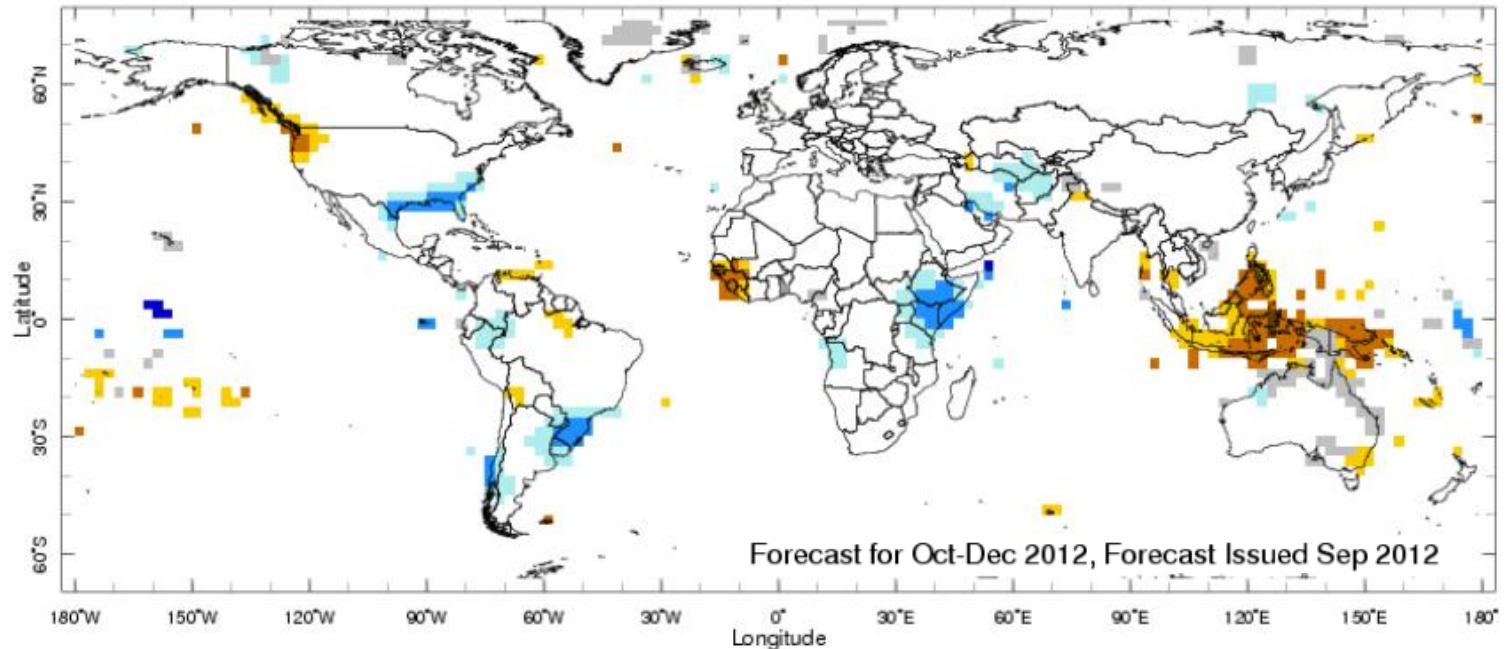


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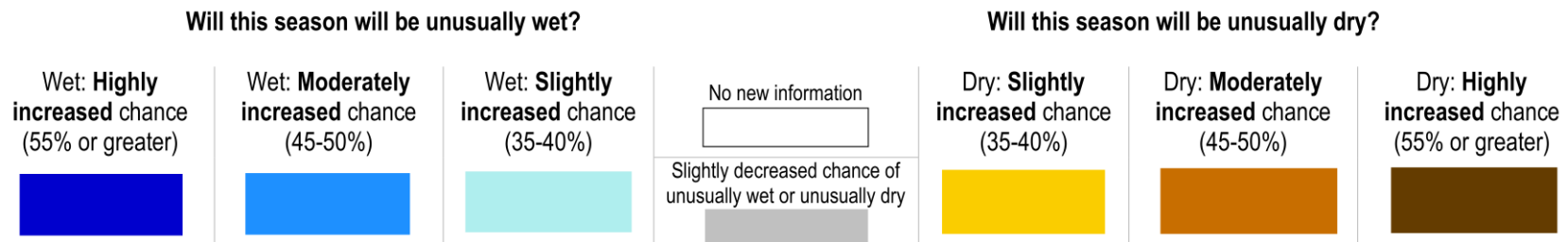
We are on the threshold of a weak El Niño, but it is not fully clear whether global rainfall will be influenced by this. Further information will appear in the next few months; continue monitoring seasonal forecasts for the latest information.



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’](#).

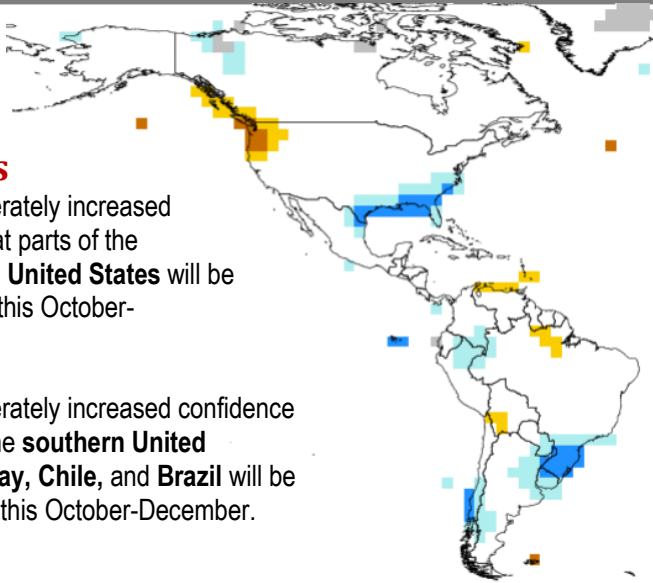


Forecast Interpretation/Highlighting Areas of Concern for October-December 2012

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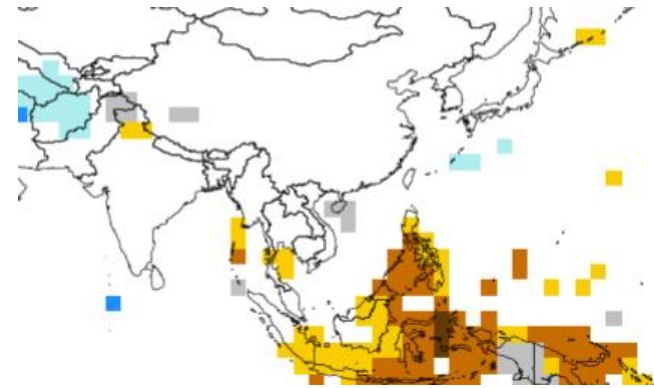
There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the **northwestern United States** will be **unusually dry** this October-December.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the **southern United States, Uruguay, Chile, and Brazil** will be **unusually wet** this October-December.



Asia

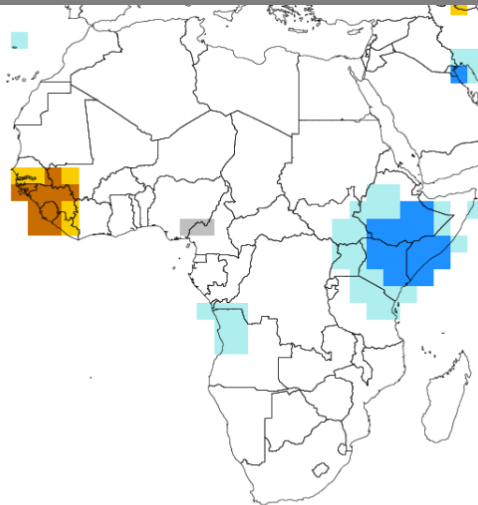
There is moderately increased confidence that parts of **Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei Darusalam, the Andaman Islands (India) and Papua New Guinea** will be **unusually dry** this October-December.



Africa

We have moderately increased confidence that parts of **Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Liberia** will be **unusually dry** this October-December.

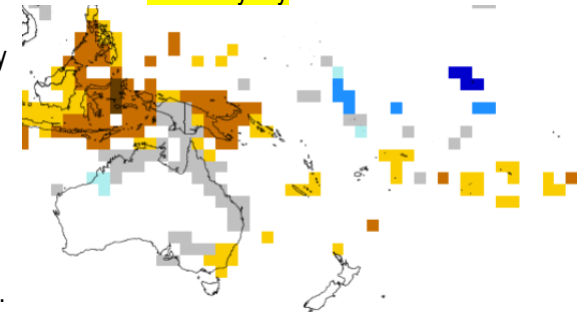
There is moderately increased confidence that parts of **Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia** will be **unusually wet** this October-December.



Pacific

There is slightly increased confidence that parts of **American Samoa, the Cook Islands (south), French Polynesia, Federated States of Micronesia, New Caledonia, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Wallace and Futuna** will be **unusually dry** this October-December.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the **the Galapagos and Kiribati** will be **unusually wet** this October-December.



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'.

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