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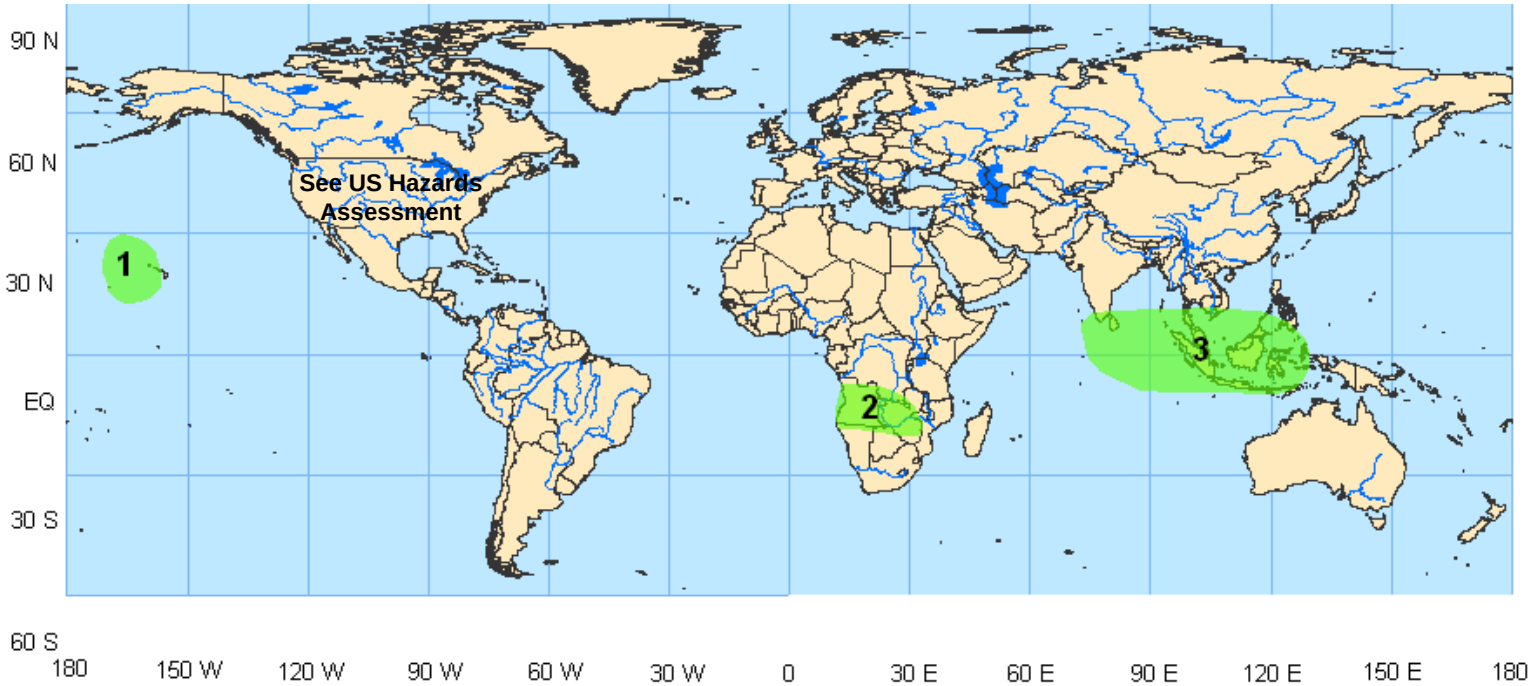
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: December 9 – 15, 2008



1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the western Hawaiian Islands. Interaction with the extratropical circulation is expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Angola and Zambia in Africa. Large-scale upper-level divergence and remnants of a frontal boundary are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Borneo. Persistent low-level convergence and above-average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: December 16 – 22, 2008

1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Enhanced low-level convergence and above-average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

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➔ There are indications that conditions may become favorable for tropical cyclogenesis across the Mozambique Channel and southwest Indian Ocean as a result of frequent decaying frontal boundaries and above-average SSTs in this region.

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