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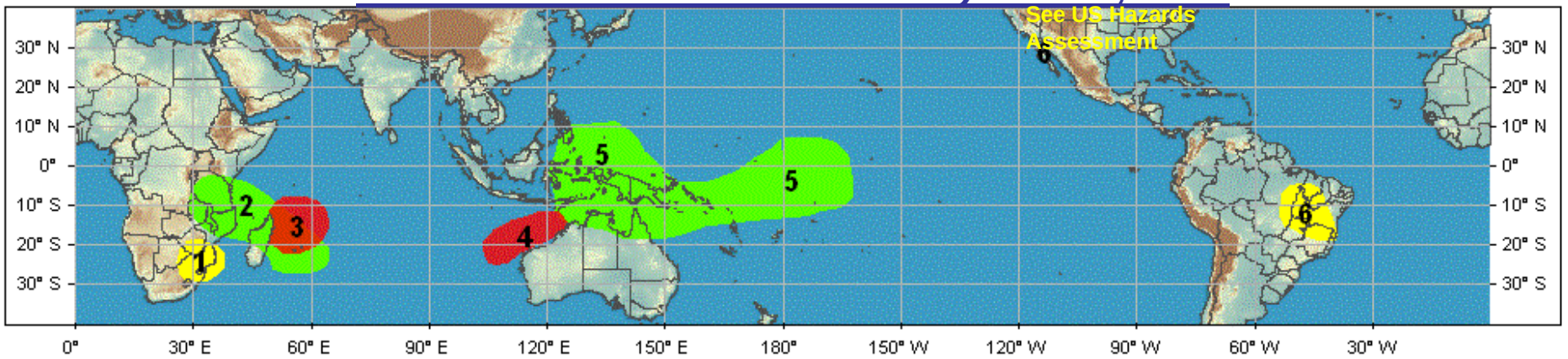
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: January 12 - 18, 2010



Synopsis:

1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for portions of southern Africa. El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region, and specifically broad-scale divergent winds in the Mozambique channel are forecast to reinforce the background El-Niño conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**

2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for eastern Africa and Madagascar. Stronger than normal convergence associated with the East African Monsoon and southwesterly winds are expected to enhance the likelihood for above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in the southwest Indian Ocean. Subseasonal tropical variability, above-average SSTs, and recent statistical and dynamical guidance favor an increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

4. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in the southeast Indian Ocean. Subseasonal tropical variability, above-average SSTs, and multiple runs from recent dynamical models favor an increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent and Western Pacific. Numerical forecast guidance, subseasonal tropical variability and current El Nino conditions favor enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

6. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of eastern Brazil. The current El Nino conditions and subseasonal tropical variability favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:** Southern Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone 07S (Edzani) (25.8, 72.4E) → Consult the Joint Typhoon Warning Center for updates

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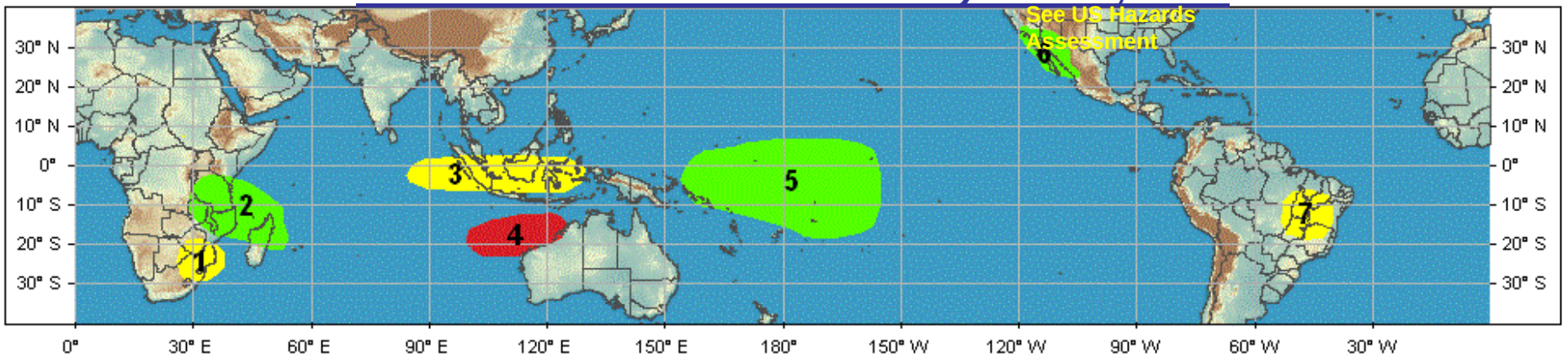
Week 2 Outlook – Valid: January 19 - 25, 2010



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3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime Continent and eastern Indian Ocean. The current El Niño conditions and subseasonal tropical variability favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

4. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for parts of the southeast Indian Ocean. Subseasonal tropical variability, both statistical and dynamical guidance and areas of above-average SSTs all favor an increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the west-central Pacific. The current El Niño conditions and the potential MJO enhanced convective phase favors enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

6. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the southwest U.S. and northwest Mexico. The current El Nino conditions and its interaction with the extratropical circulation favors enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

7. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of eastern Brazil. The current El Nino conditions and subseasonal tropical variability favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

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