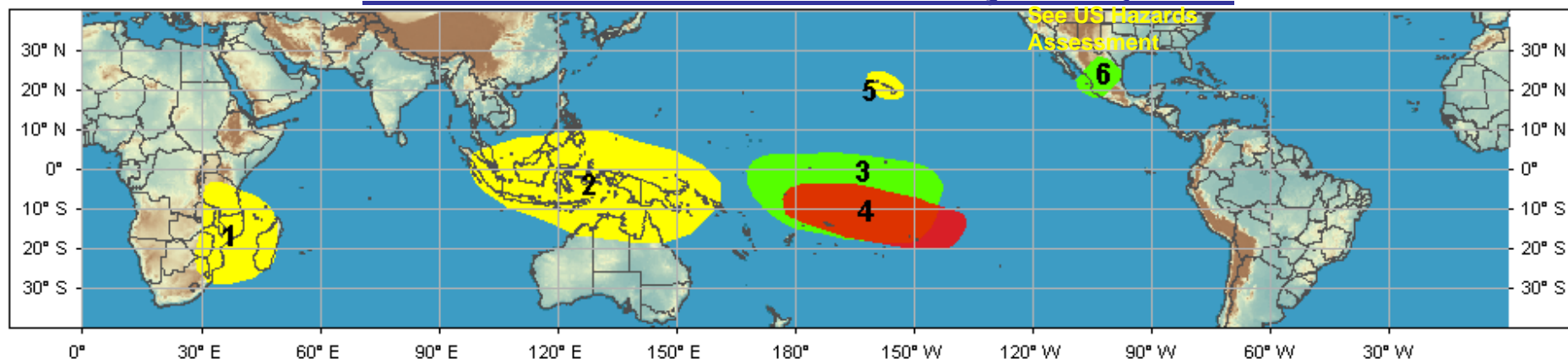


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: February 9 - 15, 2010



Synopsis:

- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for areas of southeast Africa.** El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall for southern areas and numerical forecast guidance indicates this may extend to areas of east Africa. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent.** El-Niño conditions and a weaker than normal monsoon circulation favor below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the central Pacific.** El-Niño conditions favor above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development in the south-central Pacific.** El Nino conditions favor tropical cyclogenesis in this region and. Statistical and dynamical forecast tools also support enhanced chances for tropical cyclone development during the period. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii.** The current El Nino conditions favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 6. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of central Mexico.** A strong flow of tropical moisture is expected to impact this region during the period heightening chances for wet conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

South Pacific Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Pat (12.8S, 160.8W). Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

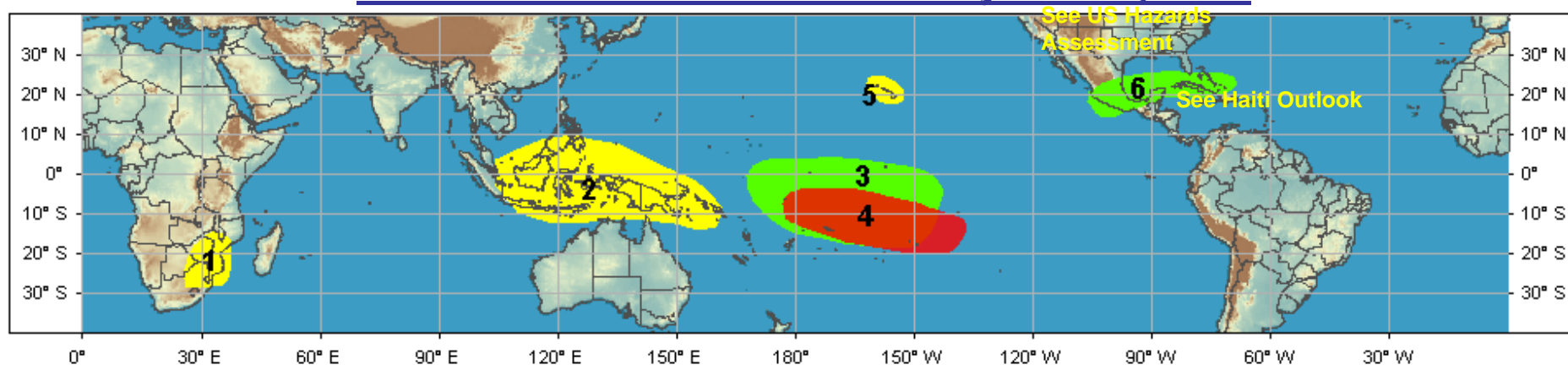
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: February 16 - 22, 2010



Synopsis:

- 1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for areas of southern Africa.** El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region and numerical forecast guidance also supports continued dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent.** El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the central Pacific.** El-Niño conditions favor above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for tropical cyclone development in the south-central Pacific.** El Nino conditions favor tropical cyclogenesis in this region and. Statistical and dynamical forecast tools also support enhanced chances for tropical cyclone development during the period. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii.** The current El Nino conditions favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 6. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of central Mexico into the Caribbean.** A strong flow of tropical moisture and interaction with low-latitude frontal systems is expected to impact this region during the period heightening chances for wet conditions. **Confidence: Moderate**

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