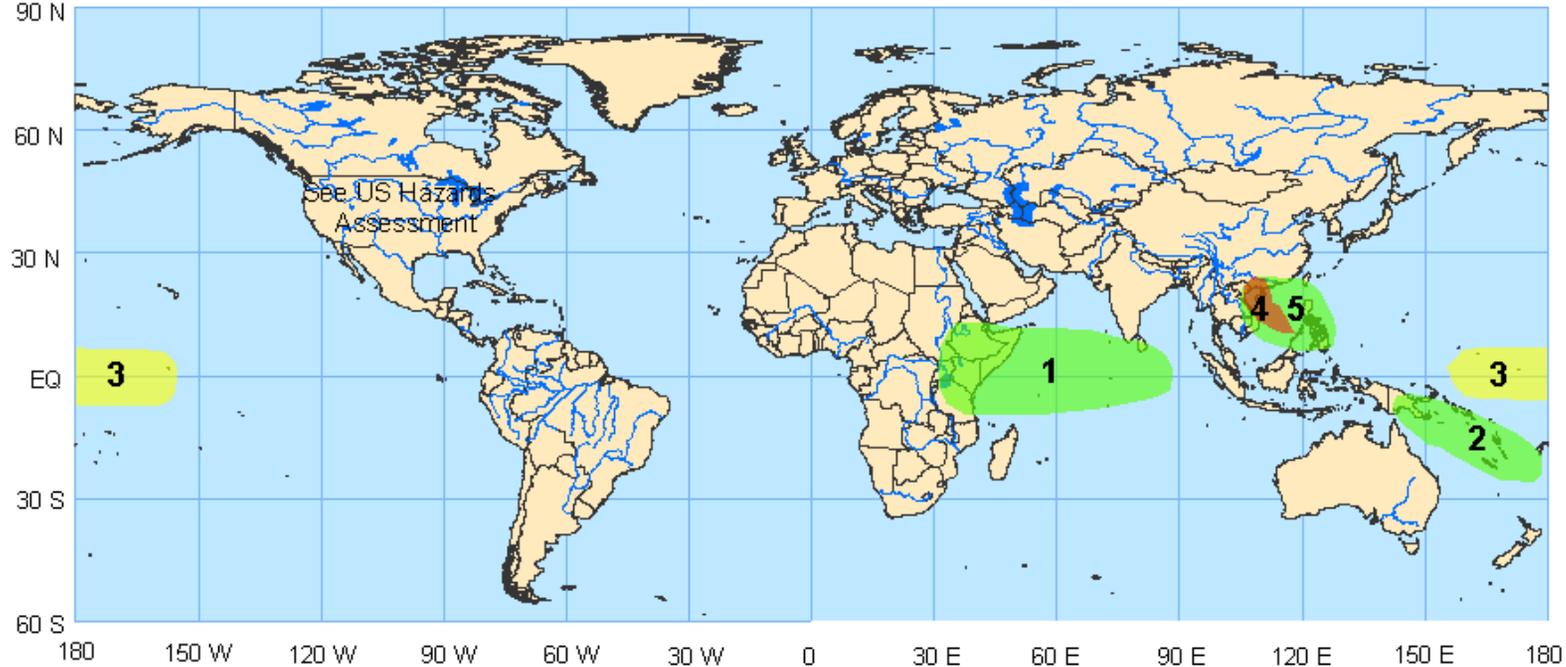


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: April 15 - 21, 2008



1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for eastern equatorial Africa and the western Indian Ocean. Wet conditions are expected in this region during the period in part associated with the continuation of a weak MJO signal and areas of above average SSTs. **Confidence: Moderate**

2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall over sections of the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ). Mainly the ongoing La Nina event is expected to result in above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall stretching from the Maritime Continent to central equatorial Pacific. Conditions consistent with La Nina are expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

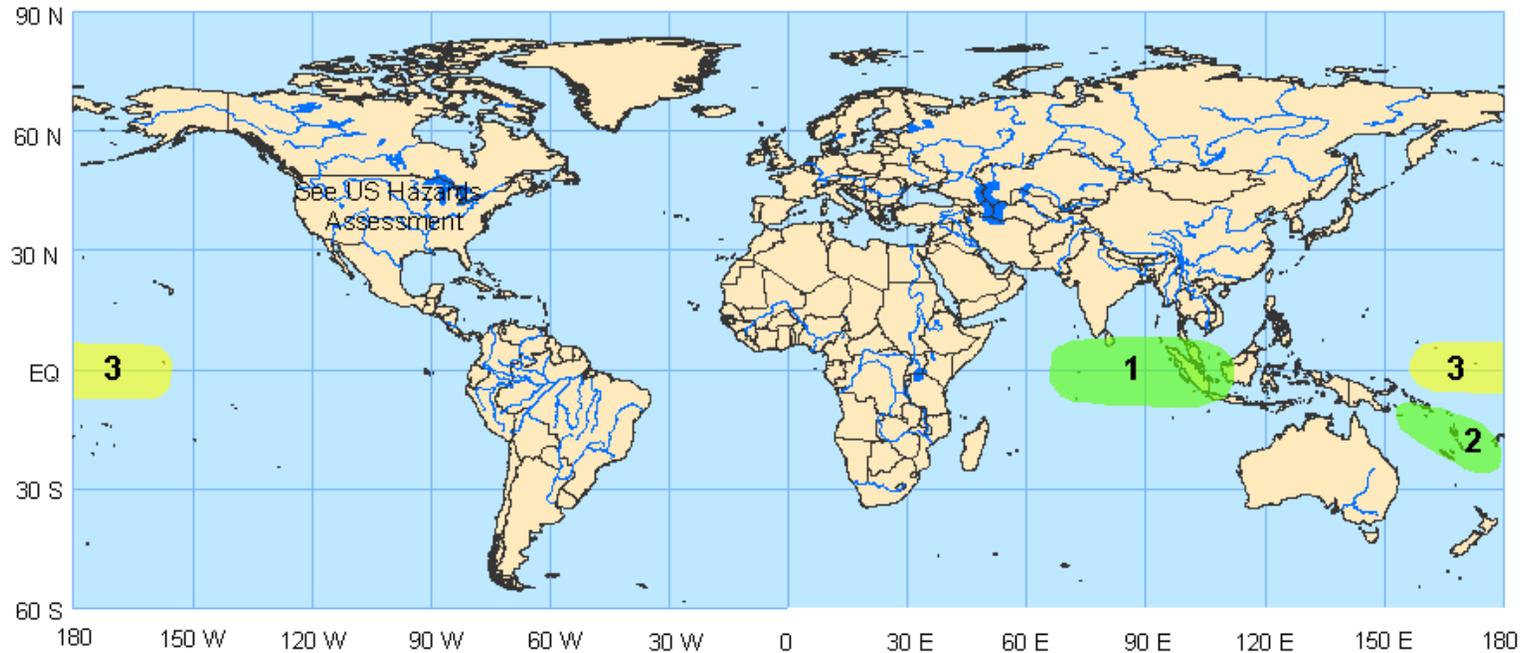
4. Tropical Cyclone 2W is likely to strengthen in the South China Sea and may impact eastern Indochina and southern China during the period with areas of heavy rainfall, strong winds, and high seas.

5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for sections of Southeast Asia, southern China, and the South China Sea. Heavy rainfall mainly associated with tropical cyclone activity is expected in this area over the course of the period. **Confidence: High**

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: April 22 - 28, 2008



1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean and western Maritime Continent. Wet conditions are expected to continue in this region during the period through a combination of factors including a weak MJO signal, continued La Nina conditions, and above average SSTs.

Confidence: Moderate

2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for sections of the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ). Mainly the ongoing La Nina event is expected to result in above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central equatorial Pacific. Conditions consistent with La Nina (suppressed convection) are expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**

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