Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 1/2/2018

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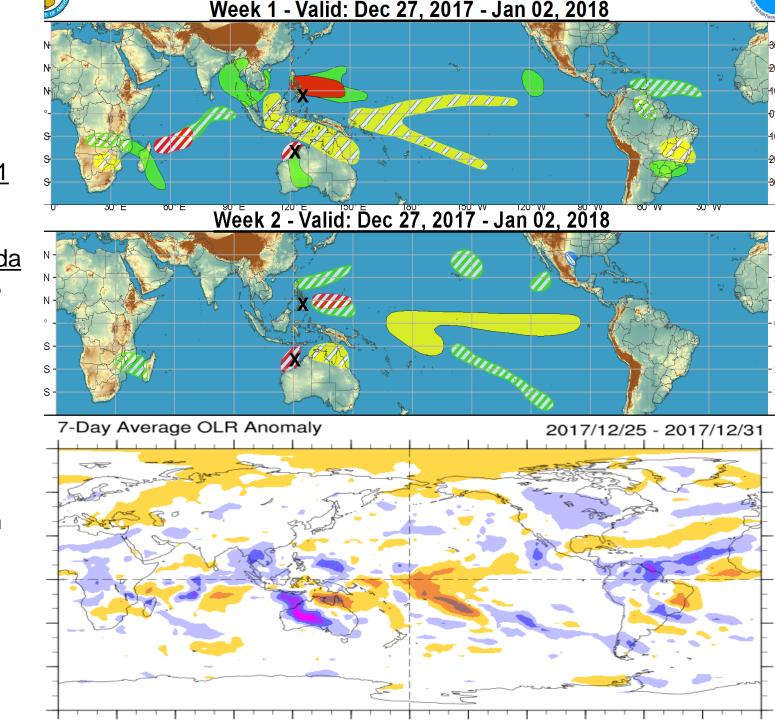
Outlook Review

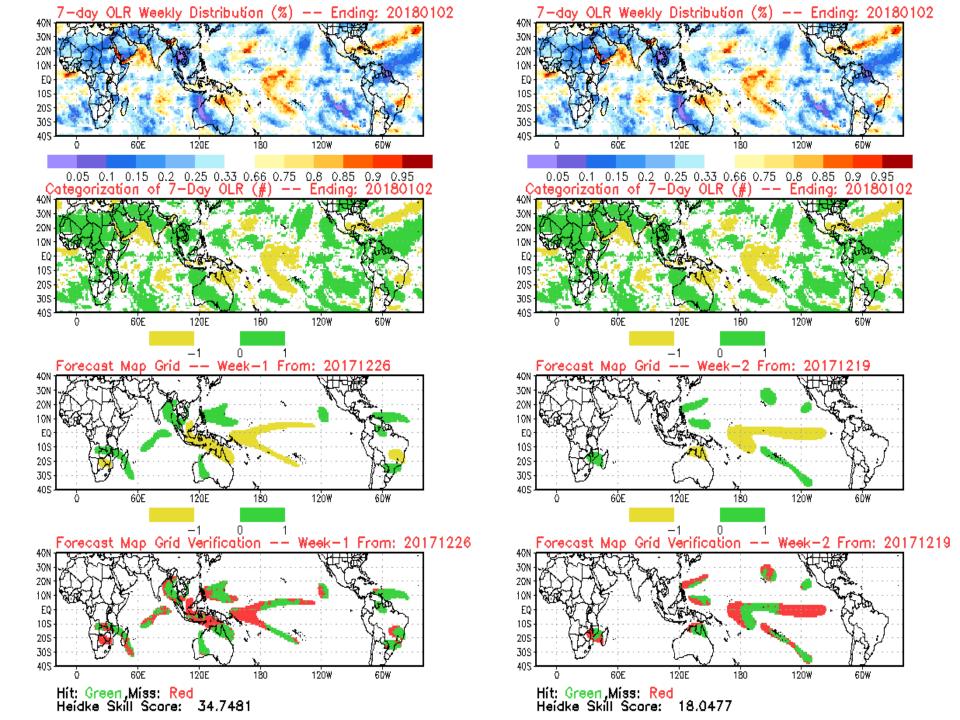
W. Pac: TD-1 1/1-Present

S. Ind: TS Hilda 12/27-12/28

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain





Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

- ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Advisory
- La Niña is likely (exceeding ~80%) through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2017-18, with a transition to ENSO-neutral most likely during the mid-to-late spring.

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The active phase of the MJO recently crossed Africa and has reached the Indian Ocean.
- Dynamical models portray eastward propagation of the MJO envelope across the Indian Ocean the next two weeks, after a brief delay due to equatorial Rossby wave activity near the start of the forecast period.

Extratropics:

• Robust circulation responses across North America from MJO presence over the Indian Ocean are fairly common during boreal winter. However, dynamical model guidance indicates that the forecast pattern is unlikely to match typical expectations of such a scenario (troughing over Alaska and the West, ridging over the East), suggesting other modes of variability may be driving the observed circulation.



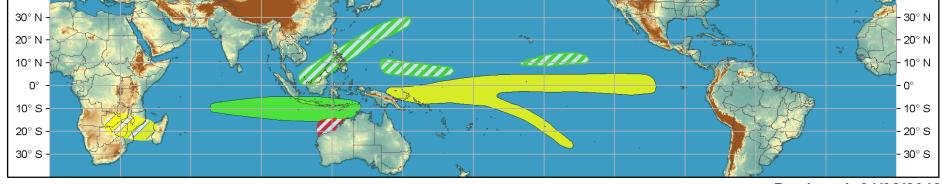
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Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures











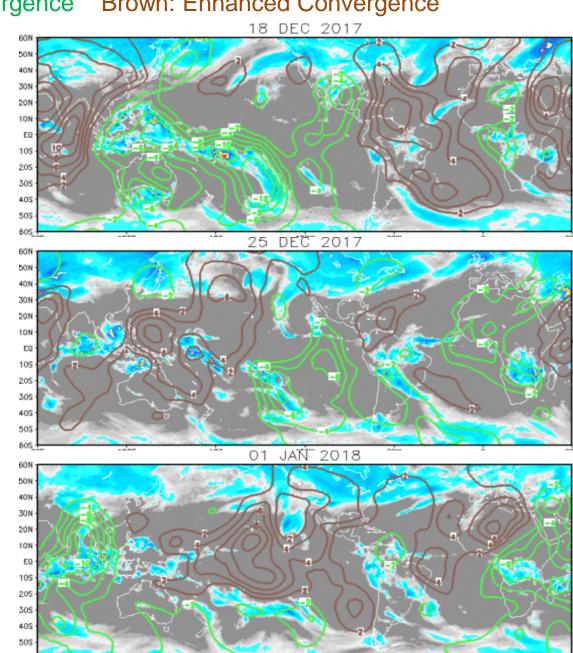
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

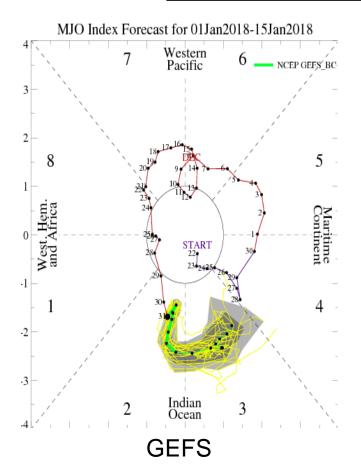
Constructive interference between a Rossby wave and the MJO over the West Pacific yielded a more organized response.

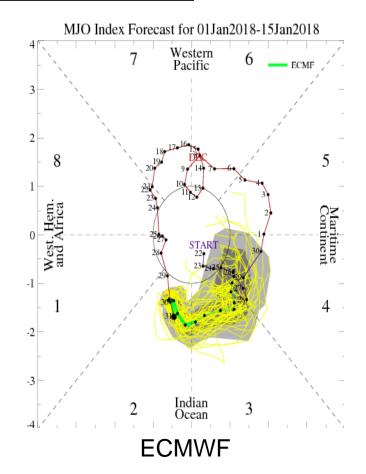
Weaker projection as the MJO traverses the Western Hemisphere and interferes with the base state.

Reversion to wave-1 structure with enhanced convection over Africa and the Indian Ocean.



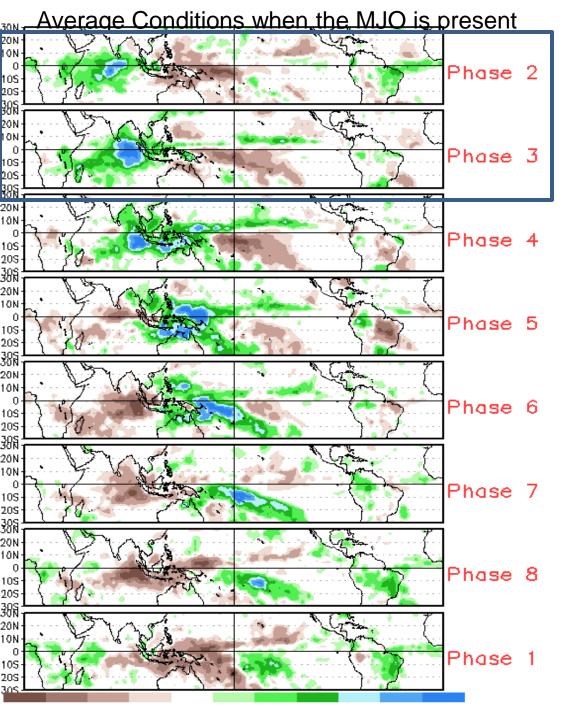
MJO Observation/Forecast





MJO signal forecast to weaken and stagnate initially (tied to Rossby wave activity), before reaching the eastern Indian Ocean during Week-2. The faster ECMWF solution approaches the Maritime Continent.

Note: These are 1-day old.



CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

ER MJO 23 Oct Low Contours at 3 x10⁶ m2 s-1 6 Nov 6 20 Nov 4 Dec 18 Dec MJO pushing into the Indian Ocean. **Equatorial Rossby** Begin Forecast 1 Jan wave activity is favored near 90W, that would slow the 15 Jan RMM index progression. Low frequency La Niña 29 Jan footprint remains anchored 60E 120E 180 120W 60W near the Date Line. x10^6 m2 s-1 -18 -14 -10 10

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9 Oct

CHI200 with CFS forecasts

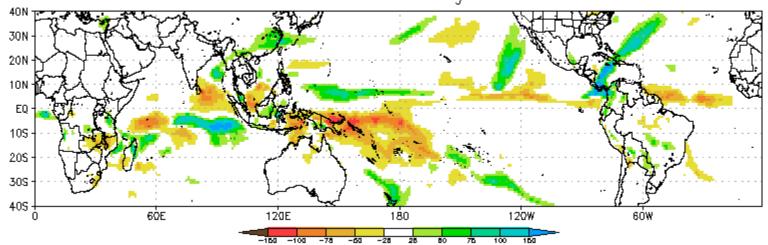
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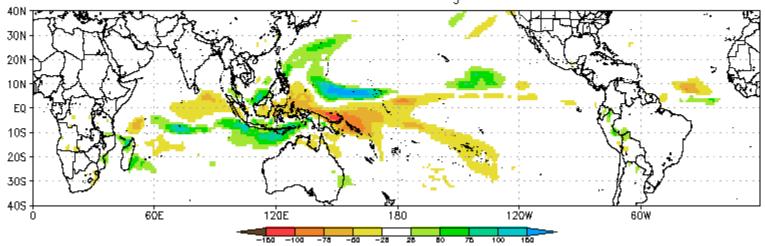
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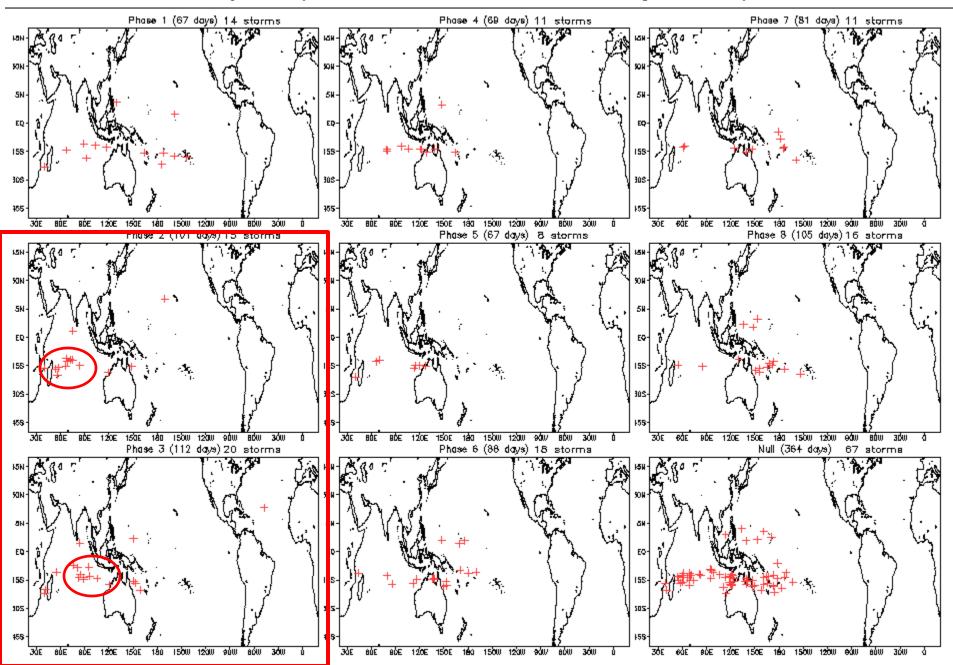
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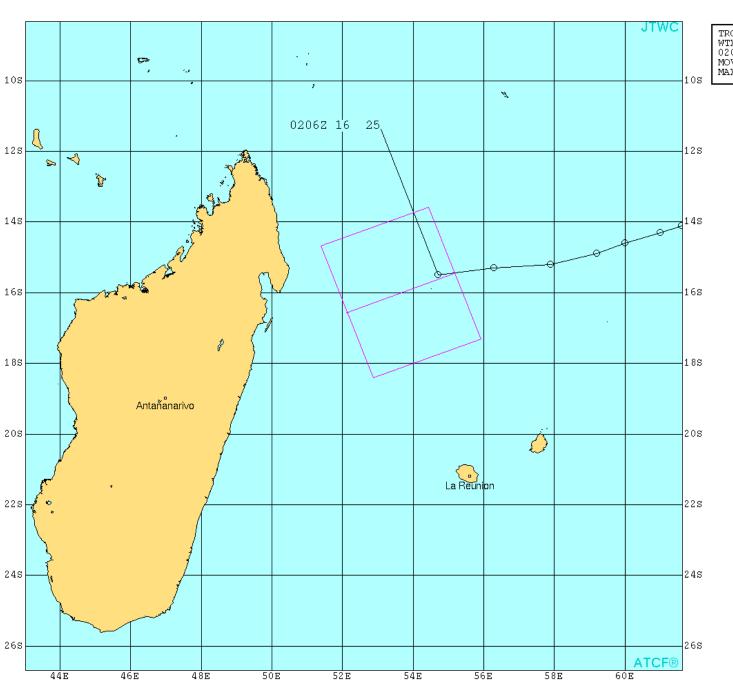


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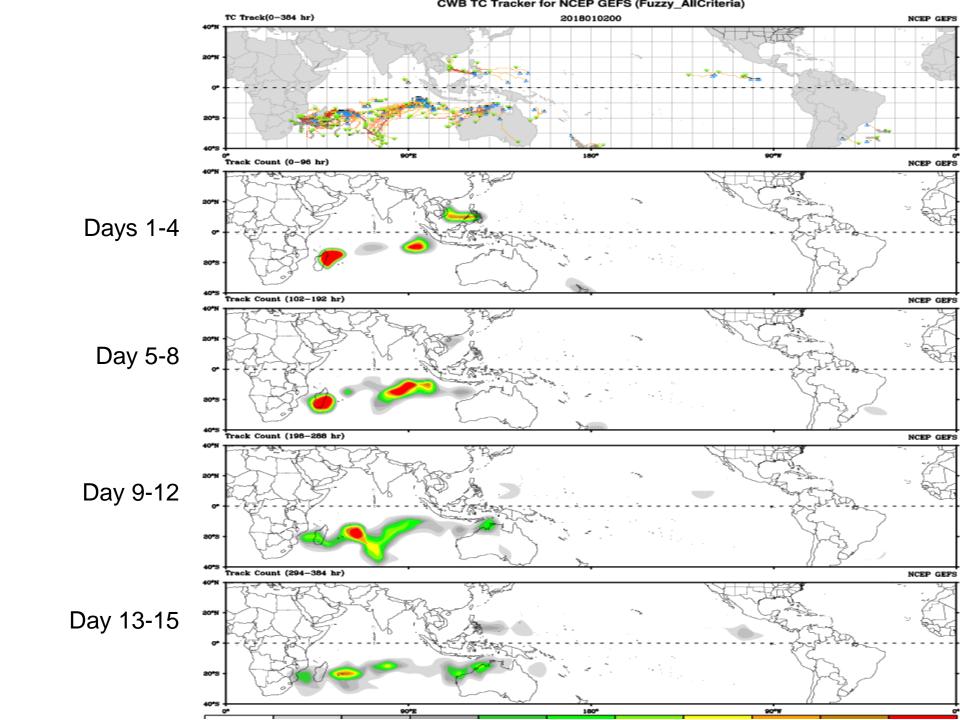
January Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase



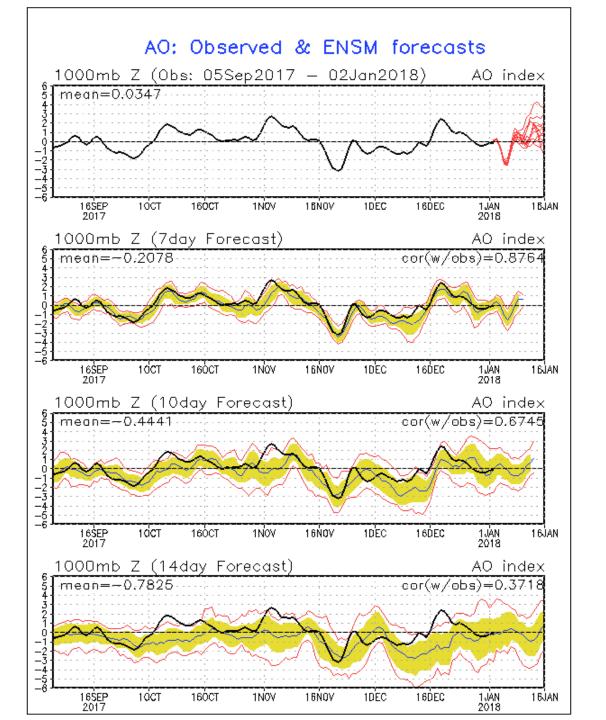


TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMATION ALERT
WTXS21 PGTW 020930
020600Z POSITION: NEAR 15.5S 54.7E
MOVING WESTWARD AT 16 KNOTS
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS: 23 TO 28 KNOTS





Connections to U.S. Impacts



RMM Phase 2 200-hPa Height Lagged Composite (djf) Lag=3 Lag=0 80N 70N 60N 50N 40 N 30N 20N 10N ΕQ 10S 160W 120W 8ÓW 4ÓW 160W 120W 120E 160E 120E 160E 8ÓW 4ÓW Lag=4Lag=180N 70N 60N 50N 40 N 30N 20N 10N ΕQ 10S 160W 120W 160E 120W 8ÓW 4ÖW 120E 160E 160W 8ÓW 120E 40W Lag=2Lag=5 80N 70N 60N 50N 40 N 30N 20N 10N ΕQ

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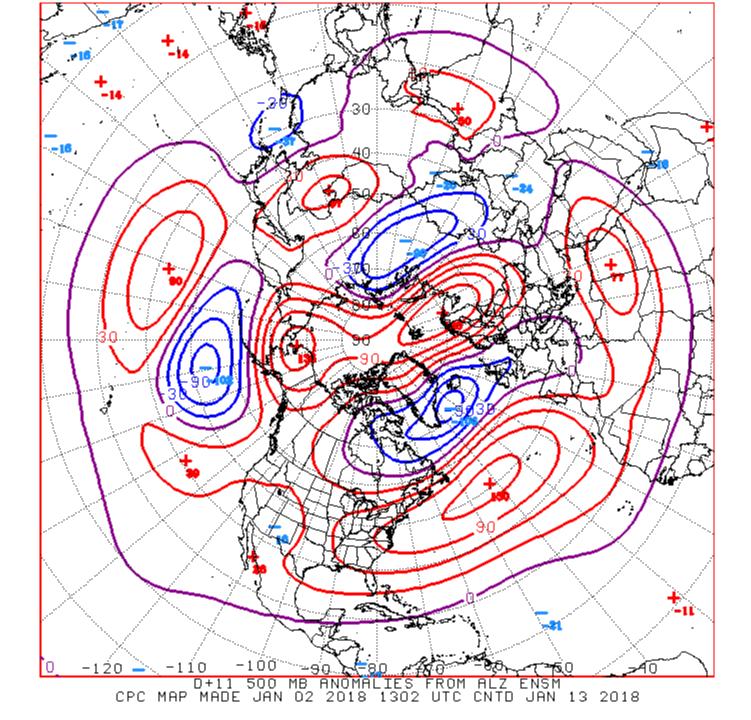
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160W

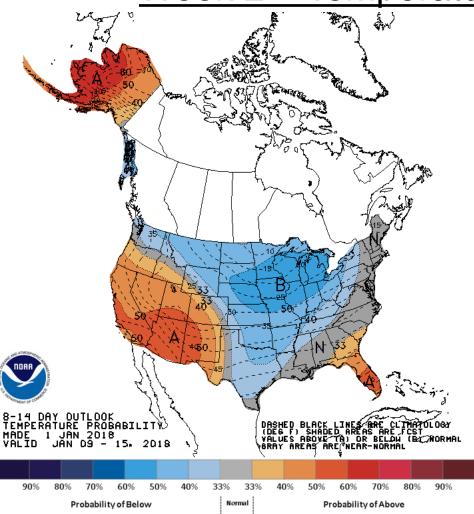
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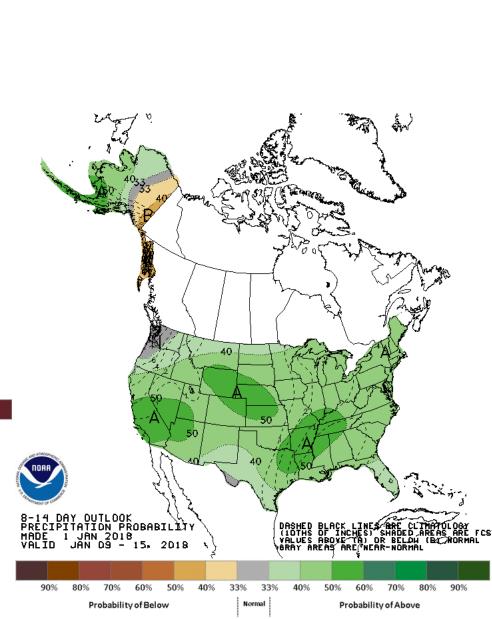
4ÓW



Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



Today: Likely warmer out west, as models favor more ridging.





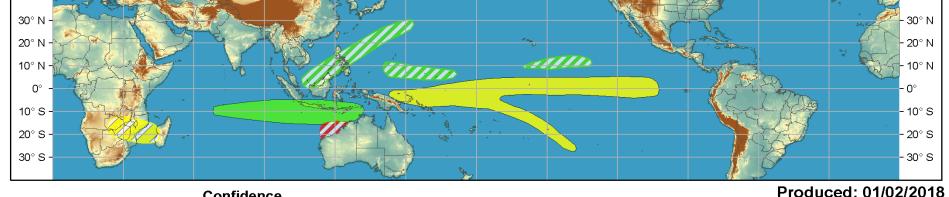
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