

The MJO remained weak during the past 7 days, with the remaining signal over the Maritime Continent. A La Nina advisory was issued, as the atmosphere and ocean measurements are now reflecting La Nina conditions. A Kelvin wave is also moving across the Maritime Continent, though faster than the remaining MJO signal. In the coming weeks, the MJO is forecast to remain weak, with the low-frequency signal dominating, and some influence from the Kelvin wave and tropical cyclones.

Tropical Storm Haikui formed just west of the northern Philippines, then moved westward across the South China Sea before dissipating. In the coming 2 weeks, tropical cyclone formation odds are increased over the Bay of Bengal, with a likely track to the north toward eastern India and Bangladesh. Additionally, during Week-1, there is a threat of tropical cyclone formation for the area from the South China Sea to just east of the Philippines. Over the North Atlantic, a subtropical storm is possible near 30W/30N, with a track to the northeast. Later in Week-1 and into Week-2, some models indicate generally lower pressures over the western Caribbean, though confidence in the formation of a tropical depression is low. A threat of the first tropical cyclone of the season over the Southwest Pacific is indicated in the official outlook, supported by some model forecasts, though confidence is low to moderate.

During Week-1, above average rainfall is likely along the predicted tracks of tropical cyclones. Additionally, the remaining MJO and La Nina related circulations favor above average rainfall over the Maritime Continent with some of that extending over the Coral Sea and Southwest Pacific. Suppressed convection is likely over the Central Pacific, related to the same two forcings. A stalled front is likely to support rainfall across the Caribbean and western Atlantic. Late season frontal activity is predicted over southern Brazil and Uruguay.

The signal for above average rainfall over the Maritime Continent remains in Week-2, though confidence in the western portion of the signal is lower. Below average precipitation should persist over the Central Pacific, while the Southwest Pacific is likely to receive above average rainfall.

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