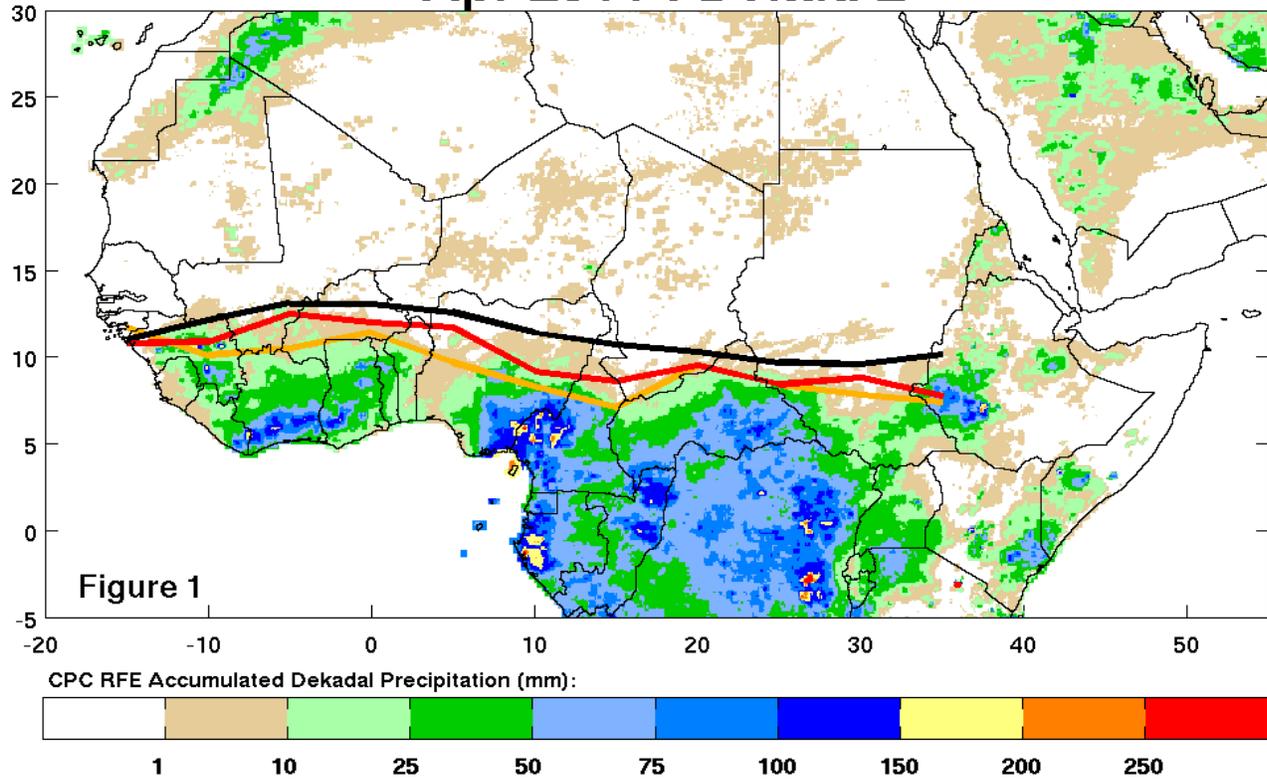
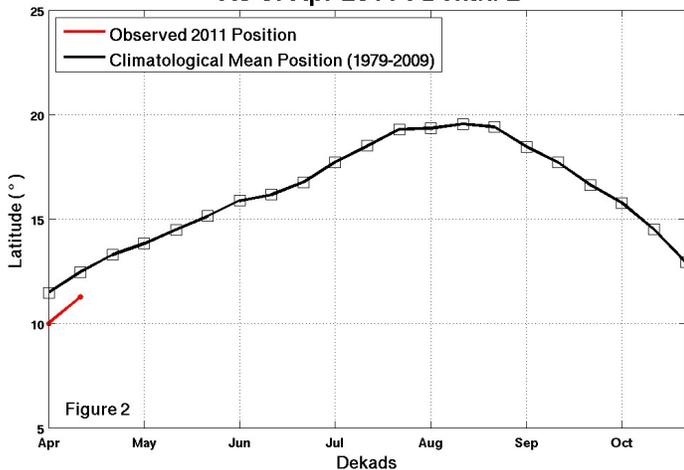


# Current vs. Mean Position of the Africa ITF Apr 2011 : Dekad 2

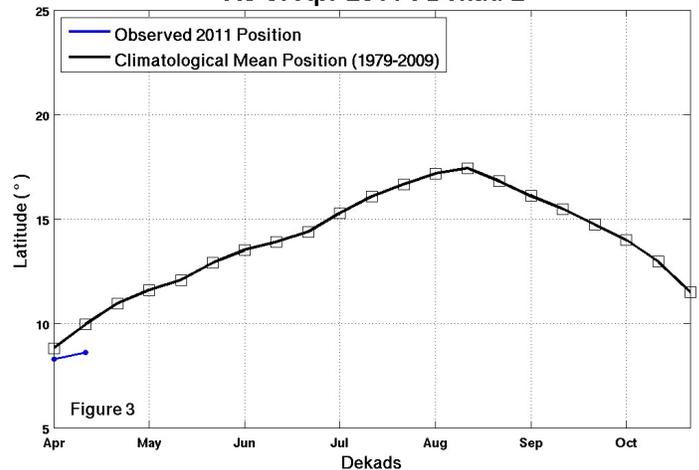


- Previous 10-Day Mean Position
- Normal 10-Day Mean Position
- Current 10-Day Mean position

Mean West Portion of ITF: Averaged 10°W to 10°E  
As of Apr 2011 : Dekad 2



Mean East Portion of ITF: Averaged 20°E to 35°E  
As of Apr 2011 : Dekad 2



From April 11-20, 2011, the ITF remained below-average in position for the second consecutive dekad in April. The mean western portion was approximated at 11.3 degrees north, which was lagged behind the climatological mean position by about a degree in latitude. The mean eastern position of the ITF was approximated at 8.6 degrees north, and was displaced further south compared to its mean position during this time of the year. The positional anomaly during the second dekad of April was attributed to below-average dewpoints and relatively low convergence of winds throughout many local areas in the Gulf of Guinea region, as well as the semi-arid areas of the Sahel. The above map (Figure 1) shows the current ITF position relative to the positions of climatology for the second dekad of April, and its previous position during the first dekad of April. Figures 2 and 3 are times series illustrating the latitudinal means of the western and eastern portions of the ITF, respectively, and their evolution since the start of April.