

# Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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# Outlook Review

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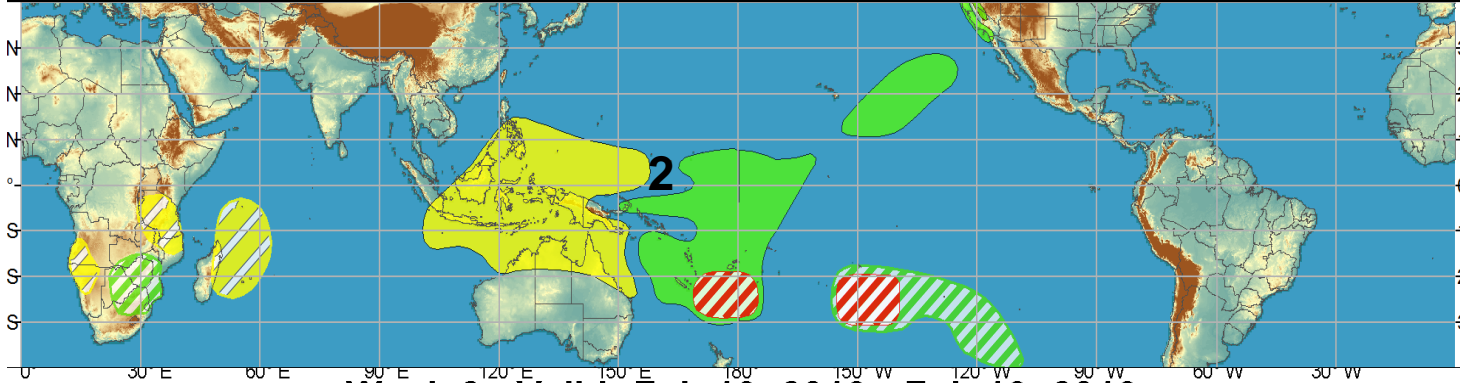
2/18-present  
30 kt winds

WNW track south  
of Guam is forecast

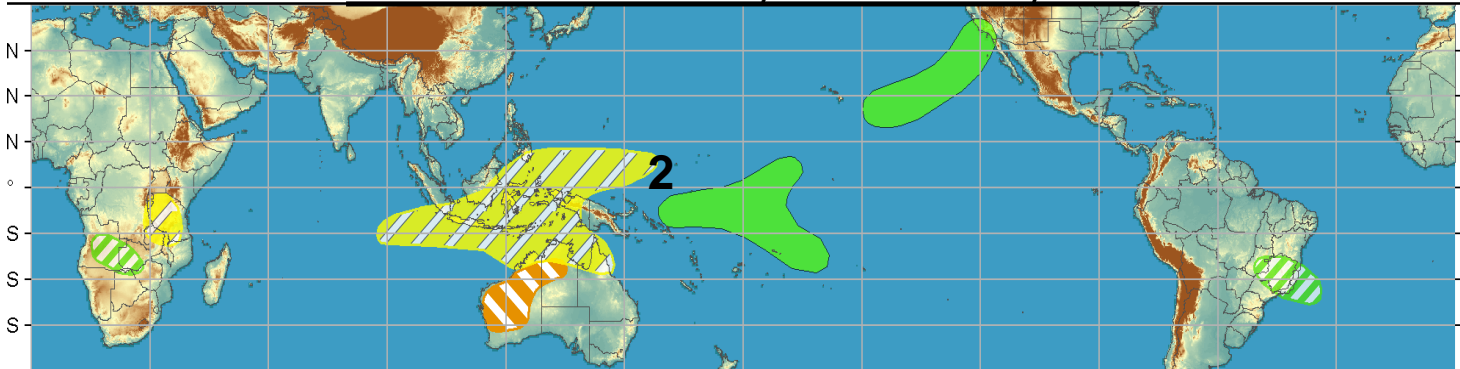
Cool shading  
More clouds/rain

Warm shading  
Less clouds/rain

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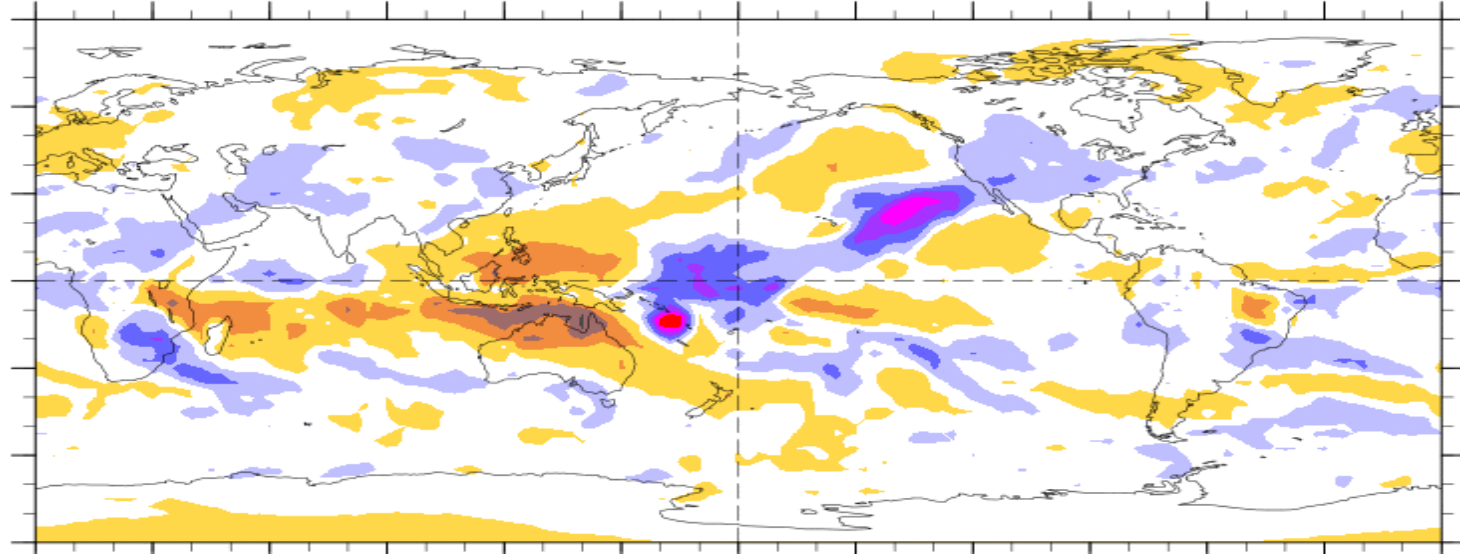


Week 2 - Valid: Feb 13, 2019 - Feb 19, 2019



7-Day Average OLR Anomaly

2019/02/11 - 2019/02/17



# Synopsis of Climate Modes

## **ENSO: (14 February, 2019 update)**

- [ENSO Alert System Status](#): **El Niño Advisory**
- Weak El Niño conditions are present and are expected to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring 2019 (~55% chance).

## **MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:**

- The MJO has showed signs of finally pushing east from near the Date Line.
- Model guidance is split on propagating the MJO across the Western Hemisphere in Week-1 and reaching the Indian Ocean in Week-2, while some models weaken the MJO in place over the Central Pacific during the next two weeks. The former solution is favored here (Phase 8/1 during Week-1, Phase 1/2 during Week-2).

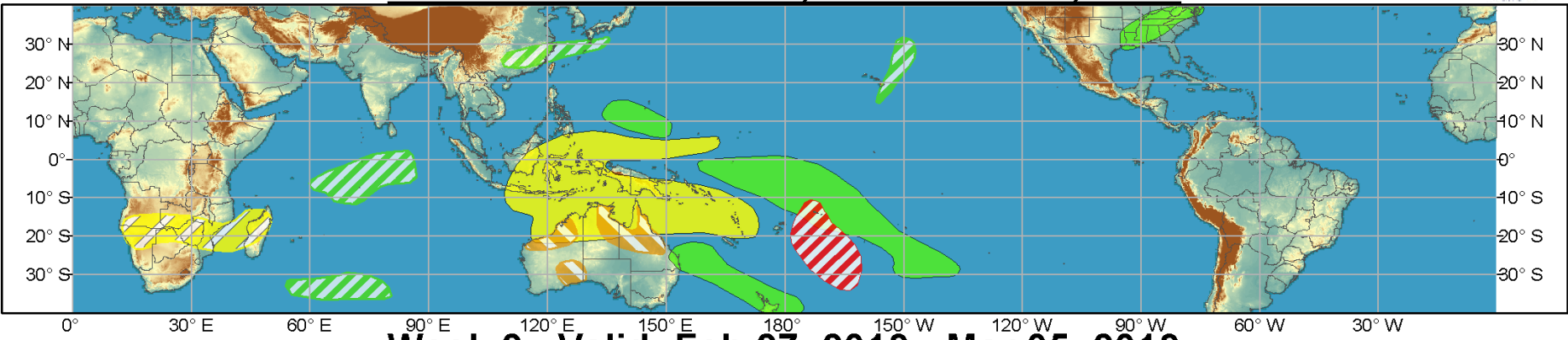
## **Extratropics:**

- The lagged response to the MJO crossing the Date Line is increased mid-level troughing across much of the lower-48 states. The cold currently favored in the extended range outlook for much of the country closely mirrors this perspective.

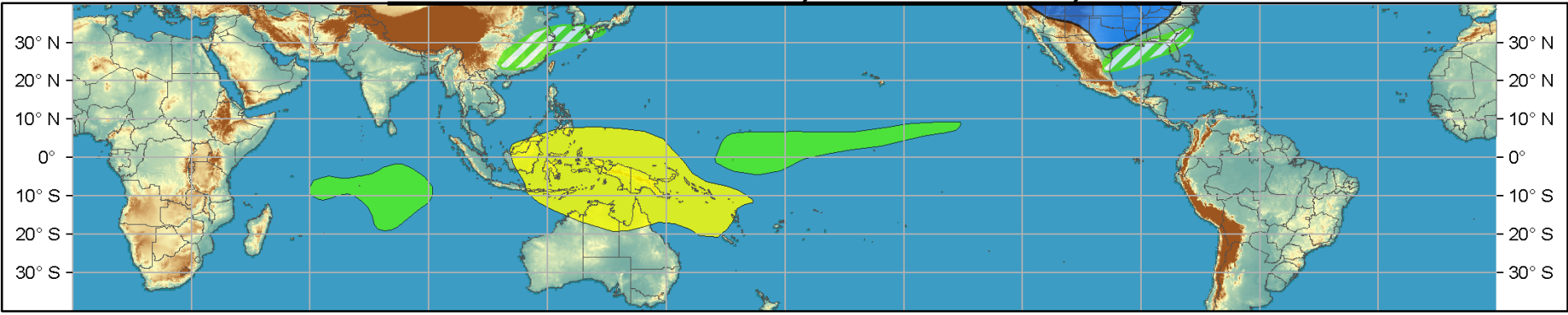


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## Week 1 - Valid: Feb 20, 2019 - Feb 26, 2019



## Week 2 - Valid: Feb 27, 2019 - Mar 05, 2019



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# IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

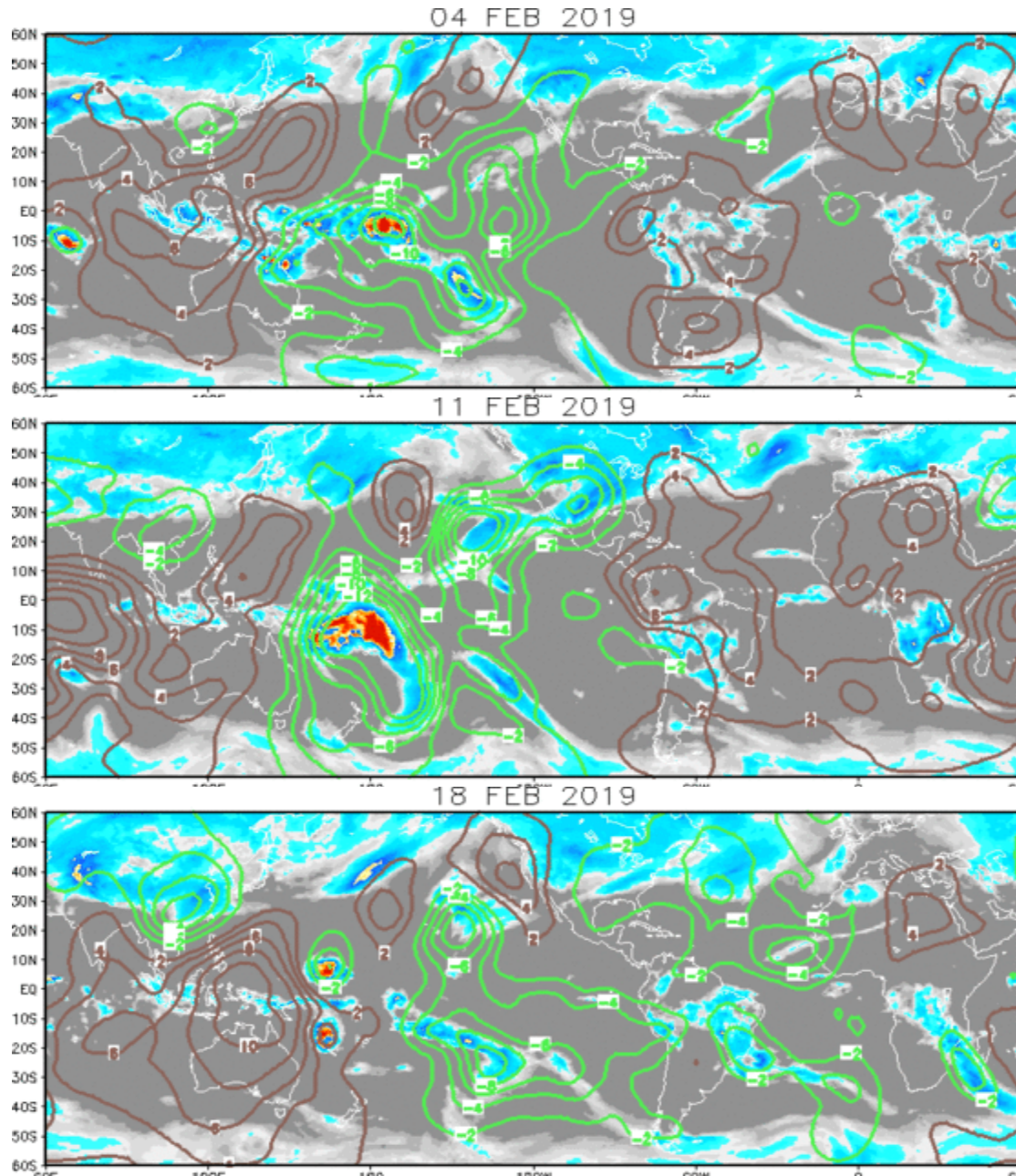
Green: Enhanced Divergence

Brown: Enhanced Convergence

Relatively wave-1 pattern, with the MJO approaching the Date Line.

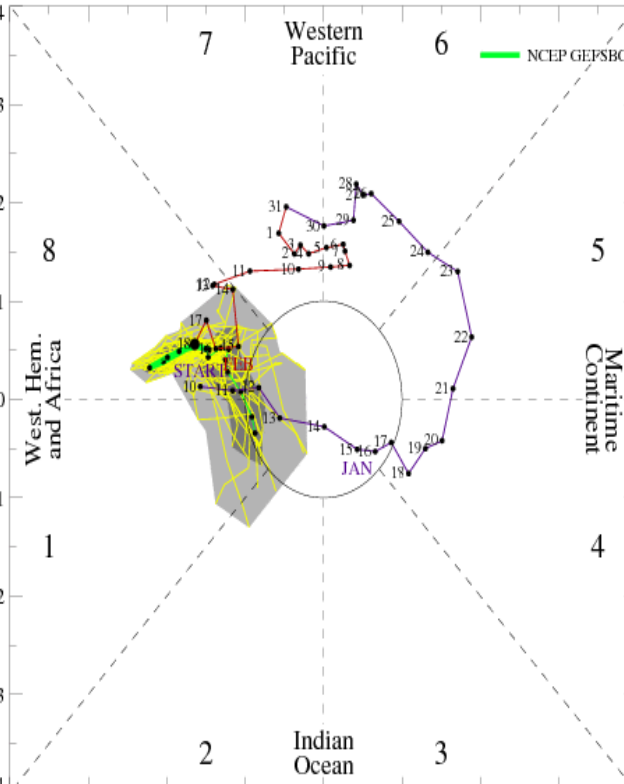
Constructive interference of El Niño, MJO, and Rossby wave activity near Date Line. Convection extending into subtropics of both hemispheres.

MJO shifts into the eastern half of the Pacific, with its suppressed phase helping to somewhat dampen convection from El Niño.



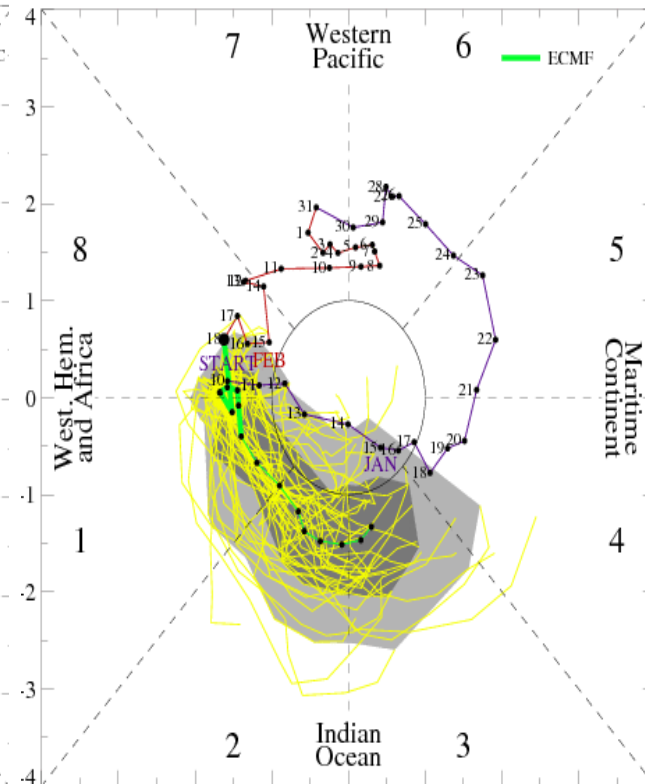
# MJO Observation/Forecast

[RMM1, RMM2] forecast for Feb-19-2019 to Mar-05-2019



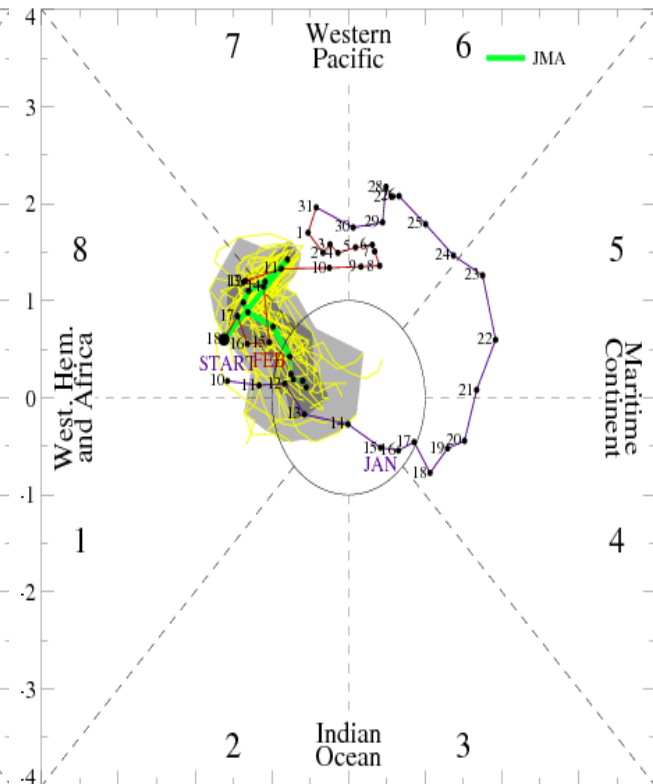
GEFS

MJO Index Forecast for 19Feb2019-05Mar2019



ECMWF

MJO Index Forecast for 19Feb2019-27Feb2019

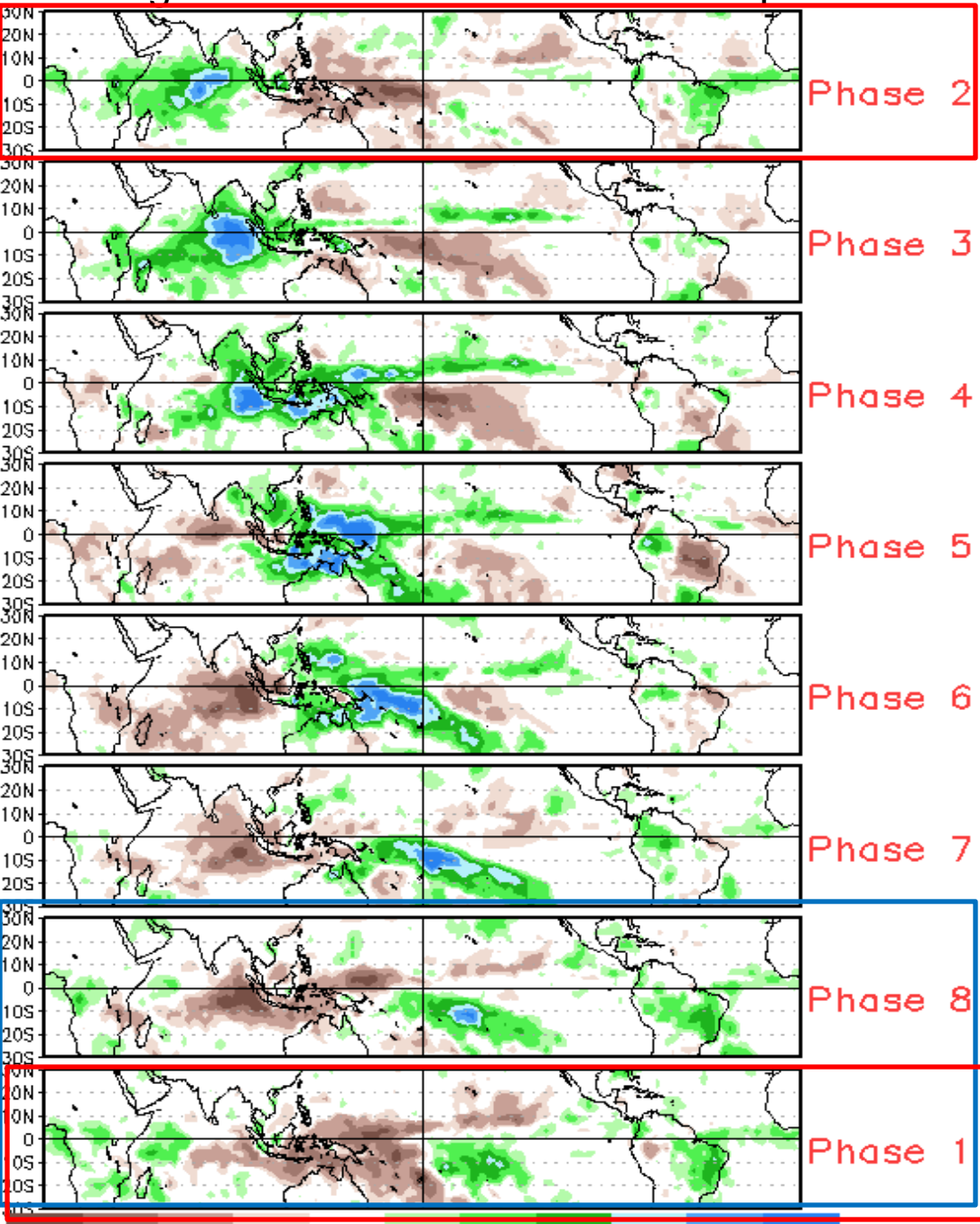


JMA

Models that are coupled with the ocean (ECMWF, and the CFS which is not shown) maintain its strength and propagate the MJO through the Western Hemisphere in Week-1, and bring the MJO into the western Indian Ocean during Week-2.

Models that are not coupled with the ocean (GEFS, JMA, and the Canadian which is not shown) show the MJO slowly decaying in place. These appear to over-emphasize equatorial Rossby wave activity and miss out on the main intraseasonal signal.

# Average Conditions when the MJO is present

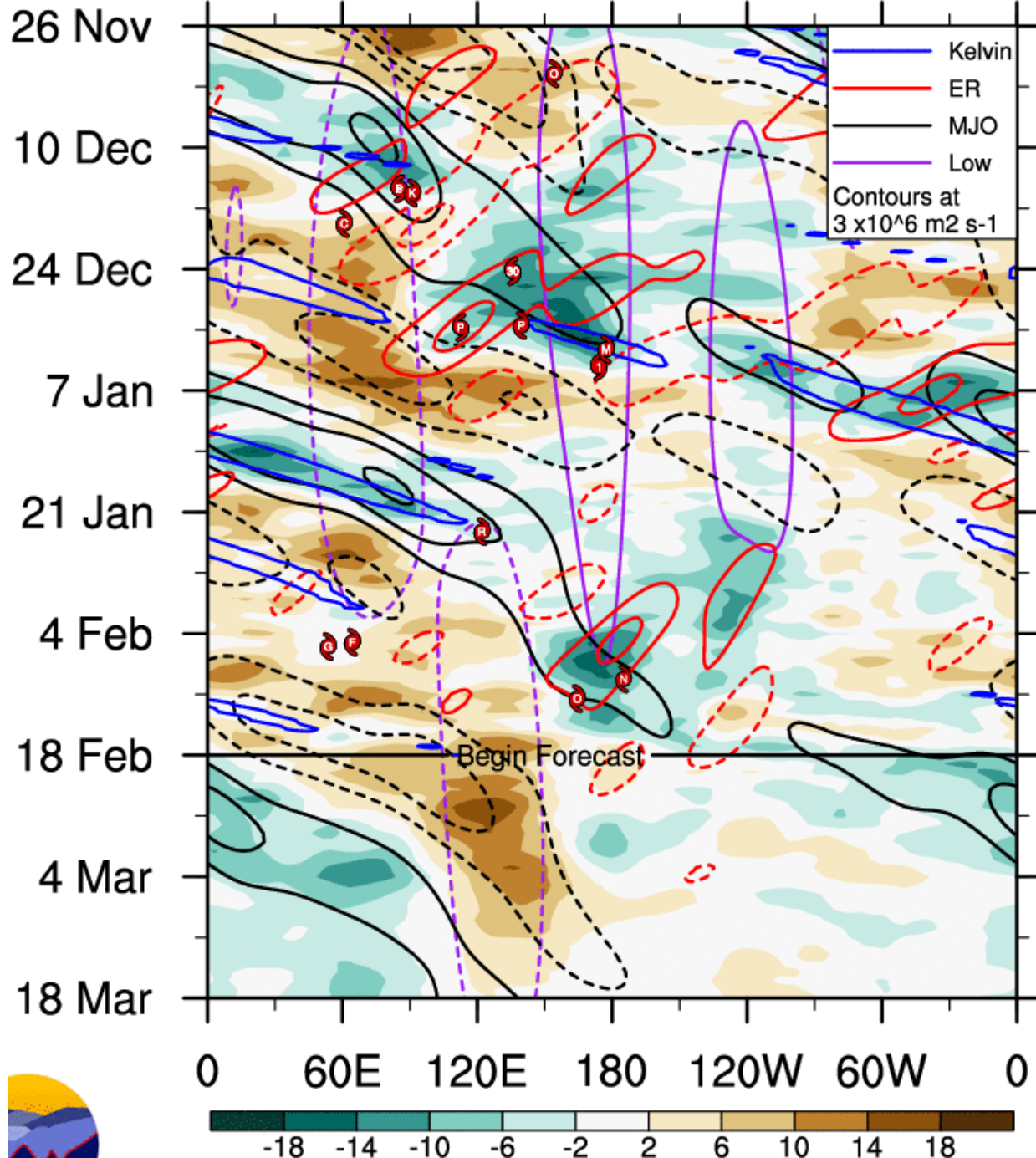


Week-1: Phases 8/1  
Week-2: Phases 1/2

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

# CHI200 with CFS forecasts

5S - 5N



The **low frequency** state (El Niño) is influencing the Maritime Continent through Central Pacific.

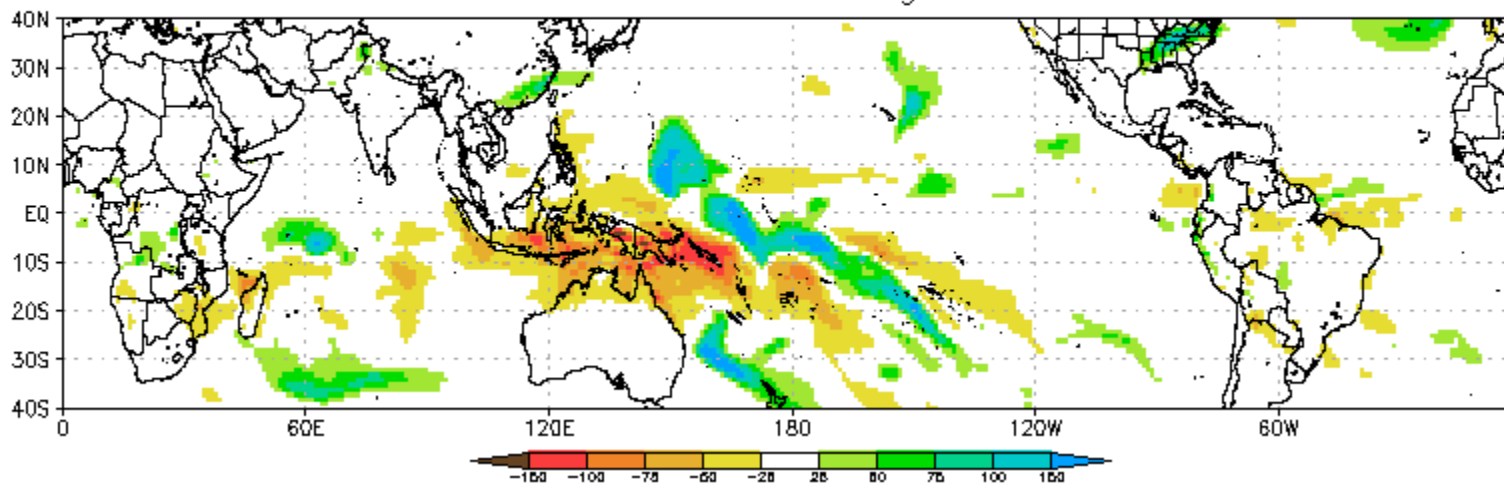
The enhanced phase of the **MJO** is pushing into East Pacific, with its suppressed phase constructively interfering with already reduced Maritime Continent convection from **El Niño**.

**Rossby wave** activity continues in the Pacific.

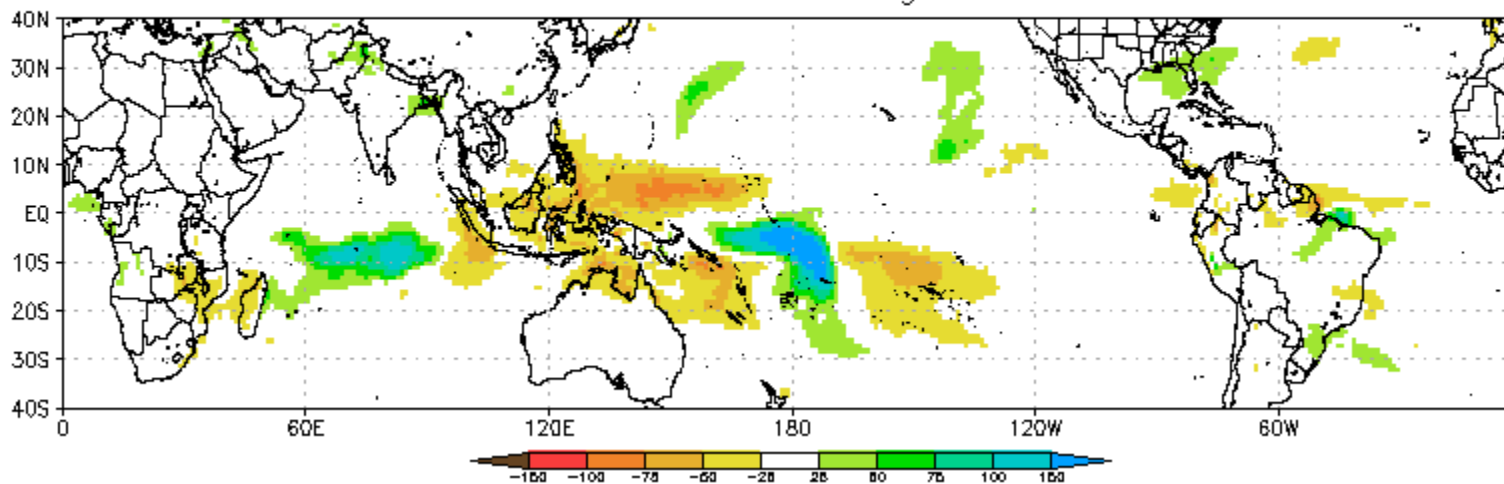




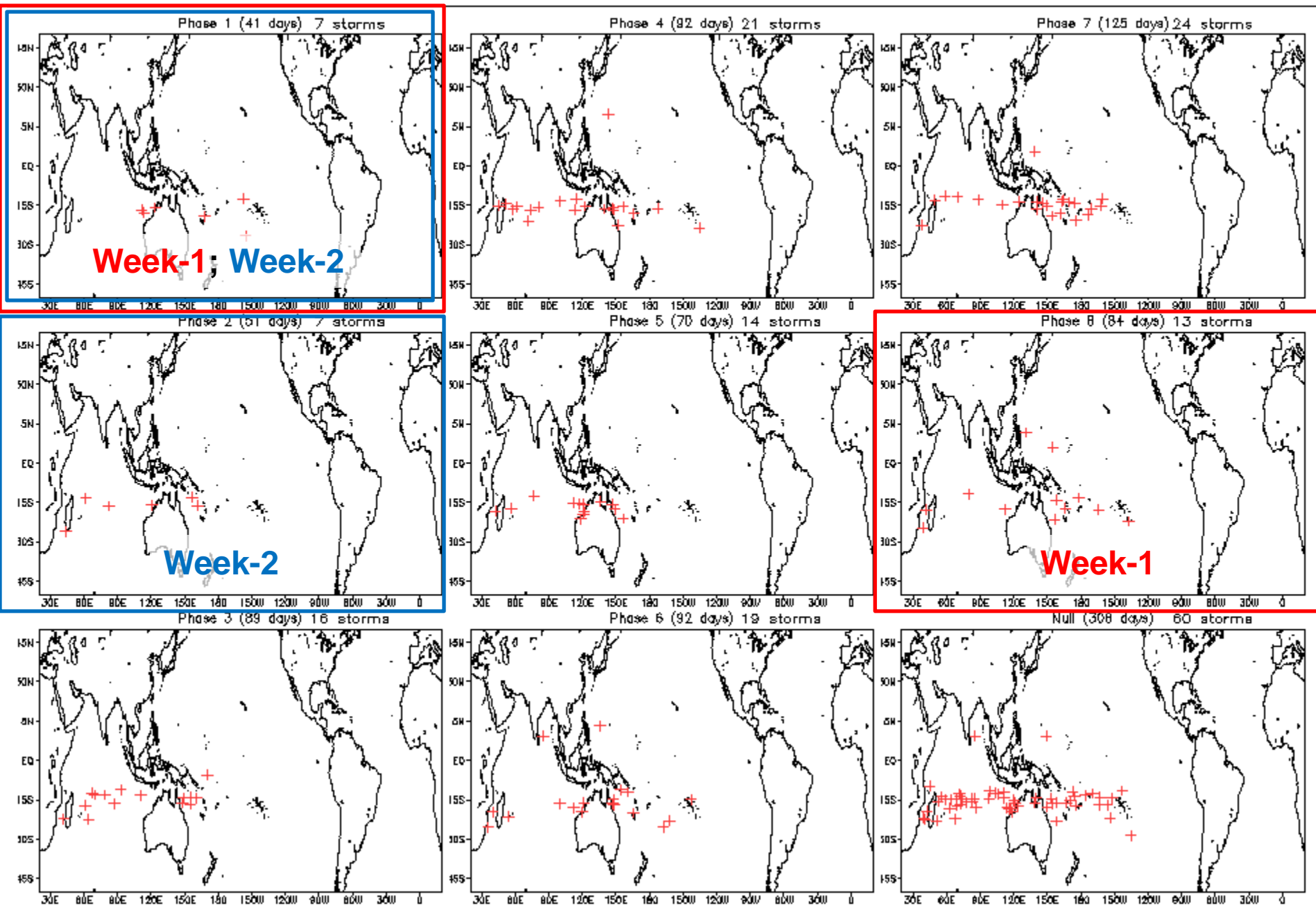
CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 18Feb2019  
Week-1 Forecast Ending 26Feb2019



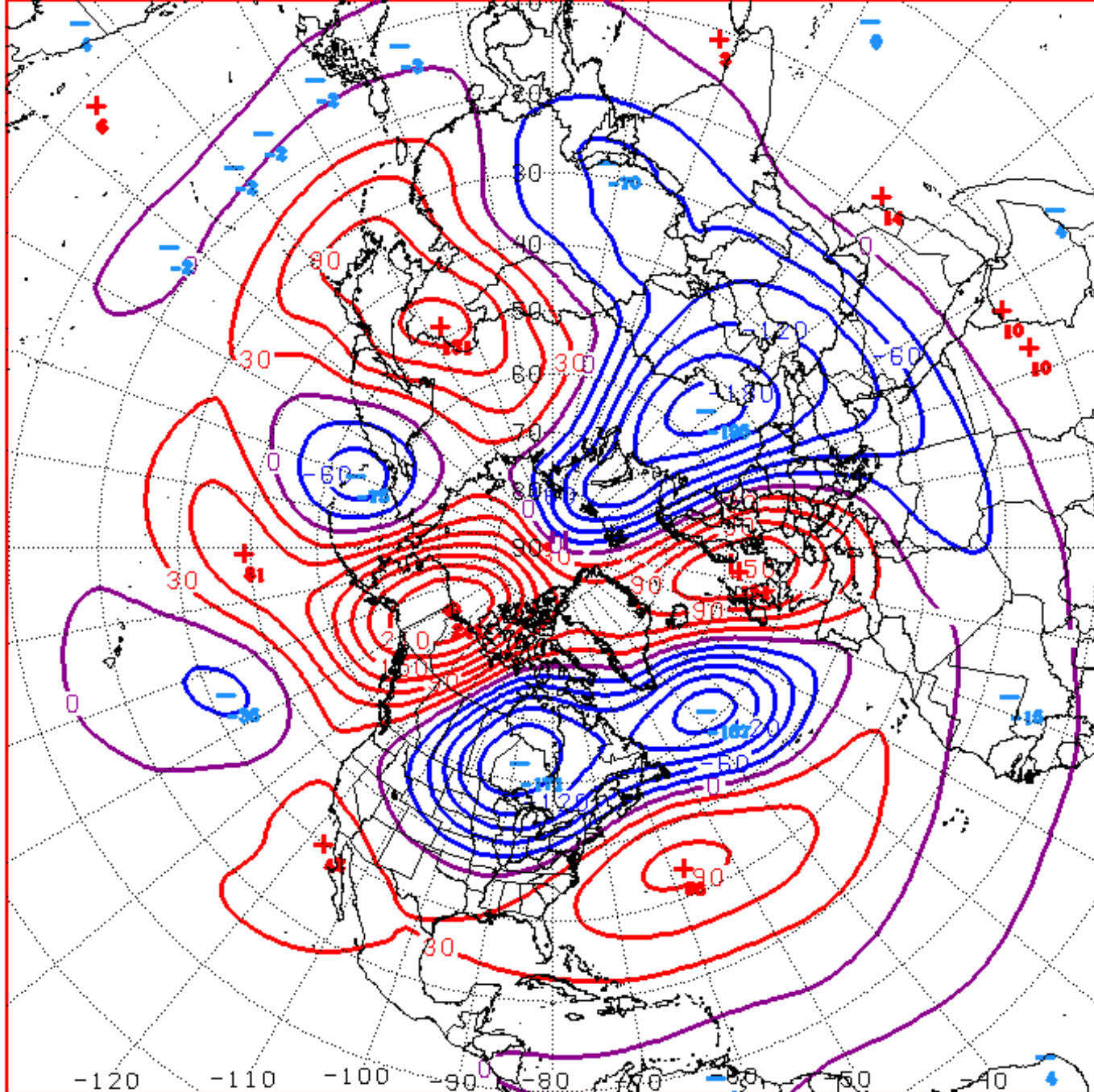
CFS Precipitation Anomalies (mm) Issued 18Feb2019  
Week-2 Forecast Ending 05Mar2019



# February Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase

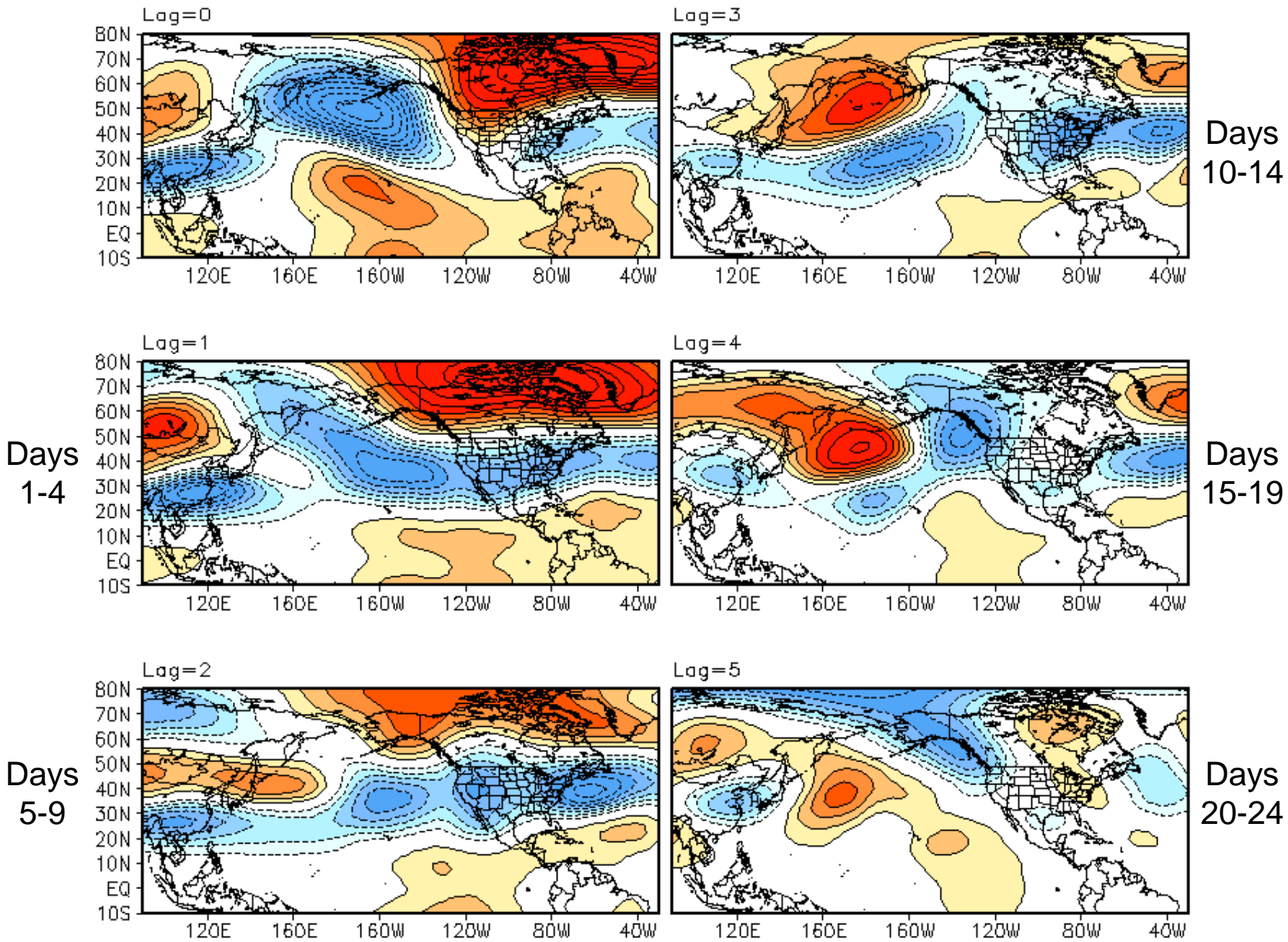


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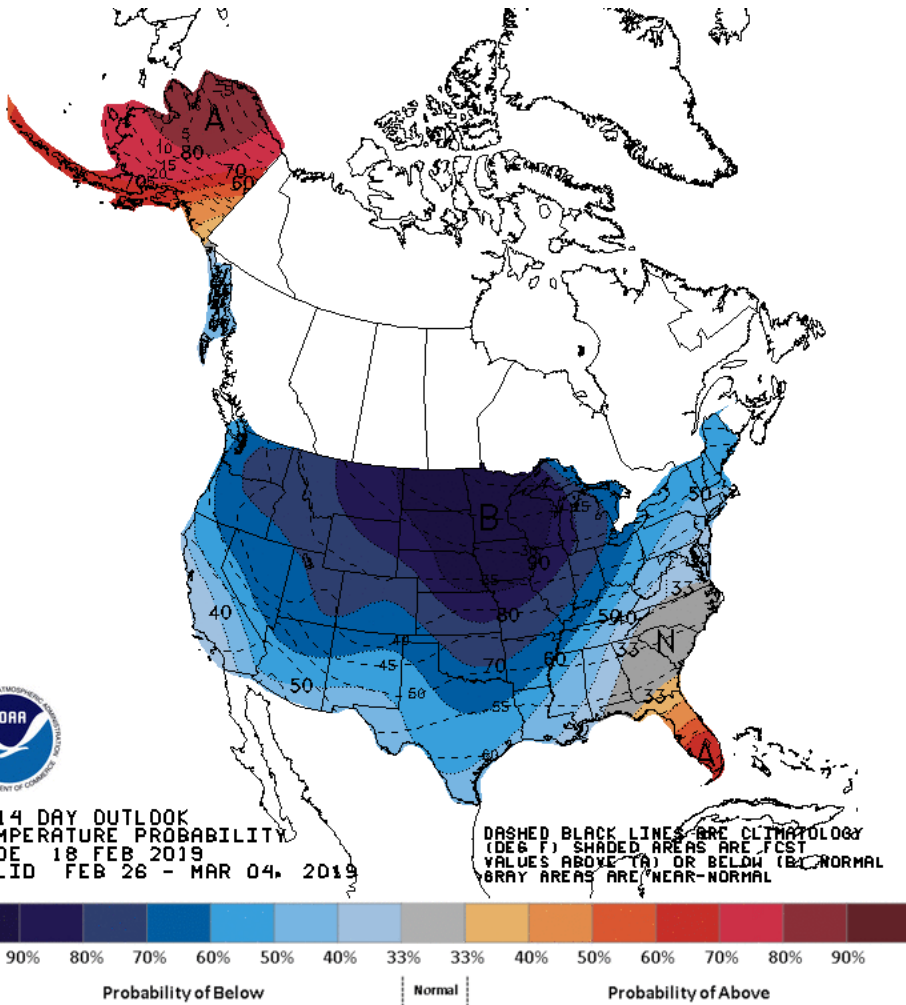


D+11 500 MB ANOMALIES FROM 00Z ECMM  
 CPC MAP MADE FEB 19 2019 1053 UTC CNTD MAR 02 2019

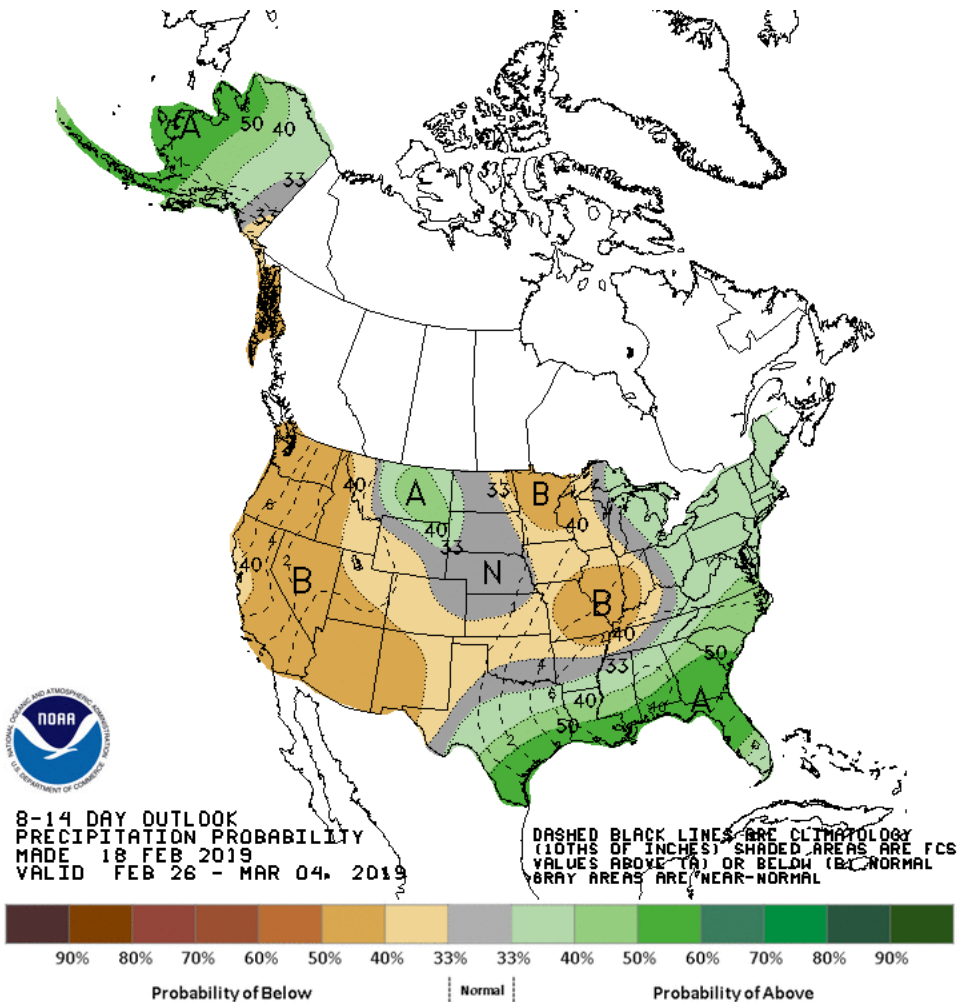
# RMM Phase 8 200-hPa Height Lagged Composite (jfm)



# Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation



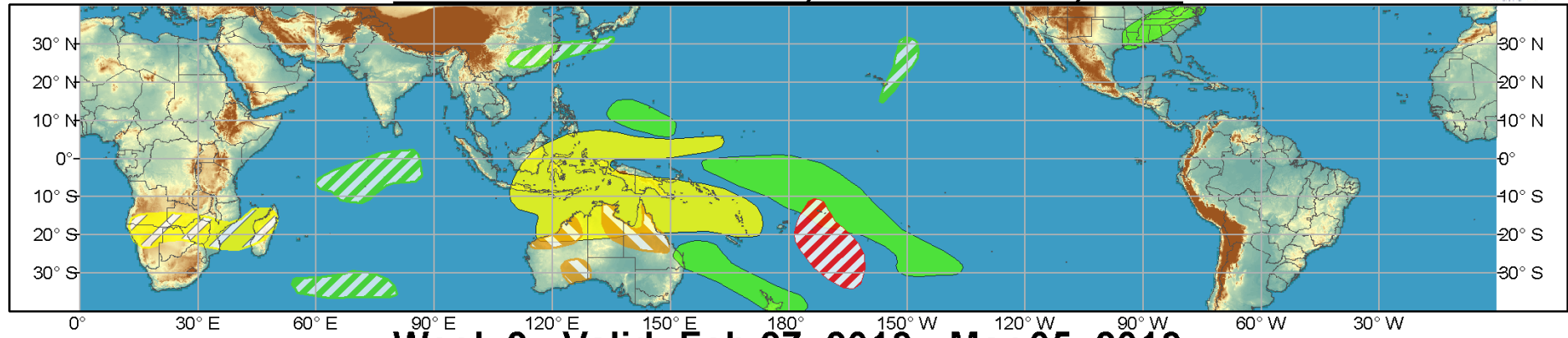
Today's outlooks are unlikely to change much from yesterday's.



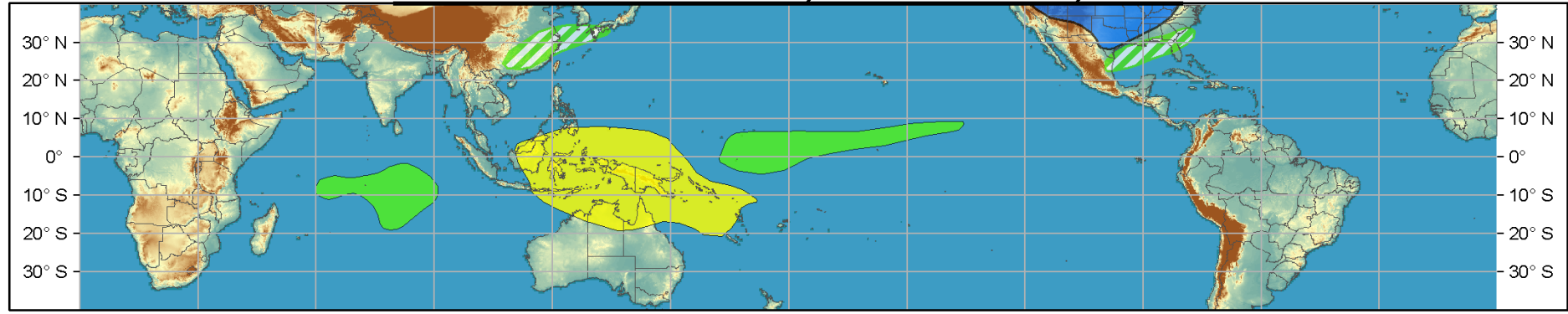


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