# **Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook**

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## <u>Outline</u>

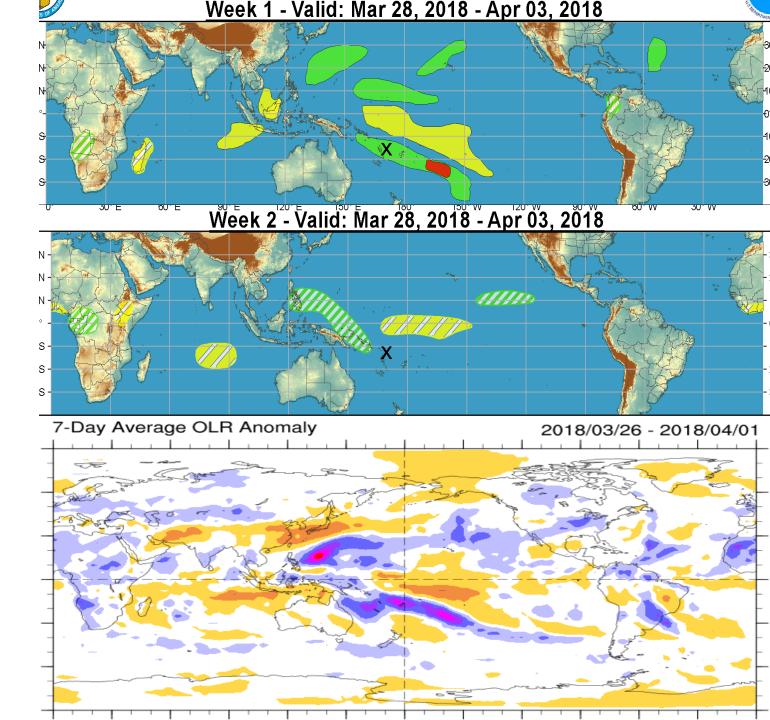
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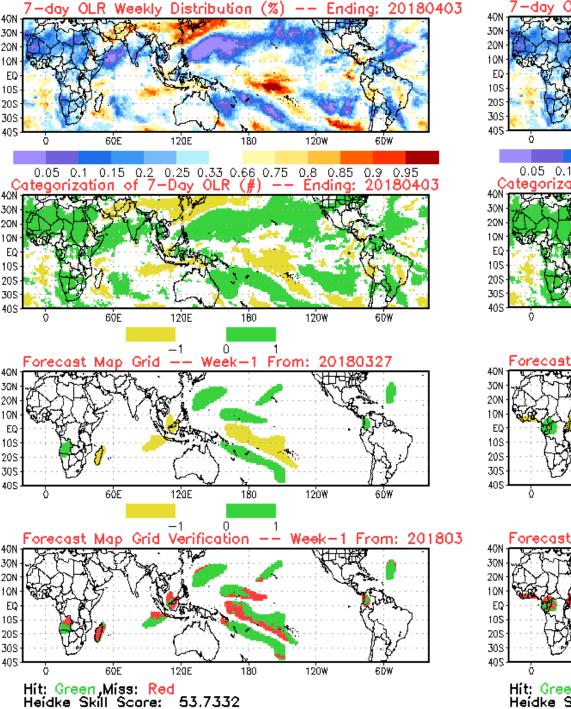
## Outlook Review

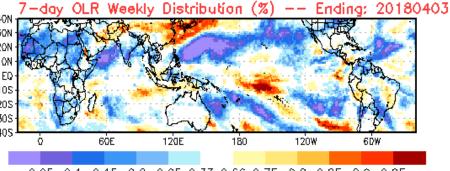
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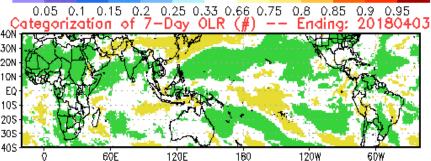
Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain

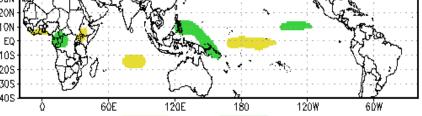


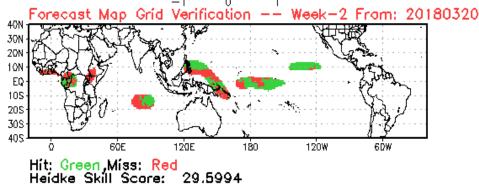












# Synopsis of Climate Modes

### ENSO:

 A transition from La Nina to ENSO-neutral is most likely (~55% chance) during the March-May season, with neutral conditions likely to continue into the second half of the year (ENSO Diagnostic Discussion, April 2, 2018)

### MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

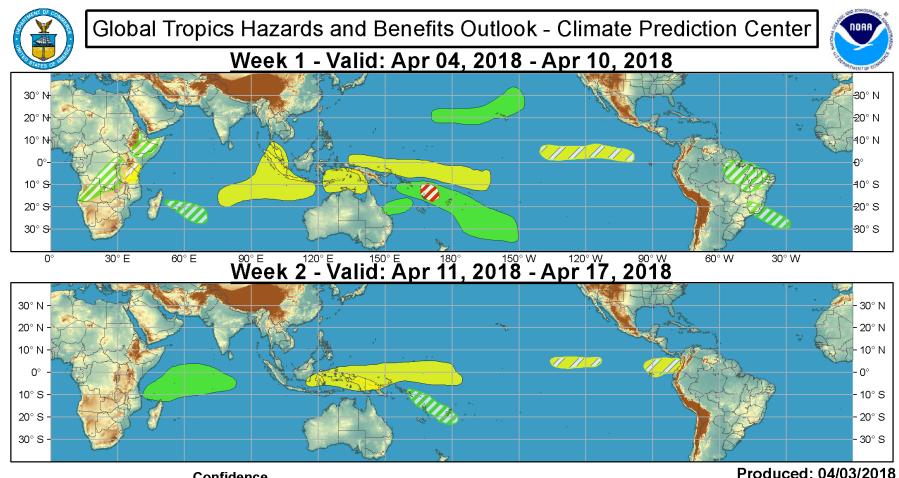
•The active region of the renewed MJO signal moved over the Maritime Continent during the past week.

•Some tropical cyclone activity is expected to continue during Week-1 as the convective envelope moves further into the West Pacific. Suppressed convection is expected to move over the Maritime Continent.

• There is disagreement in the dynamical models on how quickly the MJO signal is expected to decay; the signal is expected to continue eastward through Week-1, with some decay into Week-2.

### Extratropics:

• The extended range temperature forecast for the U.S. is not heavily impacted by the MJO.



#### Confidence High Moderate

**Tropical Cyclone Formation** 

Above-average rainfall

**Below-average rainfall** 

**Below-normal temperatures** 

Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

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Above-normal temperatures 7-day mean temperatures in the upper third of the historical range.

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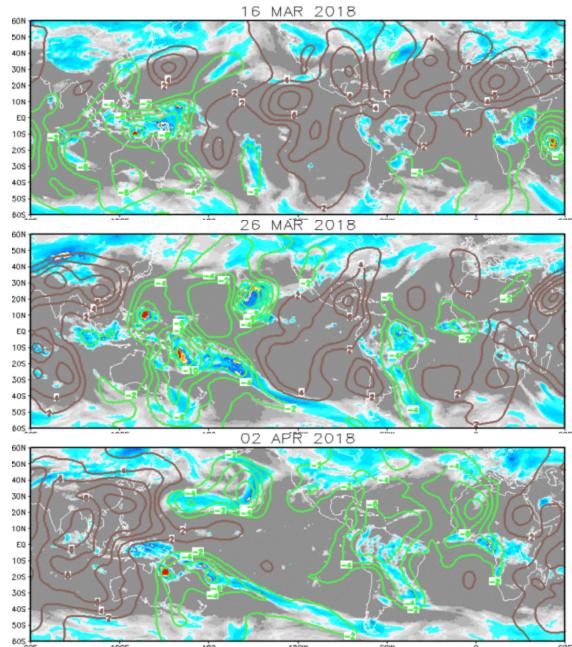
#### **IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies**

#### Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

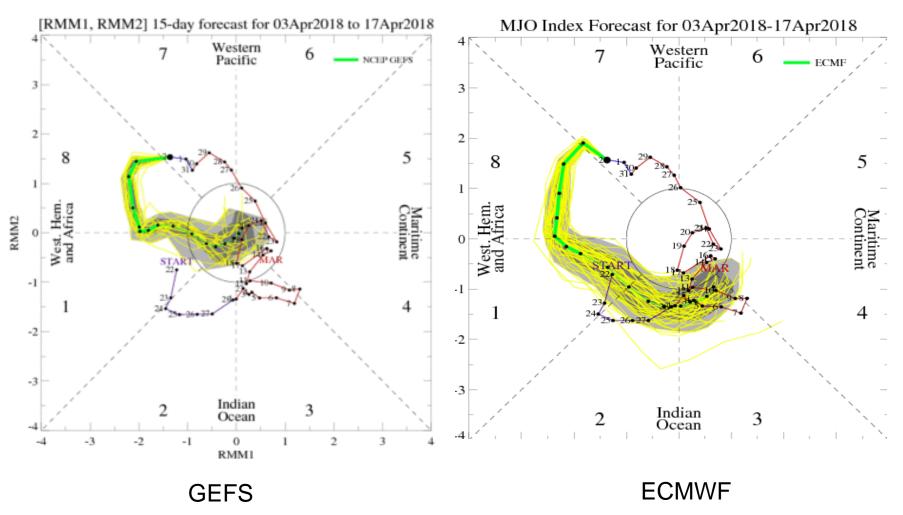
Enhanced convection over the Maritime Continent can be attributed to MJO, Kelvin, and equatorial Rossby waves.

Broad scale convection propagates eastward with the strengthened MJO signal.

Wave-1 pattern becomes stronger with re-newed MJO. Suppressed convection moves over the Maritime Continent.

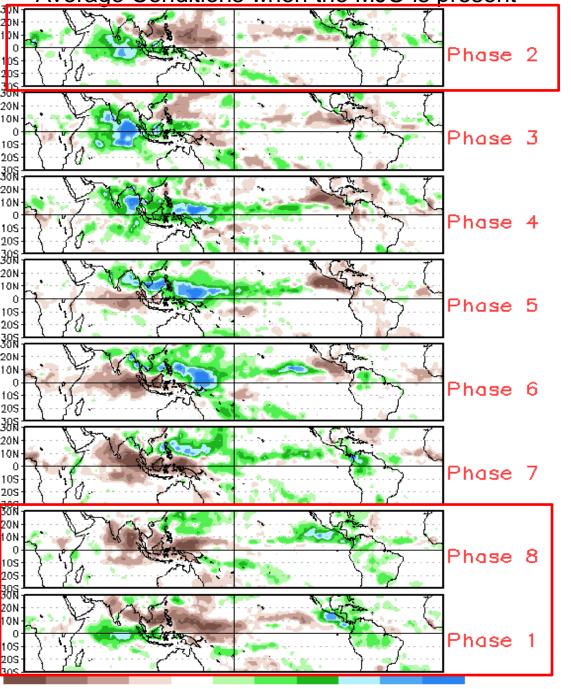


## **MJO Observation/Forecast**



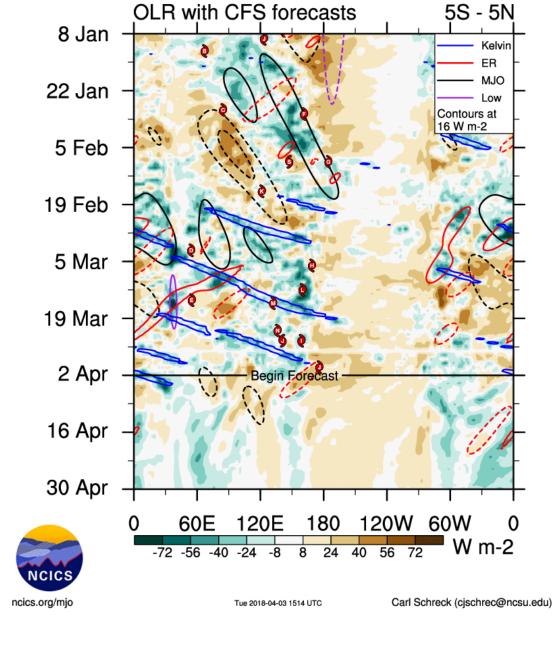
Dynamical guidance forecasts the MJO to continue during the Week-1 forecast period, with differing degrees of decay into Week-2.



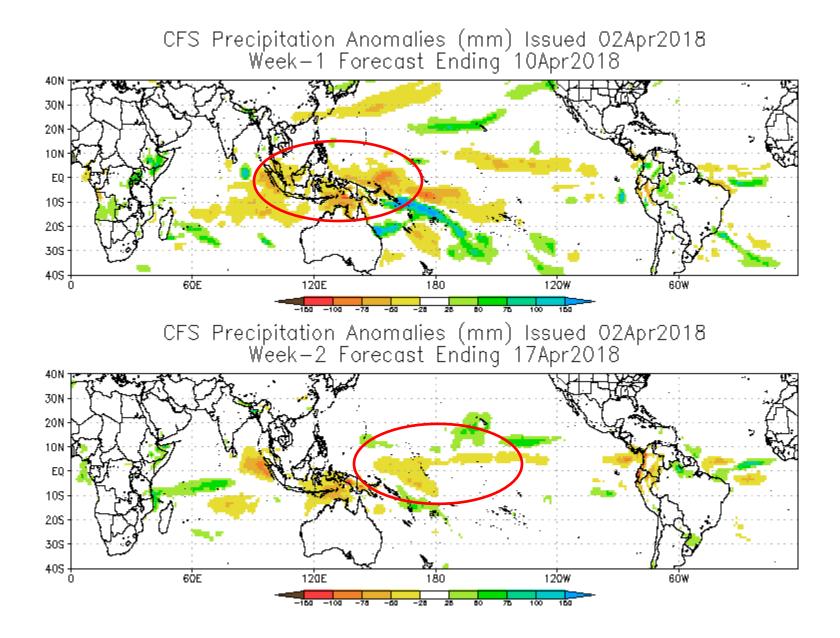


Week-1: Phases 8-1 Week-2: Phases 1-2

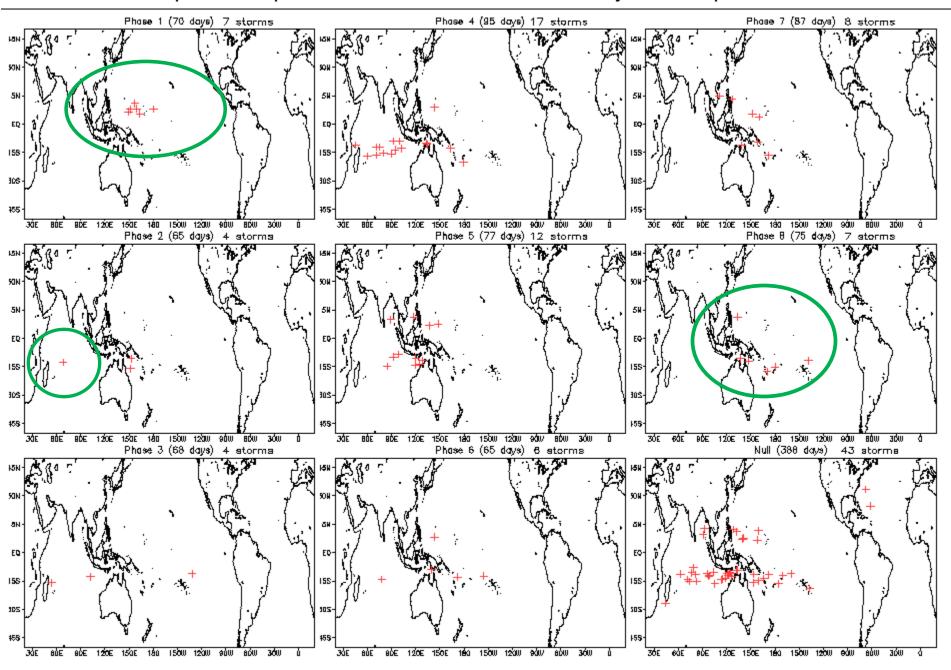
CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

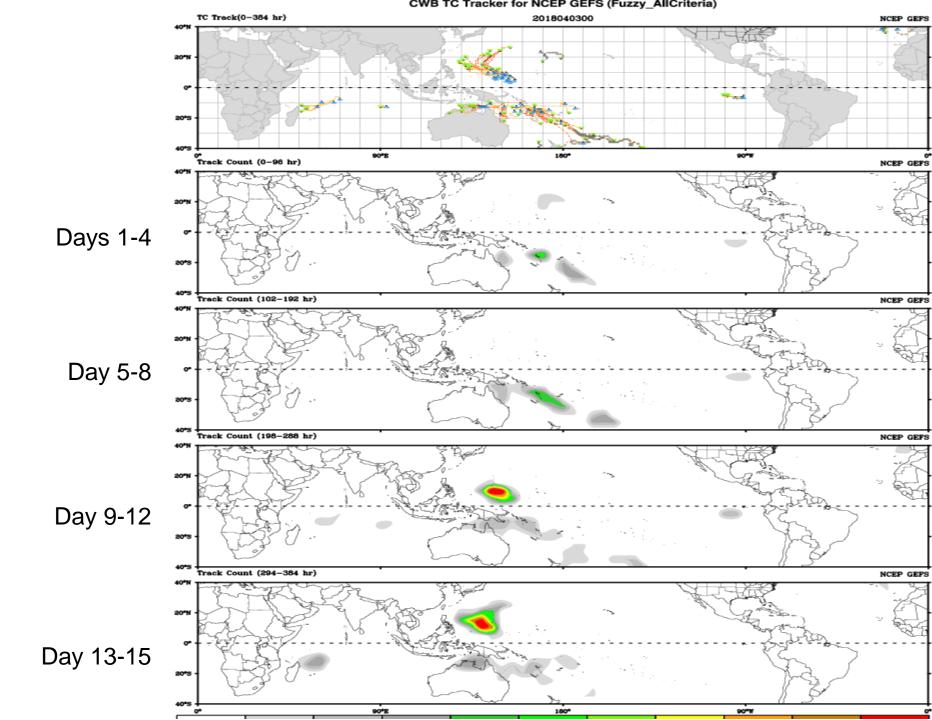


The area of tropical cyclone activity around the Maritime Continent occurs at the intersection of an active **MJO**, **Rossby wave**, and Kelvin wave.

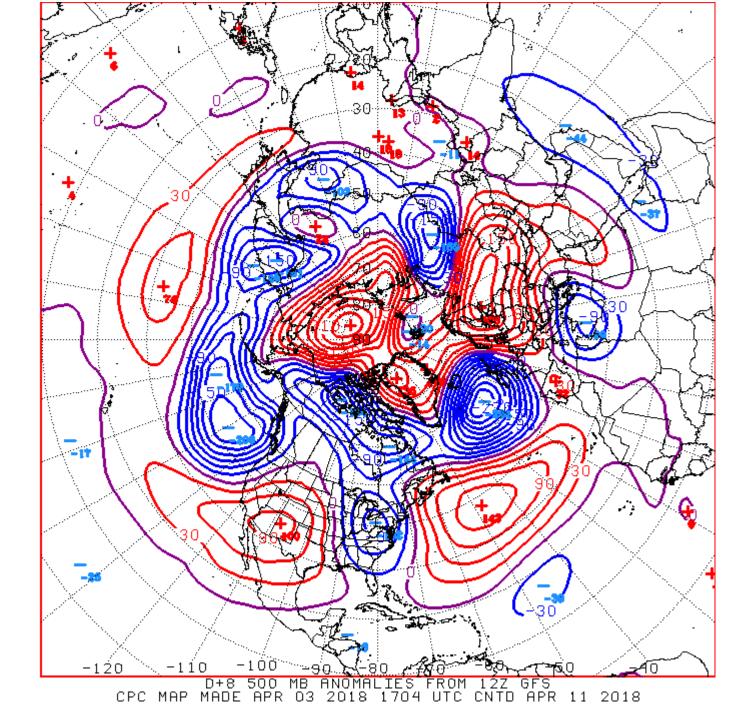


April Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase

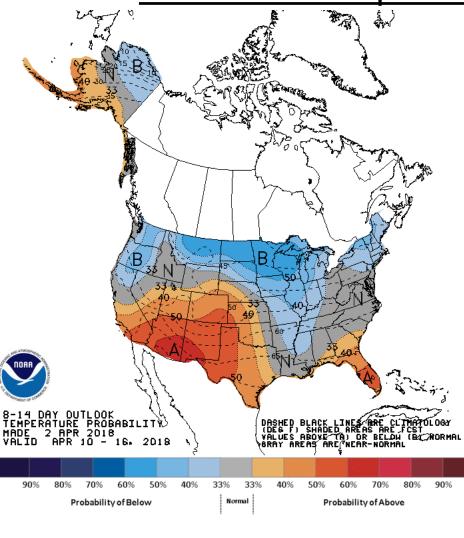




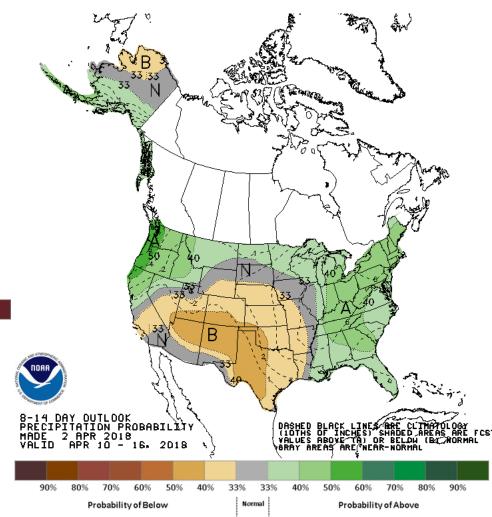
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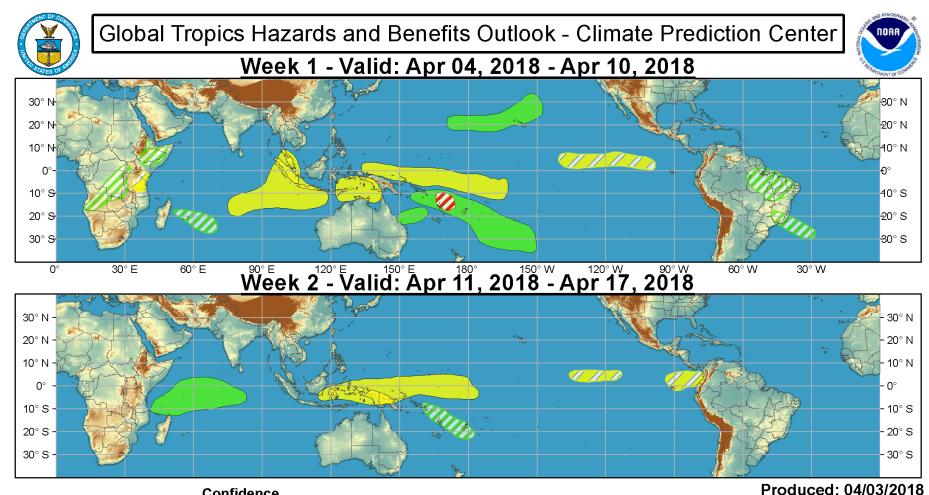


## Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation



Extended range forecast mostly impacted by mid-latitude activities in the next two weeks.





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