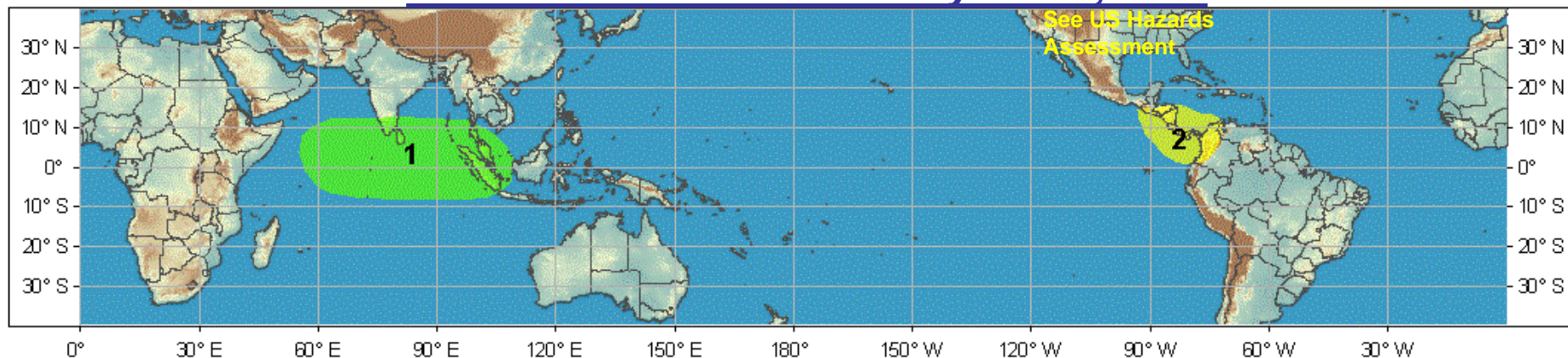


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: May 4 – 10, 2010



Synopsis:

- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia, and western Maritime Continent.** The enhanced convective phase of the MJO and numerical forecast guidance supports enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Central America.** The suppressed convective phase of the MJO is expected to contribute to reduced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

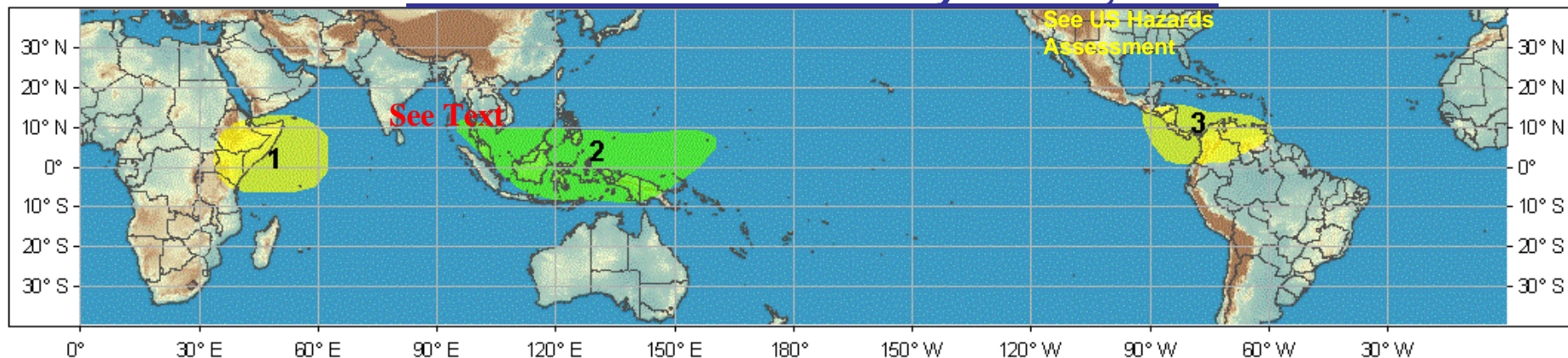
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: May 11 – 17, 2010



Synopsis:

- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Horn of Africa.** The suppressed convective phase of the MJO is expected to contribute to suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent.** The enhanced convective phase of the MJO and numerical forecast guidance supports enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Central America.** The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to contribute to suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

TEXT ITEM: There may be a window for tropical cyclone development across the Bay of Bengal. Forecast enhanced convection, warm SSTs, and low vertical wind shear across this region increases this threat. It is early in the season so the threat is considered low at the current time.

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