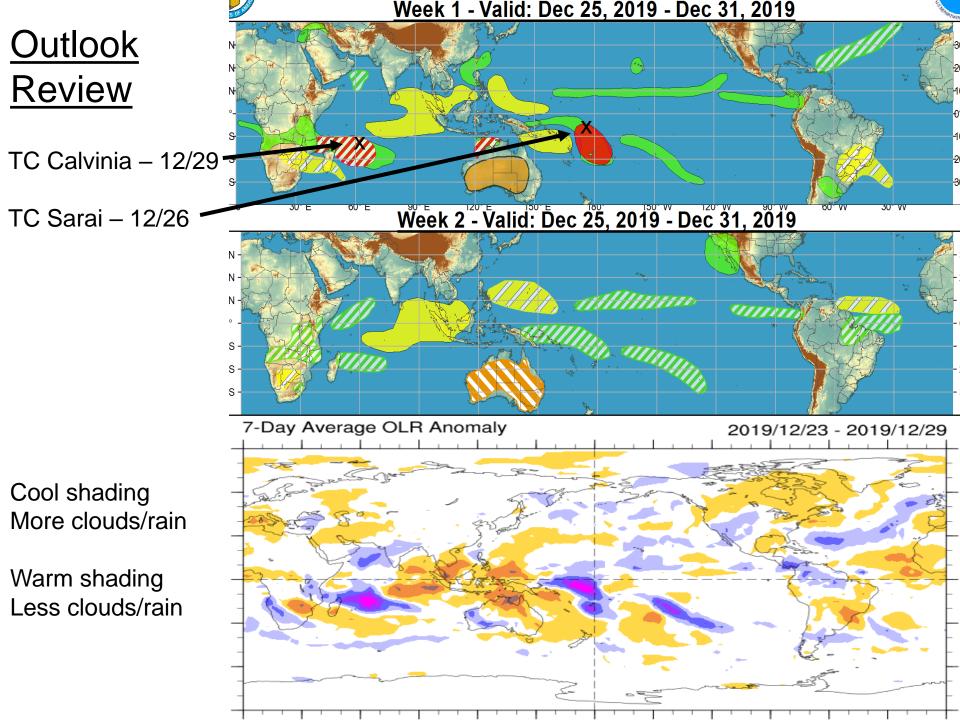
# Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 12/31/2019

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### <u>Outline</u>

- 1. Review of Recent Conditions
- 2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
- 3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
- 4. Connections to U.S. Impacts



# Synopsis of Climate Modes

#### ENSO: (December 12, 2019 Update)

- ENSO Alert System Status: Not Active
- ENSO-neutral is favored during the Northern Hemisphere winter 2019-20 (70% chance), continuing through spring 2020 (~65% chance).

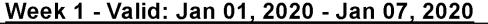
#### MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The Indian Ocean Dipole has weakened substantially during the last couple of weeks.
- The MJO was weak throughout much of December. There are indications in the models that it will strengthen during the end of Week-1 or beginning of Week-2.
- Most of the recent tropical convective signal comes from tropical cyclone activity.



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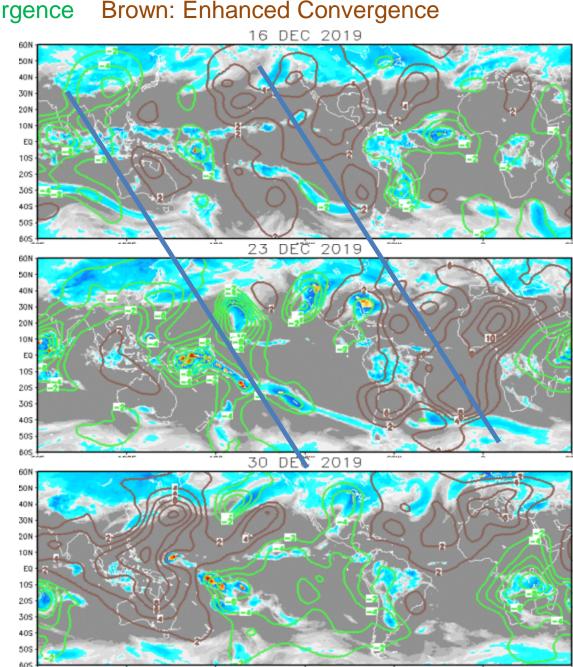
#### IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

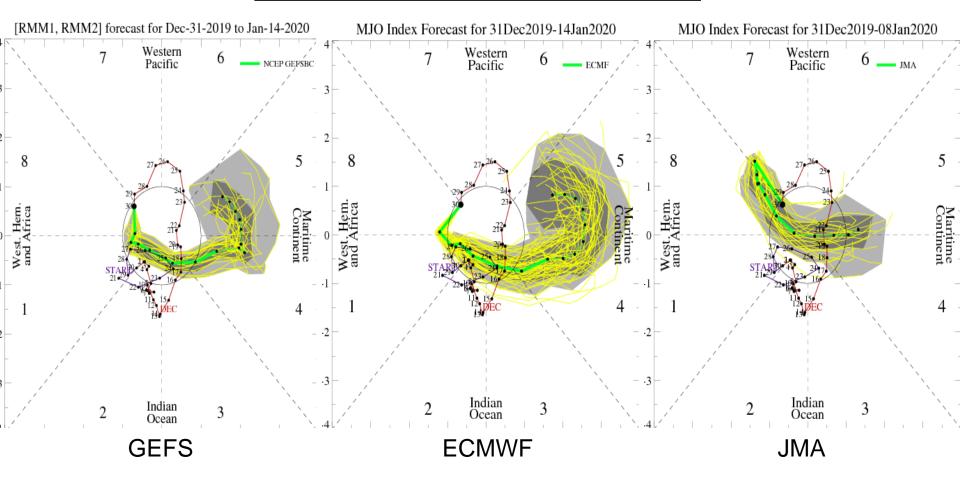
Notable eastward shift in the upper-level VP anomalies over the Indian Ocean as the IOD began to weaken.

Eastward propagation of the upper-level VP anomalies suggestive of an intraseasonal signal, though the IOD response continues.

Enhanced convergence, associated with dryness, moves over Australia.

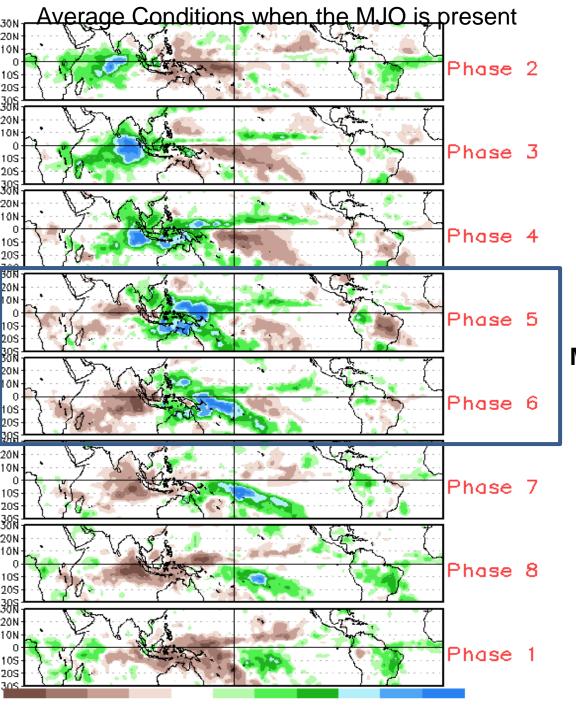


## MJO Observation/Forecast



The models all suggest that the MJO will strengthen over the Maritime Continent during Week-2.

There is uncertainty as to how quickly the MJO will propagate and whether it will remain strong enough to anchor the upper-level pattern during Week-2.

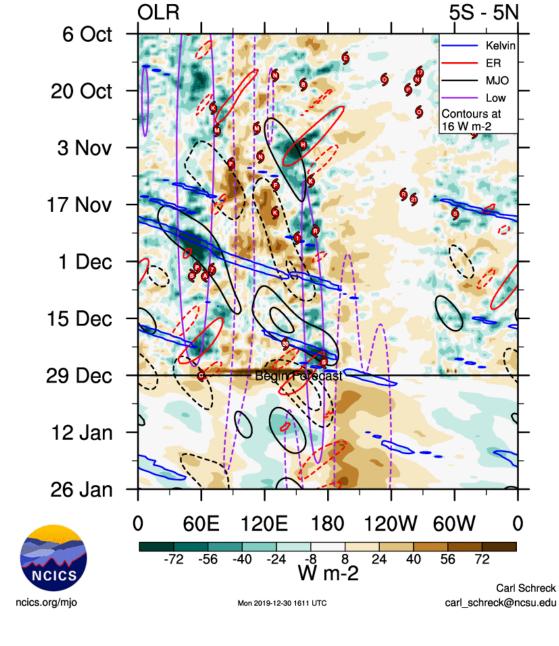


**Maybe** during Week-2.

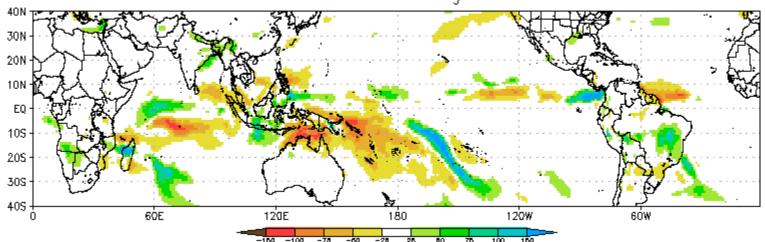
CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

Weak MJO, Kelvin and ER wave signals.

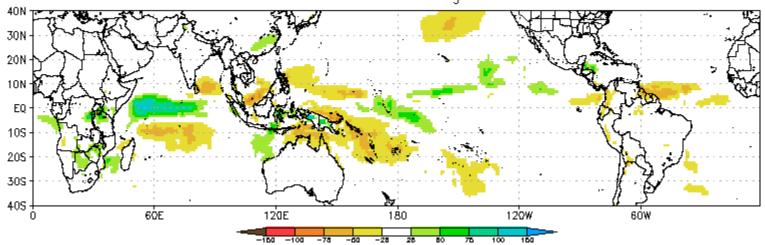
IOD-related low frequency contour ends in mid-December.



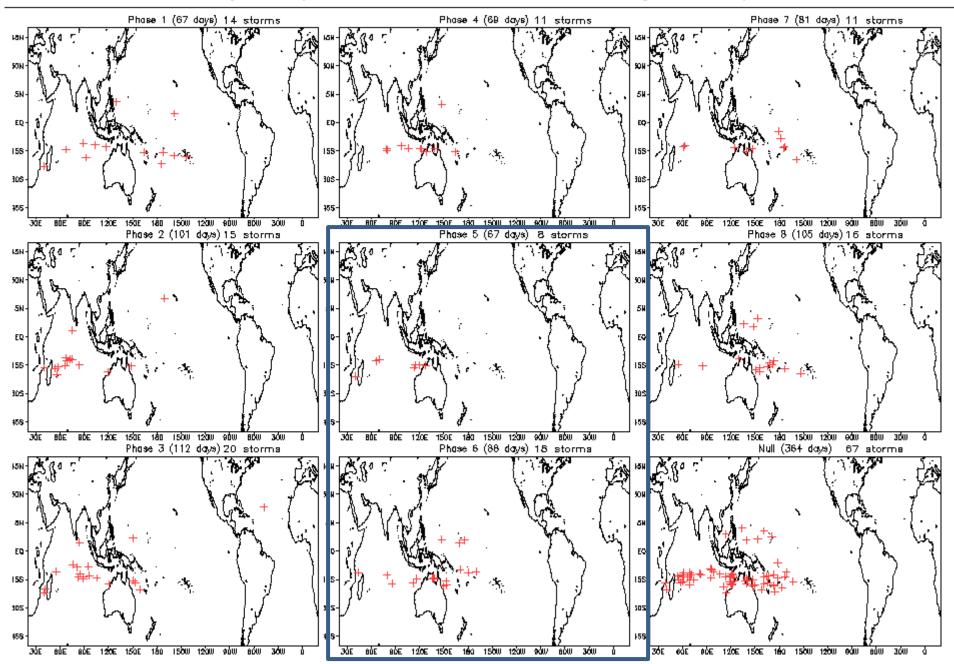
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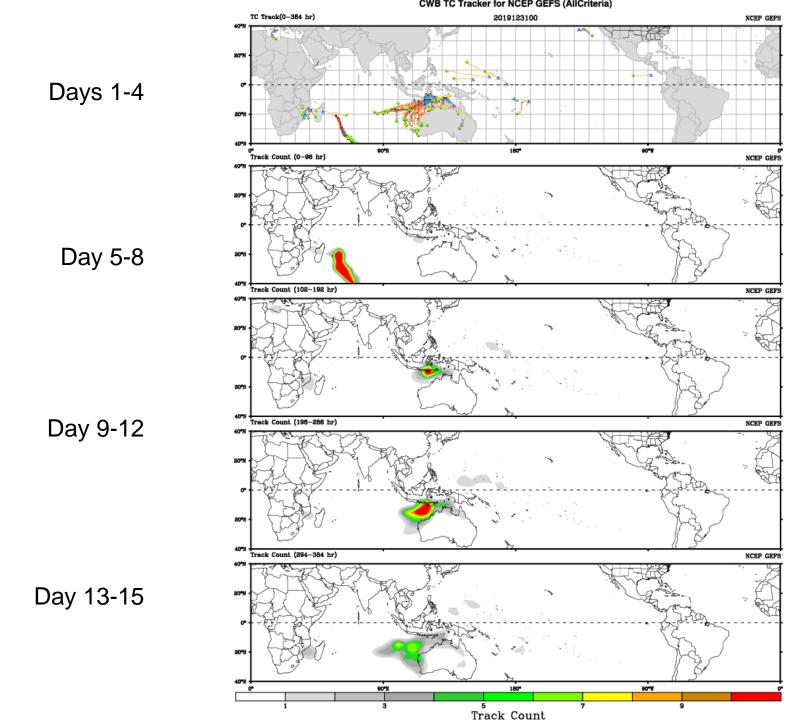


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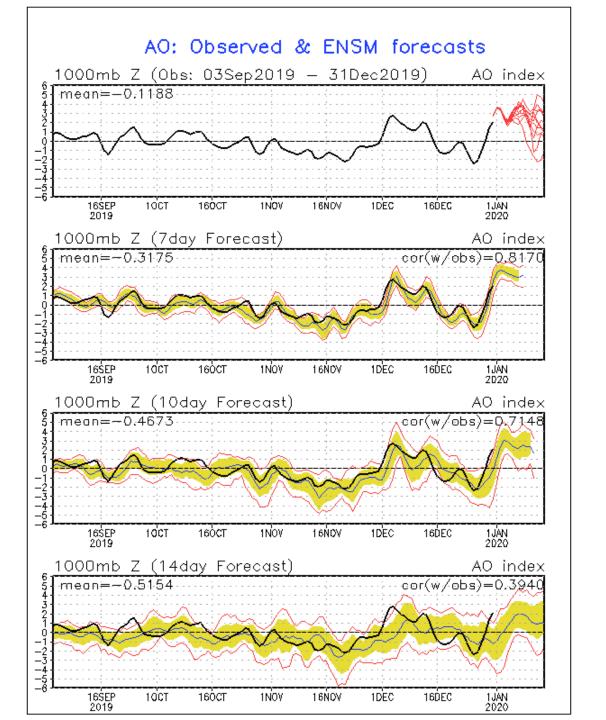


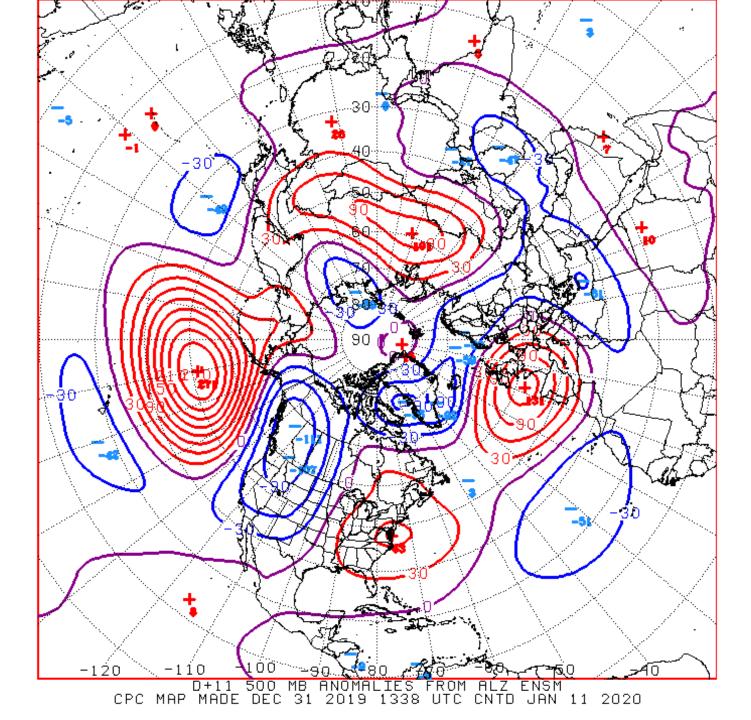
#### January Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase



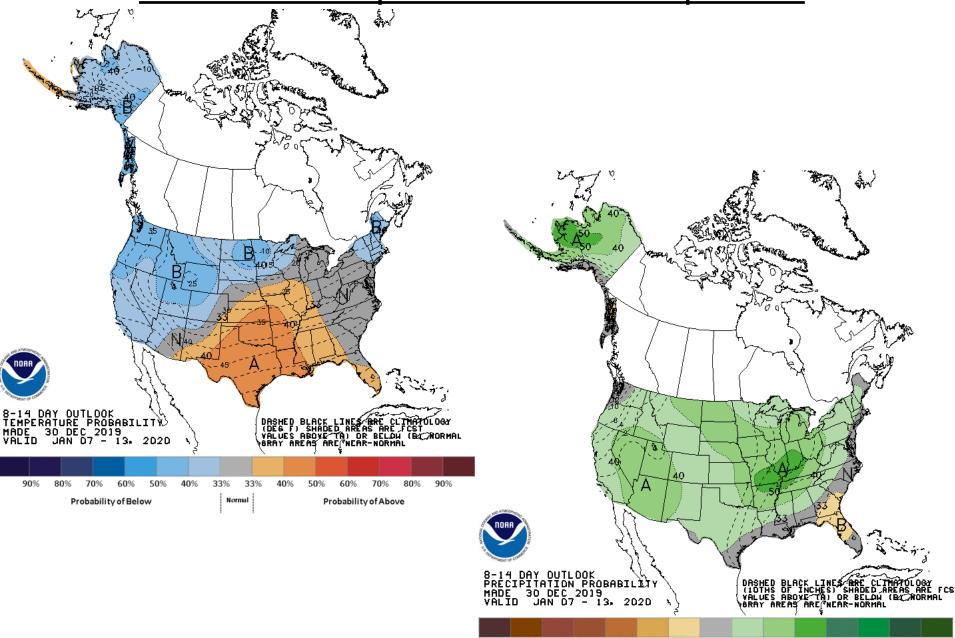


# Connections to U.S. Impacts





Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



70%

Probability of Below

33%

Normal

Probability of Above

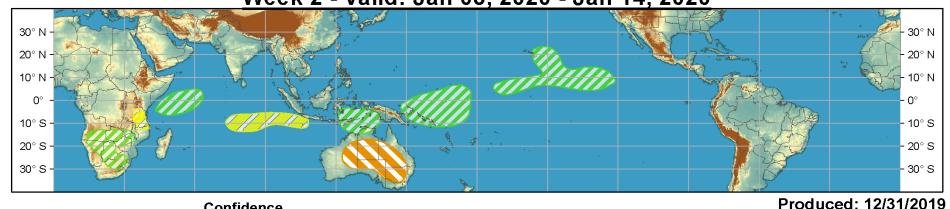


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