



# CLIMATE BULLETIN FOR SEA

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## CLIMATE WATCH FOR LA NIÑA AND RAINFALL SURPLUS

**Areas of Concern:** Significant portions of Indonesia and Borneo Island.

Areas of rainfall surplus were observed in most parts of the equatorial region, including southern Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak in Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, as well as parts of Sumatra, Kalimantan and Papua in Indonesia. Some surpluses of rainfall were also observed over parts of northern Thailand, northern Lao PDR, northern Viet Nam and the southern tip of Viet Nam, and also western Mindanao in the Philippines. In contrast, portions of the Southeast Asia (SEA) experienced mild to moderate rainfall deficits in December 2025, particularly over northern Peninsular Malaysia, southern Thailand, northern Sulawesi in Indonesia, some areas of central Philippines, central Viet Nam and Myanmar. Meanwhile, the remaining parts of the SEA region experienced near average rainfall conditions.

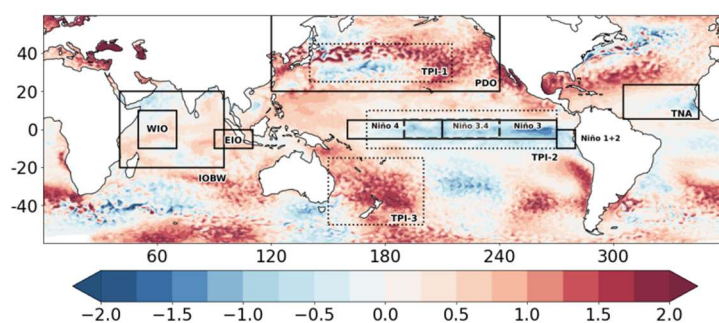
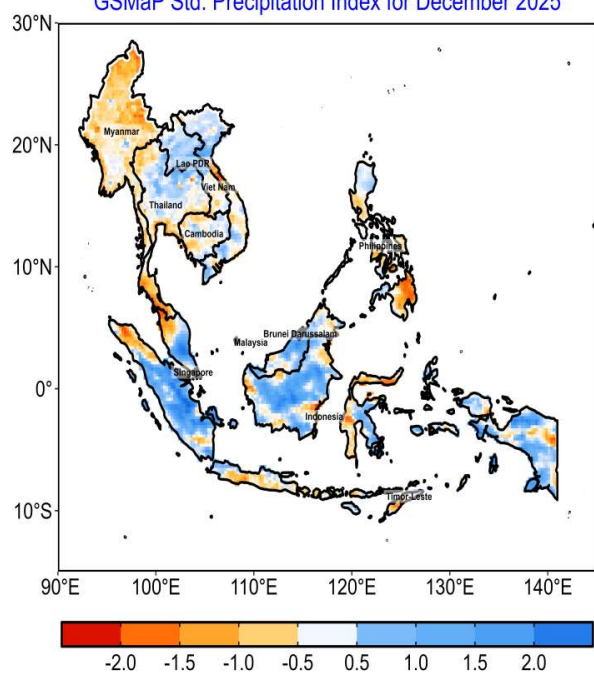
Over the tropical Pacific, sea surface temperature anomalies (SSTAs) indicate weak La Niña conditions during December 2025. Sea surface temperatures in the western Pacific and across much of the Maritime Continent were generally near to slightly above average.

In the Indian Ocean, warmer SST anomalies are observed in the tropical eastern Indian Ocean (i.e., EIO), while slightly warmer SST anomalies were observed in the western Indian Ocean (i.e., WIO), reflecting a neutral dipole pattern. In general, there is no prominent tropical Indian Ocean-wide SST anomaly (i.e., IOBW). Lastly, the tropical North Atlantic (i.e., TNA) indicates average to slightly cooler SST anomalies.

Lastly, the Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) was observed generally inactive or over the Western Pacific (Phase 7) and the Western Hemisphere and Africa (Phase 8) in December 2025. An MJO signal in Phases 7 and 8 typically suppresses rainfall over parts of the SEA Region.

## MAPS

GSMaP Std. Precipitation Index for December 2025



SST anomalies for December 2025 (reference period, 1991-2020)

