Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 3/24/2020

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- 3. GTH Outlook and Forecast Discussion
- 4. Connections to U.S. Impacts

Global Tropics Hazards and Benefits Outlook - Climate Prediction Center Outlook Week 1 - Valid: Mar 18, 2020 - Mar 24, 2020 Review 30° N 30° N 20° N -20° N 10° N 10° N 10° S 10° S 20° S -20° S 30° S 30° S Week 2 - Valid: Mar 180°, 2020 - Mar 24, 2020 60° E 30° W 30° N 20° N 10° N 10° S 10° S 20° S 20° S 30° S 30° S 7-Day Average OLR Anomaly 2020/03/16 - 2020/03/22 Cool shading More clouds/rain Warm shading Less clouds/rain 150W 30E 60E 90E 120E 150E 180 120W 90W 60W 30W

Base Period: 1981-2010

-70

NOAA/ESRL/PSD

Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: (March 12, 2020 Update) next update on 9th of Apr.!

- ENSO Alert System Status: Not Active
- ENSO-neutral is favored for the Northern Hemisphere spring 2020 (~65% chance), continuing through summer 2020 (~55% chance).

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- A fast, eastward propagating signal is clearly apparent in the wind field, especially upper levels. Period is ~20 days, which is much faster than a canonical MJO.
- Global convective anomalies do not reflect robust MJO activity. The low frequency state (enhanced I.O. and West Pacific) remain the primary drivers.
- Model forecasts depict a continued rapid eastward progression of the signal in the wind field, with the convective pattern remaining fairly stationary.
- Given the lack of a coherent response to the fast intraseasonal signal in the tropical convective field and the time of year, the MJO is not anticipated to strongly impact the midlatitude circulation.

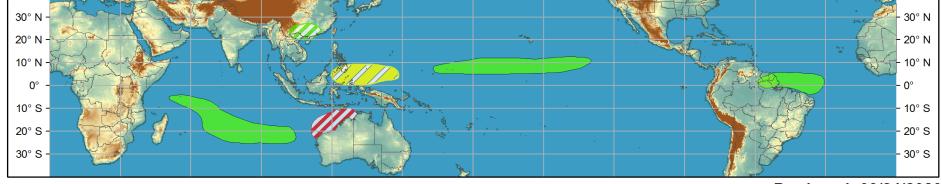
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Week 2 - Valid: Apr 01, 2020 - Apr 07, 2020



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Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

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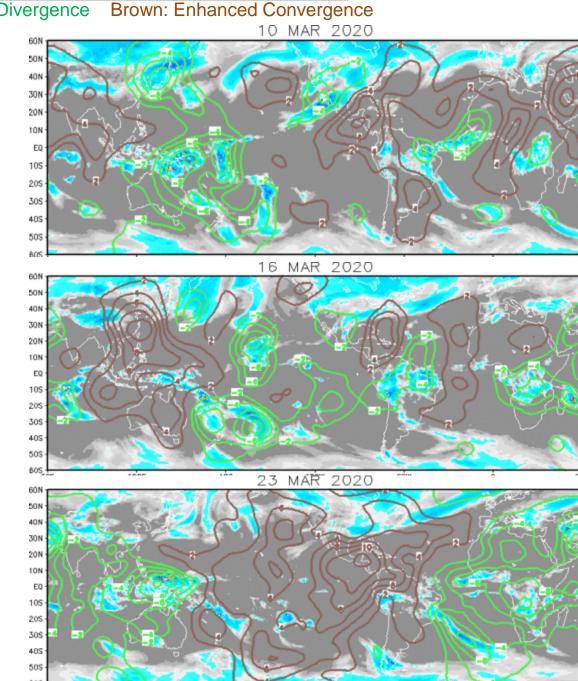
IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence

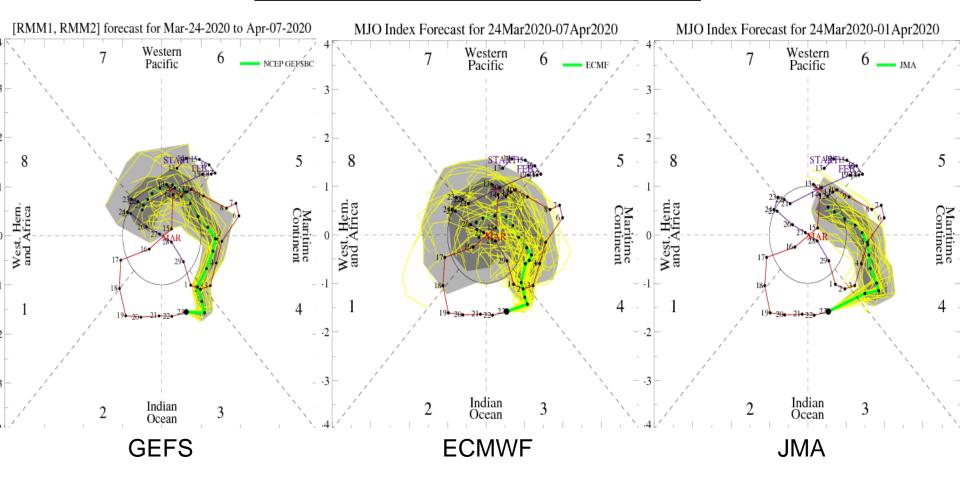
The upper-level pattern became more chaotic as the enhanced signal raced to the Pacific.

The pattern remained fairly weak. Note the fast movement of the enhanced "envelope" across the Pacific.

Similar to the beginning of March, the signal has become more coherent as the enhanced envelope returned to the Western Hemisphere/I.O.

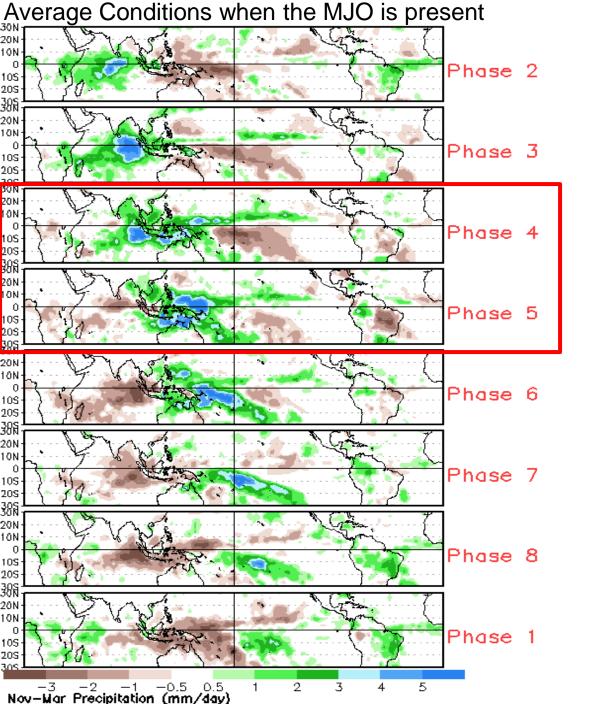


MJO Observation/Forecast



All models depict eastward propagation of the signal, somewhat consistent with MJO activity.

The ECMWF is the fastest and weakest, consistent with an event not well coupled to convection.



Week-1: Phases 4/5

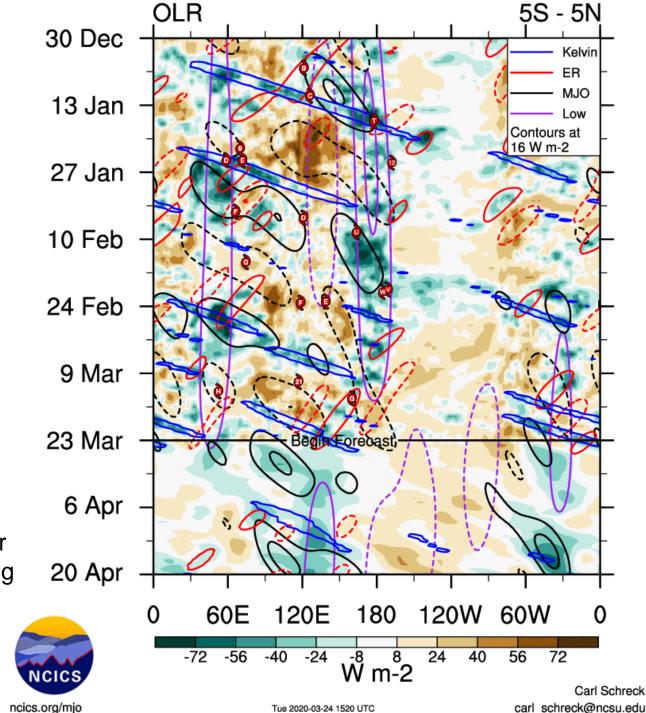
Dynamical model forecasts are similar over the Pacific, NOT the I.O.

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

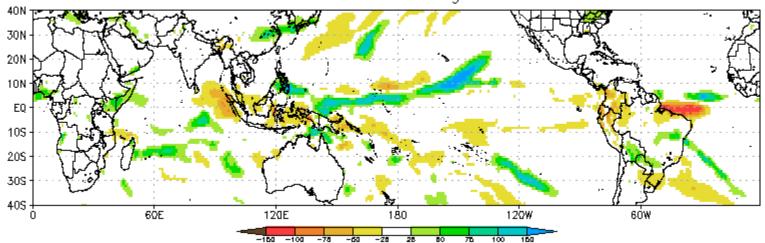
MJO band shows up with the suppressed signal, but there are no robust enhanced convective anomalies.

Kelvin wave activity is apparent.

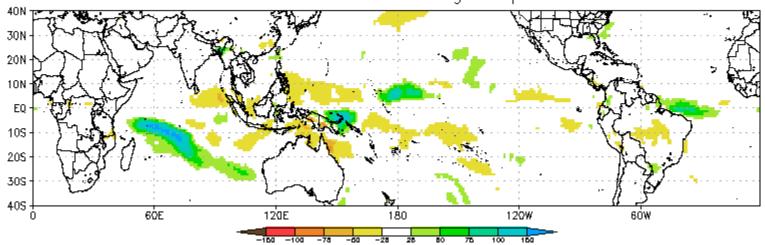
Low frequency signal over the Pacific weakened during March (moved off-equator)



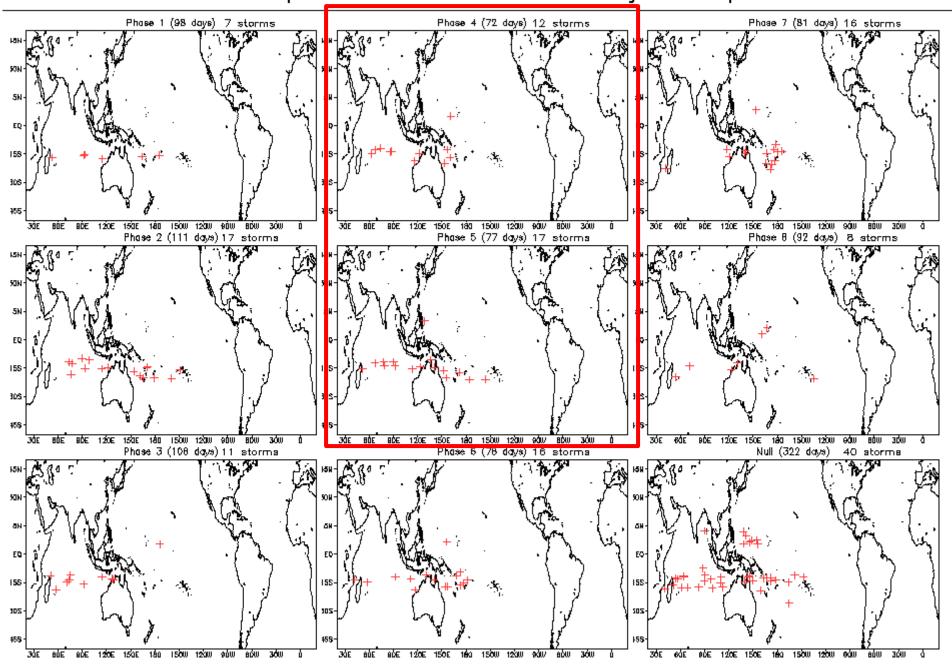
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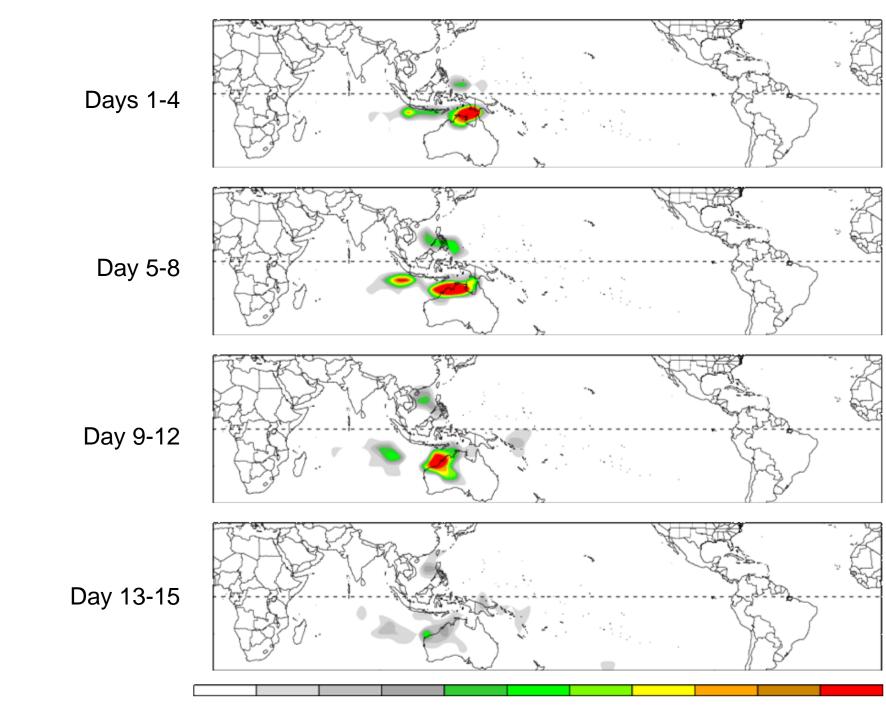


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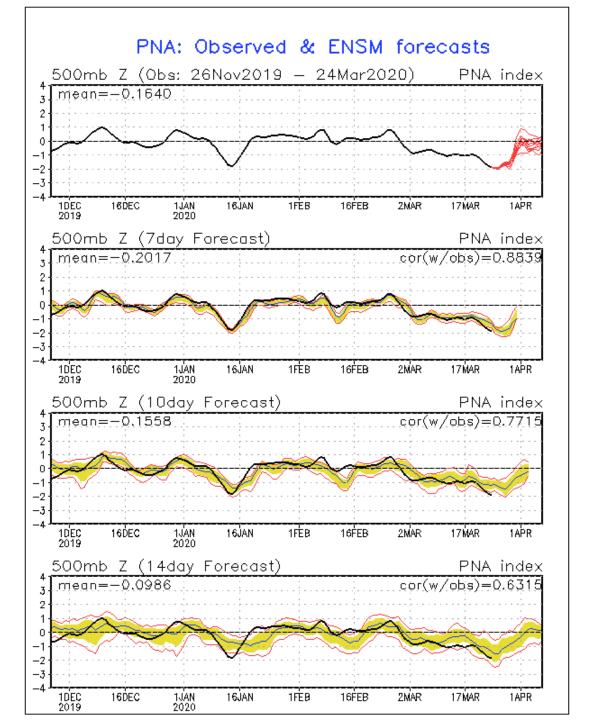


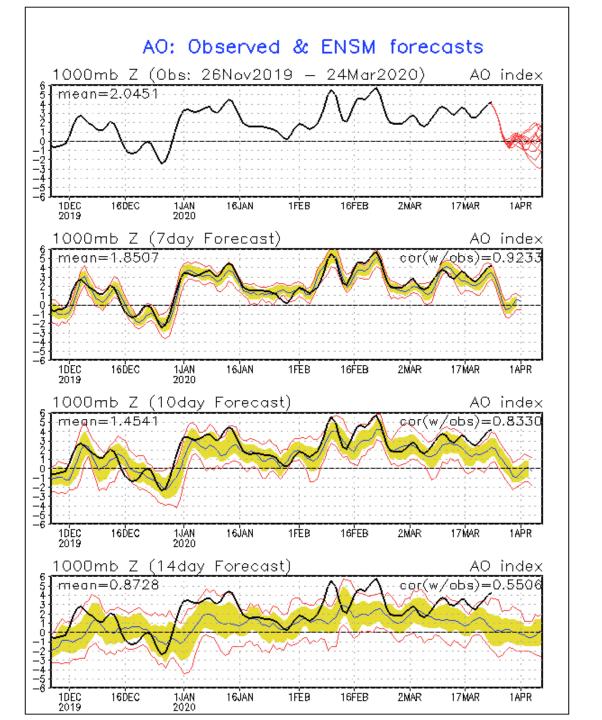
March Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase

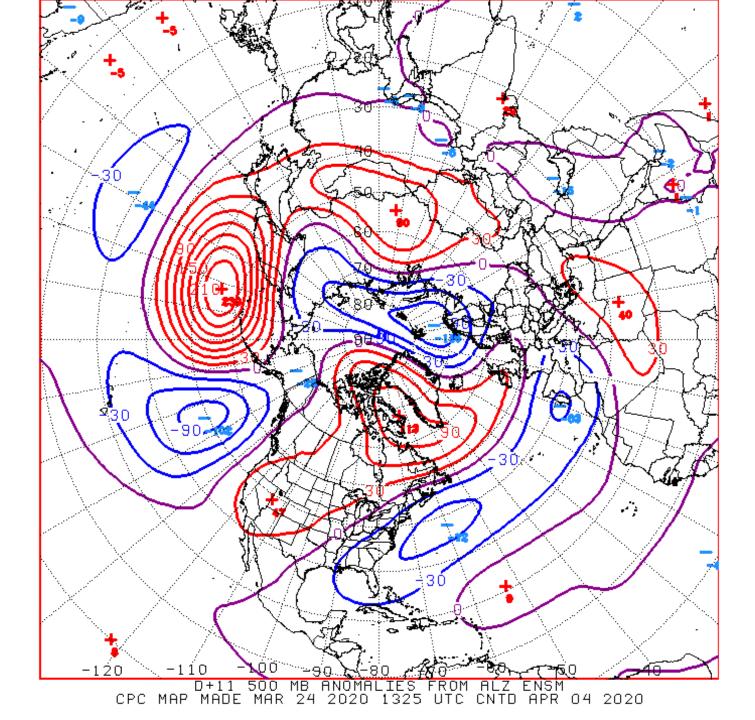




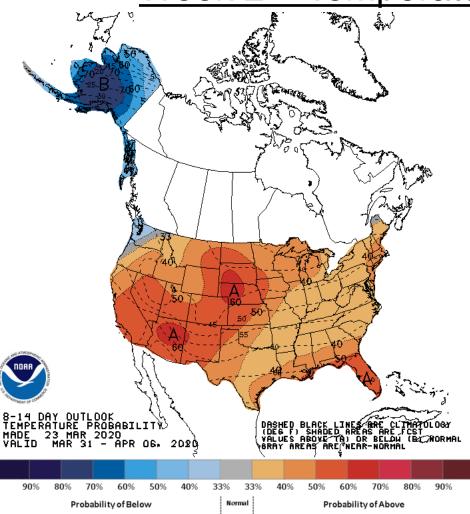
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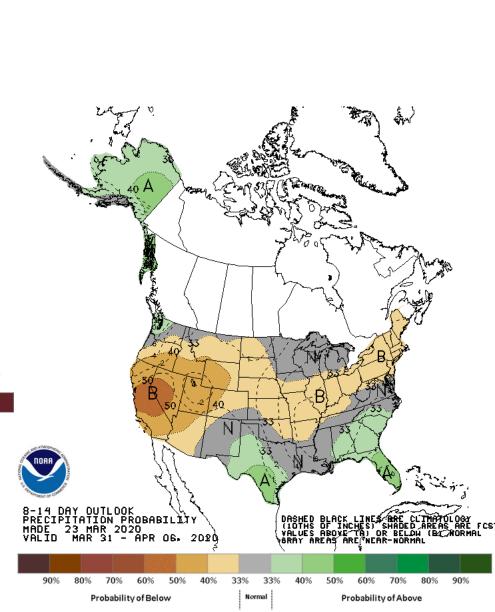




Week 2 - Temperature and Precipitation



Pattern shift to warmer/drier in the West. More "N" for the Northeast in today's forecast.



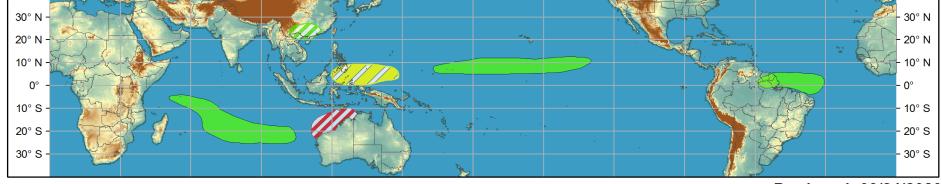
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