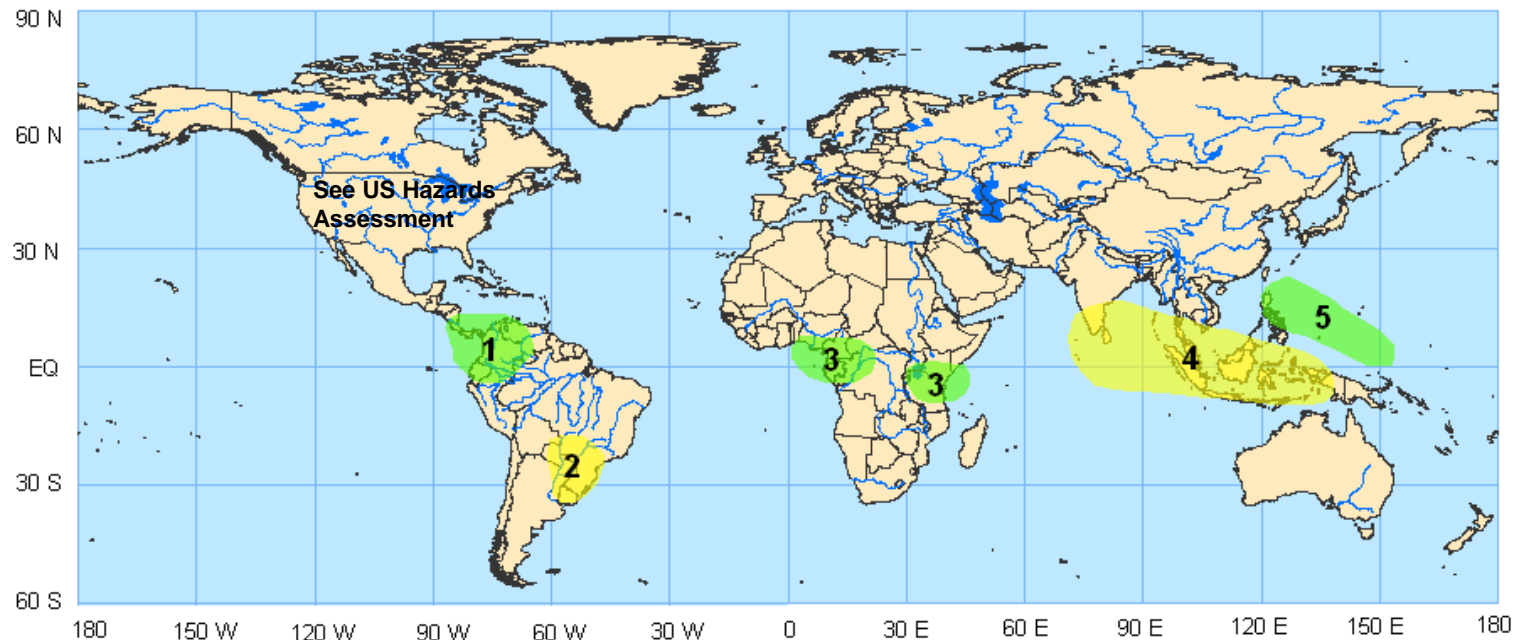


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: April 28 – May 4, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for northwestern South America and parts of Central America.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region associated with the enhanced phase of the MJO. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina, Uruguay, eastern Paraguay, and southern Brazil.** Persistent high pressure in this region is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Gulf of Guinea and east-central regions of Africa.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region due to favorable low-level winds and above-average SSTs. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall stretching from southern India to parts of the Maritime continent.** Decreased rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**
- 5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the western Pacific.** Enhanced rainfall is expected in this region due to the exiting enhanced phase of the MJO and above-average SSTs. **Confidence: Moderate**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

Waters north of Australia: Tropical Cyclone Kirrily (6.4S, 134E) → Consult updates from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center

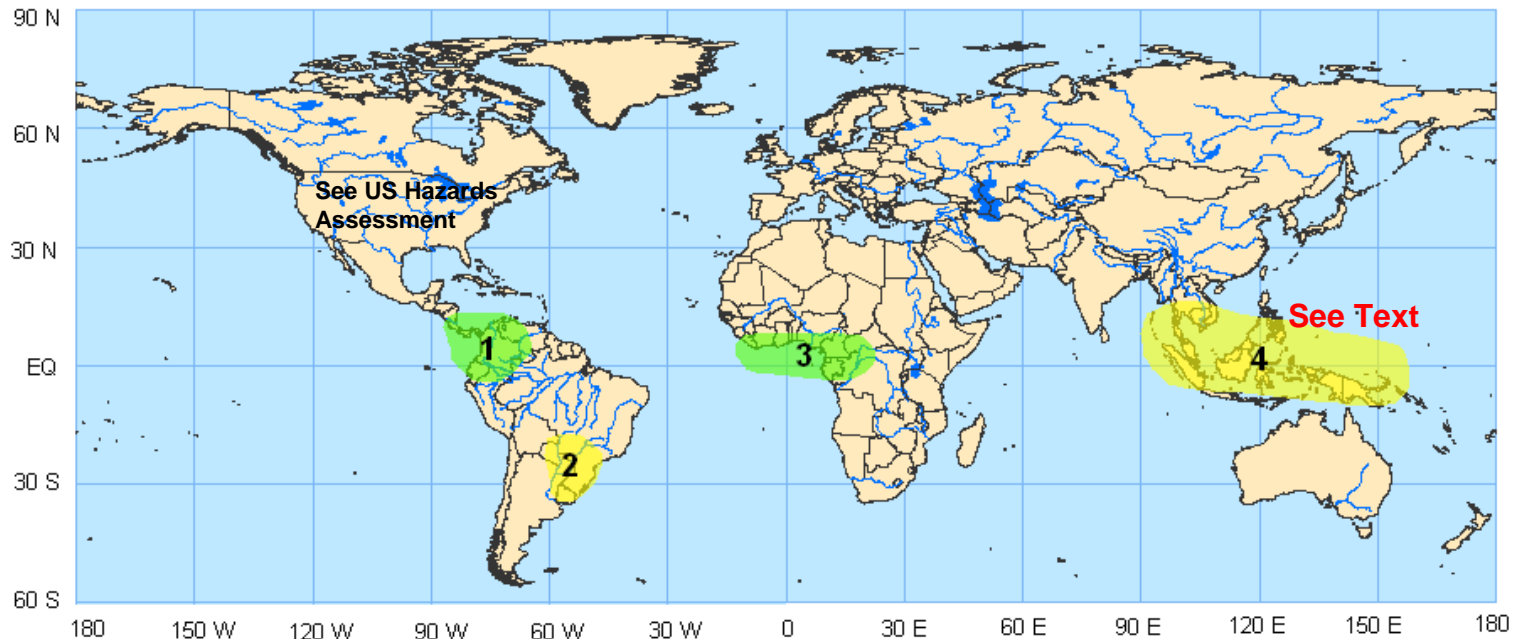
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: May 5 – 11, 2009



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for northwestern South America and parts of Central America.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region associated with the enhanced phase of the MJO. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Argentina, Uruguay, eastern Paraguay, and southern Brazil.** Persistent high pressure in this region is expected to contribute to dry conditions. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the Gulf of Guinea region of Africa.** Increased rainfall is expected in this region due to favorable low-level winds and above-average SSTs and the enhanced convective phase of the MJO. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall stretching from southern India to parts of the Maritime continent.** Decreased rainfall is expected in this region due to the suppressed phase of the MJO. **Confidence: High**

TEXT ITEM: Tropical cyclone development is a threat during the period for areas east of the Philippines due to above average SSTs and favorable upper-level environment associated with subseasonal variability. Confidence at the current time, however, is considered low.

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