Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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<u>Outline</u>

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- 2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
- 3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
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<u>Outlook</u> <u>Review</u>

<u>Savannah</u>

3/14-present Peak winds: 100 kt

<u>Trevor</u> 3/17-present Peak winds: 100 kt

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

El Niño-Southern Oscillation: (March 14th Update)

- ENSO Alert System Status: <u>El Niño Advisory</u>
- Weak El Niño conditions are likely to continue through the Northern Hemisphere spring 2019 (~80% chance) and summer (~60% chance).

Madden-Julian Oscillation and other subseasonal tropical variability:

• The MJO was over the Maritime Continent during the past 7 days, with mixed signals as to its intensity depending upon the analysis used to define its presence.

• Dynamical models maintain a weak MJO from the real-time multivariate MJO index perspective, but there is reason to believe the MJO will cross the Maritime Continent into the West Pacific late in Week-1 or early in Week-2.

Extratropics:

• Some superposition of the MJO and El Niño is possible during Week-2, which would potentially help to extend the subtropical jet over the Pacific and increase the flow of moisture into the Southwestern U.S.



Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

Below-normal temperatures

Forecaster: D.Harnos Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

Weekly total rainfall in the upper third of the historical range.

Weekly total rainfall in the lower third of the historical range.

7-day mean temperatures in the upper third of the historical range.

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Product is updated once per week, except from 6/1 - 11/30 for the region from 120E to 0, 0 to 40N. The product targets broad scale conditions integrated over a 7-day period for US interests only. Consult your local responsible forecast agency.











IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

Wave-1 pattern developed as the MJO became more established.

Still a Wave-1 pattern, but the amplitude of the convection over the eastern Indian Ocean weakened as a Kelvin wave emerged into the Pacific.

MJO and El Niño signals begin to blur together, while the Kelvin wave is now apparent over the East Pacific.



The **low frequency** state has favored enhanced convection near the Date Line since 2018.

The **MJO** is over the Maritime Continent, and becomes harder to discern from the **low frequency** state over the next 2 weeks.

The aforementioned Kelvin wave is over the Western hemisphere, nearly 180° out of phase with the **MJO**.



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MJO Observation/Forecast



All major dynamical models support continued weakness of the MJO, with some eastward propagation over the next two weeks.

Average Conditions when the MJO is present



Week-1: Phases 5/6 Week-2: Phase 6

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of *robust* MJO events.







Connections to U.S. Impacts





Note the low frequency contour (purple line) over the Northeast Pacific throughout, associated with anomalous westerlies.

The MJO contour (**black line**), also associated with anomalous westerlies, is offshore in Week-1 and intersects the Pacific Coast during Week-2.

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7-day UWND200 with CFS forecasts

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