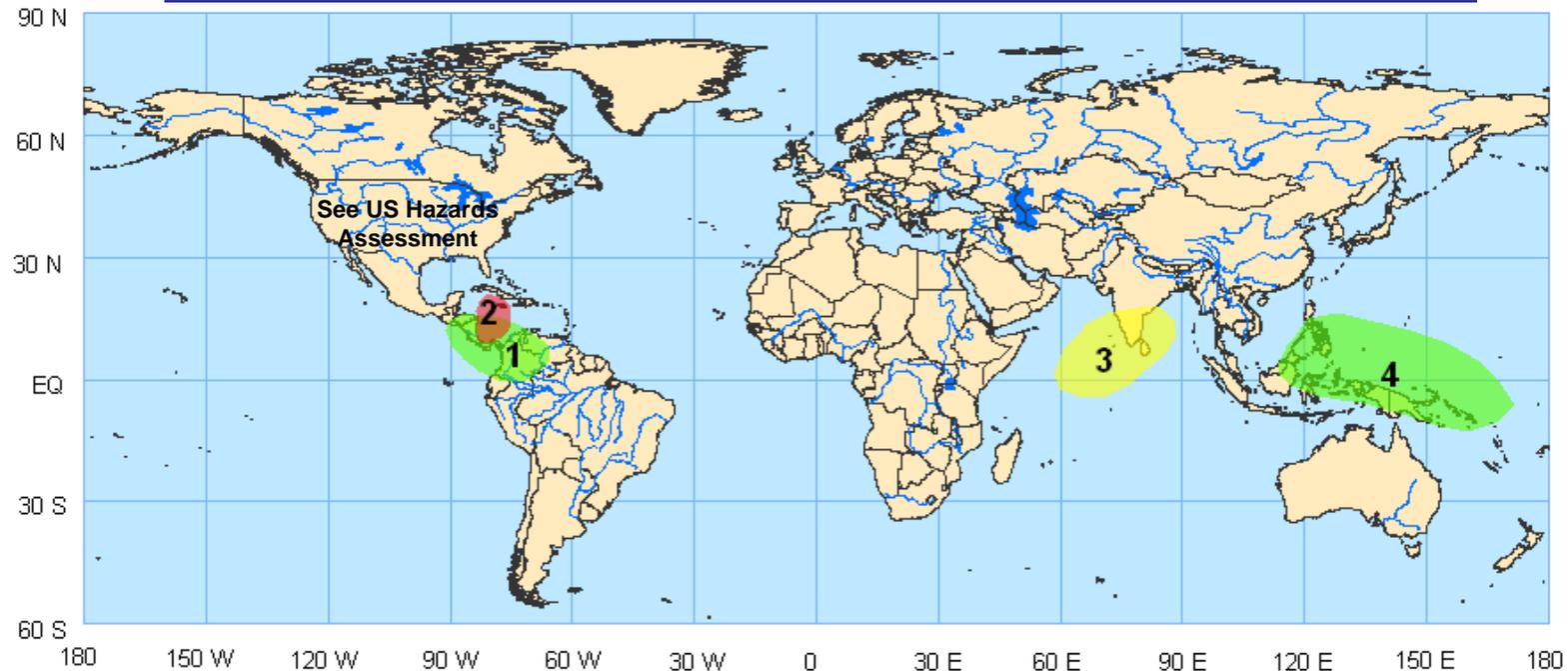


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Week 1 Outlook – Valid: November 4 – November 10, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for Central America and parts of northwest South America.** The enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 2. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis across parts of the western Caribbean Sea.** The enhanced phase of the MJO, above-average SSTs, current satellite imagery and numerical weather guidance support tropical development in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 3. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the west-central equatorial Indian Ocean extending to southern India.** The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the northeastern Maritime Continent, portions of the Philippines and the western Pacific.** The enhanced phase of the MJO and above-average SSTs are expected to contribute to wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**

**** ACTIVE TROPICAL CYCLONES:**

East Pacific: Tropical Storm Polo (9.2N, 114.2W) → Consult updates from the US National Hurricane Center

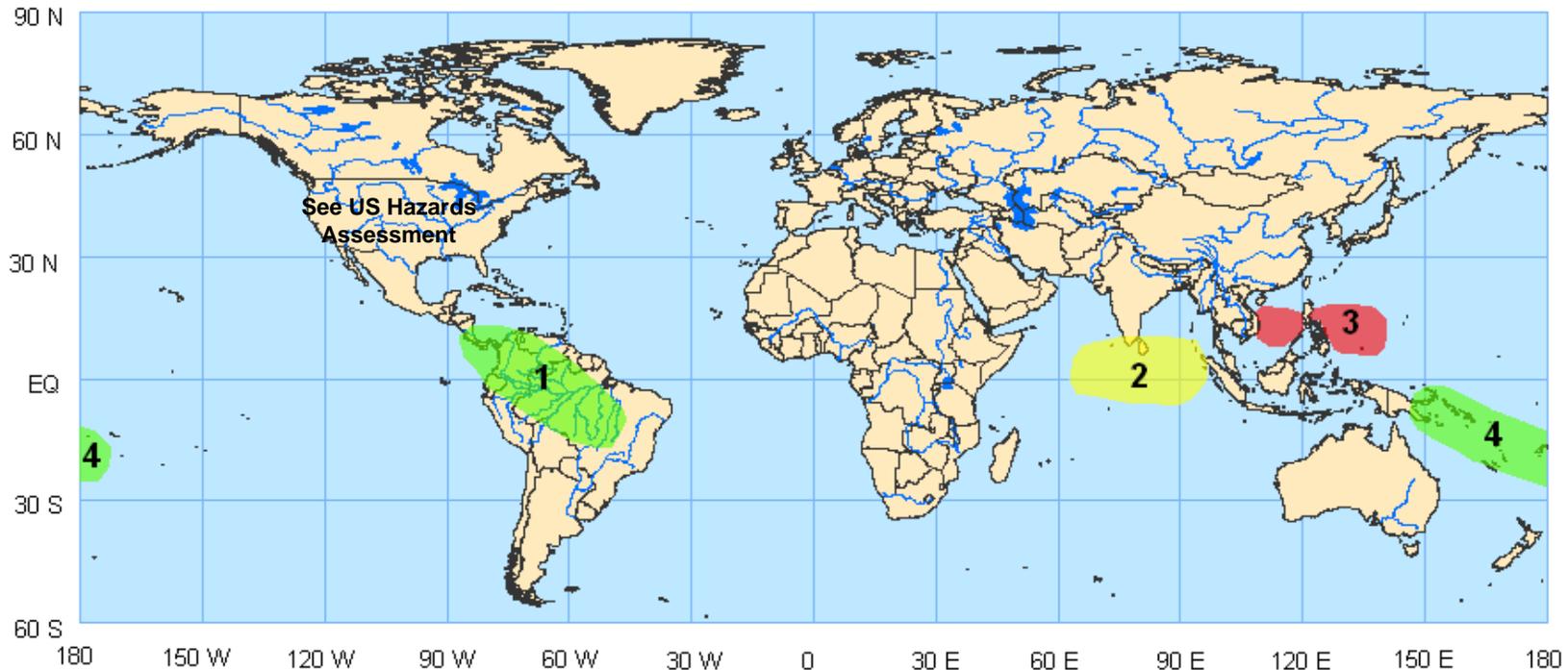
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Week 2 Outlook – Valid: November 11 - 17, 2008



- 1. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for central America extending to central Brazil.** The enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to aid the further development of the South American monsoon in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 2. An increased chance for below-average rainfall for the central and eastern Indian Ocean.** The suppressed phase of the MJO is expected to result in dry conditions in this region. **Confidence: High**
- 3. An increased chance for tropical cyclogenesis across the South China Sea and the Philippine Sea.** The enhanced phase of the MJO along with warmer than normal SSTs enhances the risk of tropical cyclone development. **Confidence: Moderate**
- 4. An increased chance for above-average rainfall for the SPCZ region.** The exiting enhanced phase of the MJO is expected to result in wet conditions in this region. **Confidence: Moderate**

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