



Global distribution of cloud fraction (top) and cloud effective radius (bottom) of liquid water clouds for July 2006. (Data from the MODIS instrument on the Terra satellite.) Inset: Marine stratocumulus clouds off Angola and Namibia on July 15, 2006. (Data from the MODIS instrument on the Terra satellite.)

Global distribution of cloud fraction (top) and cloud effective radius (bottom) of ice clouds for July 2006. (Data from the MODIS instrument on the Terra satellite.) Inset: Deep convective clouds and thin ice clouds off the Philippines and Indonesia on July 14, 2006. (Data from the MODIS instrument on the Terra satellite.)