Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook

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<u>Outlook</u> <u>Review</u>



Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain

Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: (March 12, 2020 Update)

next update on 9th of April !

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

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- Variability during the past few weeks has been dominated by Kelvin wave and MJO activity
- The enhanced phase of the MJO is currently over the Maritime Continent (Phase 4)
- The week-1 forecast has the MJO index weakening to within the unit circle. However, things become much less clear during week-2. Possible solutions include the maintenance of a weak, ill-defined MJO index within the unit circle; slow eastward propagation and weakening across the Maritime Continent/western Pacific; emergence of a signal in Northern Hemisphere with/without significant eastward propagation.



Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

Below-normal temperatures

e **Forecaster: Artusa** 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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IR Satellite & 200-hpa Velocity Potential Anomalies

Green: Enhanced Divergence Brown: Enhanced Convergence

+ Pattern composed of many smaller-scale features.

+ Much better organized pattern
– wavenumber 1... with
enhanced upper-level DIV over
E-Hemisphere; CON over WHemisphere.

+ Wave 1 pattern continues with eastward propagation.



MJO Observation/Forecast



Most models indicate rapid weakening of intraseasonal signal during week-1 across the Maritime Continent.

During week-2, GEFS and ECMWF RMM forecasts indicate possible re-emergence of signal across Phases 8/1 (Western Hemisphere).



Week-1: Phases 4/5 Week-2: Phases 8/1

CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

MJO signal near Date Line which doesn't last

Rossby wave presence near 150E

Kelvin wave Near Date Line.

Low frequency near Date Line; has weakened





April Tropical Storm Formation by MJO phase





Connections to U.S. Impacts











Probability of Below

70%

60%

50%

40%

33%

339

Normal

80%

90%

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40%

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