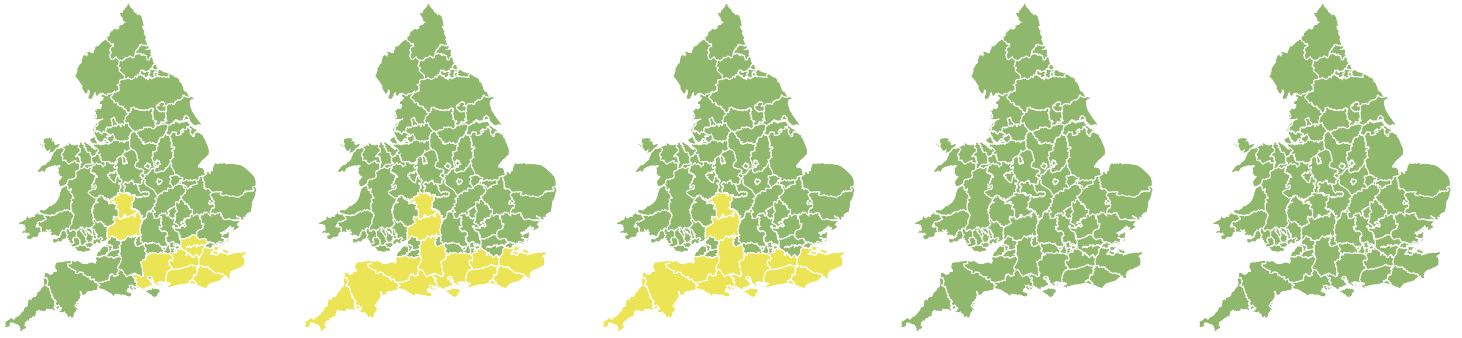


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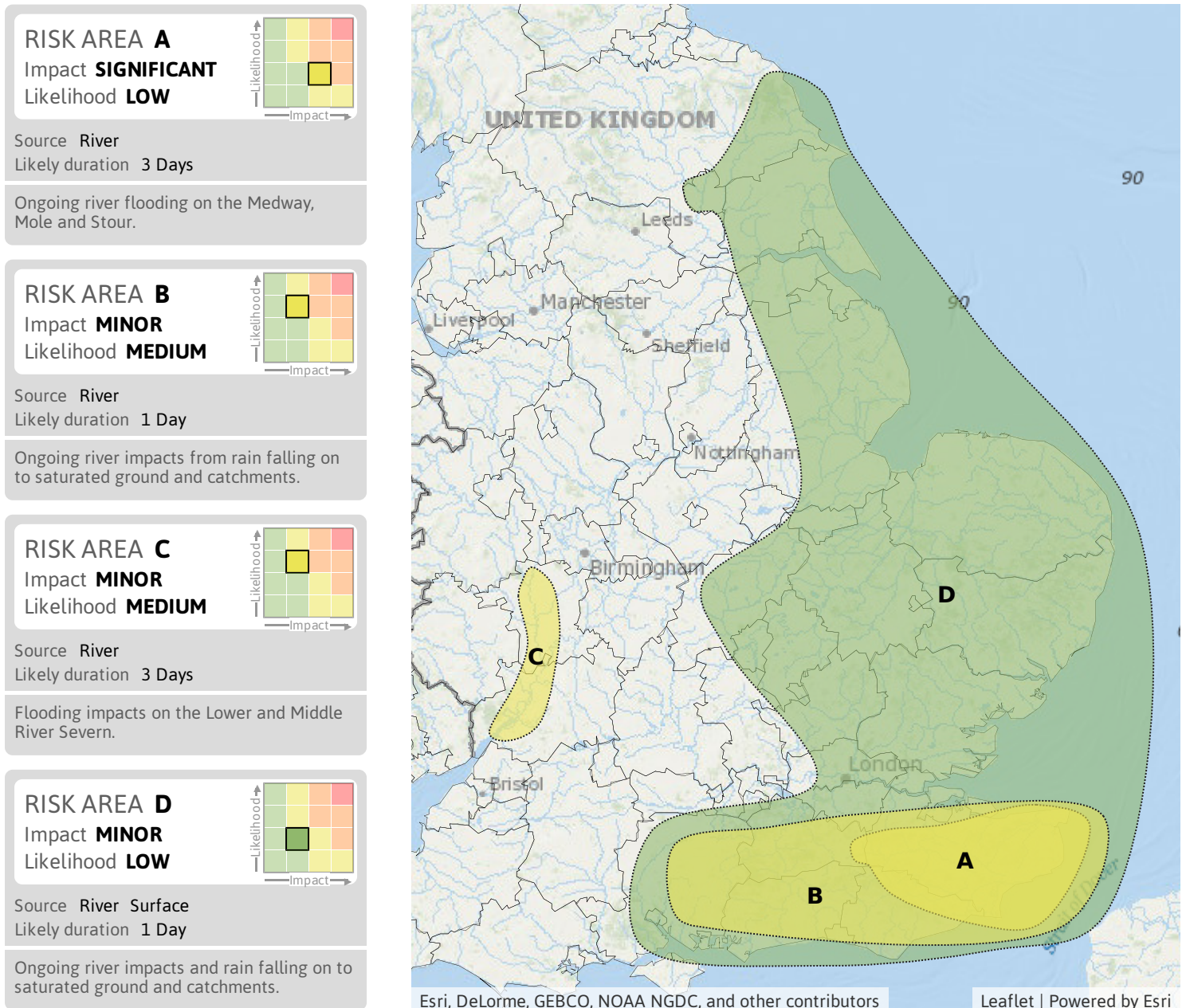
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Friday 20 Dec 2019 10:30-23:59 Trend since last FGS Increased ↑	Saturday 21 Dec 2019 Increased ↑	Sunday 22 Dec 2019 Increased ↑	Monday 23 Dec 2019 Steady →	Tuesday 24 Dec 2019 Steady →
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Significant river flooding impacts are possible in parts of south east England until Sunday. The overall flood risk is LOW.

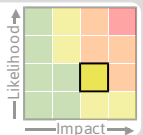
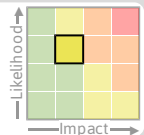
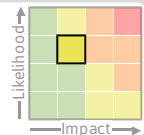
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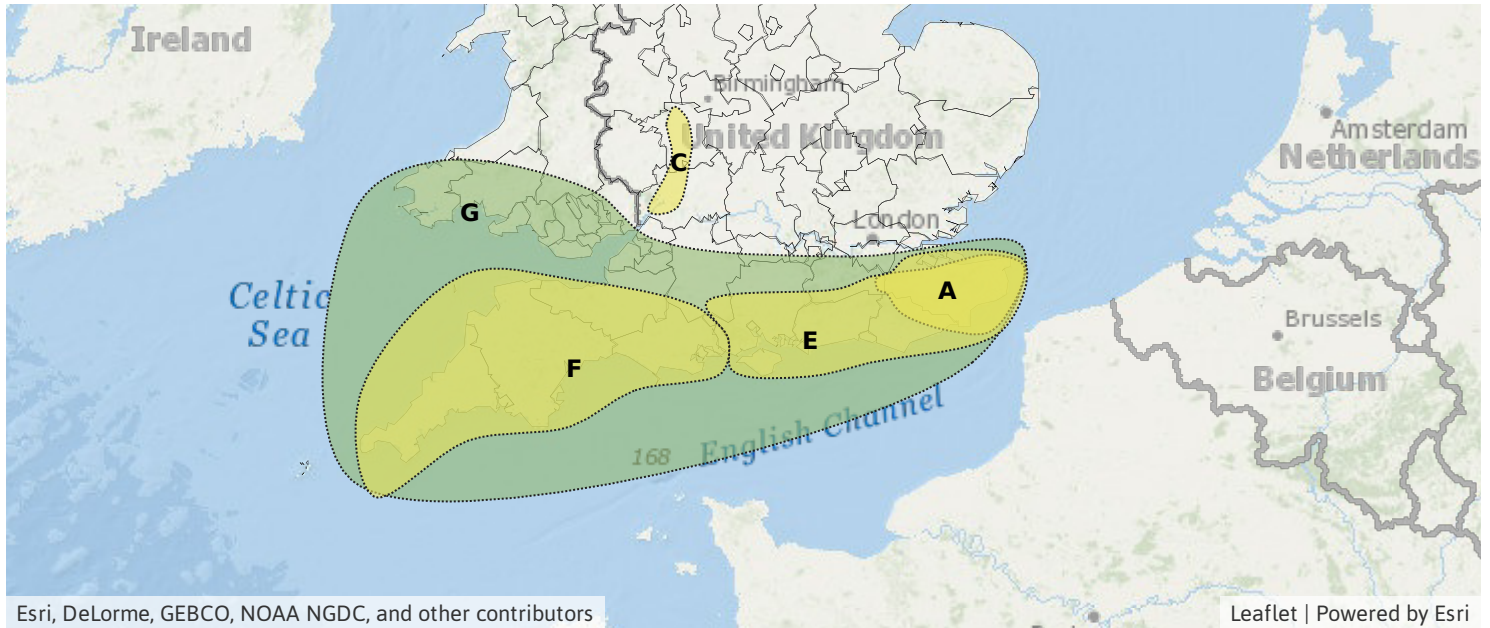


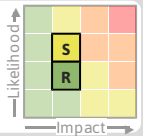
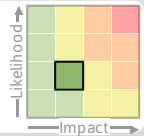
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2: Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 December 2019.

<p>RISK AREA A Impact SIGNIFICANT Likelihood LOW</p>  <p>Source River Likely duration 3 Days</p> <p>Ongoing river flooding on the Medway, Mole and Stour.</p>	<p>RISK AREA C Impact MINOR Likelihood MEDIUM</p>  <p>Source River Likely duration 3 Days</p> <p>Flooding impacts on the Lower and Middle River Severn.</p>	<p>RISK AREA E Impact MINOR Likelihood MEDIUM</p>  <p>Source River Surface Likely duration 2 Days</p> <p>Impacts from further heavy rain on already saturated catchments.</p>
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<p>RISK AREA F Impact MINOR Likelihood MEDIUM</p>  <p>Source River Surface Likely duration 2 Days</p> <p>Impacts from further heavy rain on already saturated catchments.</p>	<p>RISK AREA G Impact MINOR Likelihood LOW</p>  <p>Source River Surface Likely duration 2 Days</p> <p>Heavy rain on wet or saturated catchments.</p>
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Assessment of flood risk



Rivers

The river flood risk is LOW.

Significant river flooding is possible in parts of south east England on the rivers Medway, Mole and Stour through until Sunday as these respond to recent rainfall.

Minor river flooding impacts are probable in other parts of south east of England at times until Sunday as rivers respond to spells of rain.

Minor flooding impacts are also probable along the middle and lower River Severn through until Sunday. Saturated catchments following recent rainfall means rivers are responsive to small amounts of rainfall.

Minor river flooding impacts are possible in the east of England this morning as the rainfall clears this area, and in the south of Wales and south west England on Saturday into Sunday.

Further minor impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England and Wales on Monday and Tuesday due to further outbreaks of rain.



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are probable in parts of the south of England at times over the next three days as spells of rain cross the south of England.

Saturated ground following recent rainfall means impacts may occur after only modest amounts of rainfall.

Minor surface water impacts are possible in the east of England today and in the south of Wales on Saturday into Sunday.

Further minor impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England and Wales on Monday and Tuesday due to further outbreaks of rain.



Coastal/Tidal

The coastal/tidal flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Minor coastal flooding impacts are possible but not expected for English Channel coasts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This is due to a possibility of onshore gales and large waves leading to some local spray and wave overtopping.



Groundwater

The groundwater flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Groundwater levels are high in North Lincolnshire and West Dorset, and are rising in Hampshire and West Sussex, though any flooding impacts are expected to be minimal.

Flood risk matrix



Summary of potential impacts

MINIMAL

Isolated and minor flooding of low-lying land and roads
Isolated spray/wave on coastal promenades
Little or no disruption to travel, but wet road surfaces

MINOR

Localised flooding of land and roads
Flooding affecting individual properties
Disruption to travel and key sites in flood plans

SIGNIFICANT

Flooding affecting parts of communities
Possible danger to life and damage to buildings/structures
Disruption to travel and key sites in flood plans

SEVERE

Danger to life, severe disruption to travel
Widespread flooding affecting whole communities
Widespread disruption or loss of infrastructure
Large scale evacuation of properties possible

Next statement due **10:30hrs Saturday 21 December 2019 (all times are local)**

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