**Global Forecast: Total Rain and Snow for July - September 2014**

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**Forecast Update:**
For July-September, there is an increased chance of unusually dry conditions over Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and India, parts of Australia, northern South America, parts of Central America and the Caribbean, a small portion of Eastern Russia, Mauritius and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Unusually wet conditions are more likely in many parts of the Pacific islands, small parts of Brazil and Argentina, a small portion of central North America, and a tiny portion of Myanmar.

There are strong indications that an El Niño will develop later in the year, with greater than 70% chance for the period September-October-December. At the moment, it is not yet clear how strong this El Niño would be. 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 July - September 2014

**Americas**

There is highly increased confidence that Guyana and Suriname will be unusually dry and moderately increased confidence that parts of Venezuela, French Guiana, and northern Brazil will be unusually dry this July – September. Moderate and highly increased confidence extends to parts of Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica over the same period.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the United States, Argentina and Brazil will be unusually wet this July – September.

**Asia**

There is highly increased confidence that parts of Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei will be unusually dry this July – September and moderately increased confidence that India and East Timor will be unusually dry. There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Myanmar will be unusually wet this July-September.

**Africa**

There are few strong signals for Africa this July - September with the exception of moderately increased confidence that Mauritius and a small area of southern Ethiopia will be unusually dry; we suggest monitoring short-term forecasts for more information about coming days and weeks.

**Pacific**

There is highly increased confidence that parts of Kiribati, Nauru, Micronesia, Fiji, Solomon and Jarvis Islands, Tuvalu, Samoa and French Polynesia will be unusually wet this July - September. There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Papa New Guinea islands, French Polynesia and the Solomon, Marshall, Easter, Johnston and Wake Islands will be unusually wet over the same period.

There is moderately increased confidence that western parts of Australia, Papa New Guinea and the Northern Mariana Islands will be unusually dry this July-September.

*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’.*