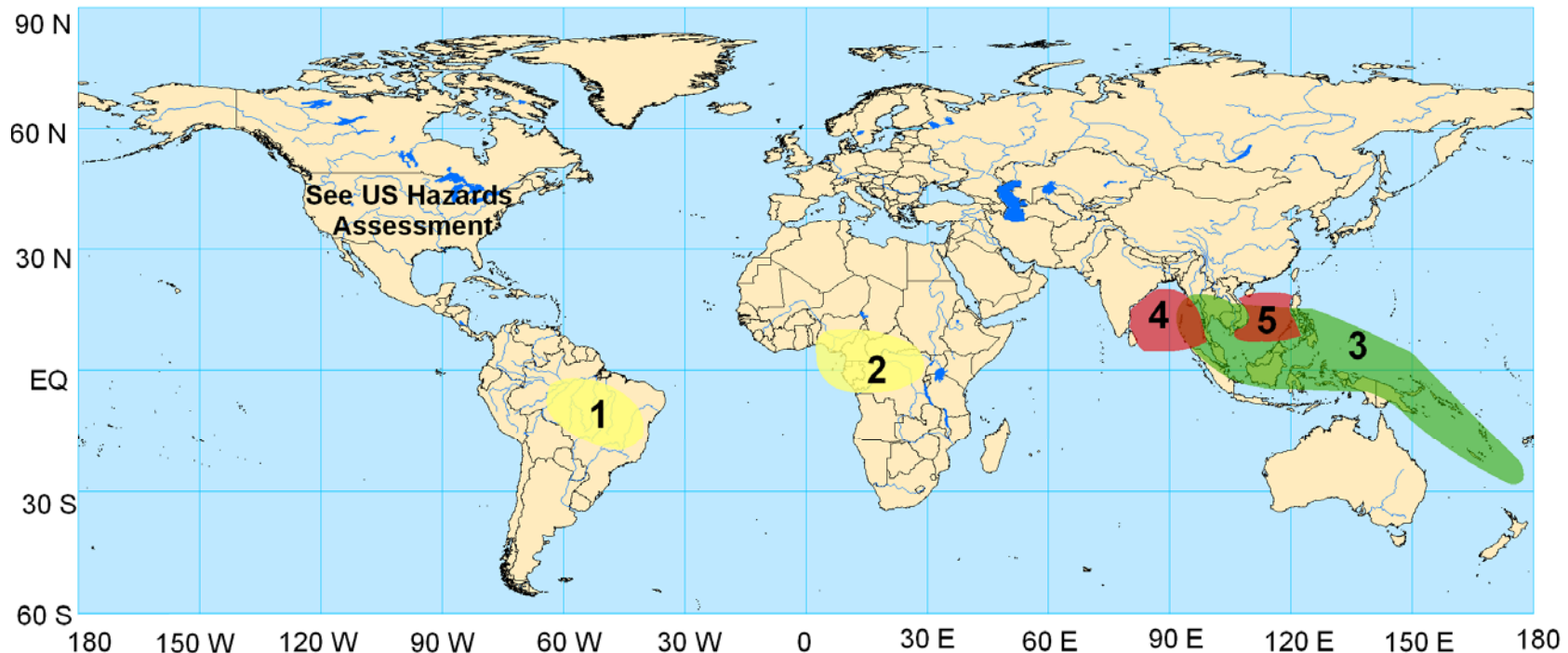


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: October 28 – November 3, 2008



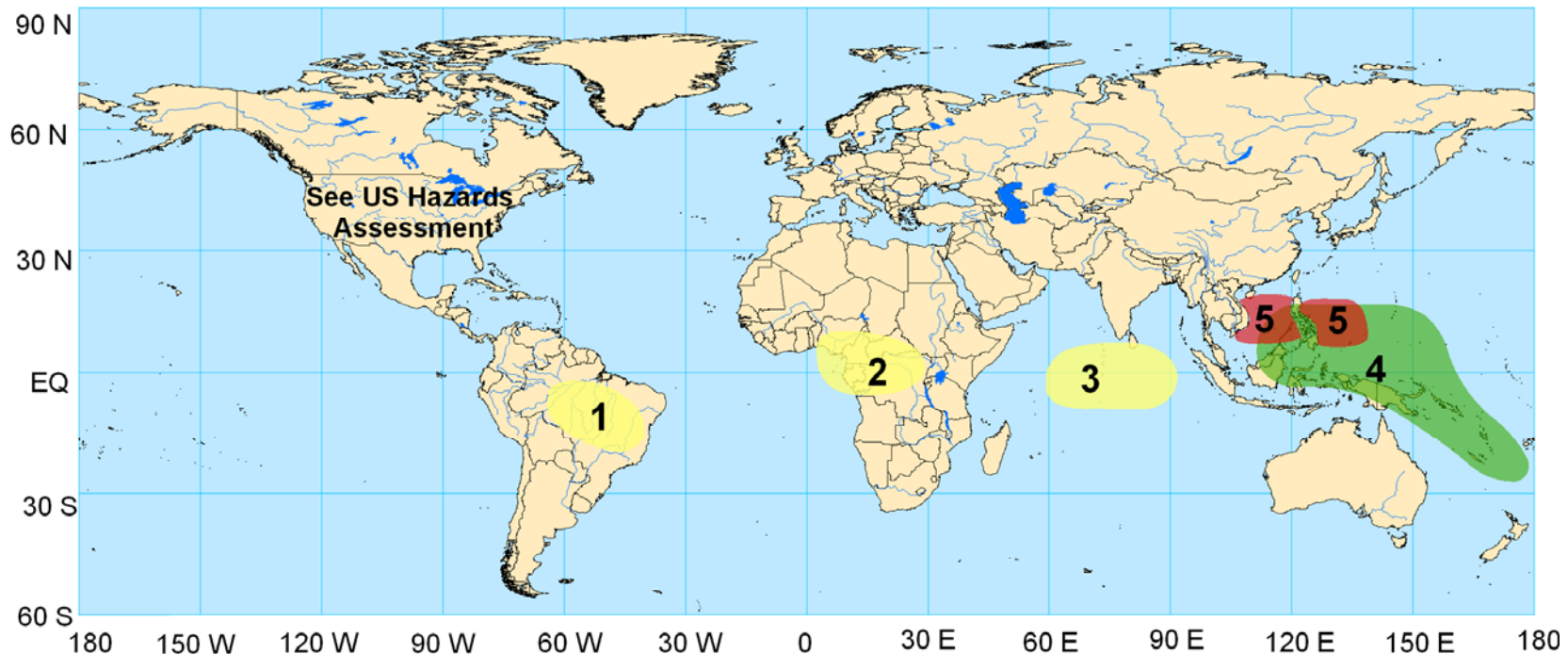
- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central Brazil.** The suppressed phase of the MJO will continue to impact the onset of the South American monsoon in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for portions of central Africa.** The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime Continent, Southeast Asia, the western Pacific and the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ).** The enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the Bay of Bengal.** The departing enhanced phase of the MJO along with warmer than normal SSTs should enhance the risk of tropical cyclone activity. Satellite imagery and model guidance support potential tropical cyclone development. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis across the South China Sea.** The enhanced phase of the MJO along with warmer than normal SSTs should enhance the risk of tropical cyclone activity. Model guidance supports tropical cyclone development. **Confidence: High**

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: November 4 - 10, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central Brazil.** The expected suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to further impact the onset of the South American monsoon in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of central Africa.** The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Indian Ocean.** The expected suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the eastern Maritime Continent, the western Pacific and parts of the SPCZ.** The enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the South China Sea and parts of western Pacific.** The enhanced phase of the MJO along with warmer than normal SSTs should enhance the risk of tropical cyclone activity. **Confidence: Moderate**

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