

Week of
8 - 15 April
2022

CLIMATE MONITORING AND PREDICTION FOR SRI LANKA

HIGHLIGHTS

Rainfall Prediction



- Fairly heavy rainfall (up to 50 - 100 mm) is expected for the Southern, Western, Central, Uva Sabaragamuwa & Eastern provinces from 8th - 12th April.

Monitored Rainfalls



- During the last week, Average Daily Rainfall over Sri Lanka was 6.1 mm and hydro catchment areas have received up to 11.5mm on average.

Monitored Wind



- From 28th March - 3rd April, up to 2m/s South-easterlies were experienced. Wind direction is changing NW to SW during this period.

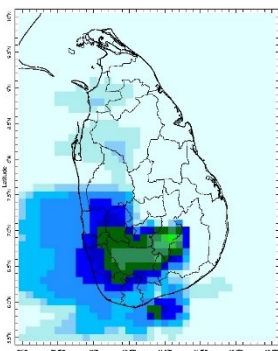
Monitored Sea Surface



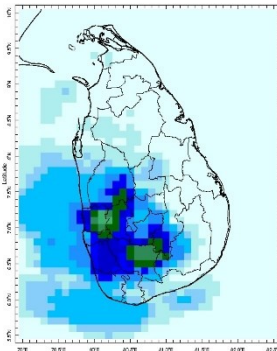
- Sea surface temperature was above 0.5 °C to the north of Sri Lanka and temperature was average for the country last week.

Monitoring Rainfall

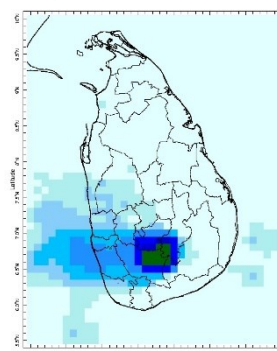
Daily Estimates for Rainfall from 29th March – 5th April 2022



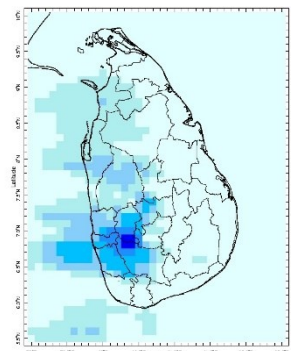
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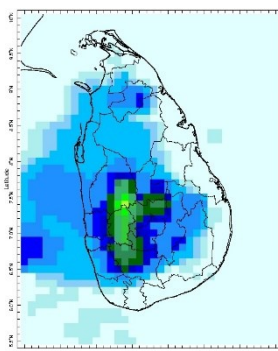
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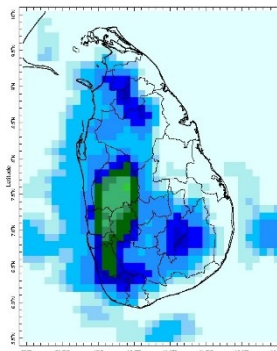
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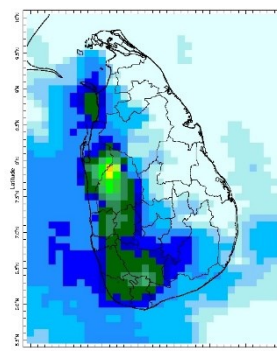
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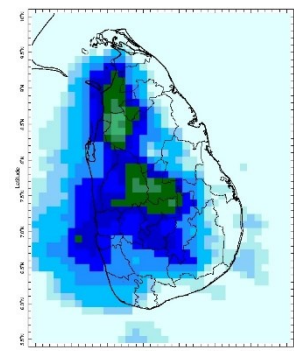
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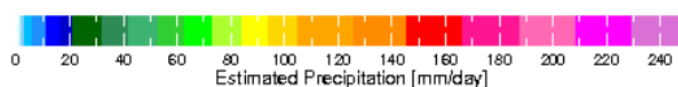
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Ocean State *(Text Courtesy IRI)*

Pacific sea state: March 23, 2022

Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are below average across the East Central and Eastern Pacific Ocean in late-March. The tropical Pacific atmosphere is consistent with La Niña. A large majority of the models indicate La Niña is favored to continue into the Northern Hemisphere summer, with a 40-50% chance of La Niña or ENSO neutral thereafter.

Indian Ocean State

Sea surface temperature was above 0.5°C to the north of Sri Lanka. A La Niña pattern is prevalent in the Pacific Ocean but not in the Indian Ocean.

Predictions

Rainfall

14-day prediction: NOAA NCEP models

From 6th – 12th April:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall	Provinces
85 mm	Southern
75 mm	Western, Sabaragamuwa
65 mm	Central, Uva
55 mm	Eastern
45 mm	North Western, North Central
35 mm	Northern

From 13th – 19th April:

Total rainfall by Provinces:

Rainfall	Provinces
35 mm	Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern
25 mm	Uva, Central
15 mm	North Western, North Central, Northern, Eastern

MJO based OLR predictions

For the next 15 days:

MJO shall neutral during 6th – 15th April; and slightly enhance the rainfall during 16th - 20th April.

Interpretation

Monitoring

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

Daily Average Rainfall in the Met stations for previous week of (29th March - 5th April) = 6.1 mm
Rmax: 39.7 mm & Rmin: 0mm.

Region	Average rainfall for the Last 8 days
Northern Plains	4.7 mm
Eastern	5.2 mm
Western	8.4mm
Southern Plains	4.7 mm

The Hydro Catchment Areas recorded 11.5 mm of average rainfall for the last week
Rmax: 51.9 mm & Rmin: 0.4 mm.

Wind: South-easterly (or variable in direction) winds prevailed in the sea area surrounding the island last week.

Temperatures: The temperature anomalies were near-neutral for the country, driven by the warm SST's.

Predictions

Rainfall: During the next week (8th – 12th April) fairly heavy rainfall is predicted for Western, Sabaragamuwa and Southern provinces.

Temperatures: The temperature remains slightly above normal in the Northern and Eastern provinces during 8th – 16th April.

Teleconnections:

La Nina - The SST forecast indicates that La Niña is favored to continue into the Northern Hemisphere summer (June-August 2022).

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Seasonal Precipitation:

The precipitation forecast for the April-May-June season shows above-normal precipitation for the island, while some parts of the southern province remain neutral.

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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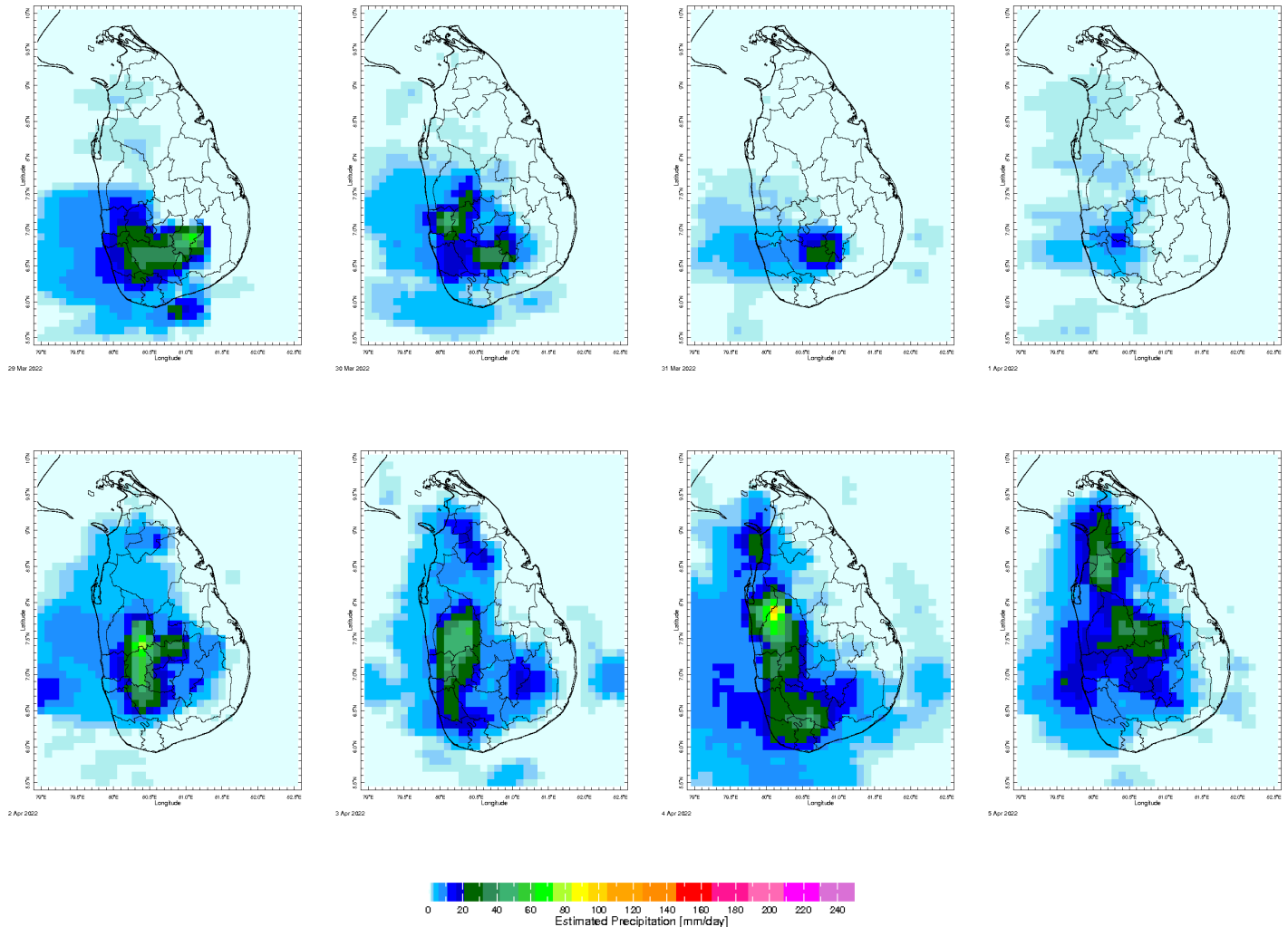
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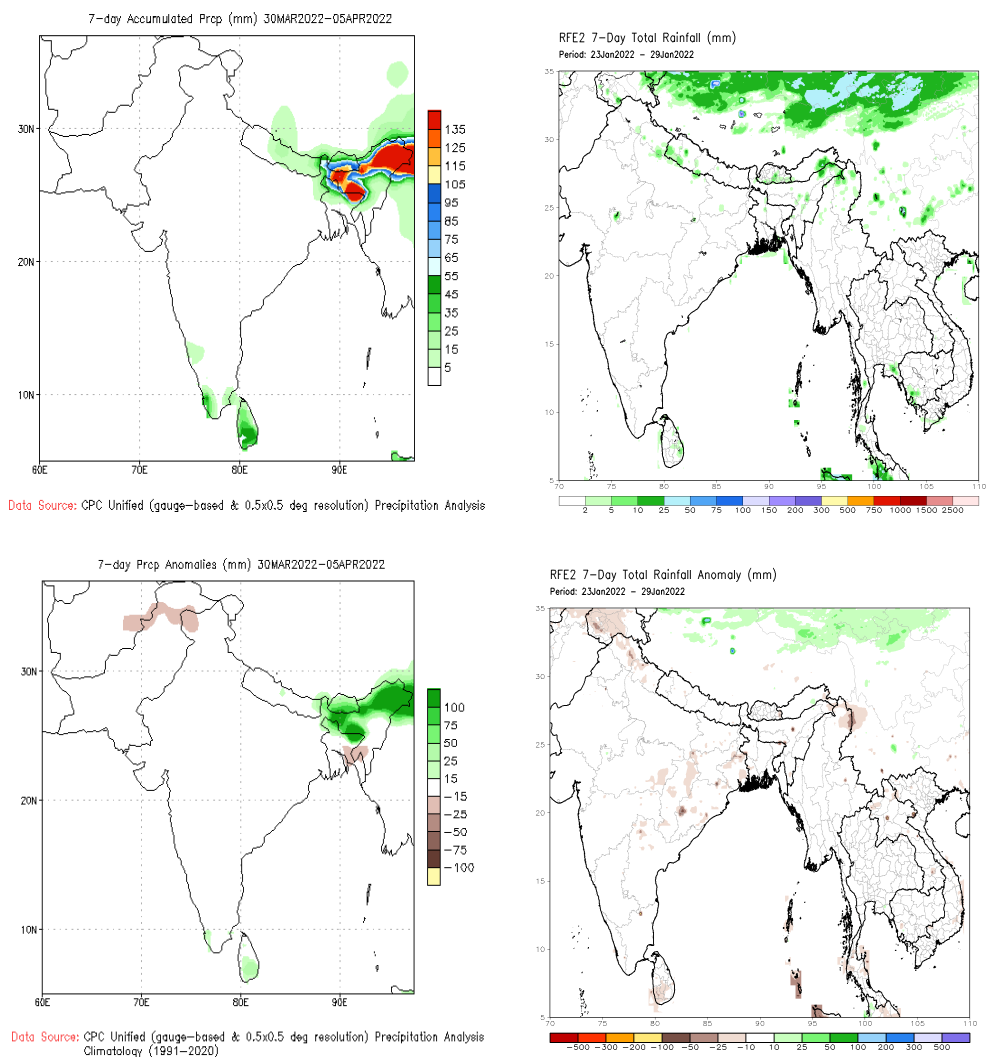
Daily Rainfall Monitoring

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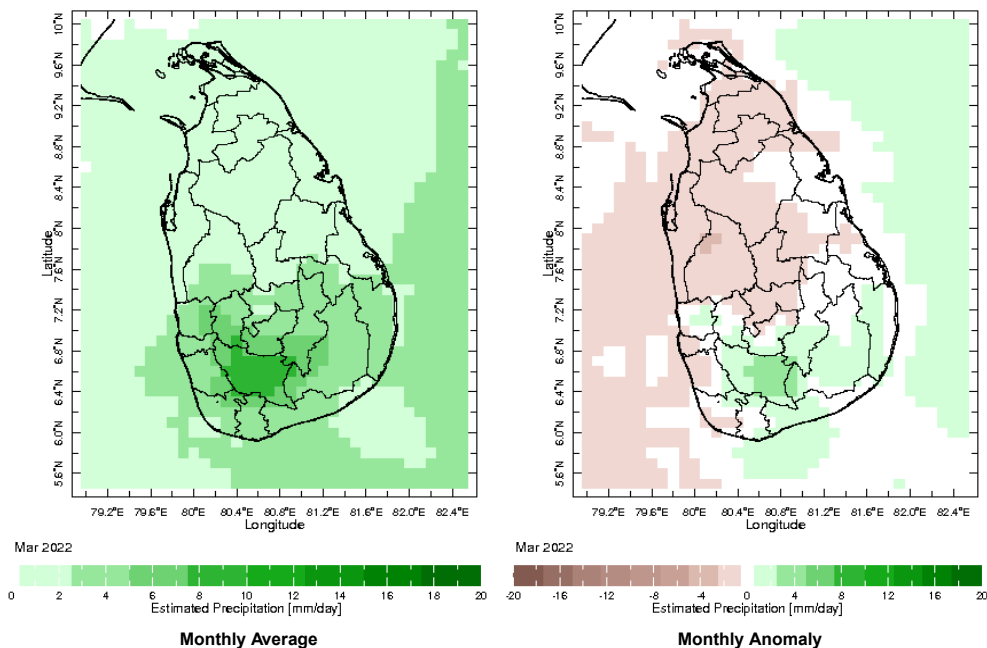
Weekly Rainfall Monitoring

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.

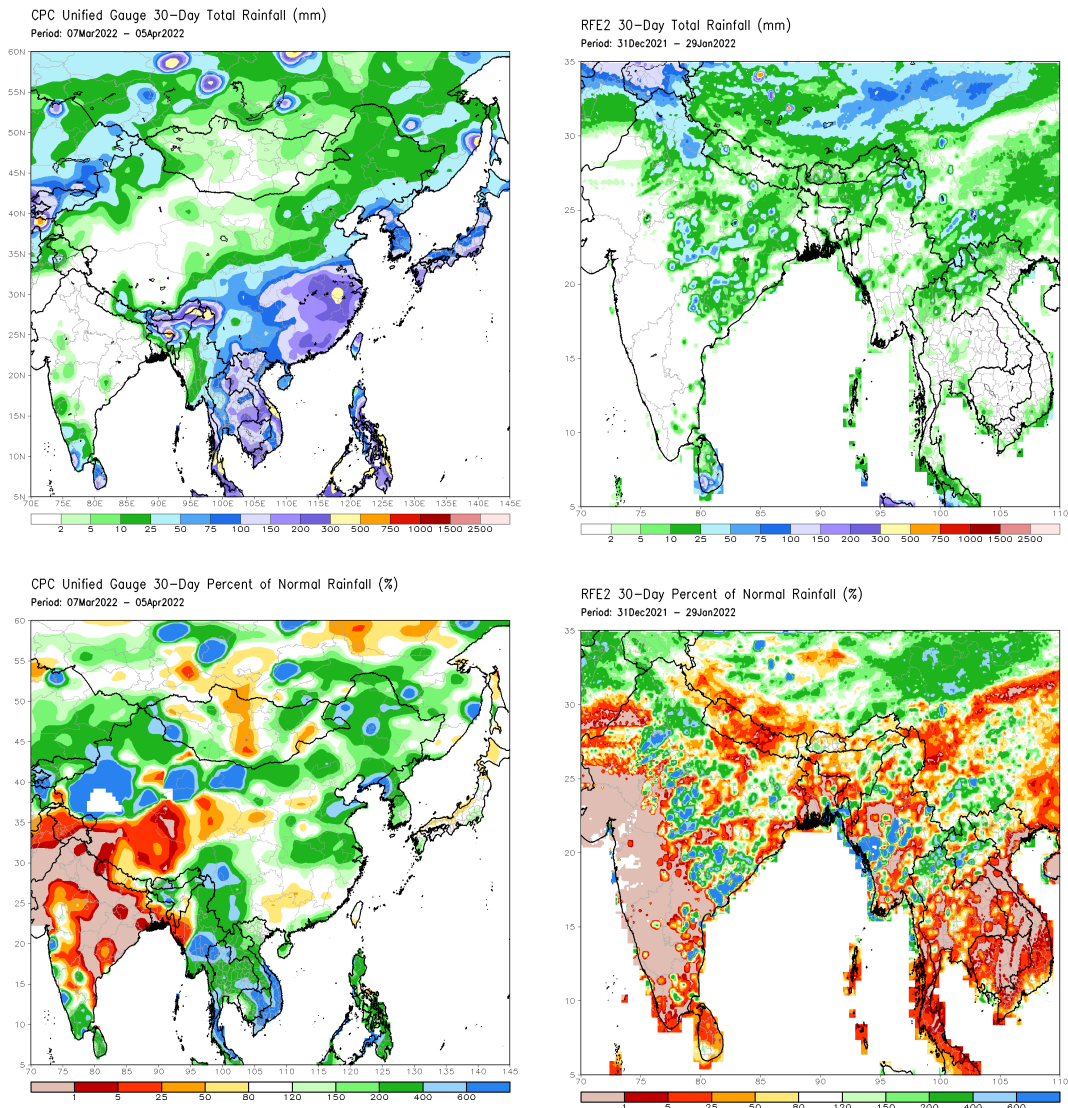


Monthly Rainfall Monitoring

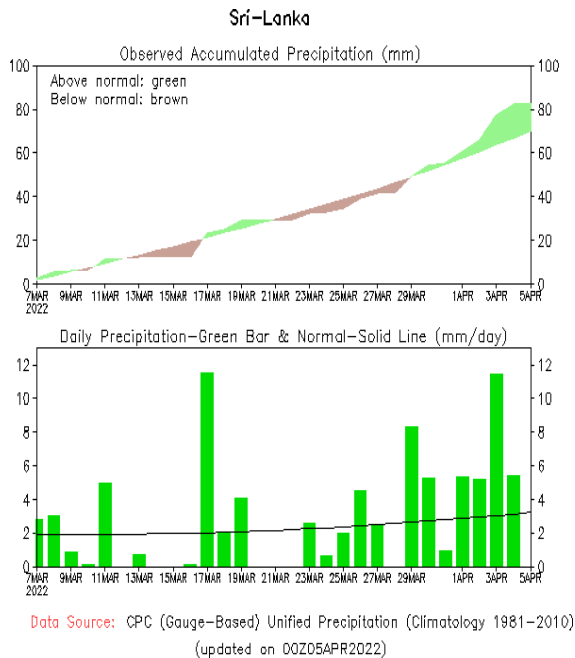
The figure in the left shows the average observed rainfall in the previous month. The rainfall anomaly in the previous month is shown in the figure to the right. The brown color in the anomaly figure shows places which received less rainfall than the historical average while the green color shows places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



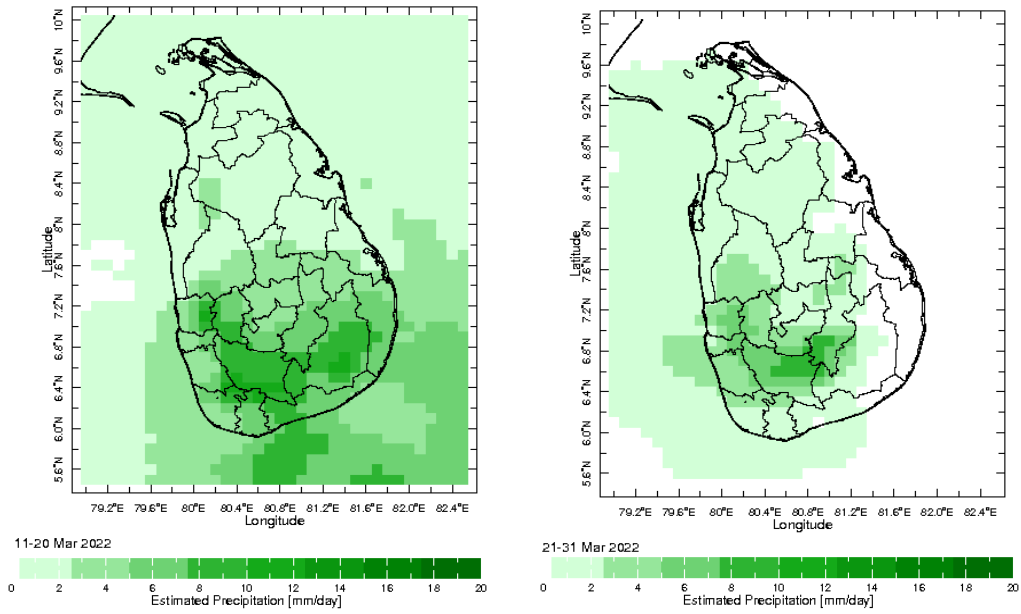
The figure in the top-left shows the total rainfall in the past 30 days from CPC Unified Precipitation Analysis while the figure in the top-right shows the total rainfall for the same period from RFE 2.0 Satellite Rainfall Estimates. The bottom two figures show the percentage of rainfall received in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



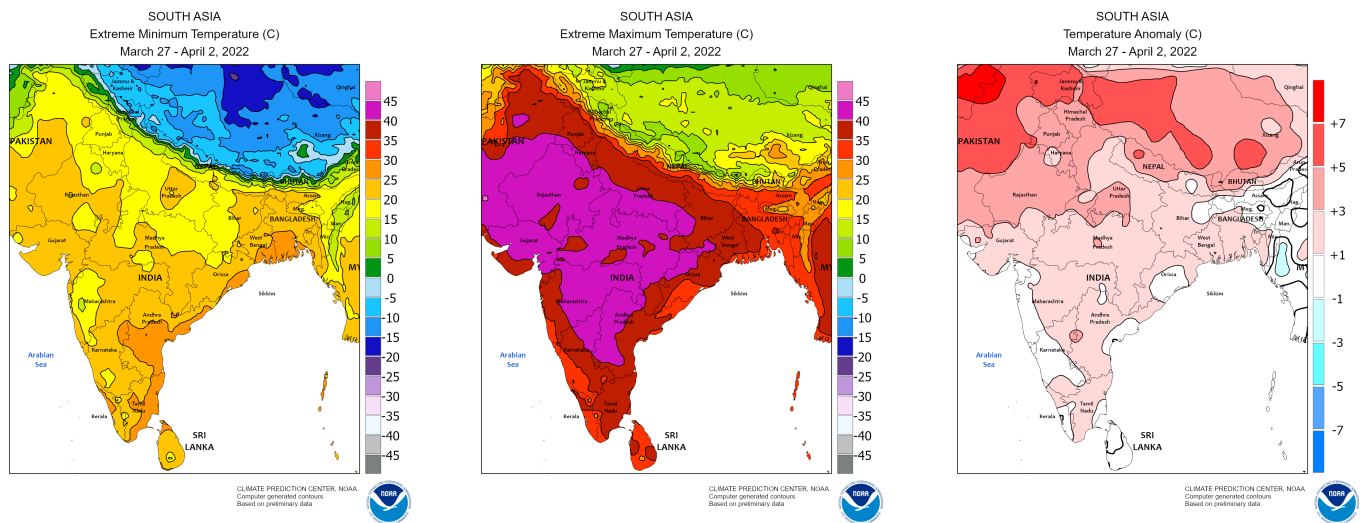
The following figure shows the observed accumulated rainfall (top) and daily observed rainfall (bottom) in Sri Lanka in the last 30 days.



Dekadal (10 Day) Satellite Derived Rainfall Estimates

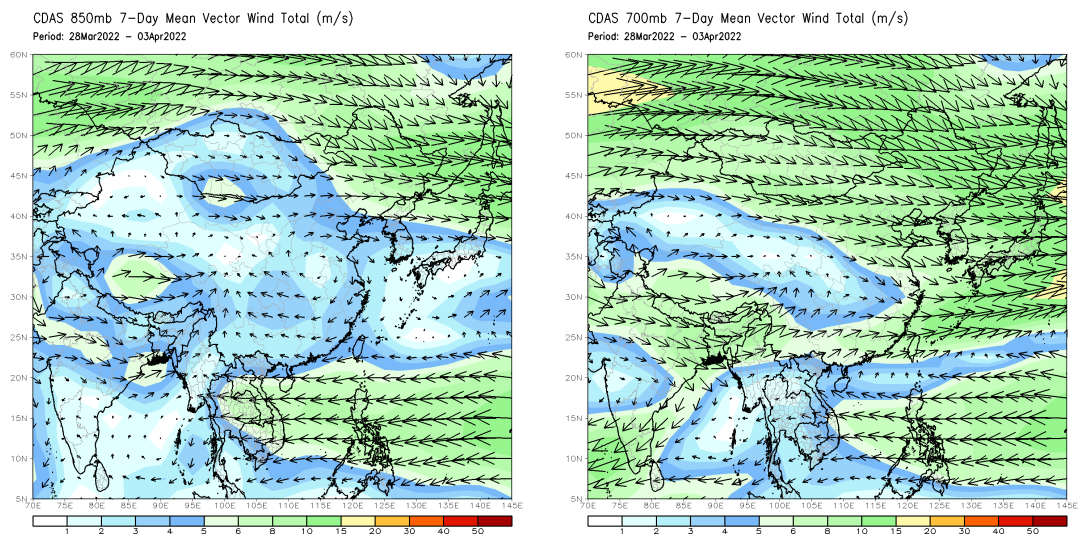


Weekly Temperature Monitoring



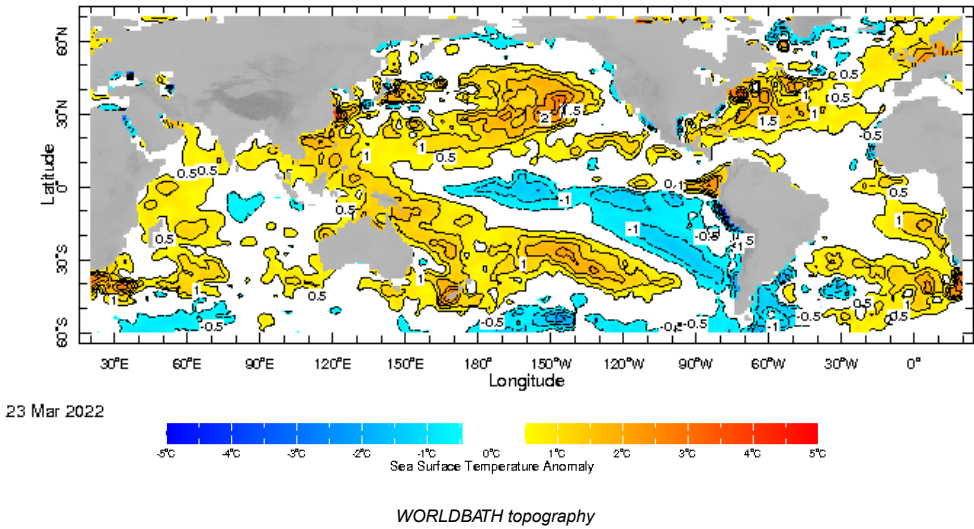
Weekly Wind Monitoring

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.

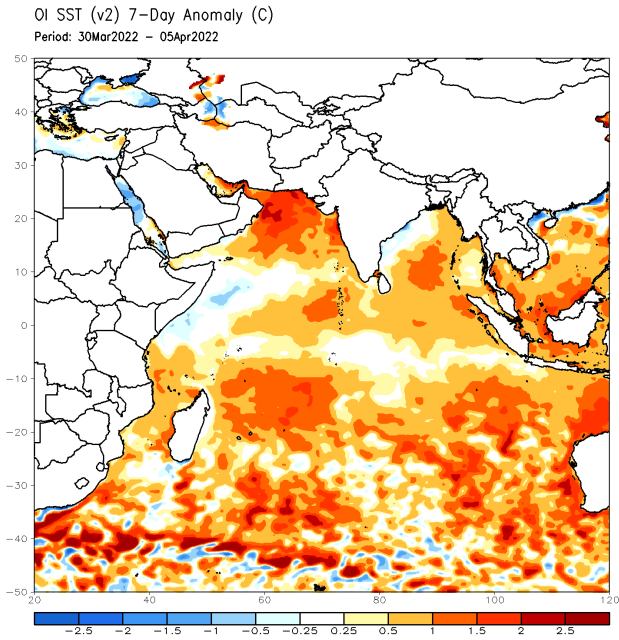


Weekly Average SST Anomalies

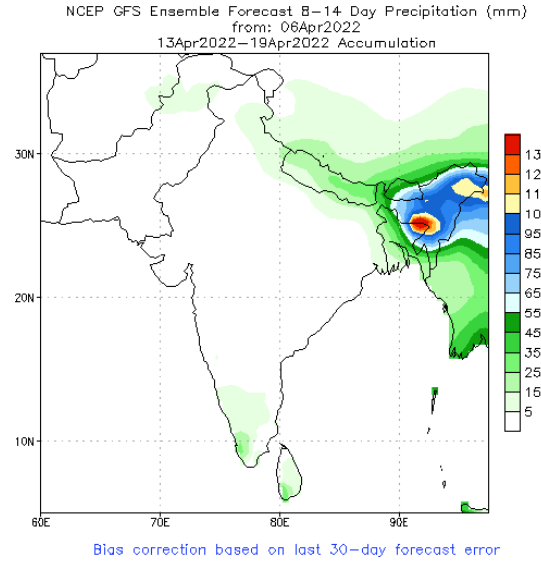
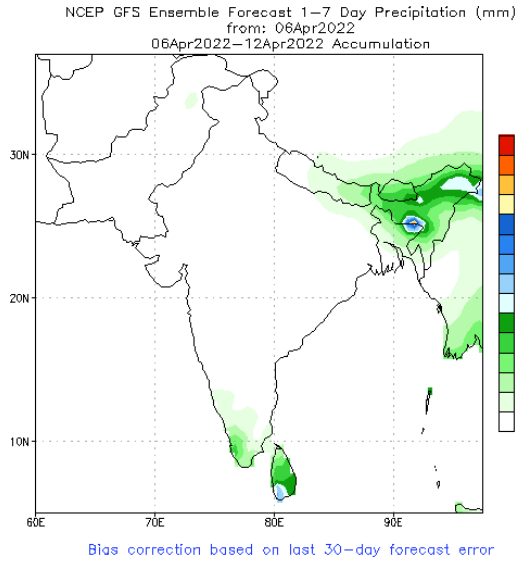
Weekly average Sea Surface Temperature (SST) anomaly in the world from NOAA NCEP



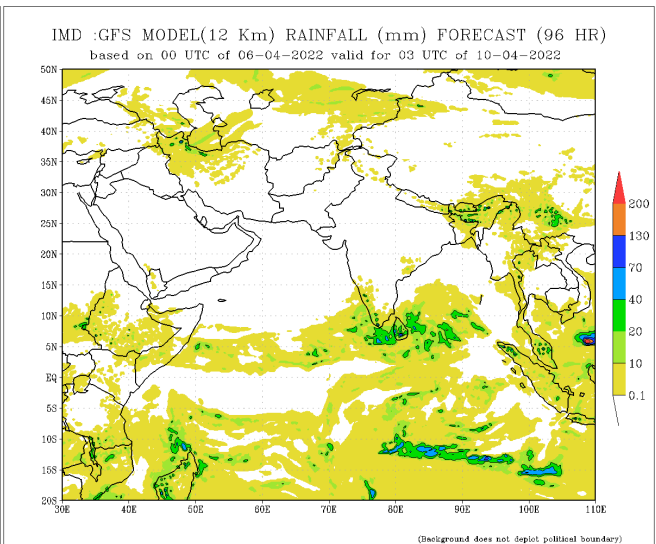
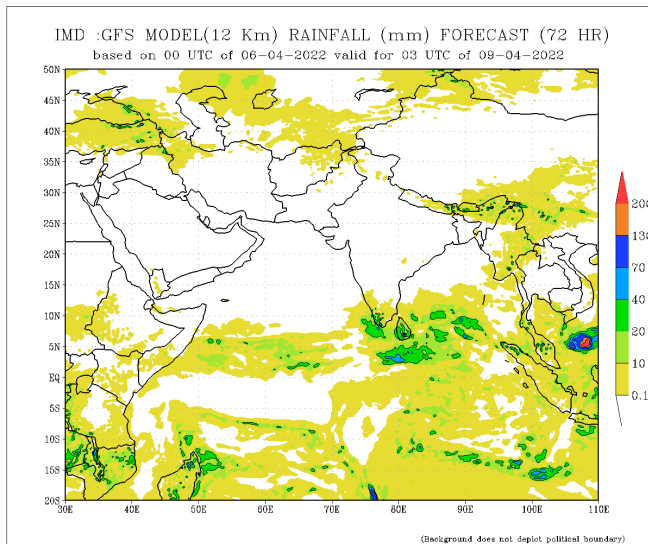
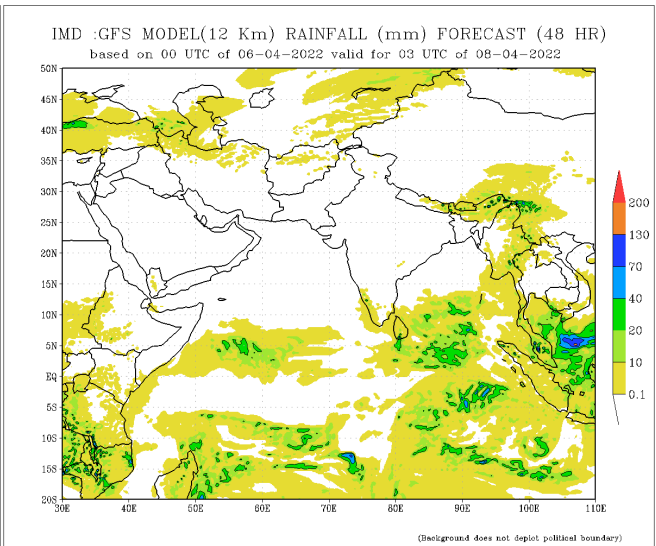
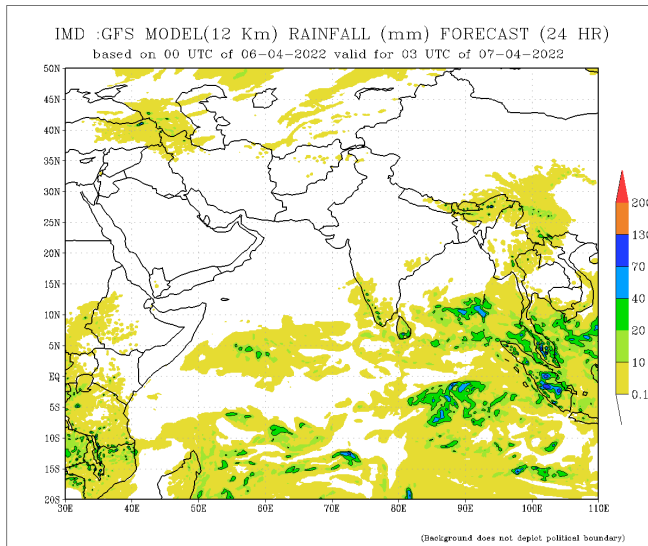
Optimum Interpolated Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly in the Indian Ocean from NOAA CPC

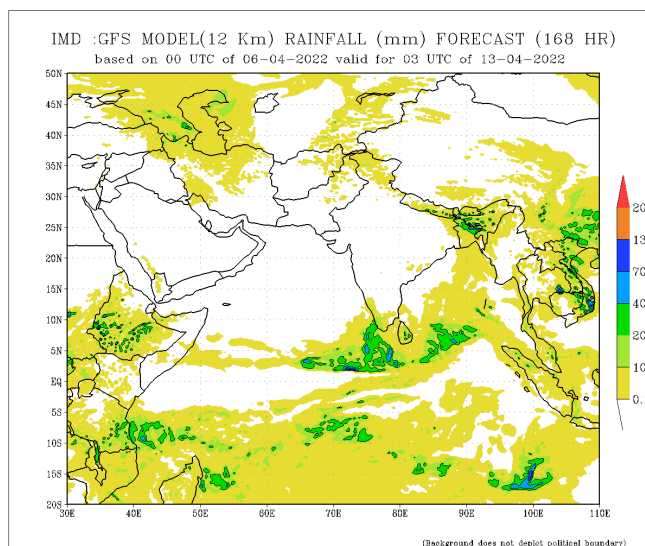
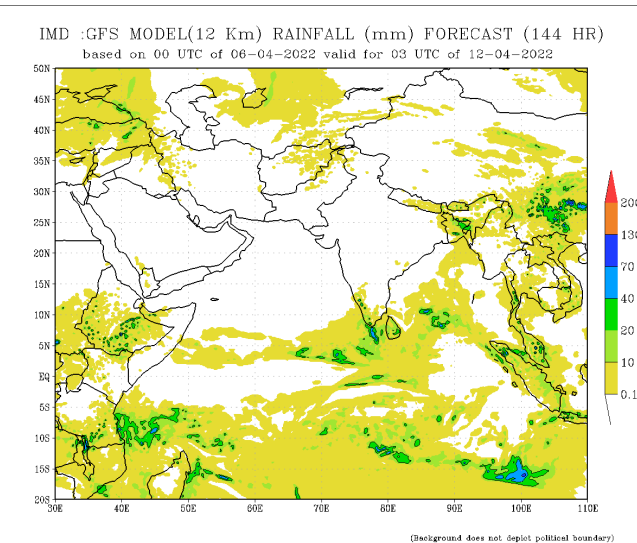
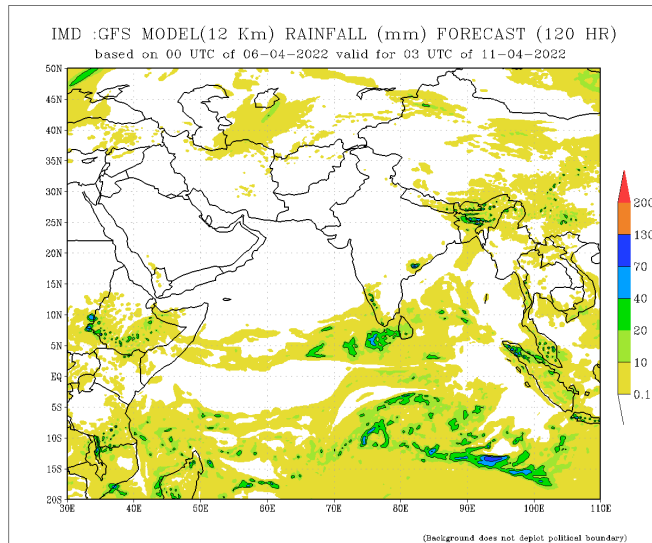


NCEP GFS 1- 14 Day prediction



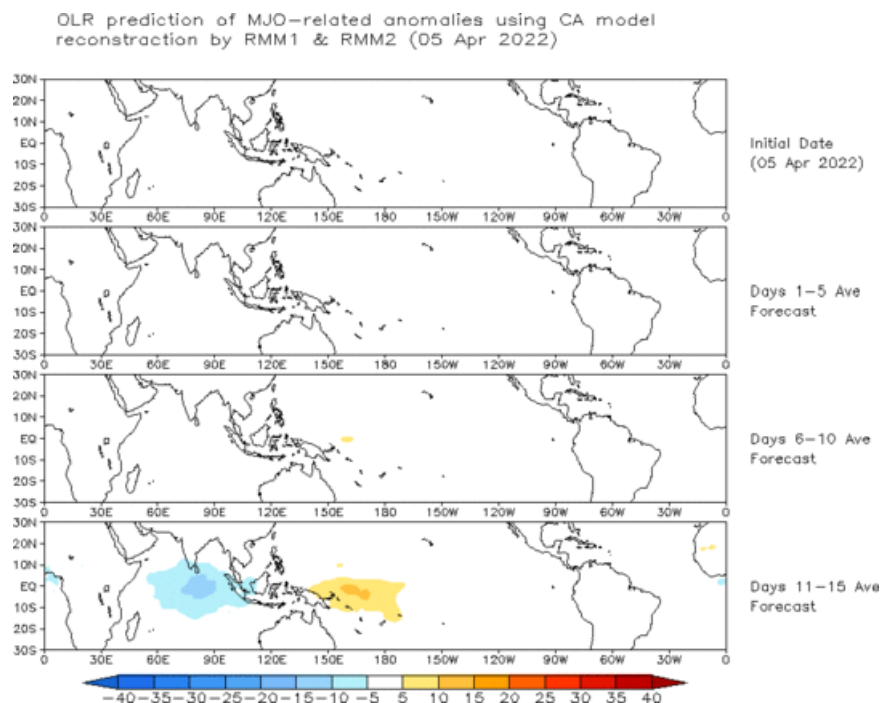
IMD GFS (T574) Model Rainfall Forecast from RMSC New Delhi, India





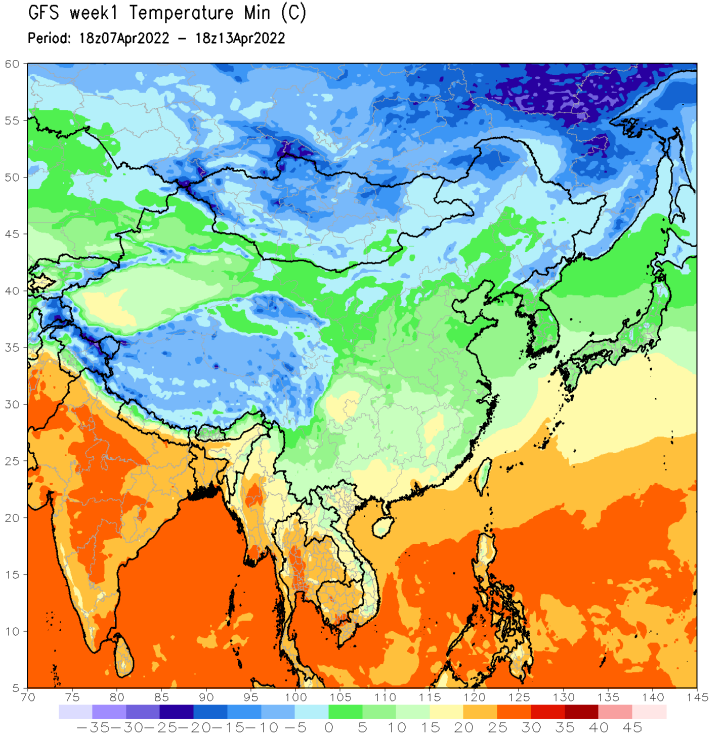
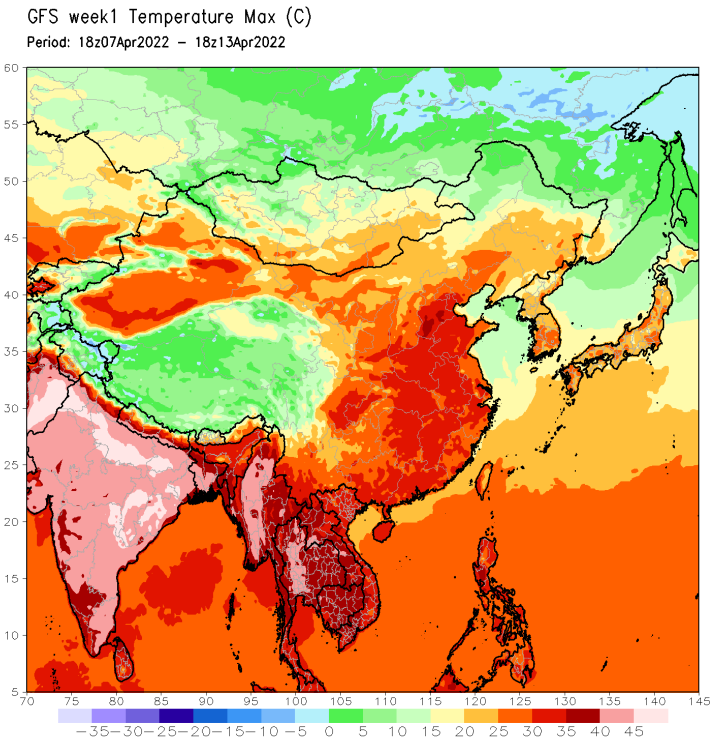
Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) related Outgoing Longwave Radiation (OLR) Forecast

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 anomalous OLR for the next 15 days from the Constructed Analogue (CA) model forecasts.



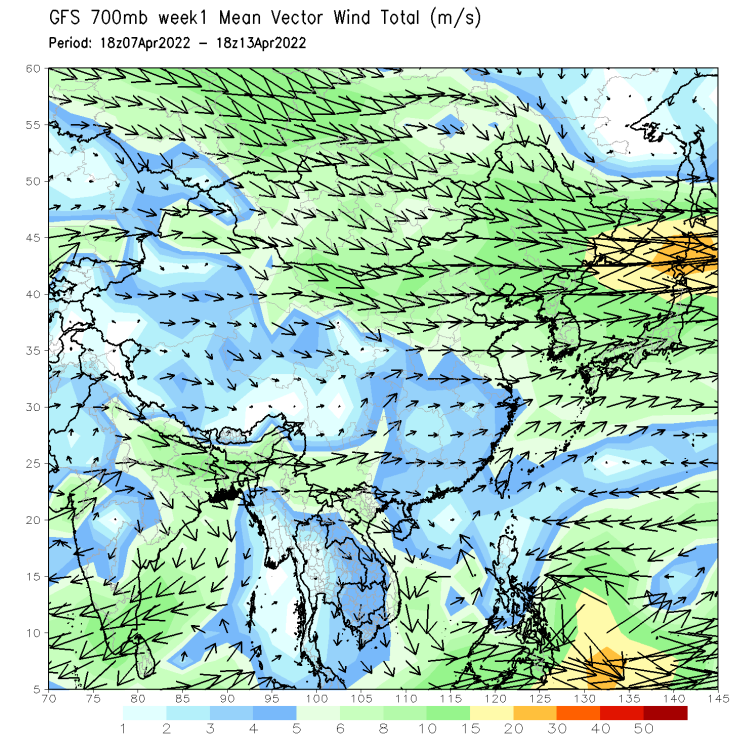
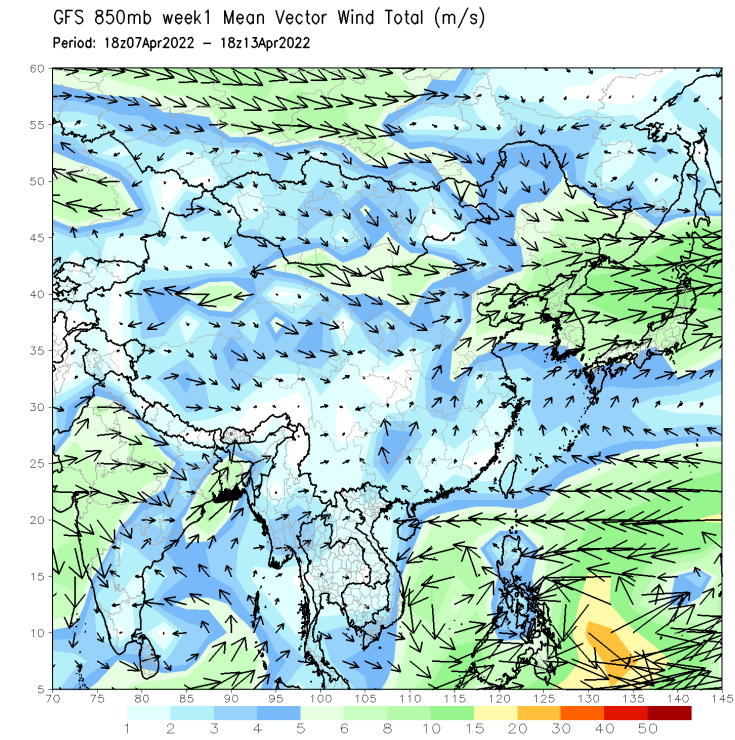
Weekly Temperature Forecast

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



Weekly Wind Forecast

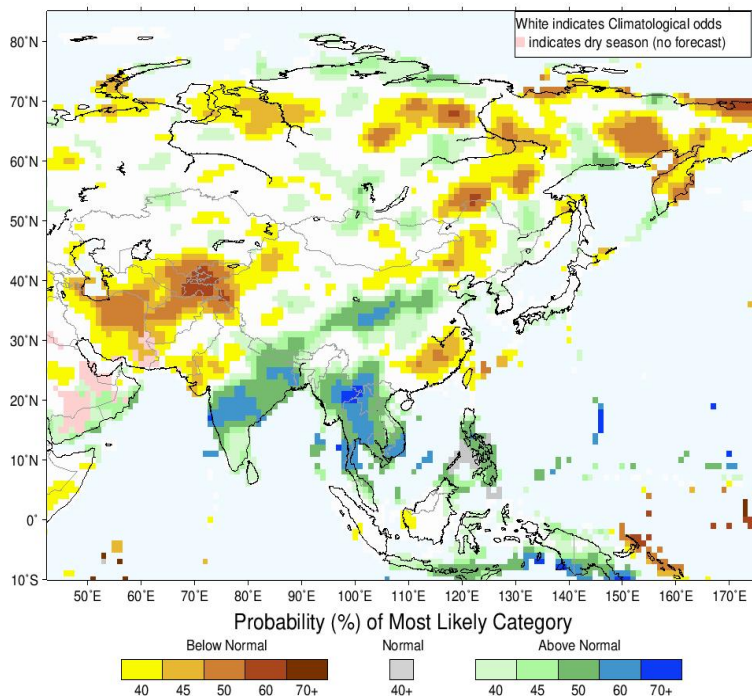
Weekly mean vector wind total prediction from the GFS model at 850 mb (left) and 700 mb (right) levels. (from NOAA CPC)



Seasonal Rainfall and Temperature Forecast

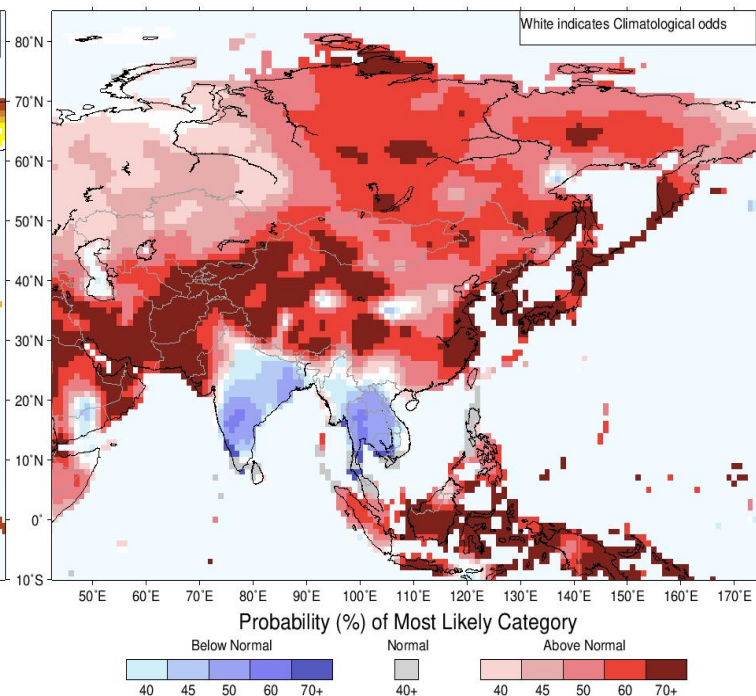
Following is the latest seasonal precipitation and temperature prediction for the next 3 months by the IRI. The color shading indicates the probability of the most dominant tercile – that is, the tercile having the highest forecast probability. The color bar alongside the map defines these dominant tercile 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 April–May–June 2022, Issued March 2022



Precipitation Forecast

IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Temperature for April–May–June 2022, Issued March 2022



Temperature Forecast

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