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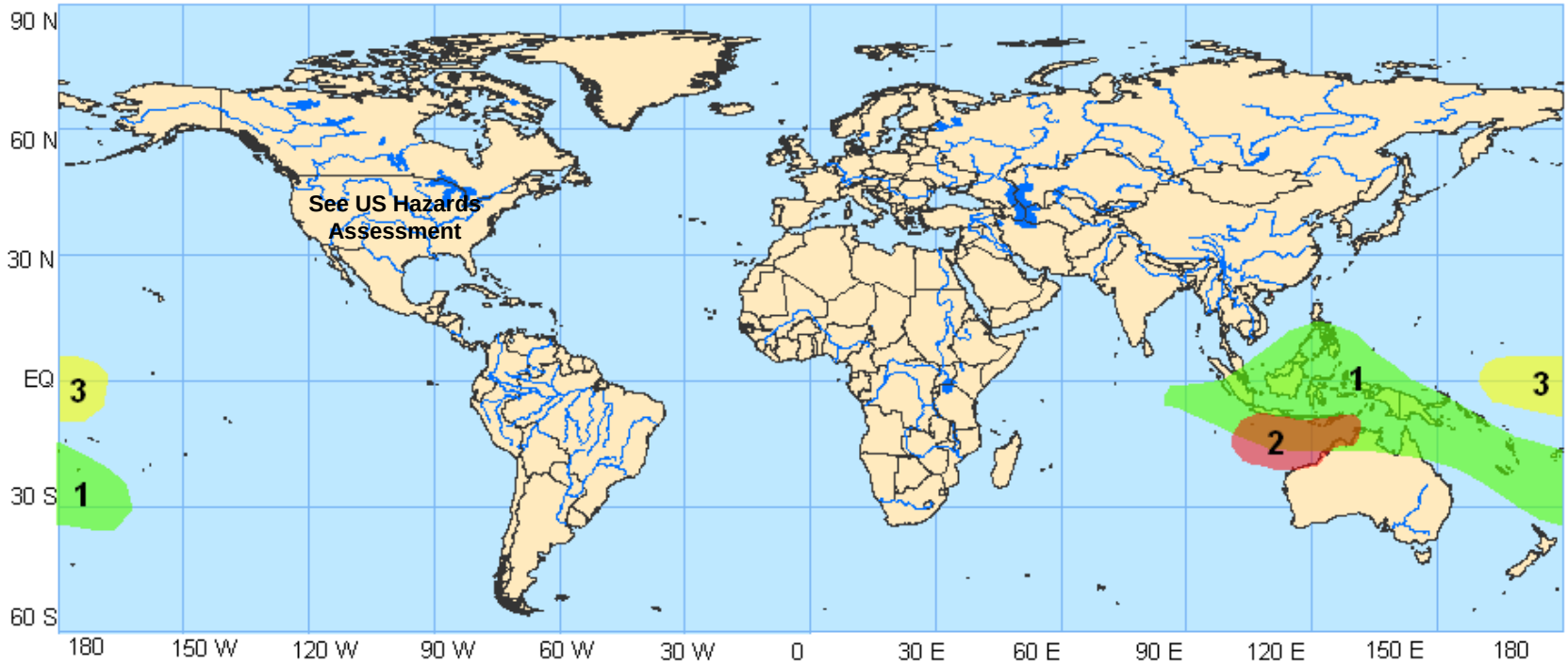
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: February 10 - 16, 2009



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

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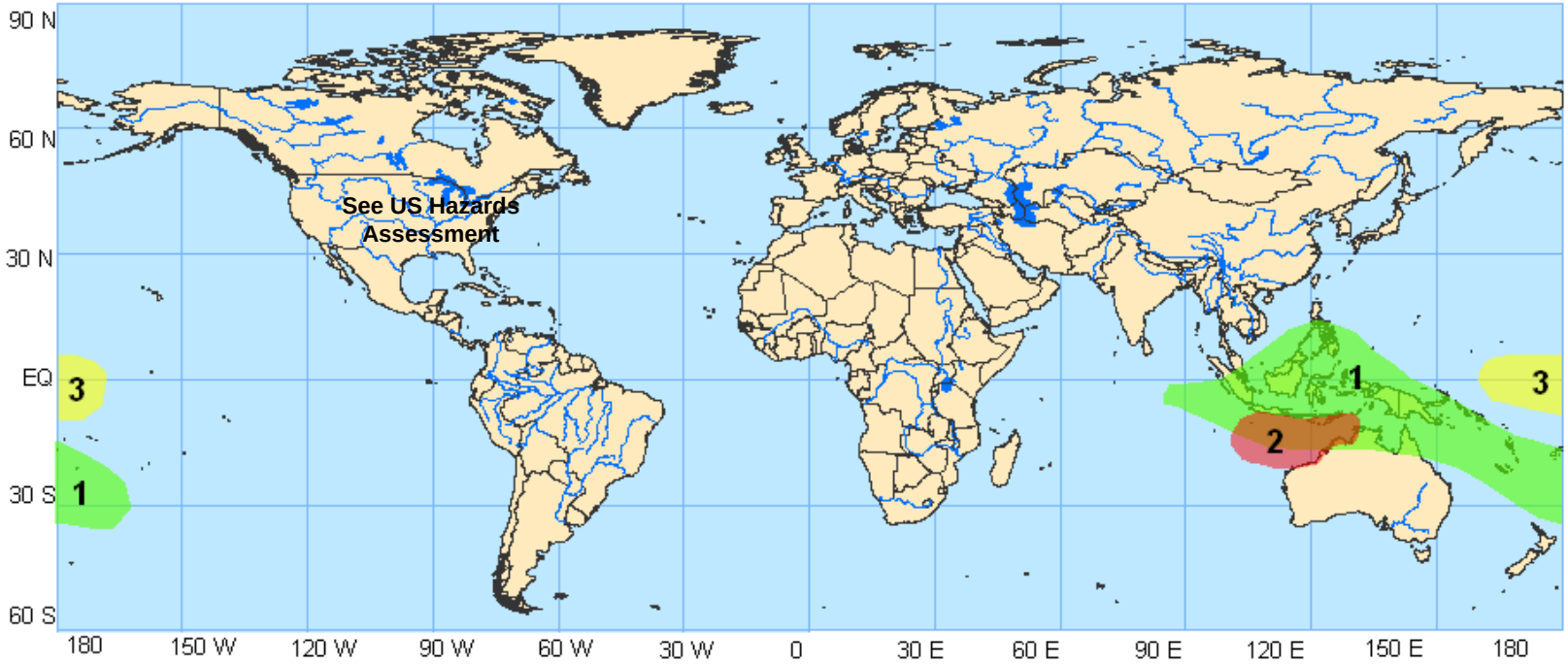
Week 2 Outlook – Valid: February 17 - 23, 2009



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