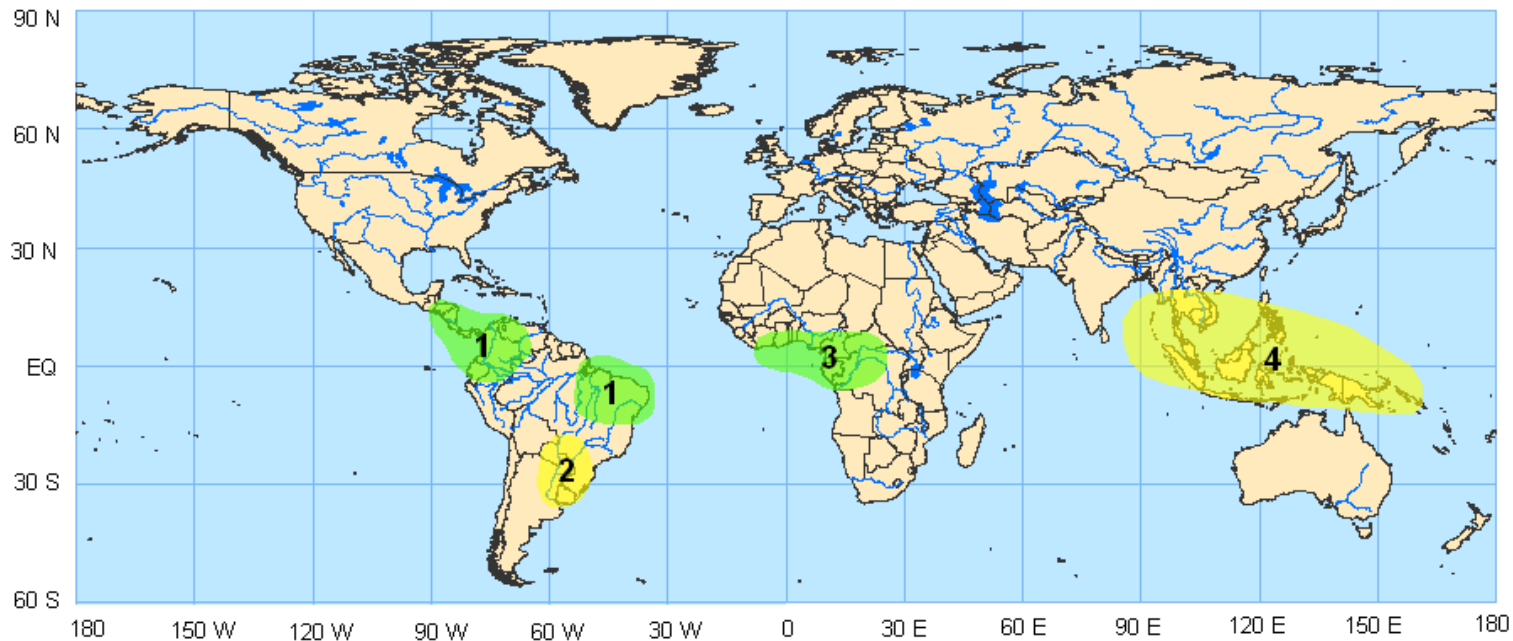


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: May 5 – 11, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of South America and Central America.** Increased rainfall is expected in these regions due to the enhanced convective phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina, Uruguay, eastern Paraguay, and southern Brazil.** Persistent high pressure in this region is expected to continue to contribute to very dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Gulf of Guinea region of Africa.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region due to the combination of the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and above-average SSTs in the Gulf of Guinea. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall stretching from the Bay of Bengal through the Maritime continent.** Decreased rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed convective phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

Northwest Pacific Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Chan-Hom (11.3N, 112.0E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

Northwest Pacific Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Kujira (16.8N, 129.6E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

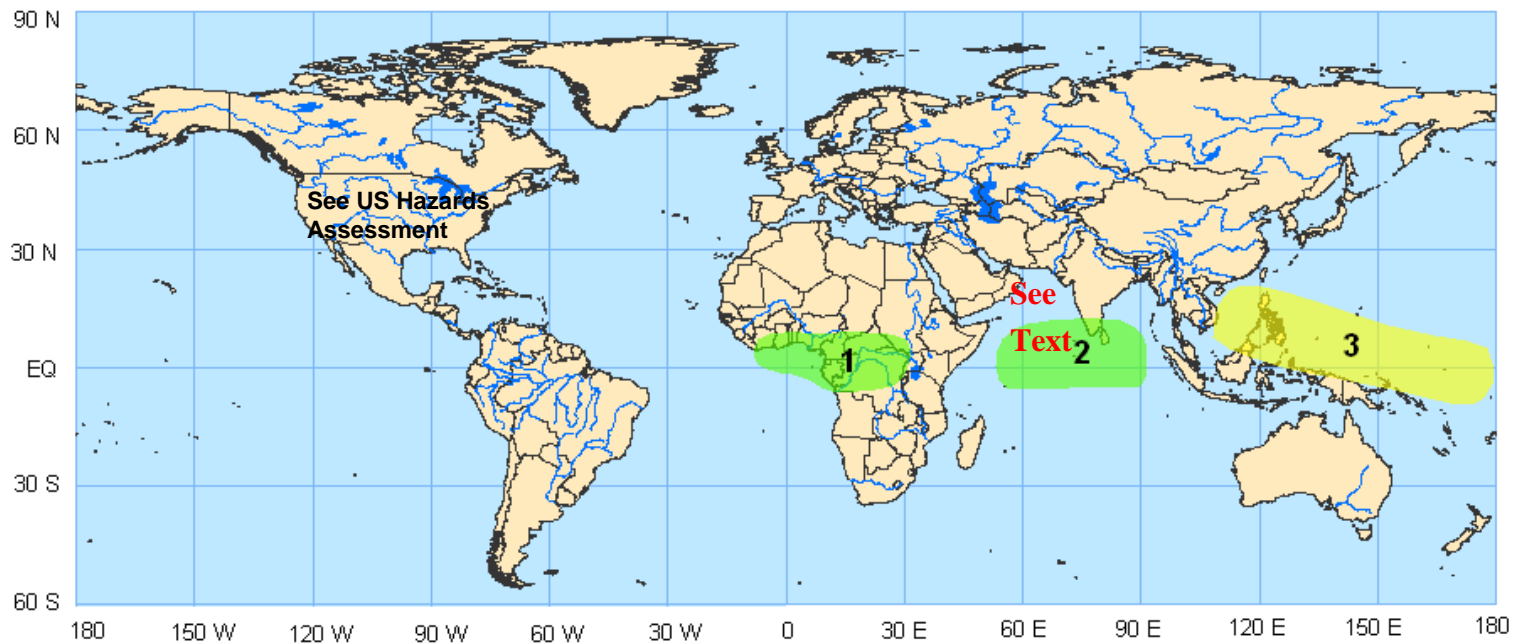
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: May 12 – 18, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of central Africa.** Increased rainfall is expected in these regions due to the enhanced convective phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for southern India, Sri Lanka, and much of the Indian Ocean.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region due to the combination of the enhanced convective phase of the MJO and in some areas above-average SSTs. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall stretching from the South China Sea into the western Pacific.** Decreased rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed convective phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: There is potential for tropical cyclone development across the Arabian Sea late in Week 2 due to the enhanced phase of the MJO. The threat at the current time is considered low as this hazard is more likely during the Week 3 period.

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