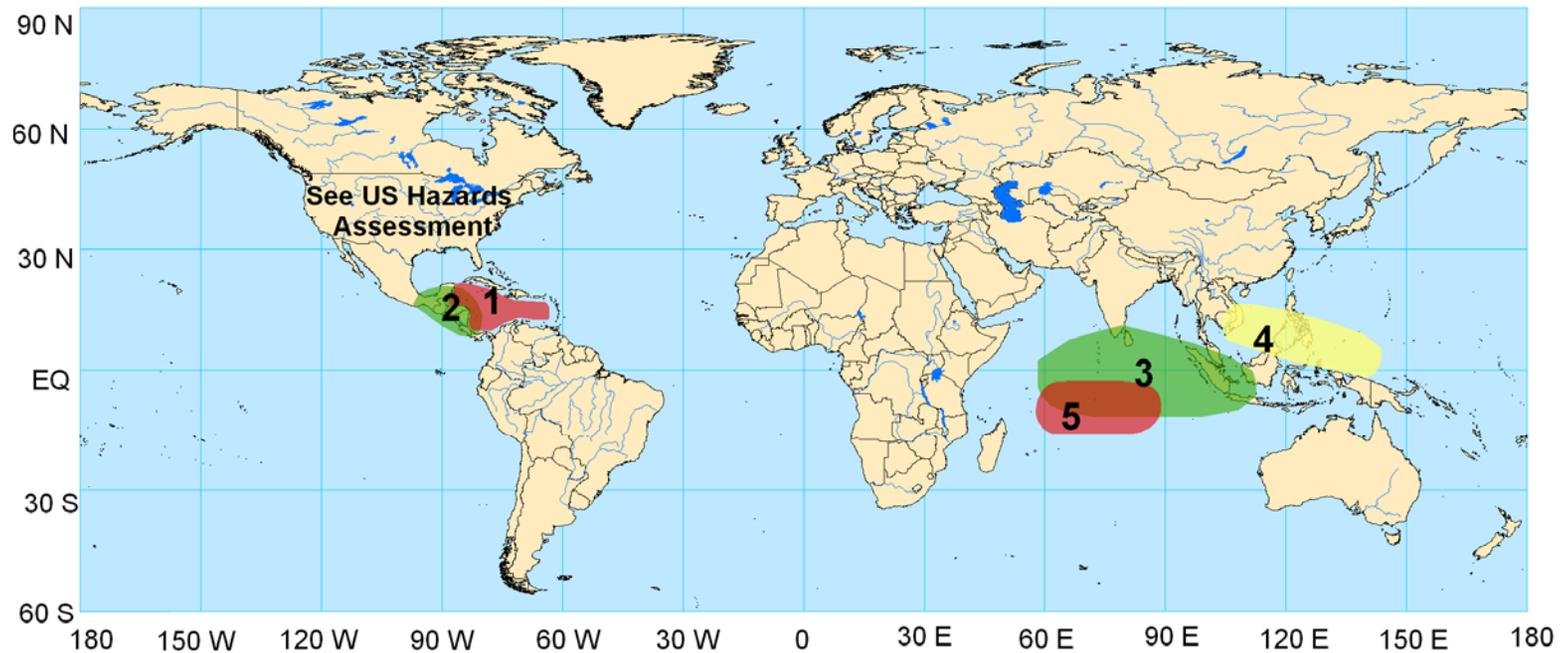


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: October 14 - 20, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the Caribbean Sea.** The departing enhanced phase of the MJO continues to increase the threat for tropical development in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for southern Mexico and Central America.** Current tropical cyclone activity is expected to result in wet conditions. Flash flooding and mudslides are possible. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Indian Ocean and western Indonesia.** The enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the west Pacific.** The existing suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 5. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the southwest Indian Ocean.** The enhanced phase of the MJO along with model guidance supports an increasing threat for tropical development in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

Eastern Caribbean: Tropical Storm Omar (13.8N, 68.9W) → Consult updates from the US National Hurricane Center

Western Caribbean: Tropical Depression 16 (15.6N, 83.2W) → Consult updates from the US National Hurricane Center

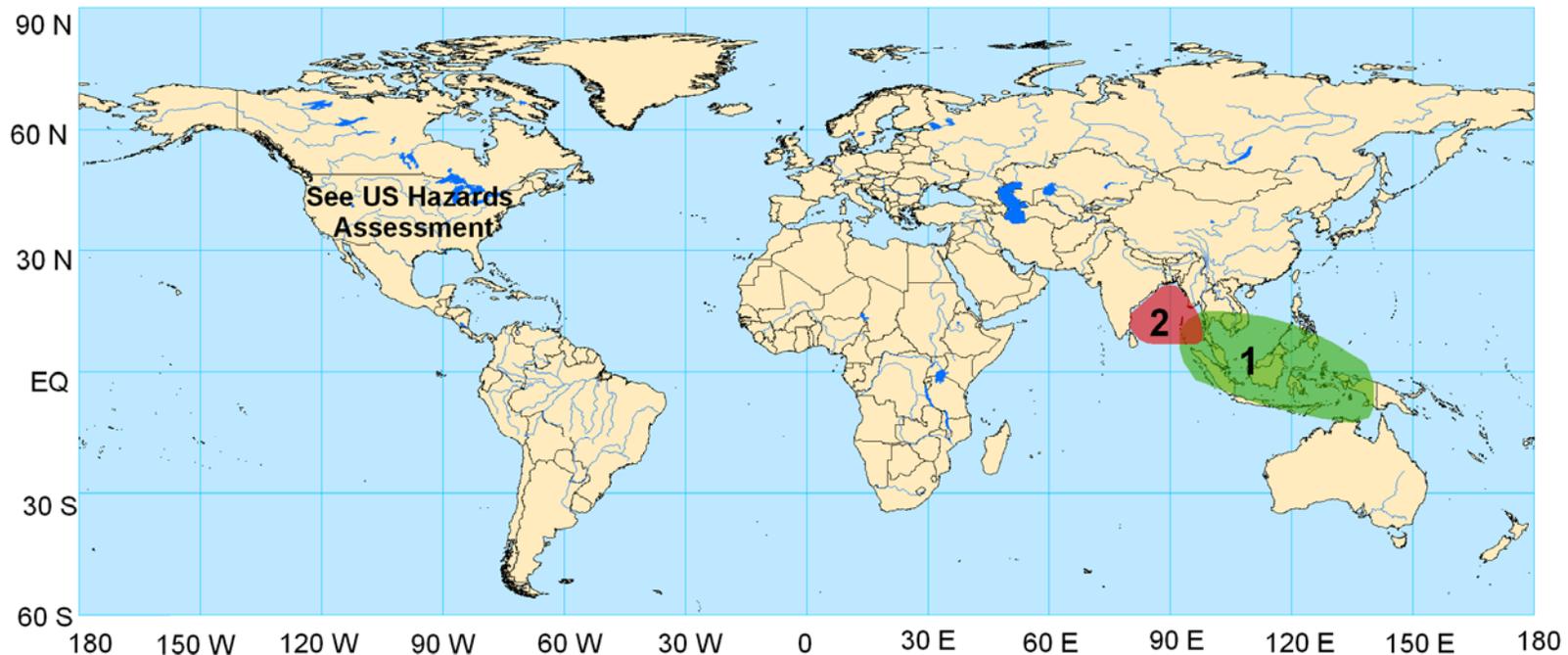
Gulf of Tonkin: Tropical Storm 22W (19.3N, 107.5E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: October 21 - 27, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Maritime Continent.** The enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for the Bay of Bengal.** October is a favored time of year for tropical cyclone activity as the Asian monsoon continues to relax. The enhanced phase of the MJO increases the threat for tropical development in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**