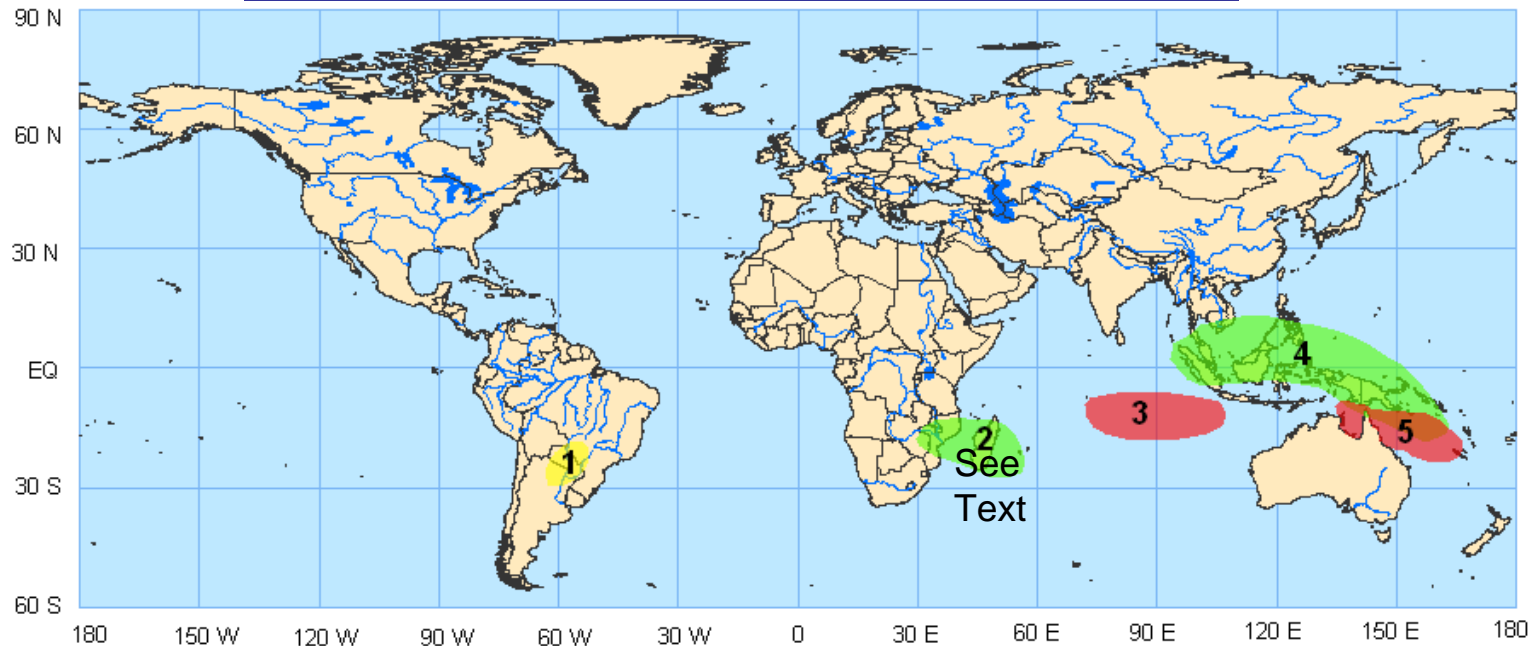


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: March 17 - 23, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central South America.** Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of southeast Africa and Madagascar.** Above average rainfall is expected in this region due to anticipated enhanced upper-level divergence and interactions with the extra-tropics. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for parts of the central Indian Ocean.** Enhanced convection in part associated with La Nina and generally weak vertical wind shear increase the threat for tropical development. Numerical weather forecast guidance also indicates potential activity. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime Continent and extreme Southeastern Asia.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region in large part due to background La Nina conditions as well as above-average sea-surface temperatures (SSTs). **Confidence: Moderate**
- 5. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for waters north and east of Australia.** Enhanced convection in part 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 late in the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

TEXT ITEM: There is a threat for tropical cyclone development in the Mozambique Channel along with the forecast of above average precipitation in this region. Confidence is low at the current time.

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: March 24 - 30, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central South America.** Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for waters north and east of Australia.** Enhanced convection in part 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 early in the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

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