

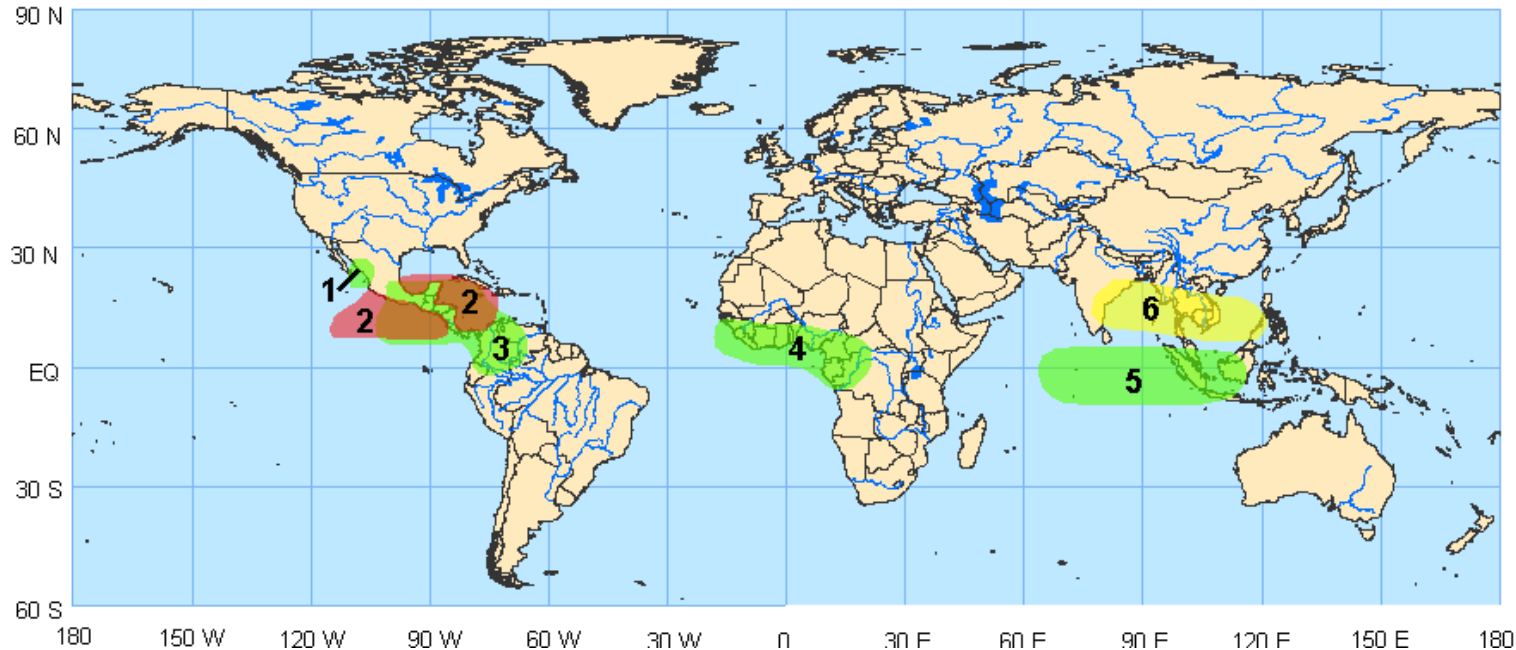
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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: October 7 - 13, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Baja California and northwest Mexico.** Tropical Storm Norbert is expected to approach and impact this region later during the period with areas of heavy rainfall. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the eastern Pacific, southern Gulf of Mexico and western Caribbean.** The enhanced phase of the MJO continues to increase the threat for tropical development and model guidance supports development in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the eastern Pacific, Mexico, Central America, and South America.** The enhanced phase of the MJO and current and potential tropical cyclone activity is expected to result in wet conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Gulf of Guinea and western Congo Basin areas of Africa.** The enhanced phase of the MJO and favorable low-level winds are expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the equatorial Indian Ocean.** The enhanced phase of the MJO along with warmer than normal SSTs are expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 6. An increased chance for below-average rainfall stretching from eastern India to the South China Sea.** The exiting suppressed phase of the MJO and continuation of activity associated with the boreal intraseasonal oscillation (BISO) are expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

Eastern Pacific: Tropical Storm Norbert (14.3N, 104.7W) → Consult updates from the US National Hurricane Center

Gulf of Mexico: Tropical Depression 13 (19.2N, 94.4W) → Consult updates from the US National Hurricane Center

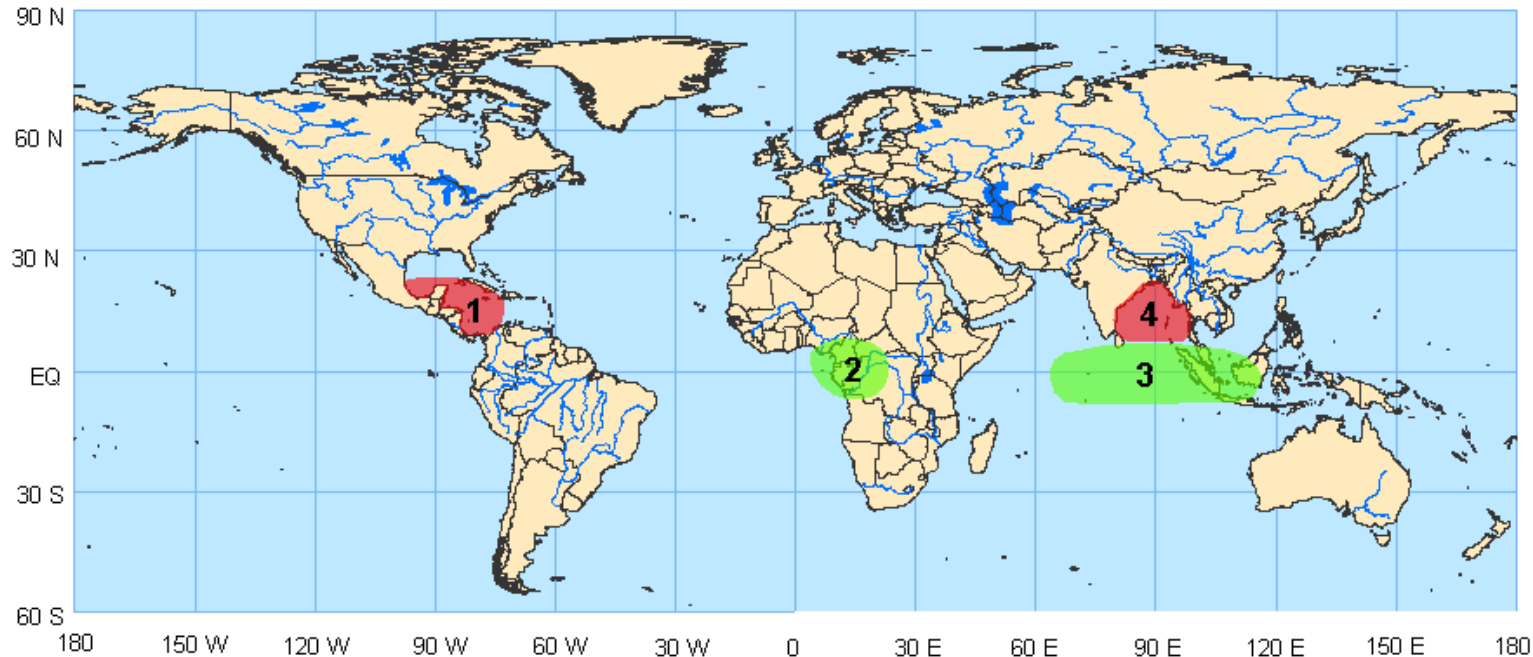
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: October 14 - 20, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the southern Gulf of Mexico and western Caribbean.** The enhanced phase of the MJO continues to increase the threat for tropical development and model guidance supports development in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the western Congo Basin region of Africa.** The enhanced phase of the MJO and favorable low-level winds are expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the equatorial Indian Ocean and western Indonesia.** The enhanced phase of the MJO along with warmer than normal SSTs are expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the Bay of Bengal.** October is a favored time of year for tropical cyclone activity as the Asian monsoon continues to relax. The enhanced phase of the MJO increases the threat for tropical development in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**