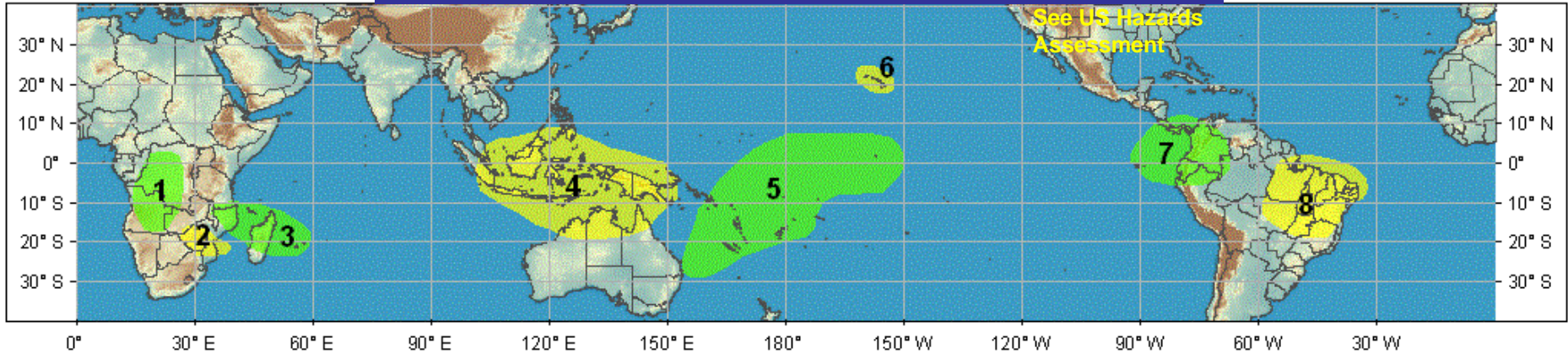


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## Week 1 Outlook – Valid: March 16 – 22, 2010



### Synopsis:

- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of west-central Africa.** Anomalous low-level convergence is expected to favor increased rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of southeast Africa.** El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance favors below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Madagascar and nearby waters.** Numerical weather forecast guidance indicates wet conditions for this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime continent and northern Australia.** El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the west-central Pacific.** El-Niño conditions and current tropical cyclone activity favors above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 6. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii.** El-Niño conditions and numerical guidance favors suppressed rainfall. **Confidence: High**
- 7. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for northwest South America.** El Nino conditions and numerical weather forecast guidance favors a wetter than average pattern during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 8. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northeast Brazil.** El-Niño and numerical guidance favors suppressed rainfall. **Confidence: High**

### \*\* ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:

South Pacific Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Tomas (16.5S, 179.7E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

South Pacific Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Ului (13.0S, 158.6E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

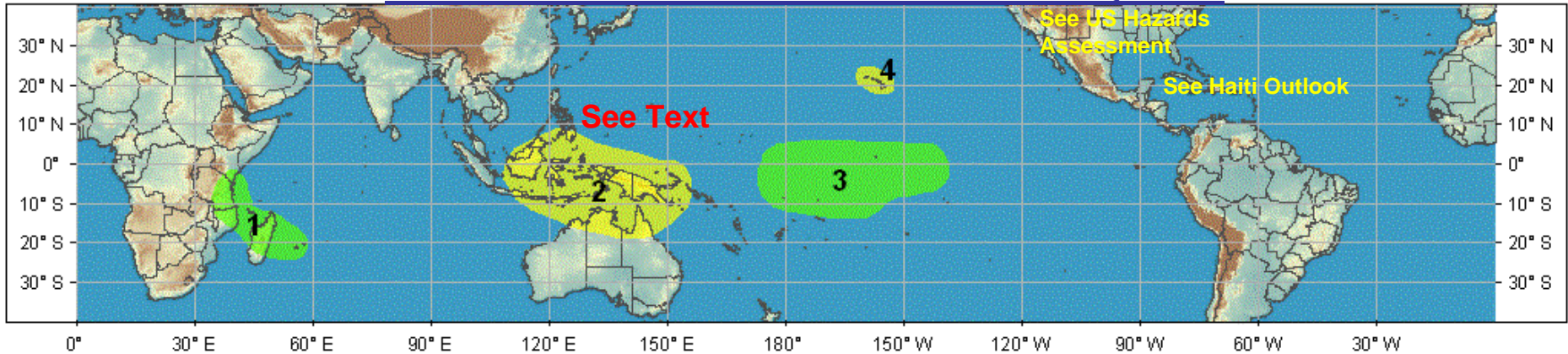
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## Week 2 Outlook – Valid: March 23 - 29, 2010



### Synopsis:

- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of east-central Africa, Madagascar and nearby waters.** Numerical weather forecast guidance indicates wet conditions for this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime continent and northern Australia.** El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the west-central Pacific.** El-Niño conditions favors above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii.** El-Niño conditions and numerical guidance favors suppressed rainfall. **Confidence: High**

**TEXT ITEM:** There is some potential for tropical cyclone development across the western Pacific during the late Week-1 to Week-2 period as indicated by some forecast tools. This threat is currently considered low.

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