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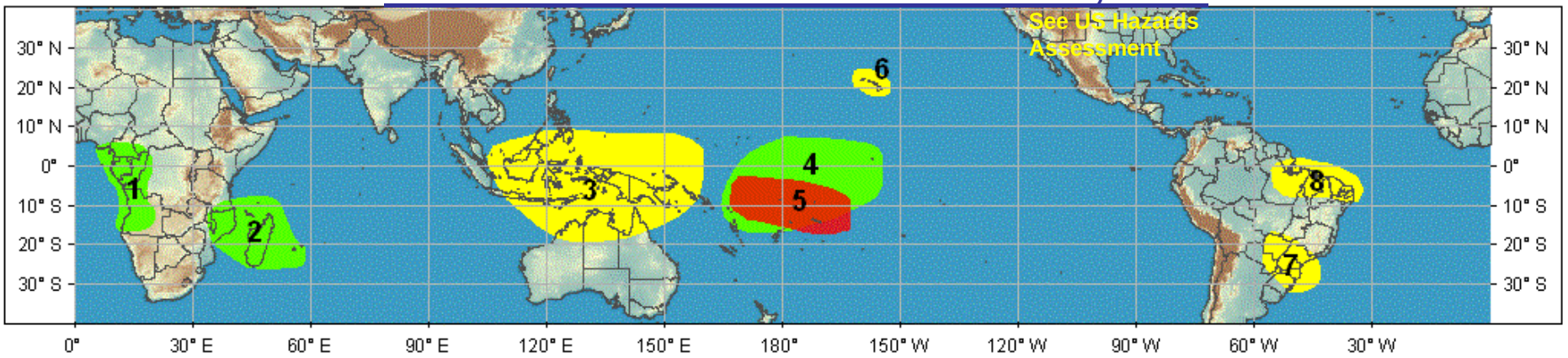
Week 1 Outlook – Valid: March 9 – 15, 2010



Synopsis:

1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for western parts of equatorial Africa. Anomalous low-level convergence is expected to favor increased rainfall in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

2. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of Madagascar and nearby waters. Numerical weather forecast guidance indicates wet conditions for this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime continent and northwest Australia. El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region and the Australian monsoon intensity is expected to be near or below average. **Confidence: High**

4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the west-central Pacific. El-Niño conditions favor above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

5. An increased likelihood for tropical cyclogenesis for parts of the southwest Pacific near the Date Line. Numerical forecast guidance and El Nino conditions favor potential development in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

6. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii. El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

7. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for southeast Brazil. Numerical forecast guidance indicates a drier than average pattern for this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

8. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Brazil. El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance continues to favor below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

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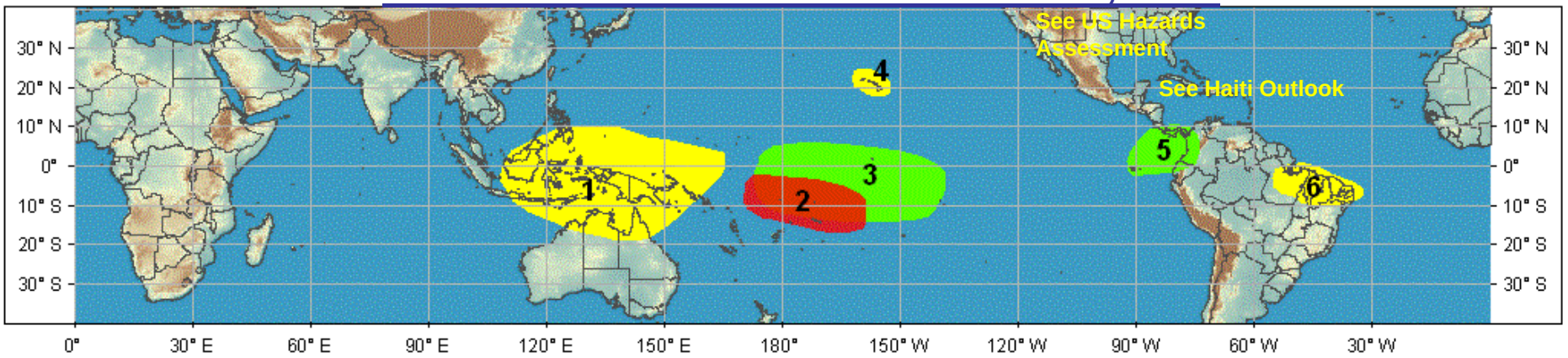
Week 2 Outlook – Valid: March 16 - 22, 2010



Synopsis:

1. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for parts of the Maritime continent and northwest Australia. El-Niño conditions favor below-average rainfall in this region and the Australian monsoon intensity is expected to be near or below average. **Confidence: High**

2. An increased likelihood for tropical cyclogenesis for parts of the southwest Pacific near the Date Line. Numerical forecast guidance and El Nino conditions favor potential development in this region during the period. **Confidence: Moderate**

3. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the west-central Pacific. El-Niño conditions favor above-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

4. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for Hawaii. El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance favor suppressed rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

5. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for parts of the far eastern Pacific and northwest South America. El-Niño conditions favor above-average rainfall this time of year. **Confidence: Moderate**

6. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for northern Brazil. El-Niño conditions and numerical forecast guidance continues to favor below-average rainfall in this region. **Confidence: High**

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