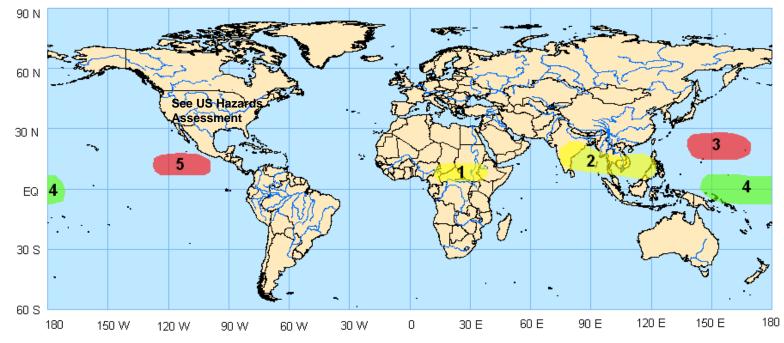
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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: September 15 – 21, 2009



1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of central Africa.</u> Enhanced upper-level convergence is expected to decrease rainfall. Confidence: Moderate

2. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for India, the Bay of Bengal, Southeast Asia, and the South China Sea</u>. Suppressed monsoonal flow is expected to contribute to reduced rainfall. **Confidence: High**

3. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for parts of the western Pacific Ocean.</u> Areas of weak vertical wind shear and above-normal SSTs increase the threat for development. Both statistical and dynamical forecast tools also indicate potential development. Confidence: Moderate

4. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the equatorial western and central Pacific Ocean</u>. El-Nino conditions increases the chances for enhanced rainfall. **Confidence: Moderate**

5. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for parts the eastern Pacific Ocean.</u> Enhanced convection, areas of weak vertical wind shear, and above-normal SSTs increase the threat for development. Both statistical and dynamical forecast tools also indicate potential development. Confidence: Moderate

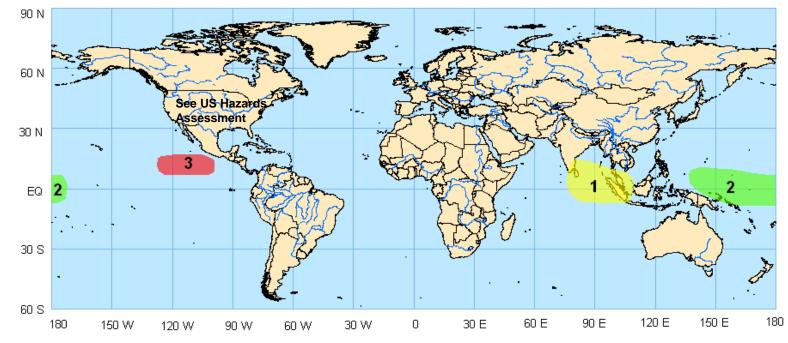
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: September 22 – 28, 2009



 An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the southern Bay of Bengal, eastern Indian ocean, and western Maritime continent. The suppressed convective phase associated with a strengthening of the MJO index increases the chances for decreased rainfall. Confidence: Moderate
An increased chance for above-average rainfall for portions of the western and central Pacific. The enhanced convective phase associated with a strengthening of the MJO index and El-Nino conditions increases the chances for enhanced rainfall in this region during the period. Confidence: Moderate
An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for parts the eastern Pacific Ocean. Enhanced convection, areas of weak vertical wind shear, and above-normal SSTs increase the threat for development. Both statistical and dynamical forecast tools also indicate potential development. Confidence: Moderate

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