# Global Tropics Hazards/Benefits Assessment - Climate Prediction Center - Issued: 12/29/2008

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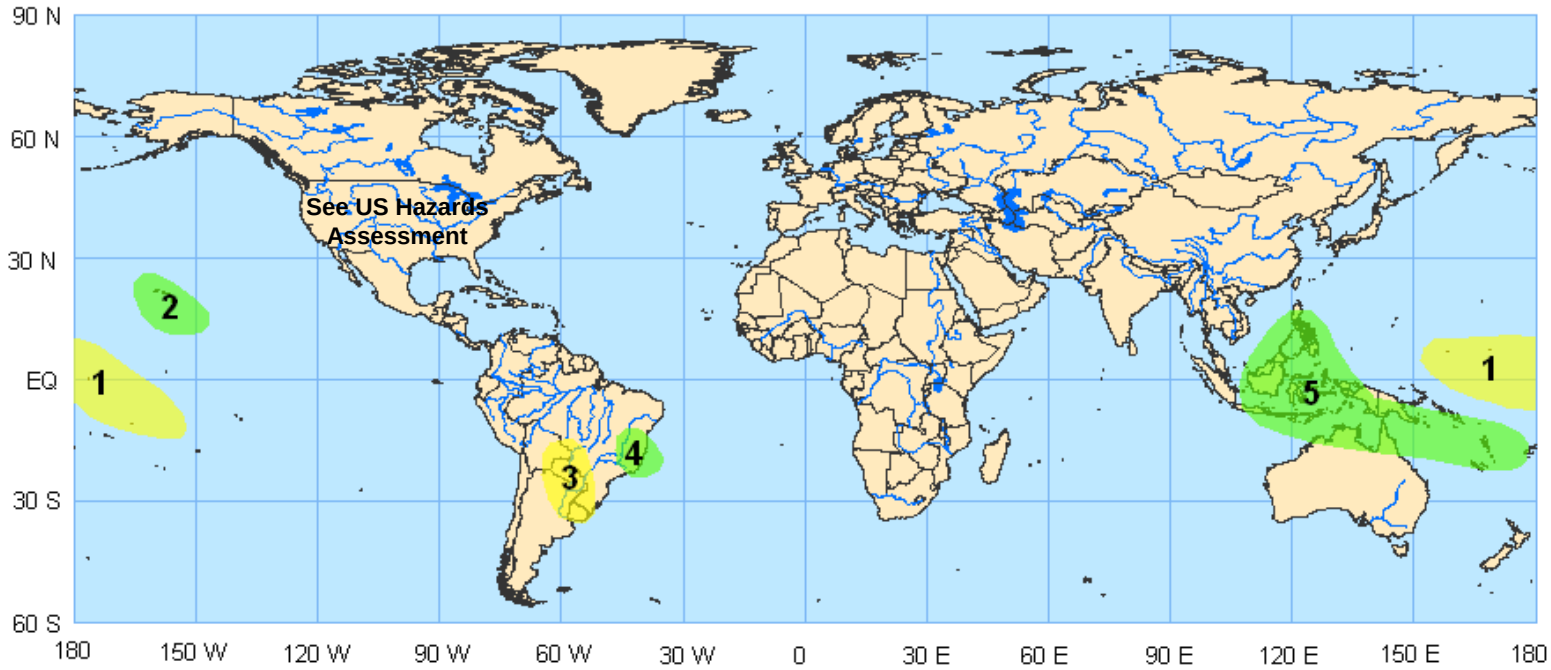
## *Week 1 Outlook – Valid: December 30, 2008 – January 5, 2009*




1. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina conditions is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**
2. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Hawaii and surrounding waters.** Interaction with the extratropical circulation is expected to produce wet conditions in this area. **Confidence: Moderate**
3. **An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central South America.** Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
4. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for eastern parts of Brazil.** Interaction with the extratropical circulation is expected to produce wet conditions in this area. **Confidence: Moderate**
5. **An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Philippines, eastern Indonesia and northern Australia.** Current La Nina conditions and the continued onset of the northwest Australian monsoon are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

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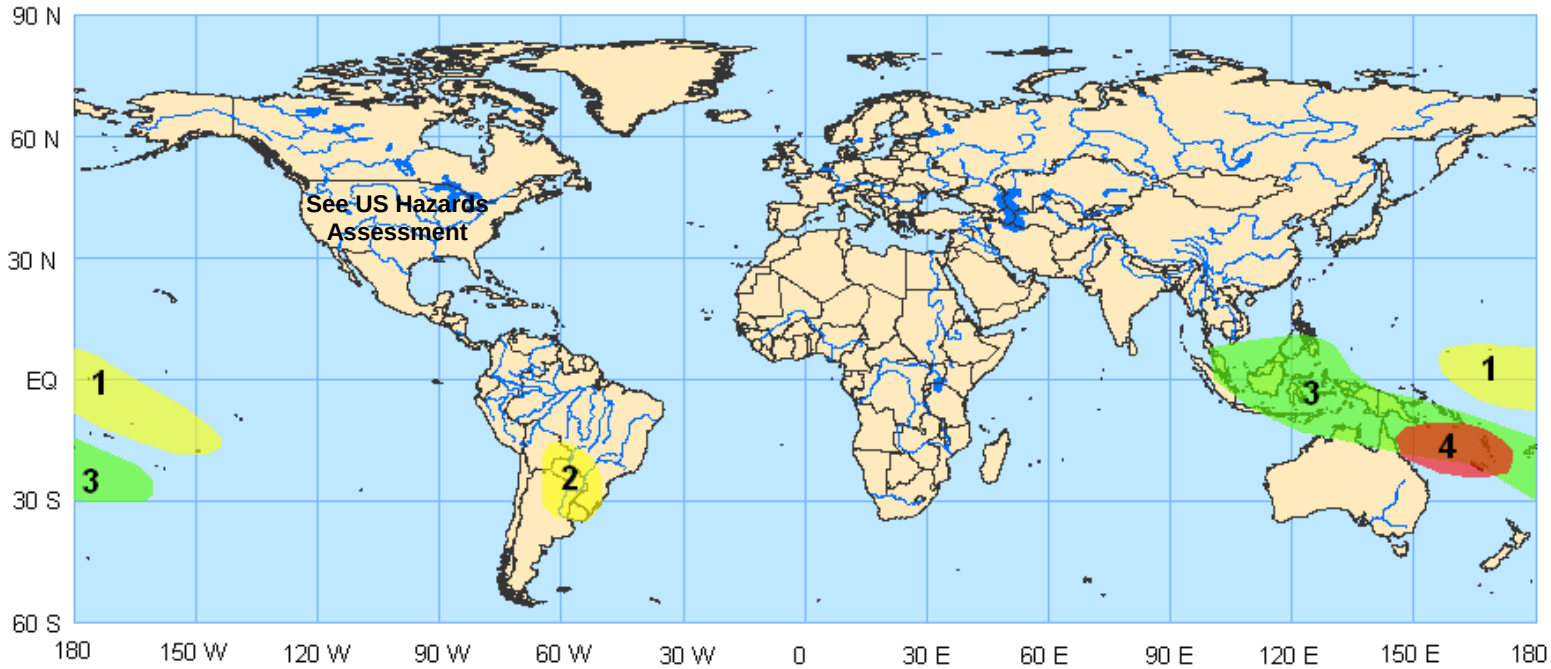
## *Week 2 Outlook – Valid: January 6-12, 2009*




**1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central Pacific Ocean.** Below average sea surface temperatures (SST) associated with La Nina conditions is expected to contribute to dry conditions in this area. **Confidence: High**

**2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for central South America.** Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**

**3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Indonesia and northern Australia.** Current La Nina conditions and the continued onset of the northwest Australian monsoon are expected to contribute to enhanced rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

**4. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis for waters near the northeast of Australia.** Enhanced convection, above-average SSTs and low vertical wind shear increases the threat for tropical cyclone development during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

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