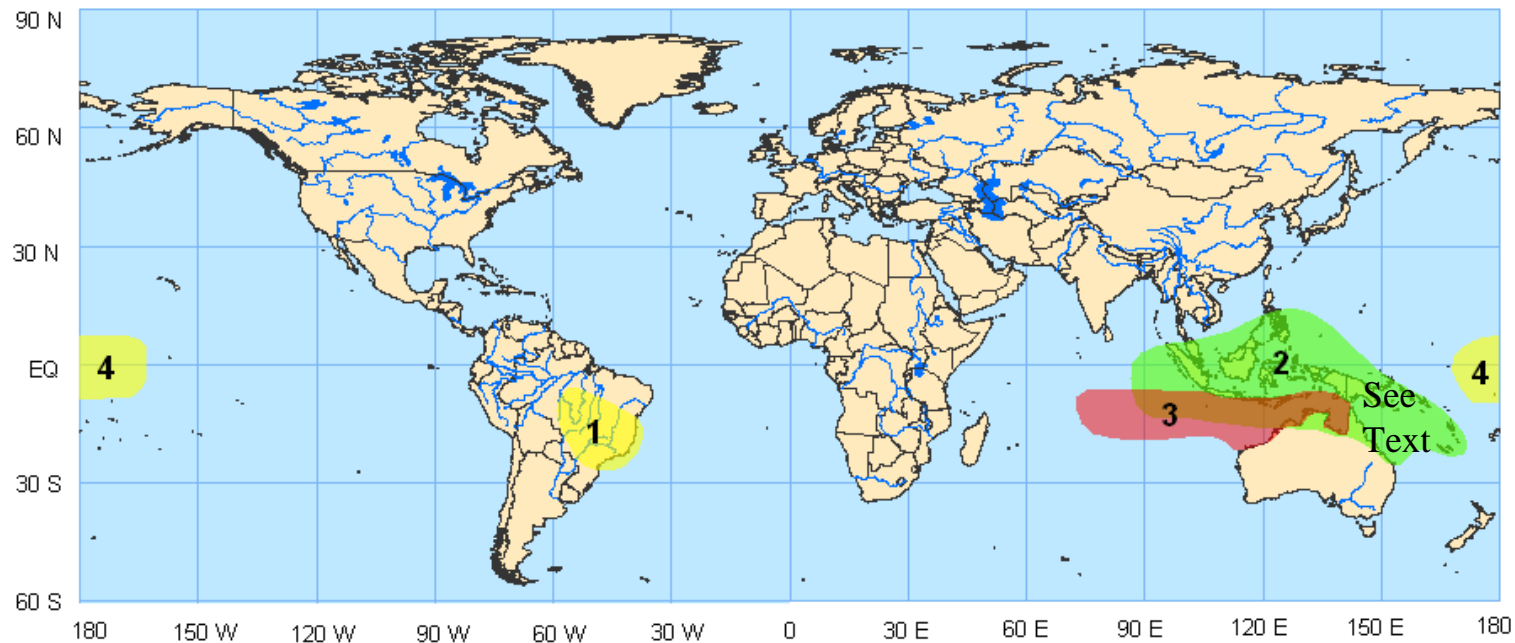


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: March 3 - 9, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for much of interior Brazil.** Strong high pressure is expected to persist for much of the period and result in drier than average conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean, Maritime Continent, northern Australia and some of the southwest Pacific Islands.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region in large part due to background La Nina conditions as well as above-average sea-surface temperatures. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for the eastern Indian Ocean and waters north of Australia.** Enhanced convection associated with La Nina, generally weak vertical wind shear and above average SSTs increase the threat for tropical development in this region. Numerical weather forecast guidance also indicates potential activity. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) associated with La Nina are expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: Tropical cyclone development is also a threat for waters northeast of Australia but the greatest likelihood remains across the Indian Ocean.

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

Southwest Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle (14.4S, 106.5E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

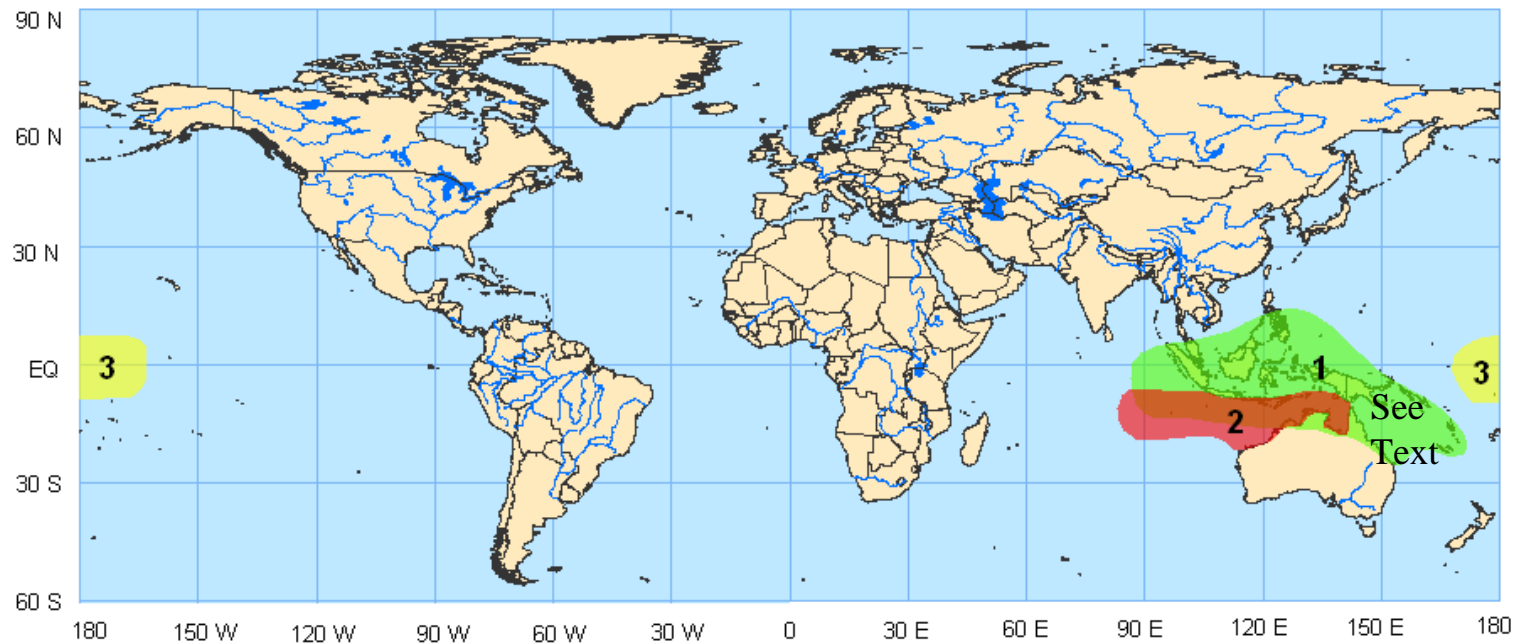
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: March 10 - 16, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean, Maritime Continent, northern Australia and some of the southwest Pacific Islands.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region in large part due to background La Nina conditions as well as above-average sea-surface temperatures. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for the eastern Indian Ocean and waters north of Australia.** Enhanced convection associated with La Nina, generally weak vertical wind shear and above average SSTs increase the threat for tropical development in this region. Numerical weather forecast guidance also indicates potential activity. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) associated with La Nina are expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: Tropical cyclone development is also a threat for waters northeast of Australia but the greatest likelihood remains across the Indian Ocean.

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