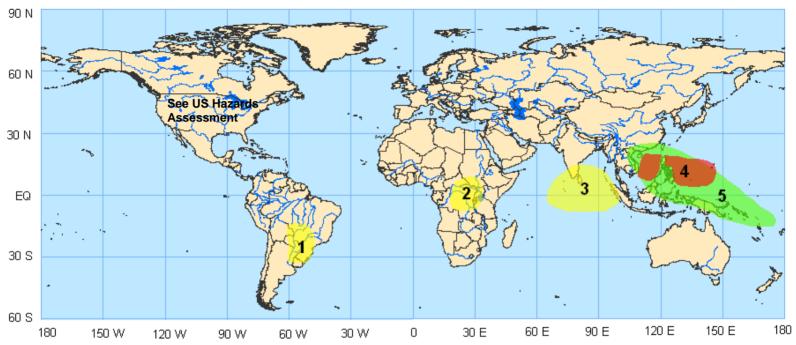
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Week 1 Outlook - Valid: April 21 - 27, 2009



- 1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina, Uruguay, eastern Paraguay, and southern Brazil.</u> Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina and the suppressed phase of the MJO are expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 2. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of central Africa.</u> Decreased rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Indian Ocean, southern India and Sri Lanka. Decreased rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. Confidence: High
- **4.** <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for the South China and Philippines Seas.</u> Above-average Sea Surface Temperature (SST) and the enhanced phase of the MJO increase chances for tropical cyclogenesis in the region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall stretching from Southeast Asia to the western Pacific including parts of the Maritime continent and the Philippines. Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced phase of the MJO. Confidence: High

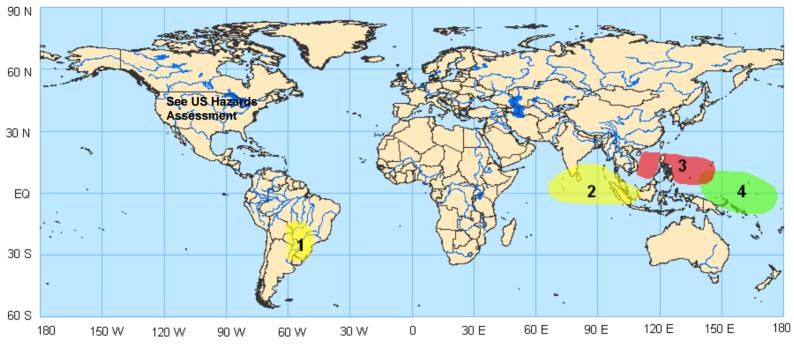
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: April 28 – May 4, 2009



- 1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina, Uruguay, and southern Brazil.</u> Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Indian Ocean, southern India and western parts of Indonesia. Dry conditions are expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. Confidence: High
- **3.** <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for the South China and Philippines Seas.</u> Above-average Sea Surface Temperature (SST) and the enhanced phase of the MJO increase chances for tropical cyclogenesis in the region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- **4.** <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the equatorial central Pacific Ocean.</u> Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced phase of the MJO. <u>Confidence: High</u>

<u>Please note</u>: Confidence estimates are subjective in nature and are not based on an objective scheme. The estimates are given to provide additional information to the user.