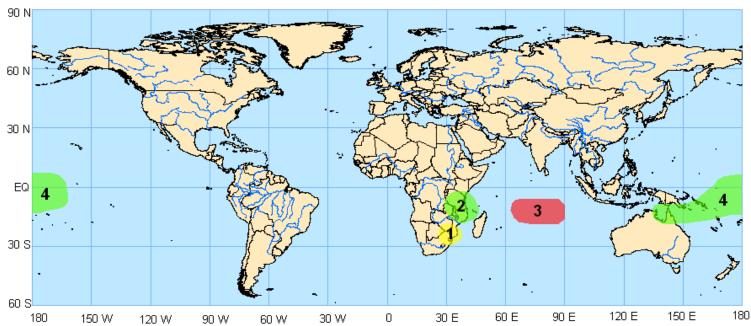
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Week 1 Outlook - Valid: January 5 - 11, 2010



- 1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for portions of southern Africa.</u> El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region, and specifically numerical forecast guidance indicates dry conditions during the period to reinforce the background El-Niño conditions. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 2. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of southeast Africa.</u> Anomalous low-level convergence is expected to increase rainfall in this region during the period. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- 3. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in the south-central Indian Ocean.</u> Numerical forecast guidance indicates tropical development in this region during the period. <u>Confidence: High</u>
- **4.** <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall stretching from northwest Australia into the west-central Pacific.</u> The current El Nino conditions favors enhanced rainfall in this region and numerical forecast guidance indicates enhanced rainfall for parts of northwest Australia and nearby waters.

 Confidence: Moderate

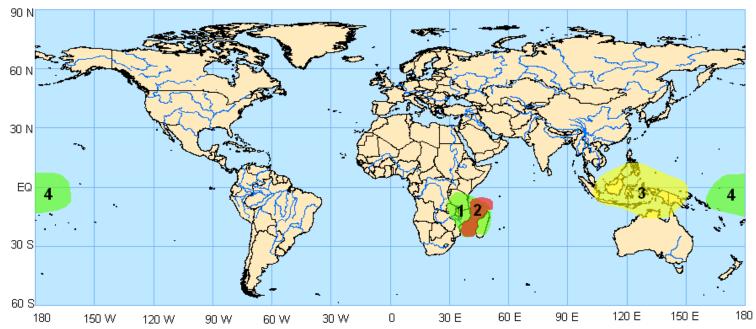
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Week 2 Outlook - Valid: January 12 - 18, 2010



- 1. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of southeast Africa and Madagascar.</u> Anomalous low-level convergence and potential impacts from tropical cyclone activity is expected to increase rainfall in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**
- **2.** <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the Mozambique Channel and nearby waters.</u> Anomalous low-level convergence and above-average sea surface temperatures increases the chances for tropical development during the period. Numerical forecast guidance also indicates signs for possible genesis in and near this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for much of the Maritime Continent and the Philippines.</u> The current El Nino conditions favors suppressed rainfall in this region. <u>Confidence: Moderate</u>
- **4.** <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the west-central Pacific.</u> The current El Nino conditions favors enhanced rainfall in this region. Confidence: Moderate