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CLIMATE MONITORING AND PREDICTION FOR SRI LANKA

HIGHLIGHTS

Rainfall Prediction



Fairly heavy rainfall is predicted for the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, North Western, Central provinces and less rainfall is predicted for rest of the country during 1 - 7 May.

Monitored Rainfalls



During the last week, average daily rainfall over Sri Lanka was 2.4 mm and hydro catchment areas received 4.0 mm.

Monitored & Predicted Wind



From 23 - 29 May, up to 6 m/s of westerly winds were at 850 mb (1.5 km).
During 2 - 8 June, up to 15 m/s of south westerly winds are expected at 850 mb (1.5 km).

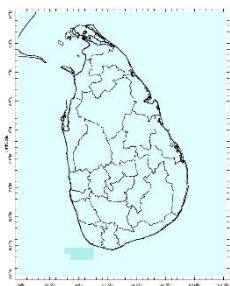
Monitored Sea & Land Temp



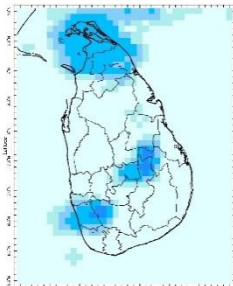
Sea surface temperature around Sri Lanka was 0.5 - 1.5°C above normal.
Average maximum land temperature ranged from 32-33°C and average minimum ranged from 24 - 25°C with a drop in the hills.

Monitoring Rainfall

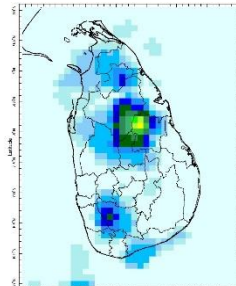
Daily Estimates for Rainfall from 23rd May – 30th May 2023



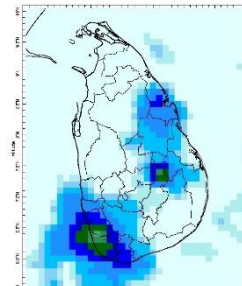
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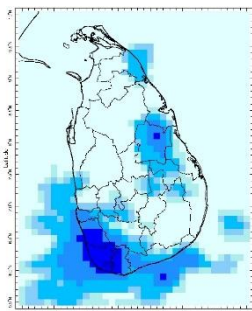
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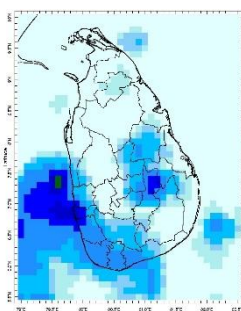
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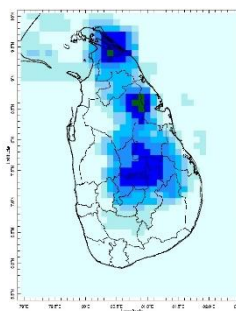
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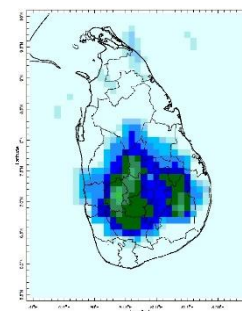
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Ocean State *(Text Courtesy IRI)*

Pacific sea state: May 30, 2023

Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are near-to-above average across most of the Pacific Ocean late-May. The tropical Pacific atmosphere is consistent with ENSO-neutral conditions. A large majority of the models indicate a transition from ENSO-neutral conditions in the next couple of months, with a greater than 90% chance of El Niño persisting into the Northern Hemisphere winter.

Indian Ocean State

Sea surface temperature around Sri Lanka was 0.5° C above normal to the Western and Eastern half of the country in 2nd – 8th May, 2023.

Predictions

Rainfall

7-day prediction: NOAA NCEP models

From 1st June – 7th June:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall (mm)	Provinces
85	Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern
65	North Western
55	Central
35	Northern, North Central, Uva
≤ 25	Eastern

MJO based OLR predictions

For the next 15 days:

MJO shall slightly suppress the rainfall during 1st - 5th June, near normal the rainfall during 6th - 10th June, and slightly increase the rainfall during 11th - 15th June for Sri Lanka.

Interpretation

Monitoring

Rainfall: During the last two weeks, there had been very heavy rainfall over the following area: Monaragala

Daily Average Rainfall in the Met stations for previous week of (24th May - 31th May) = 2.4 mm

Maximum Daily Rainfall: 103.5 mm & Minimum Daily Rainfall: 0.0 mm.

Region	Average rainfall for last 8 days (mm)	Average temperature for last 8 days (°C)	
		Maximum	Minimum
Northern	0.5	34.3	26.9
Eastern	2.2	33.4	23.4
Western	4.6	31.5	24.1
Southern	1.0	33.2	25.9

The Hydro Catchment Areas recorded 4.0 mm of average rainfall for the last week.

Maximum Daily Rainfall: 107.2 mm & Minimum Daily Rainfall: 0.0 mm.

Wind: Westerly winds prevailed in the sea area and around the island last week.

Temperatures: The temperature anomalies were above normal for some parts of the Central and Sabaragamuwa provinces and near normal for rest of the country driven by the warm SST's.

Predictions

Rainfall: During the next week (1st June – 7th June), fairly heavy rainfall (≥ 55 mm) is predicted for the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, North Western, and Central provinces and less rainfall is predicted for rest of the country.

Temperatures: The temperature will remain above normal for some parts of the Northern, Eastern, North Central, Uva, Southern, and Central provinces during 2nd June – 8th June.

Teleconnections: A transition from ENSO-neutral conditions in the next couple of months, with a greater than 90% chance of El Niño persisting into the Northern Hemisphere winter.

MJO shall slightly suppress the rainfall during 1st - 5th June, near normal the rainfall during 6th - 10th June, and slightly increase the rainfall during 11th - 15th June for Sri Lanka.

Seasonal Precipitation: The precipitation forecast for the June-July-August, 2023 season shows above normal precipitation for the country.

Terminology for Rainfall Ranges

	Rainfall (During 24 hours of period)
Light Showers	Less than 12.5 mm
Light to Moderate	Between 12.5 mm and 25 mm
Moderate	Between 25 mm and 50 mm
Fairly Heavy	Between 50 mm and 100 mm
Heavy	Between 100 mm and 150 mm
Very Heavy	More than 150 mm

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Weekly Climate Bulletin for Sri Lanka

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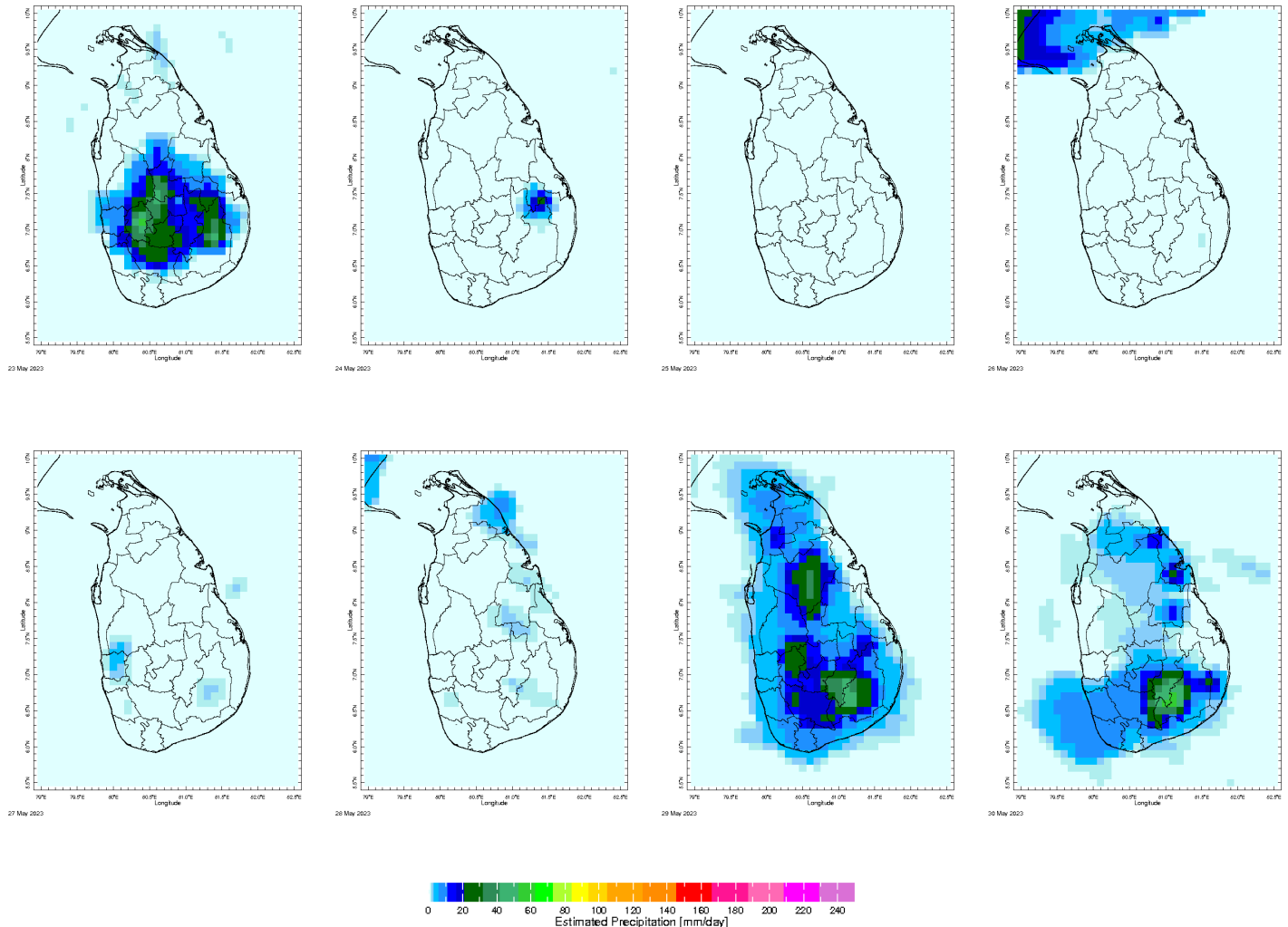
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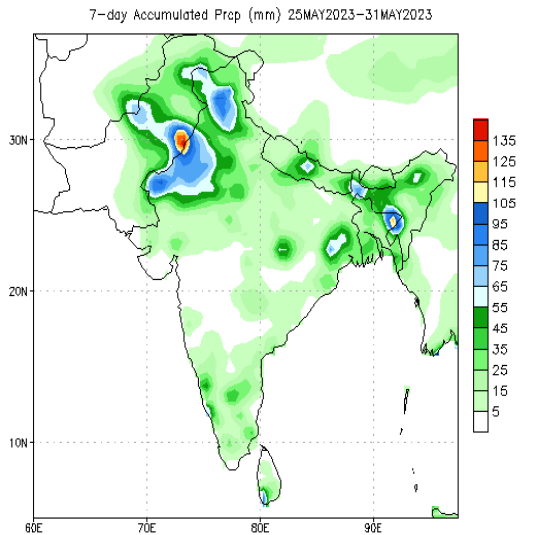
Daily Rainfall Monitoring

The following figures show the satellite observed rainfall in the last 7 days in Sri Lanka.

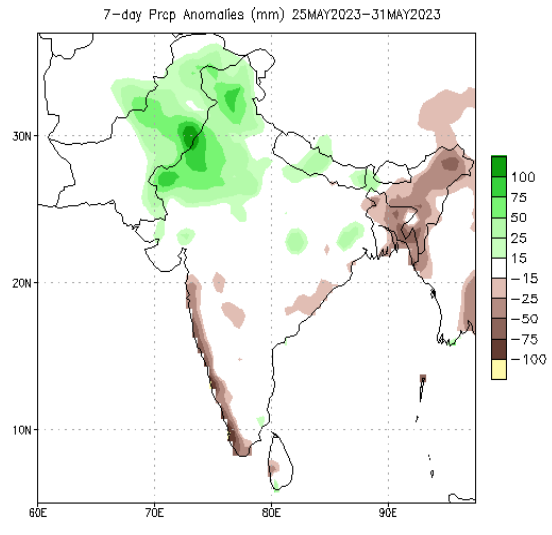


Weekly Rainfall Monitoring

The following figures show the total satellite observed rainfall in the last week in Sri Lanka. The figure in the left is the total 7-day rainfall from NOAA Climate Prediction Center (CPC) Unified Precipitation Analysis and the figure in the right is the total 7-day rainfall from CPC RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures are the respective anomalies.



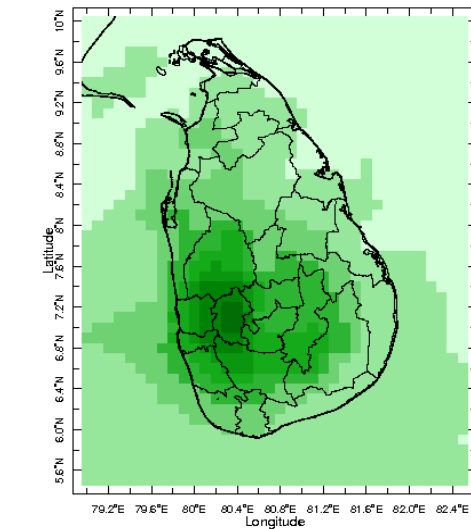
Data Source: CPC Unified (gauge-based & 0.5x0.5 deg resolution) Precipitation Analysis



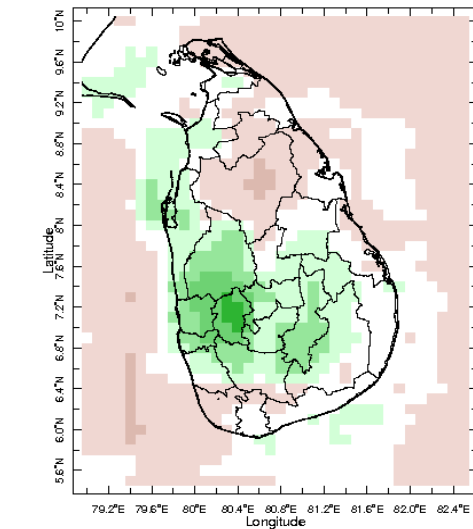
Data Source: CPC Unified (gauge-based & 0.5x0.5 deg resolution) Precipitation Analysis Climatology (1991–2020)

Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

The figure in the left shows the average observed rainfall in the previous month. The rainfall anomaly in the previous month is shown in the figure to the right. The brown color in the anomaly figure shows places which received less rainfall than the historical average while the green color shows places with above average rainfall. Darker shades show higher magnitudes in rainfall



Apr 2023
Estimated Precipitation [mm/day]

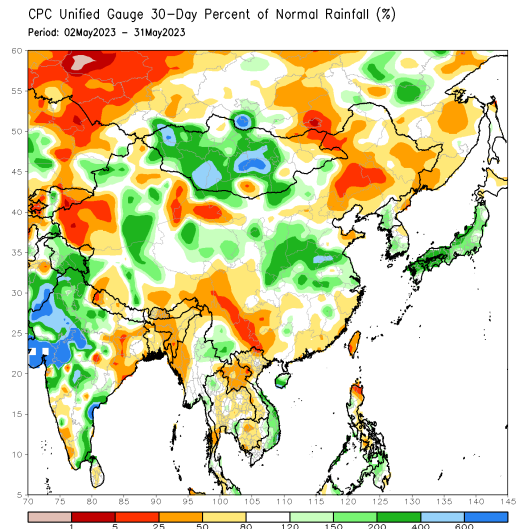
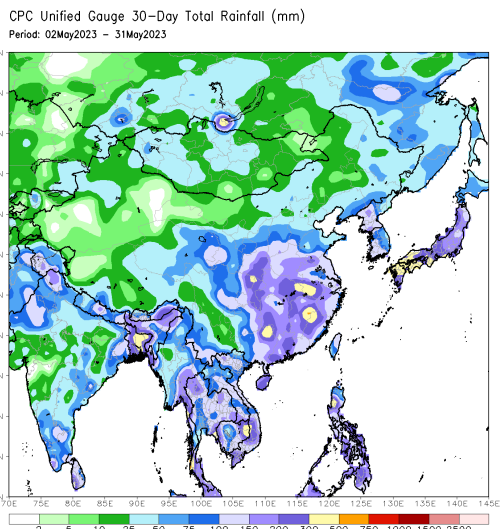


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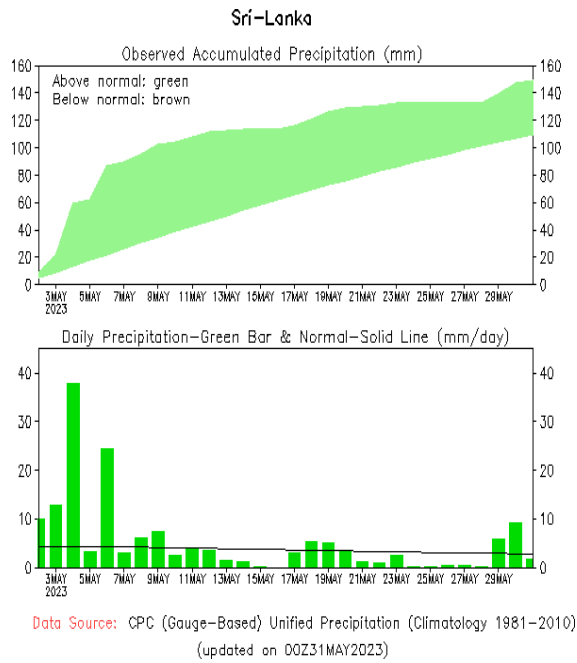
Monthly Average

Monthly Anomaly

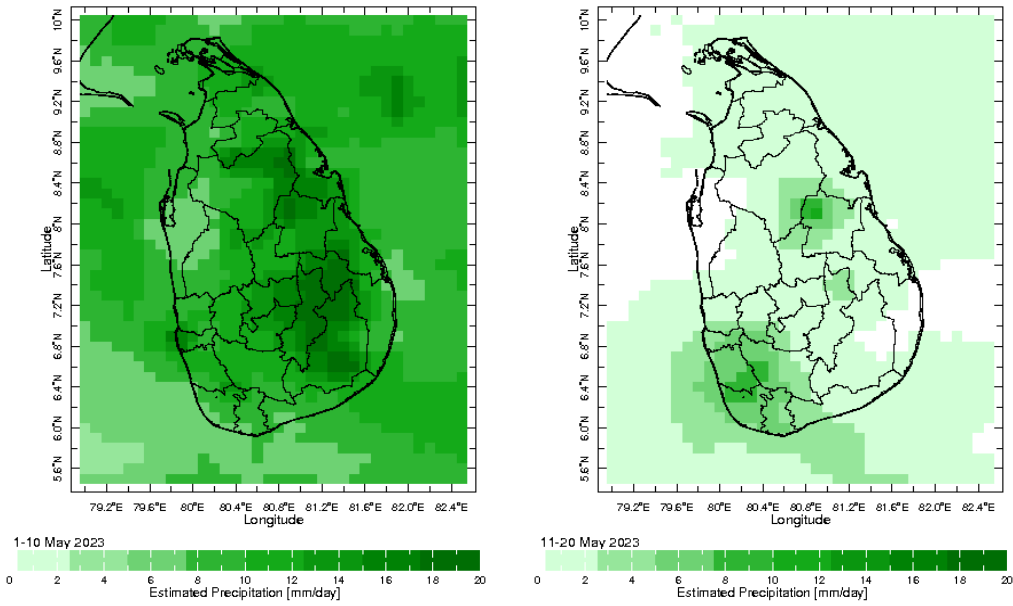
The figure in the top-left shows the total rainfall in the past 30 days from CPC Unified Precipitation Analysis while the figure in the top-right shows the total rainfall for the same period from RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures show the percentage of rainfall received in the past 30 days compared to normal rainfall in this period.



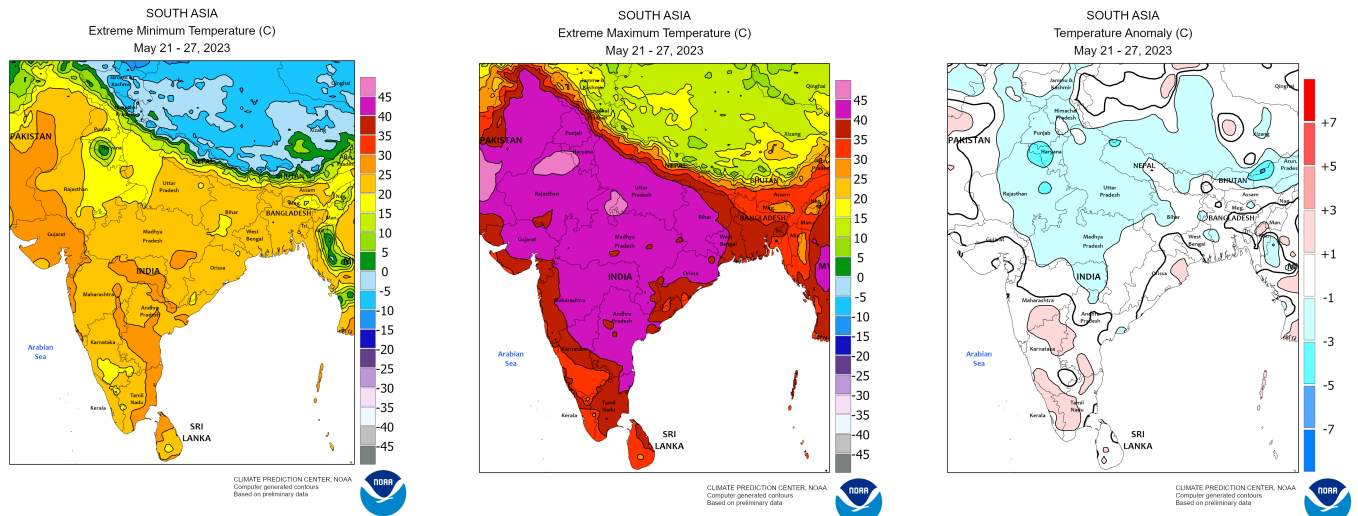
The following figure shows the observed accumulated rainfall (top) and daily observed (bottom) in Sri Lanka in the last 30 days.



Dekadal (10 Day) Satellite Derived Rainfall Estimates

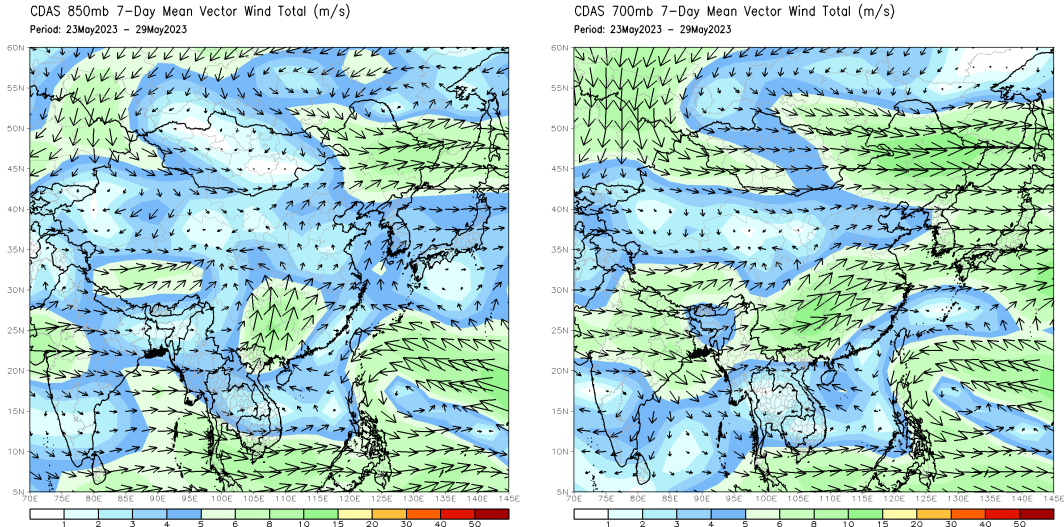


Weekly Temperature Monitoring



Weekly Wind Monitoring

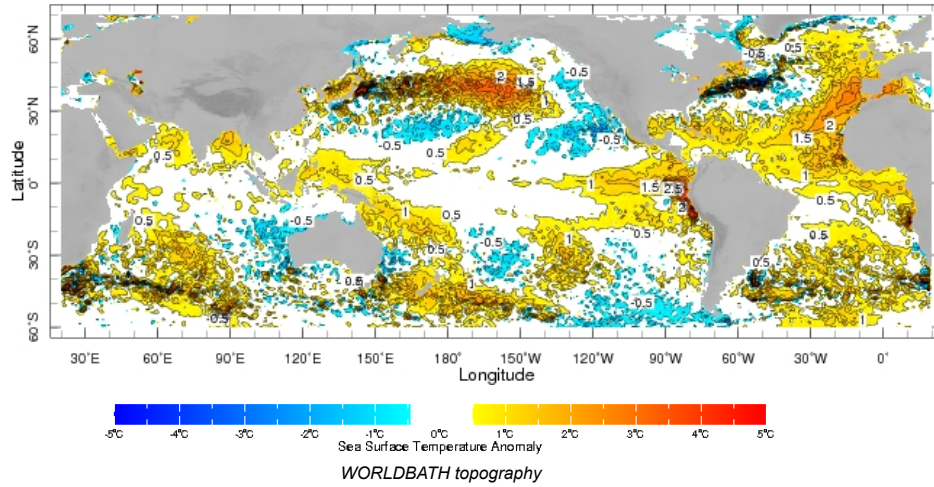
The following figures show the mean vector wind total of the past 7 days near Sri Lanka at two levels. The figure on the left shows 850 mb (~1500 m) level and the figure on the right shows 700 mb (~3000 m) level.



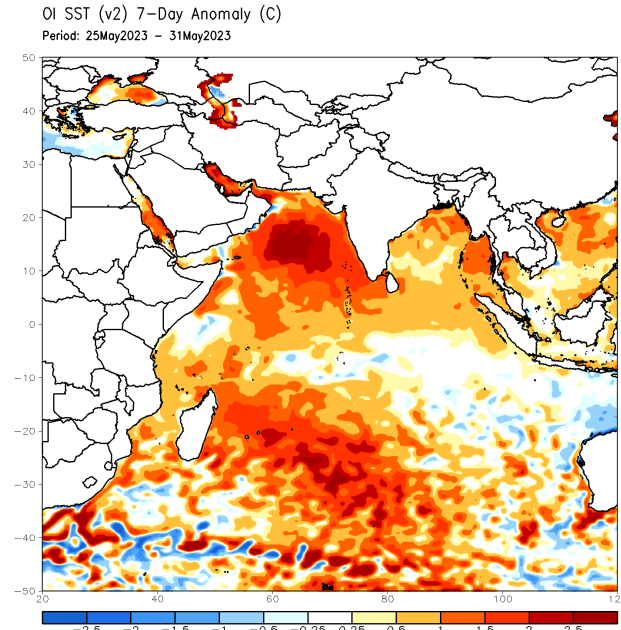
Weekly Average SST Anomalies

Weekly average Sea Surface Temperature (SST) anomaly in the world from NOAA NCEP

zlev 0.0 meters Time 2-8 May 2023

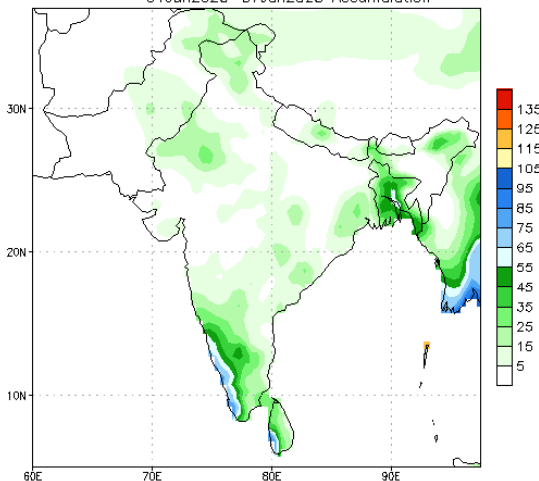


Optimum Interpolated Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly in the Indian Ocean from NOAA CPC



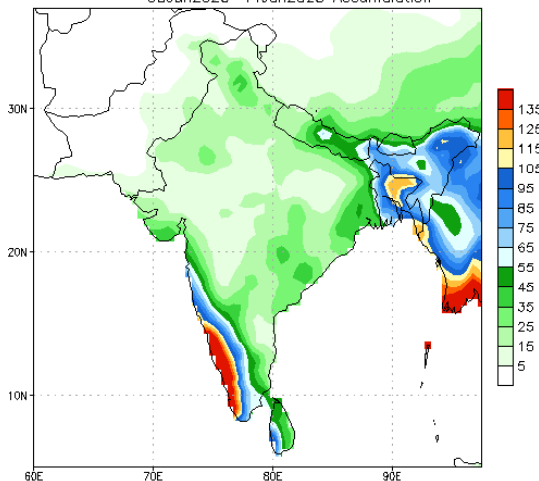
NCEP GFS 1- 14 Day prediction

NCEP GFS Ensemble Forecast 1-7 Day Precipitation (mm)
from: 01Jun2023
01Jun2023-07Jun2023 Accumulation



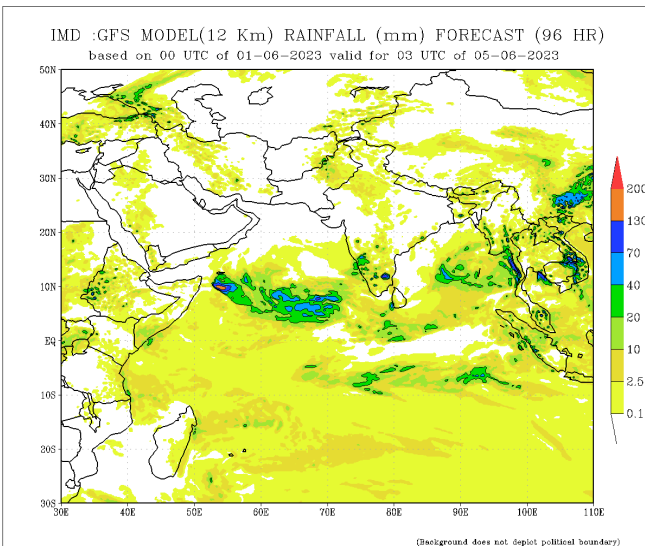
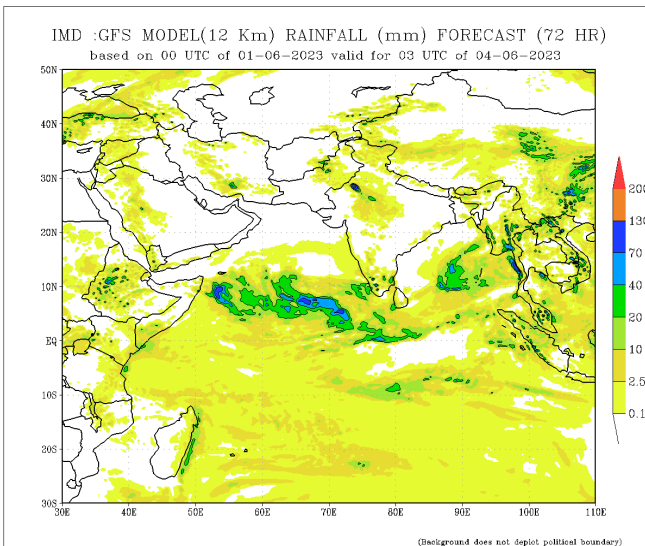
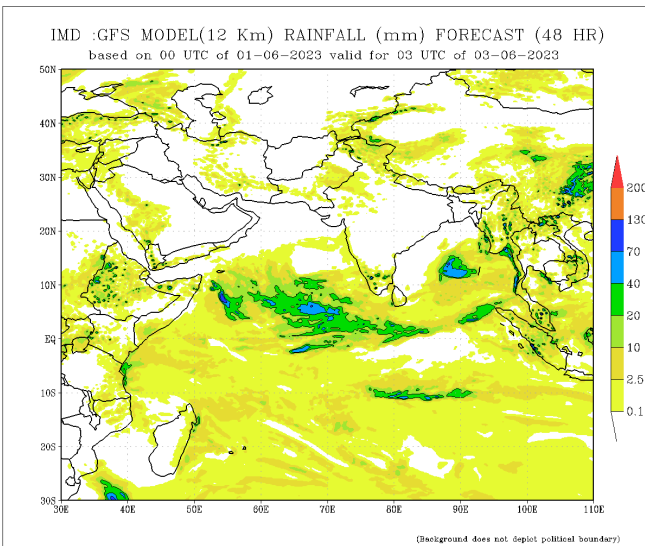
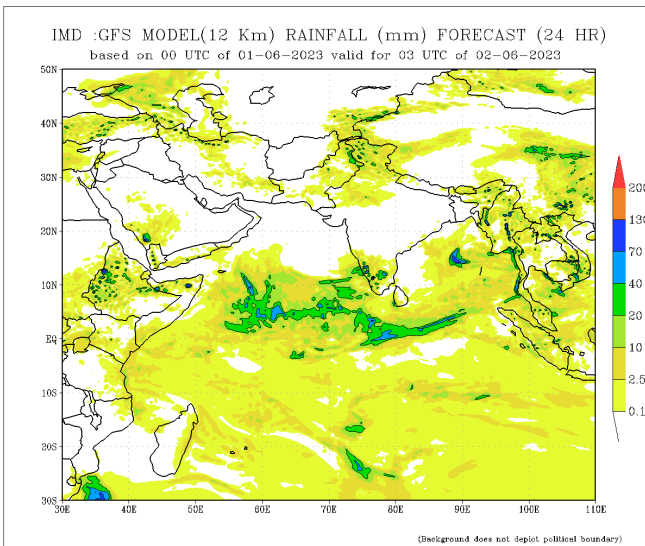
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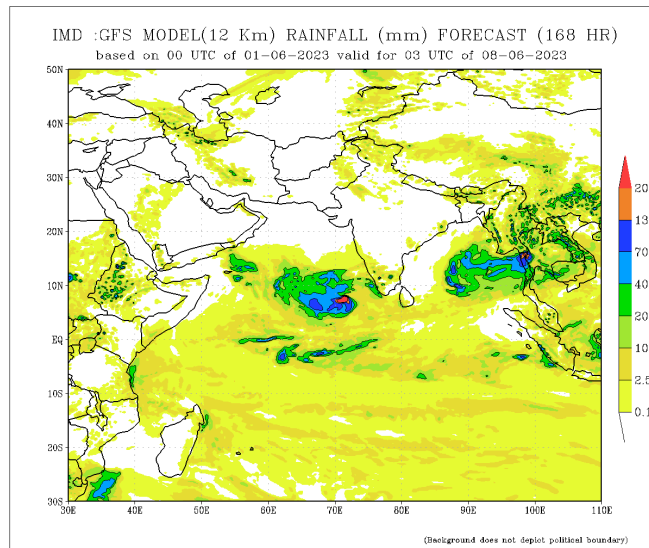
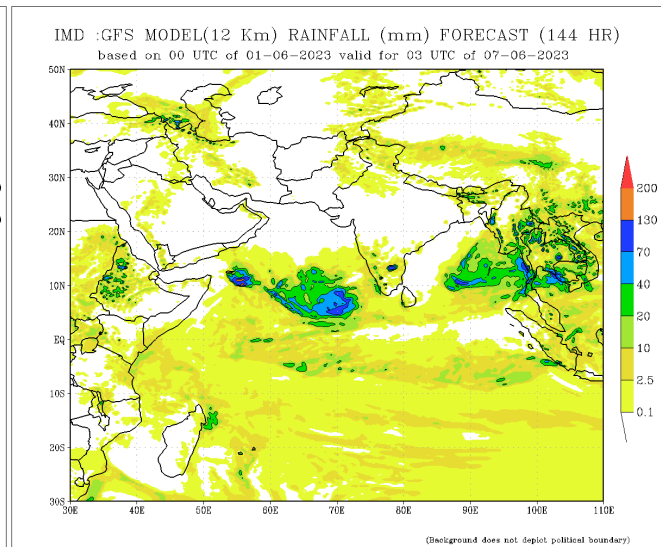
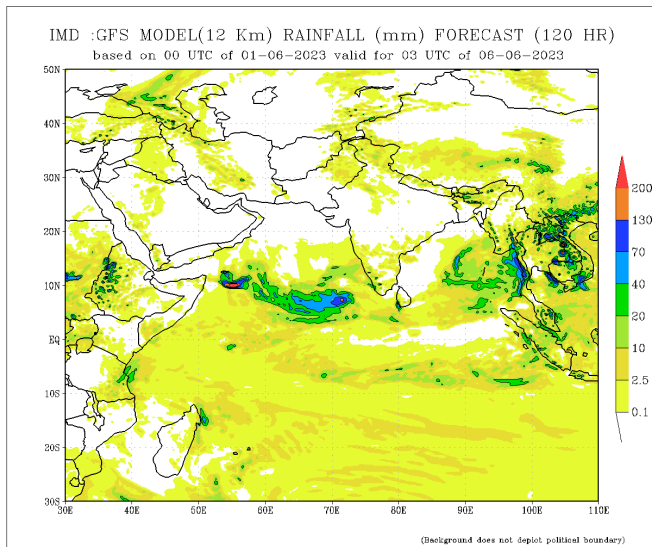
NCEP GFS Ensemble Forecast 8-14 Day Precipitation (mm)
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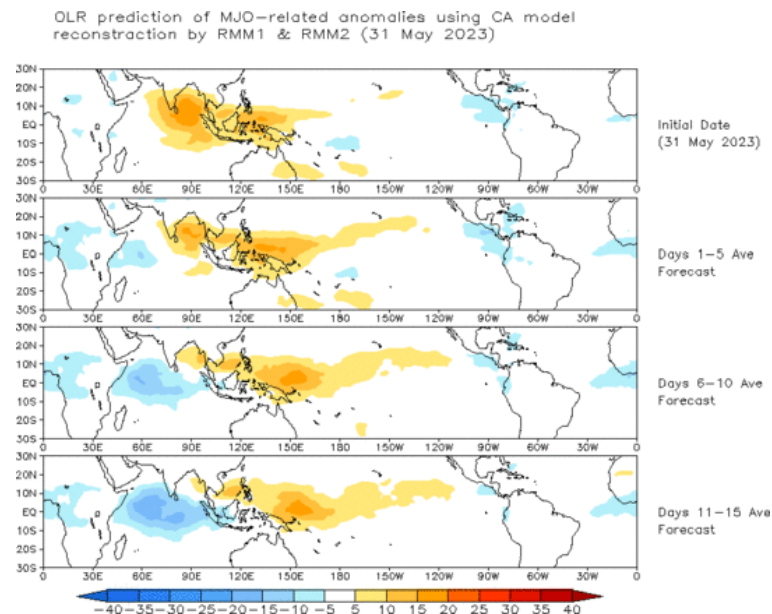
IMD GFS (T574) Model Rainfall Forecast from RMSC New Delhi, India





Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) related Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Forecast

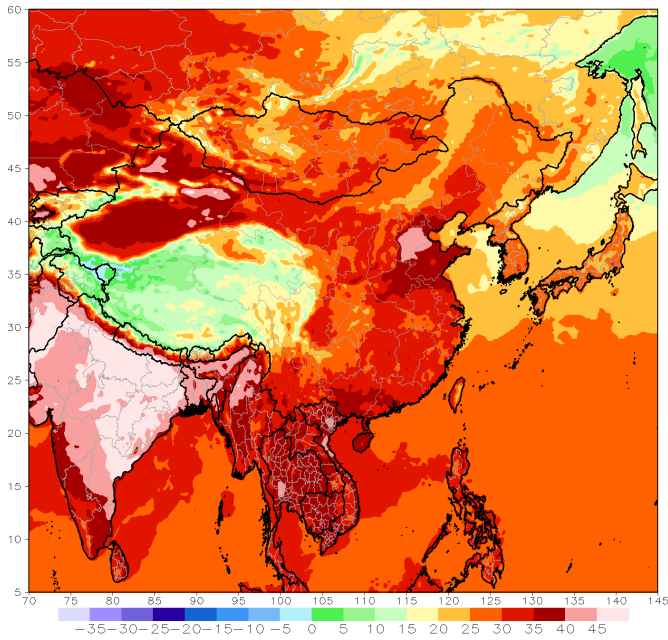
The Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) is a proxy for rainfall. This can be used to identify convective rain clouds based on the MJO phase. Violet and Blue shading indicates enhanced tropical weather and Orange shading indicates suppressed conditions. The following figure shows the forecasts of MJO associated anomolous OLR for the next 15 days from the Constructed Analogue (CA) model forecasts.



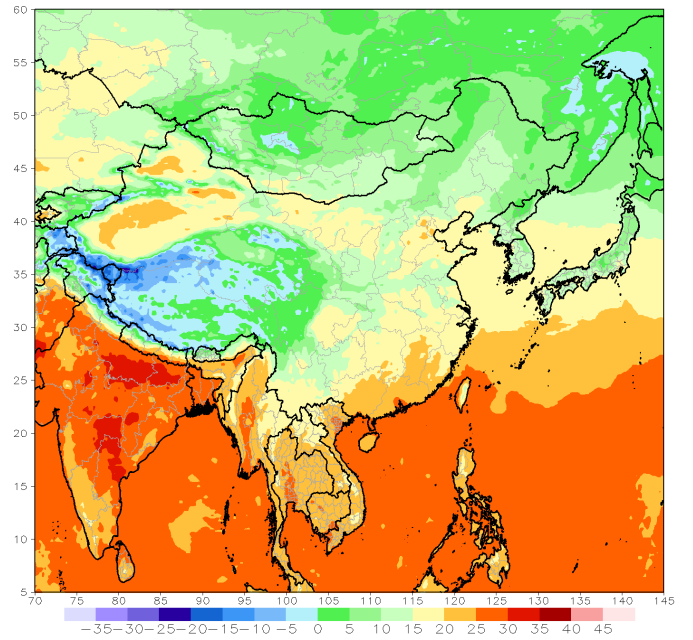
Weekly Temperature Forecast

Weekly Minimum and Maximum Temperature prediction from the GFS model (from NOAA CPC)

GFS week1 Temperature Max (C)
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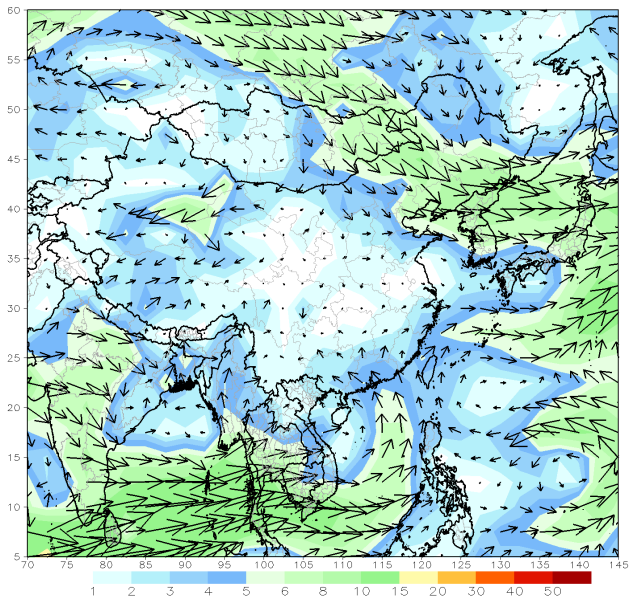
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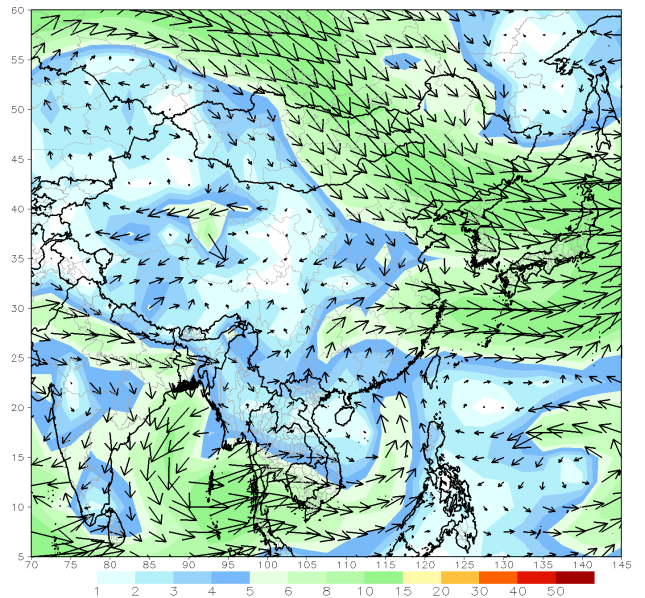
Weekly Wind Forecast

Weekly mean vector wind total prediction from the GFS model at 850 mb (left) and 700 mb (right) levels. (from NOAA CPC)

GFS 850mb week1 Mean Vector Wind Total (m/s)
Period: 18z02Jun2023 - 18z08Jun2023



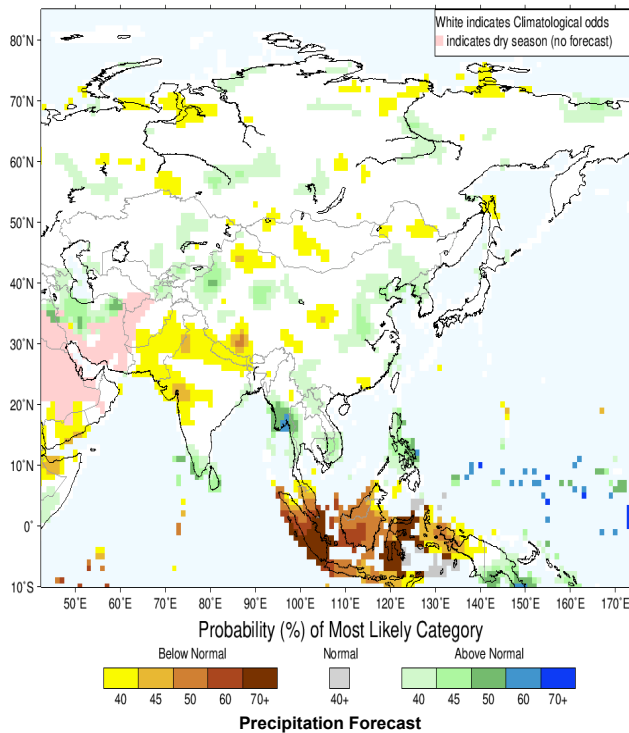
GFS 700mb week1 Mean Vector Wind Total (m/s)
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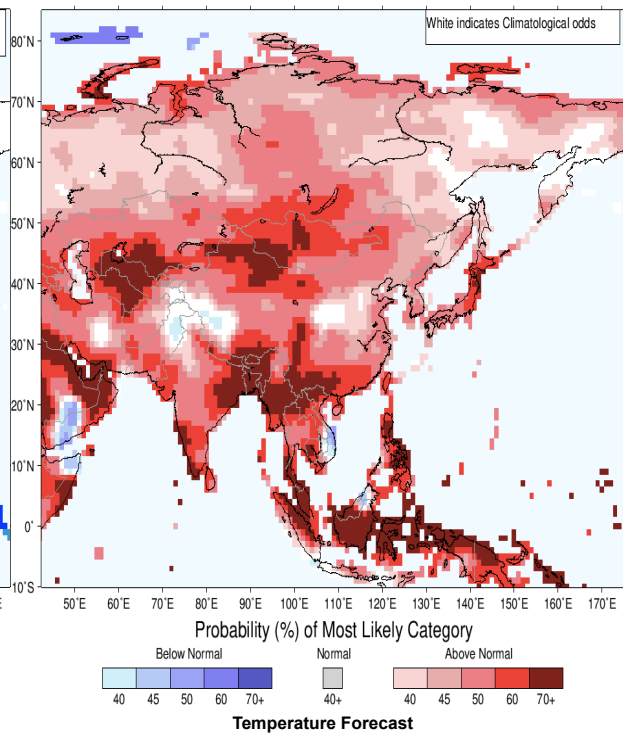
Seasonal Rainfall and Temperature Forecast

Following is the latest seasonal precipitation and temperature prediction for the next 3 months by the IRI. The color shading indicates the probability of the most dominant tercile -- that is, the tercile having the highest forecast probability. The color bar alongside the map defines these dominant tercile probability levels. The upper side of the color bar shows the colors used for increasingly strong probabilities when the dominant tercile is the above-normal tercile, while the lower side shows likewise for the below-normal tercile. The gray color indicates an enhanced probability for the near-normal tercile (nearly always limited to 40%).

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Precipitation for June–July–August 2023, Issued May 2023



IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Temperature for June–July–August 2023, Issued May 2023



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