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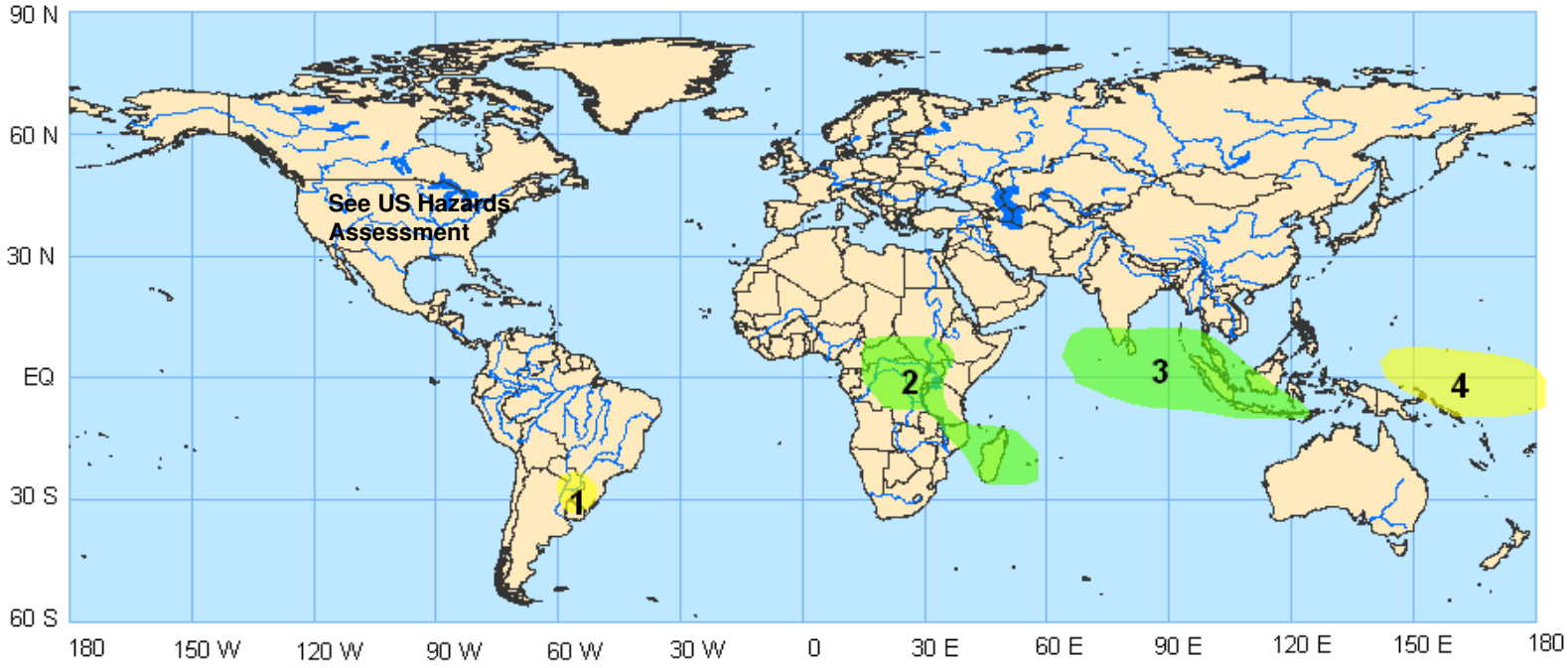
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: April 7 - 13, 2009



1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina and Uruguay. Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**

2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of central Africa and Madagascar. Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced phase of the MJO and the expected evolution of Tropical Cyclone Jade. **Confidence: High**

3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for central Indian Ocean, western Indonesia, southern India and Sri Lanka. Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the eastern islands of Papua New Guinea, the Soloman Islands and the western equatorial Pacific Ocean. Suppressed rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**
Southern Indian Ocean: Tropical Cyclone Jade (15.6S, 50E) ➔ Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

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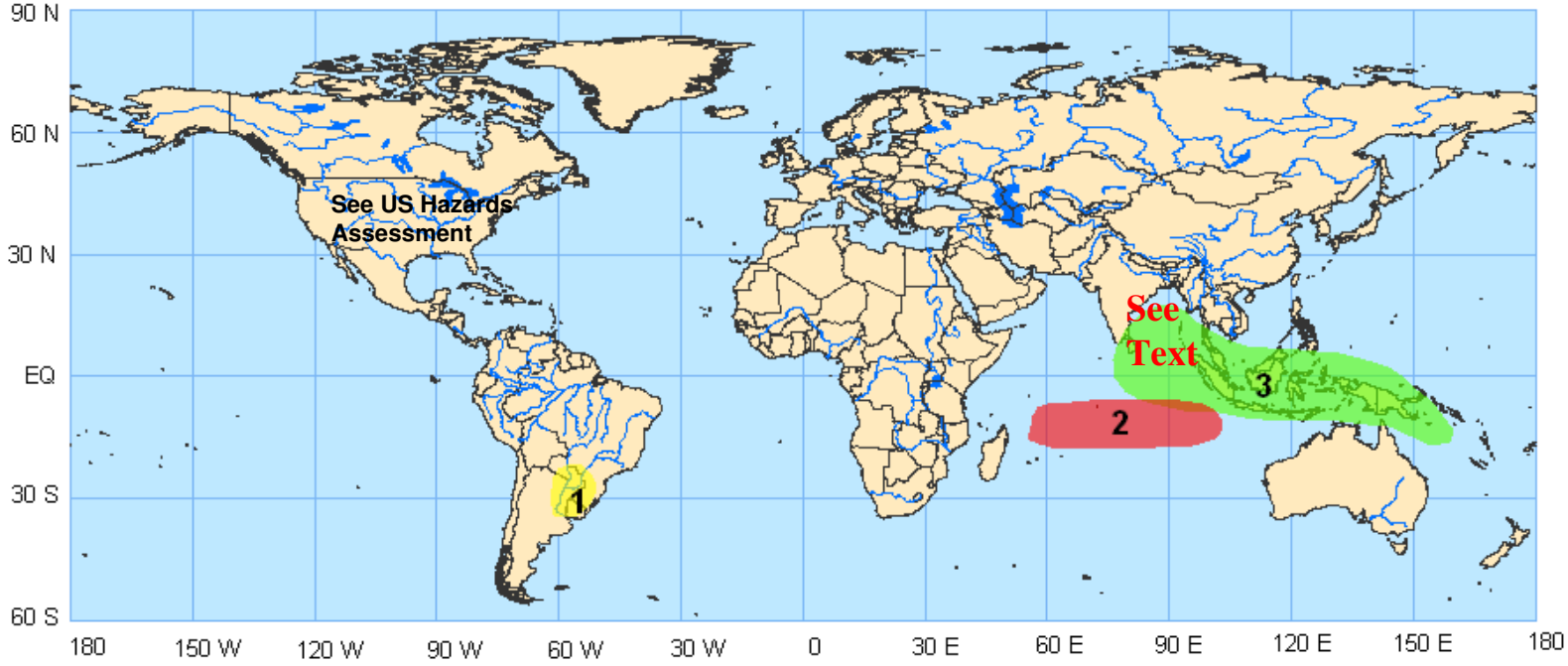
Week 2 Outlook – Valid: April 14 - 20, 2009



1. <u>An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina and Uruguay.</u> Persistent high pressure in this region associated with La Nina is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**

2. <u>An increased chance for tropical cyclone development for the western and central Indian Ocean.</u> Above-average sea surface temperatures (SSTs) and the MJO increase the probability of tropical cyclogenesis in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. <u>An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the eastern Indian Ocean, the Bay of Bengal and Indonesia.</u> Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the enhanced convective phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

<u>TEXT ITEM</u>: There is a threat of tropical cyclone development in the Bay of Bengal during the period as the enhanced phase of the MJO shifts eastward, but confidence at this time is low.

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