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Global Forecast

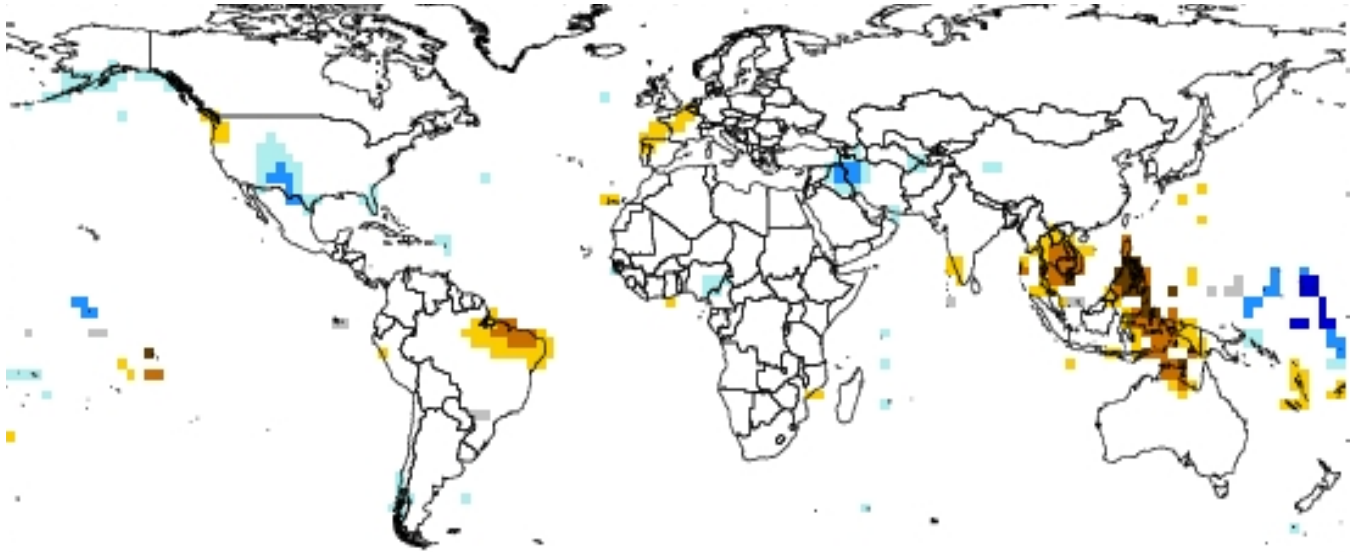
Total Rain and Snow March 2015 - May 2015

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IRI's next forecast:

20 March 2015



Will this season will be unusually wet?

Will this season will be unusually dry?

Wet: **Highly increased chance** (55% or greater)

Wet: **Moderately increased chance** (45-50%)

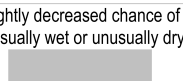
Wet: **Slightly increased chance** (35-40%)

No new information

Dry: **Slightly increased chance** (35-40%)

Dry: **Moderately increased chance** (45-50%)

Dry: **Highly increased chance** (55% or greater)



Slightly decreased chance of unusually wet or unusually dry

IRI global forecast map

Colours on this map indicate areas where we have **increased confidence** that the next three months will be unusually wet or dry. The darker the colour, the more confident we are.

For more information to help interpret the forecast, see the accompanying document called Important Forecast Guidance and Resources and contact your local meteorological service to monitor forecasts.

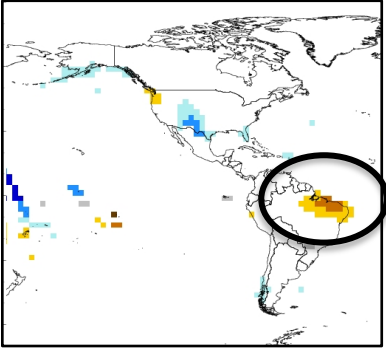
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Forecast Areas of Concern

March 2015 - May 2015

Americas

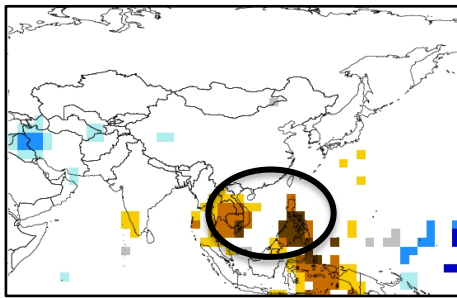


Northeast Brazil: Increased chance of dry conditions during the height of the rainy season

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of northeastern **Brazil** will be **unusually dry** during the height and towards the end of the rainy season in March-May.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the southern **United States** will be **unusually wet** this March-May.

Asia

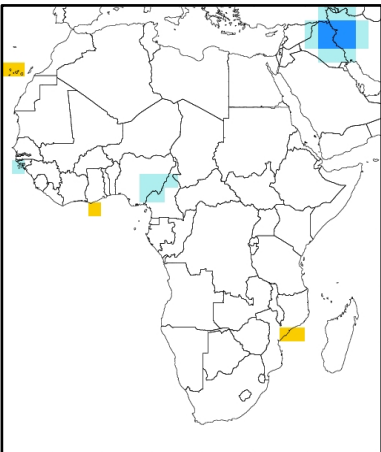


The Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam: Increased chance of dry conditions during the start of the rainy season

There is highly increased confidence that parts of **the Philippines, Cambodia** and **Vietnam** will be **unusually dry** during the beginning of the rainy season this March-May. There is moderately increased confidence that parts of **Laos** and **Thailand** will be **unusually dry** during the beginning of the rainy season this March-May.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of **Iraq** and western **Iran** will be **unusually wet** this March-May during the end of the rainy season.

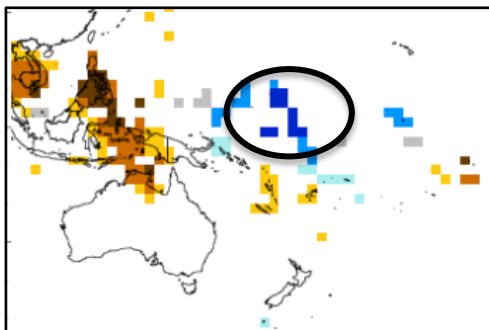
Africa



Africa: Few strong signals of unusual conditions

There are few strong signals for Africa this March-May; we suggest using contingency plans activated by normal seasonal calendars, and continued attention to local sources of short-term information.

Pacific



Marshall Islands: increased chance of wet conditions during the start of the rainy season

There is highly increased confidence that parts of **French Polynesia** and **northern Australia** will be **unusually dry** during the end of the rainy season this March-May.

There is highly increased confidence that parts of the **Marshall Islands** will be **unusually wet** this during the beginning of the rainy season this March-May. There is also highly increased confidence that parts of **Nauru** and **Kiribati** will be **unusually wet** this March-May, but it is not during the rainy season.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of **Tuvalu** and **Micronesia** will be **unusually wet** this during this March-May.