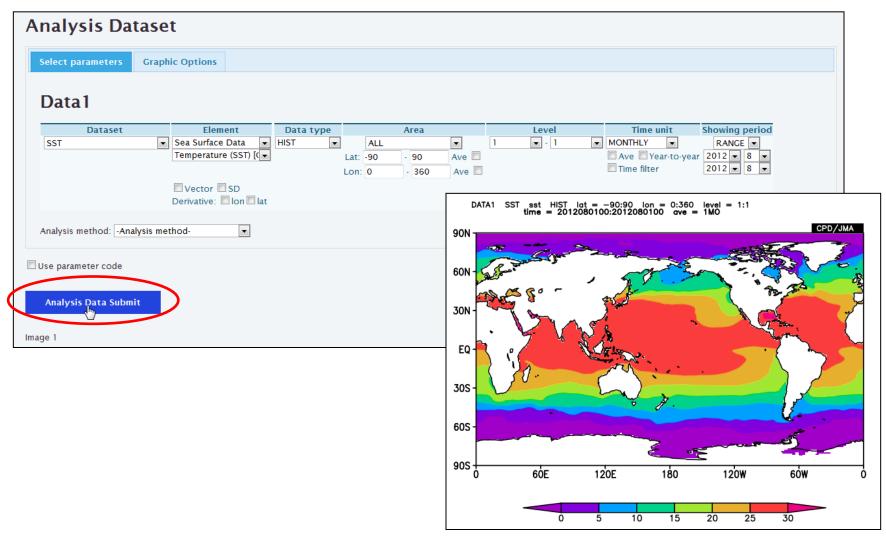
ANOM: Anomaly data (HIST – NORM; difference from the climatological normal)

ANOM_SD: Anomaly data normalized by their standard deviations (ANOM/SD: abnormal level)



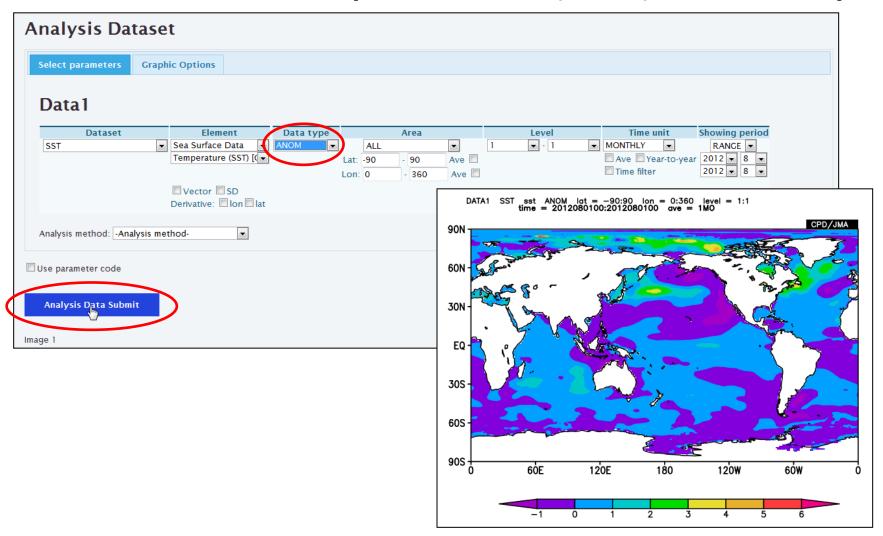
- Select "ALL" as the "Area".
- Setting boxes will appear in the "Area" field and after selection for more precise area adjustment.
- Select "MONTHLY" as the "Time unit".

 The options are "ANNUAL", "MONTHLY", "DAILY" and "PENTAD DAY"
- Select "RANGE" as the "Showing period" and set the year/month as "2012"/"8" for both the upper and lower boxes.



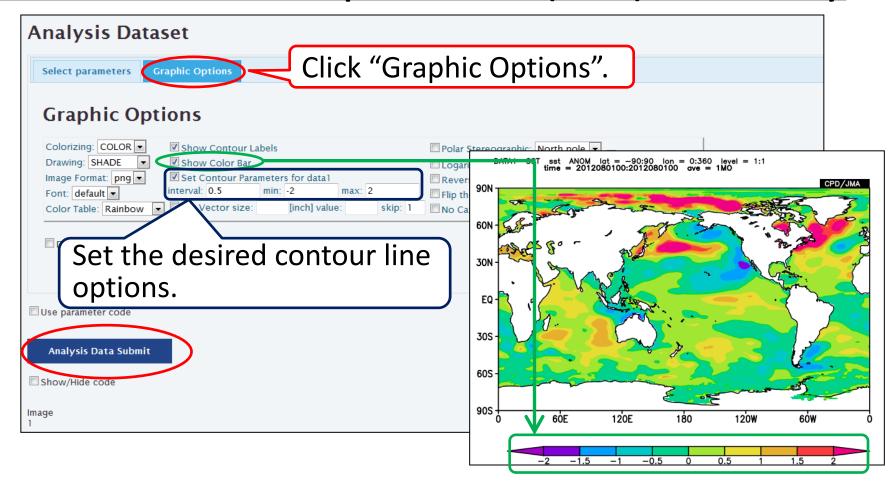
- Finally, click "Analysis Data Submit" to display the map.

Sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly



- Set "ANOM" as the "Data type" and click "Analysis Data Submit" to display an anomaly map.

Sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly



- Shade/contour colors and contour intervals are customizable.