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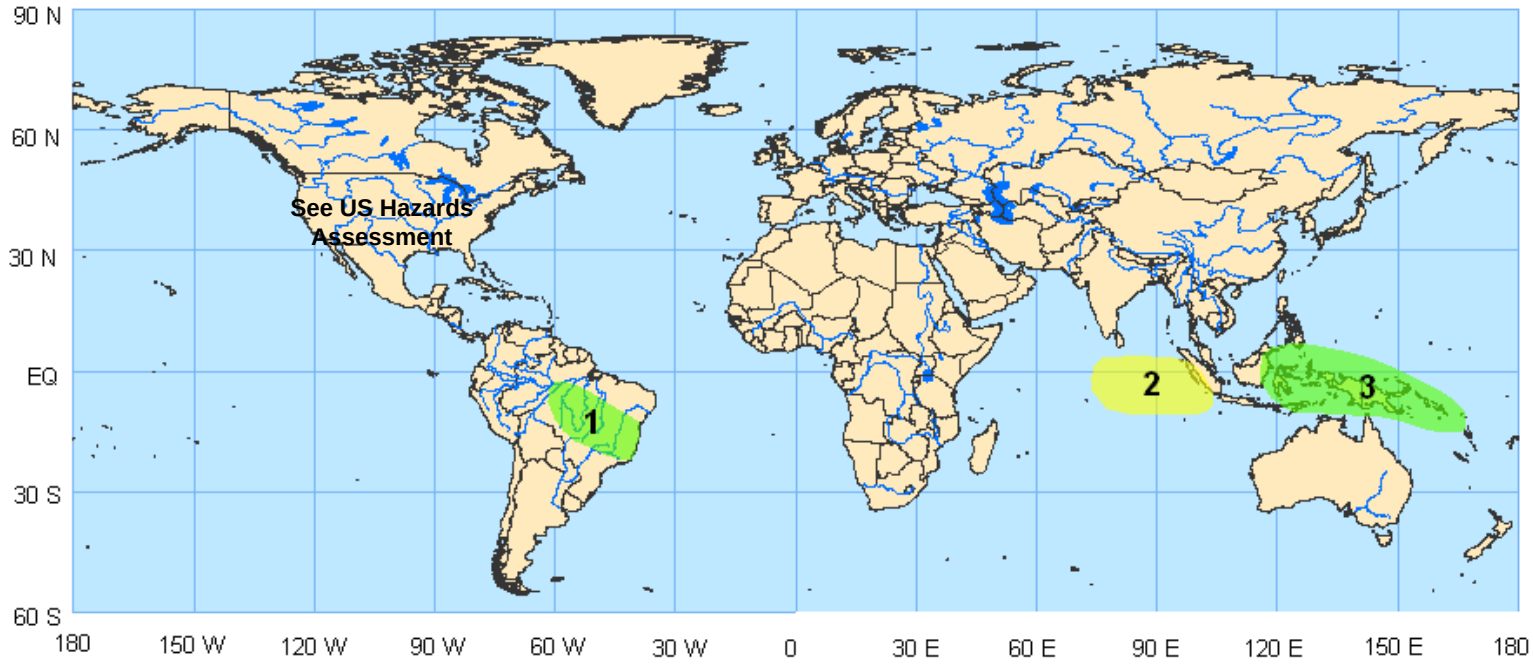
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: December 2 – 8, 2008



1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for central Brazil. Enhanced upper-level divergence associated with the MJO, an active South Atlantic Convergence Zone (SACZ), and interaction with the extratropical circulation is expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central equatorial Indian Ocean. The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to contribute to suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Indonesia, Borneo, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific Convergence Zone (SPCZ) region. A residual of the enhanced convective phase of the MJO is expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

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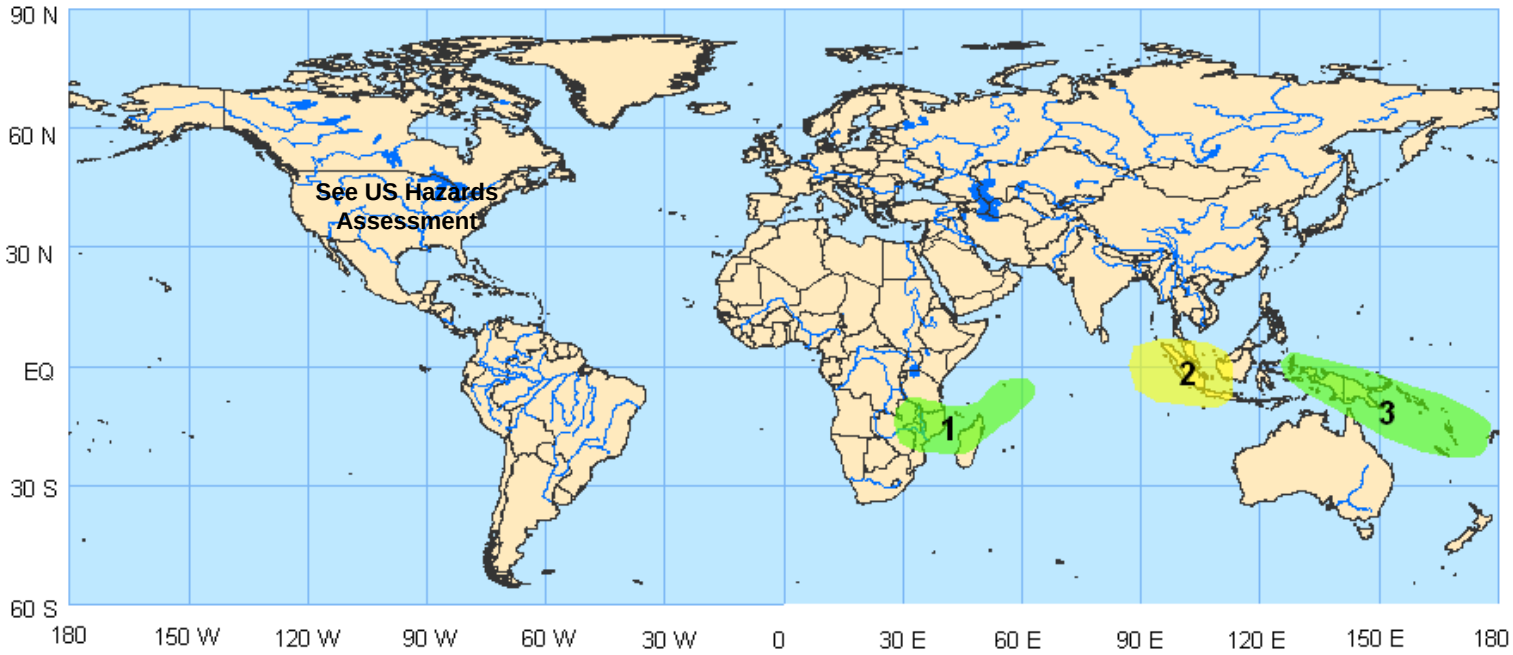
Week 2 Outlook – Valid: December 9 – 15, 2008



1. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for southeastern Africa and the southwestern Indian Ocean</u>. The enhanced convective phase of the MJO, above-average sea surface temperatures and interaction of the extratropical circulation is expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

2. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the western Indonesia</u>. The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to contribute to suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Papua New Guinea and the SPCZ region.</u> Enhanced upper-level divergence and above-average sea surface temperatures (SST) are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

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