Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook 12/15/2020

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

TC "01F" (12/11-12/12)

TC "Yasa" (12/12 – present)

TC "Zazu" (12/13present)

Cool shading More clouds/rain

Warm shading Less clouds/rain



Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO: December 10, 2020 Update

Next update Jan 14

ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Advisory

 La Niña is likely to continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2020-21 (~95% chance during January-March) with a potential transition during the spring 2021 (~50 chance of Neutral during April-June)

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- Following signs of a reorganizing MJO over the eastern Maritime Continent during the past week, the intraseasonal signal has weakened.
- Dynamical models favor a continued weakening of the MJO due to destructive interference with La Nina, and there is low forecast confidence in the predicted evolution of the MJO into Late December.
- The MJO contributed to the development of the first series of tropical cyclones (TC) in the South Pacific this season.



Confidence High Moderate

Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

Below-normal temperatures

Moderate

Forecaster: Novella 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.

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

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

A narrow envelope of enhanced convection observed over Indian Ocean / Maritime Continent in late November.

Anomalous upper-level convergence persisting over the Date Line, with a Kelvin Wave traversing the eastern Pacific.

Better organization of the pattern ensued, but soon became less coherent with much of the enhanced envelope now focused across the southern hemisphere tied to TC activity.



MJO Observation/Forecast



The ECMWF model seems to be influenced more by competing modes of variability, while many of the GFS ensemble members depict a strengthening MJO at a high amplitude during week-2.



CAVEAT: These panels are representative of robust MJO events.

MJO activity is analyzed during early to mid-Nov over the Indian Ocean in the OLR field.

Rossby wave activity anticipated near 120E to aid in TC formation.

Low frequency contours depict persistent enhanced convection over Maritime Continent.









Tropical Depr Tropical Strn Category 2 Category 3 Category 4 Category 4 Category 4 Category 4 Category 5 Category 4 Category 5 Category 5 Category 5 Category 7



Connections to U.S. Impacts











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Tropical Cyclone Formation

Above-average rainfall

Below-average rainfall

Above-normal temperatures

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

Below-normal temperatures

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

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

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