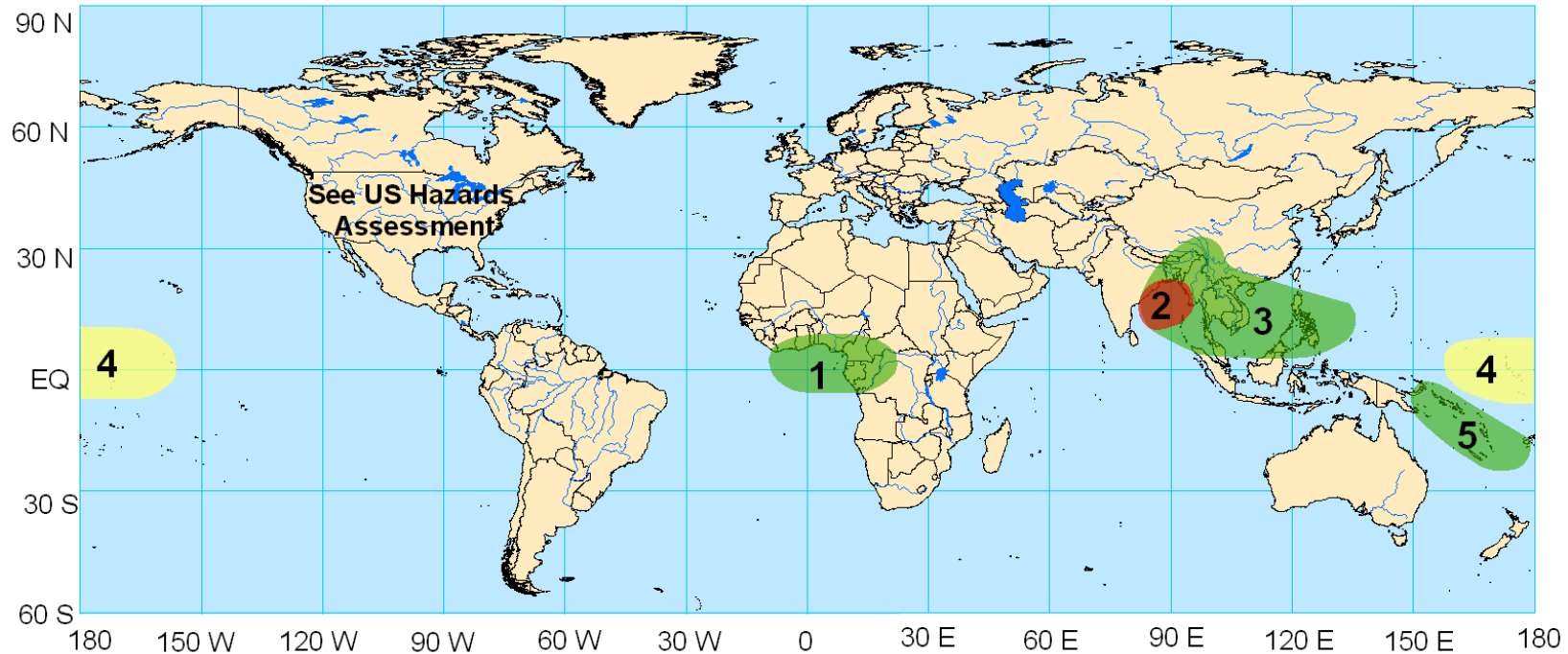


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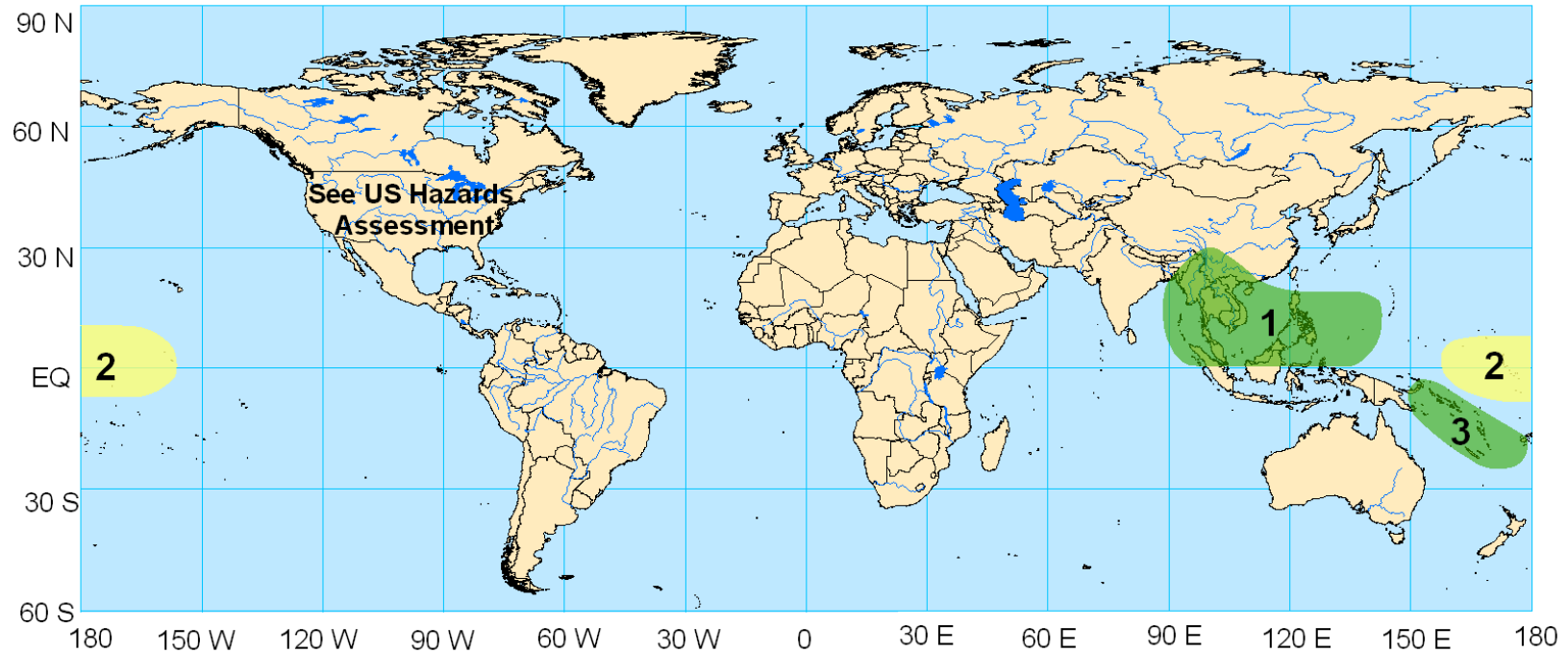


- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall in the Gulf of Guinea of Africa.** Strong anomalous low-level convergence and locally warm SSTs are expected to result in wet conditions in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. Tropical Cyclone Nargis** will further strengthen and track slowly northeast across the Bay of Bengal. Very strong winds, high seas and heavy rain are expected in the Bay of Bengal during much of the period and may impact Myanmar late in the week.
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall stretching from the Bay of Bengal into southeast Asia and the Philippines.** Wet conditions are expected in this area during the period as a result of a combination of Tropical cyclone Nargis and the continuation of La Nina conditions. Nargis will likely enhance rainfall and result in major flooding across parts of southeast Asia. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall over the central equatorial Pacific.** Dry conditions are expected to continue due to continuing La Nina conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall along the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ).** Wet conditions are expected in this area during the period associated with the continuation of La Nina conditions. **Confidence: High**

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: May 6 – May 12, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for southeast Asia.** Wet conditions are expected in this region during the period mainly associated with continuing La Nina conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall over the central equatorial Pacific.** Dry conditions are expected to continue due to continuing La Nina conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall along the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ).** Wet conditions are expected in this area associated with the continuation of La Nina conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**

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