

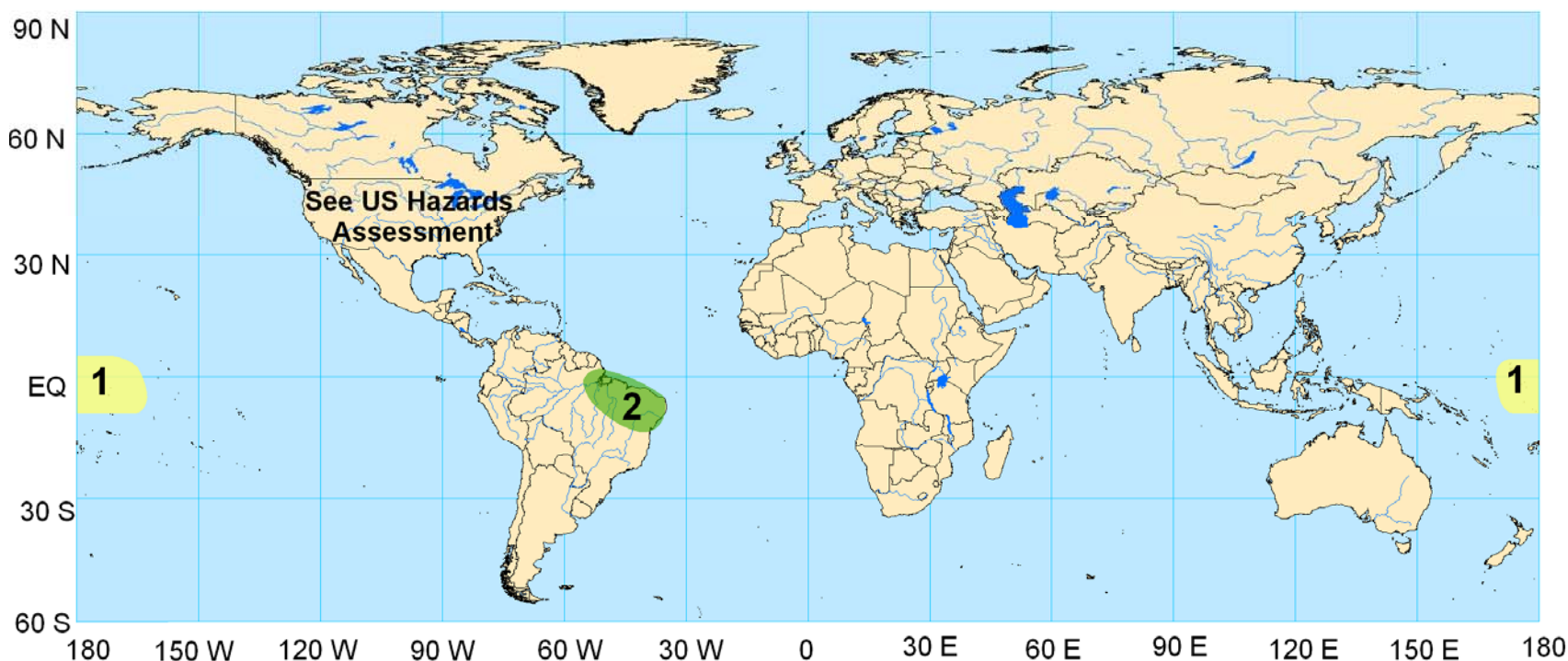
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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: February 24 - March 2, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for northeast Brazil.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to background La Nina conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**

****ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

South Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Hina (19.2S, 78.2E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

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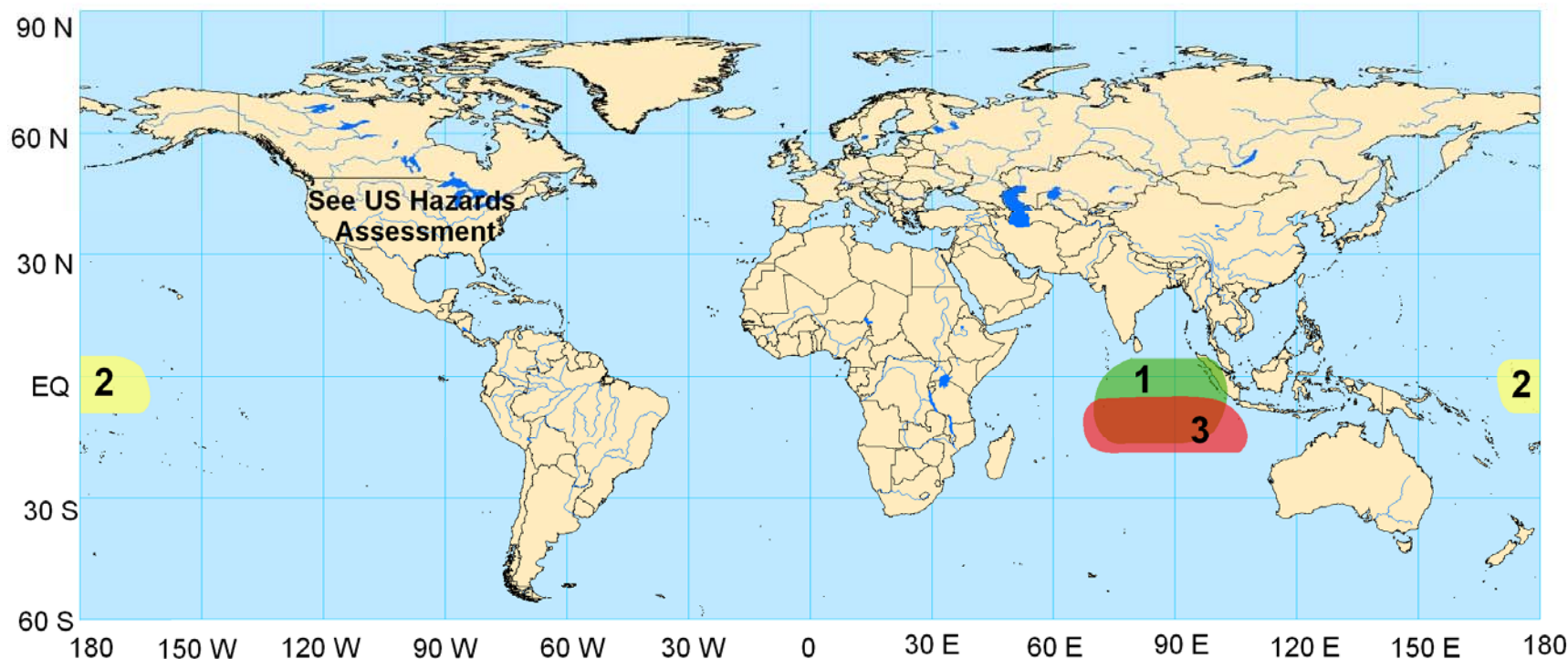
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: March 3 - 9, 2009



1. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean.** Model guidance indicates that an increase in convection can be expected in this region and result in above-average rainfall. **Confidence: Low**
2. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**
3. **An increased chance for tropical cyclone development in the southern Indian Ocean.** With the expected increase in convection in this region and anticipated weak vertical wind shear the environment should be favorable for tropical cyclone development. **Confidence: Low**

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