Forecast Update:
For June-August, there is an increased chance of unusually dry conditions over Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, and northern South America, with unusually wet conditions more likely in many parts of the Pacific and Argentina (map to the right).

Later in the year, there are indications that an El Niño might develop (over 70% chance by October). At the moment, it is not yet clear how strong this El Niño could be. Forecasts for July – September indicate increased chances of unusually dry conditions over Indonesia, Malaysia, and Mexico, and by August – October, this is also seen in Central America. Increased chances of usually wet seasons are seen by August – October for the Azores (Portugal). Some typical impacts of El Niños are shown here: [http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC/FIC/elninorain.html](http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC/FIC/elninorain.html). However, every El Niño is different; therefore we suggest continual monitoring of forecasts to see what rainfall effects this likely El Niño could have in your region in the coming months.

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 accompanying document called: ‘Important Forecast Guidance and Resources’ and contact your local meteorological service to monitor forecasts in the coming days and weeks.

This forecast and other weather and climate information can be found in the IFRC maproom at [iri.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC](http://iri.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC).
Forecast Interpretation/Highlighting Areas of Concern for June - August 2014

**Americas**

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and northern Brazil will be unusually dry this June - August. This confidence extends to Mexico and Central America between July and October.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the United States, Argentina, and Bolivia will be unusually wet this June – August.

**Asia**

There is moderately to highly increased confidence that parts of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Iwo Jima (Japan) will be unusually dry this June - August. This confidence increases in forecasts for months up to September – November.

**Africa**

There are few strong signals for Africa this June - August; we suggest monitoring short-term forecasts for more information about coming days and weeks.

**Pacific**

There is moderately to highly increased confidence that parts of Kiribati, Nauru and Micronesia will be unusually wet this June - August. This confidence increases in forecasts for months up to August to October, especially for Kiribati and Nauru.

There is moderately increased confidence that western parts of Australia will be unusually dry this June - August.

*If you have questions, please e-mail the IFRC Helpdesk at IRI: ifrc@iri.columbia.edu.*

*For additional guidance on forecast interpretation, connecting forecasts with appropriate actions, and resources for forecast monitoring and decision-making support, please see the accompanying attachment labelled: ‘Important Forecast Guidance and Resources’.*