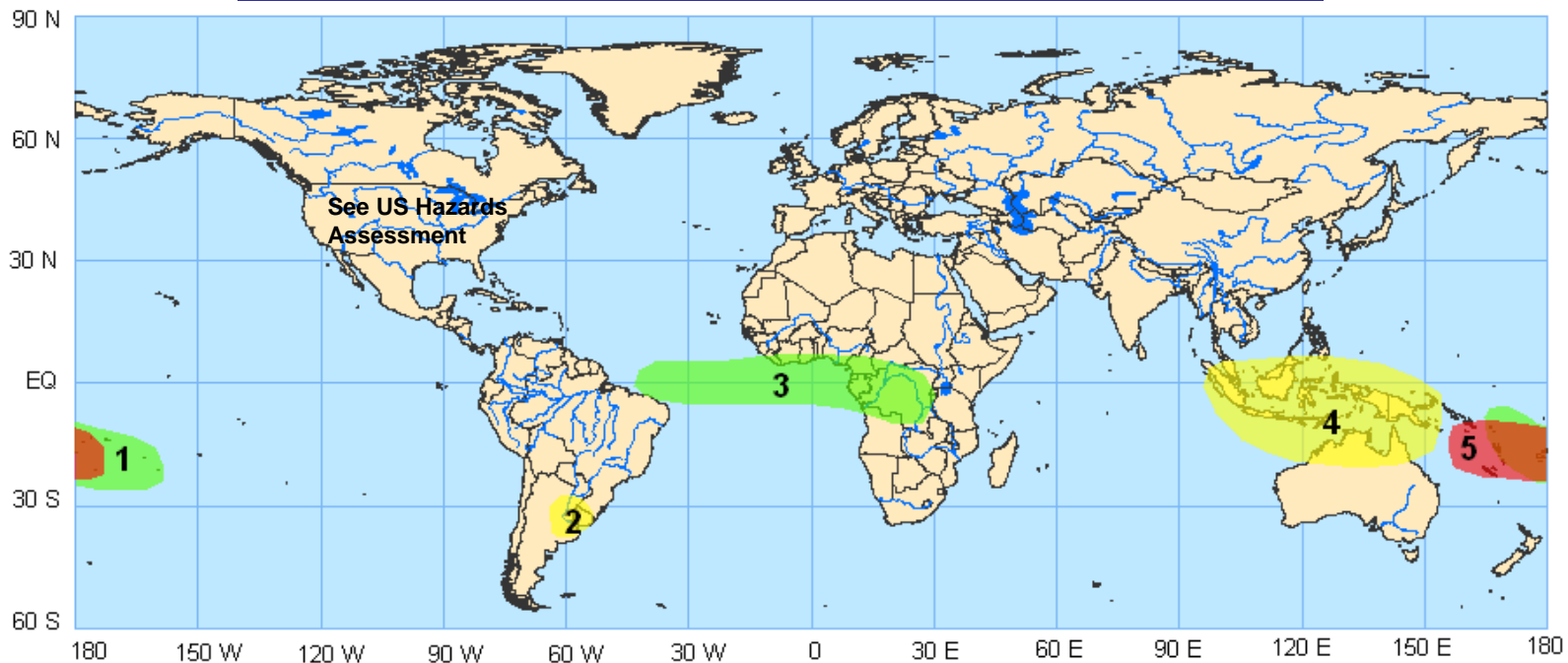


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: March 31 – April 6, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the SPCZ region, southeast of Papua New Guinea.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the MJO and above-average sea-surface temperatures (SSTs). **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina and Uruguay.** Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the equatorial Atlantic Ocean extending to central Africa.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent.** Suppressed rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development northeast of Australia.** Enhanced convection associated with the MJO and La Nina, areas of weak vertical wind shear and above-average SSTs increase the threat for tropical development. **Confidence: Moderate**

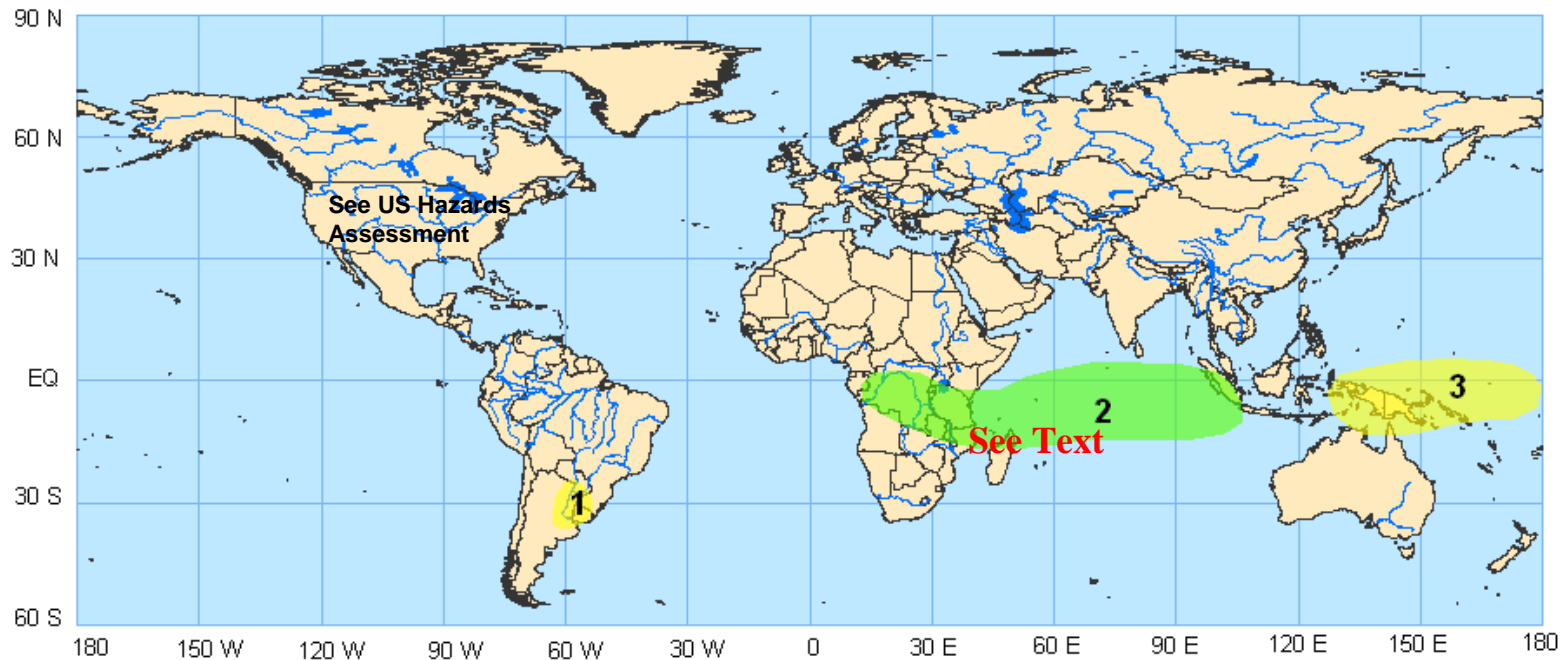
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: April 7 - 13, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina and Uruguay.** Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for central Africa extending through the equatorial Indian Ocean.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced phase of the MJO. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent.** Suppressed rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: The threat of tropical cyclone development may once again increase during the period in the Mozambique Channel and the southwest Indian Ocean as the enhanced phase of the MJO shifts to the Indian Ocean where SSTs remain above-average.

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