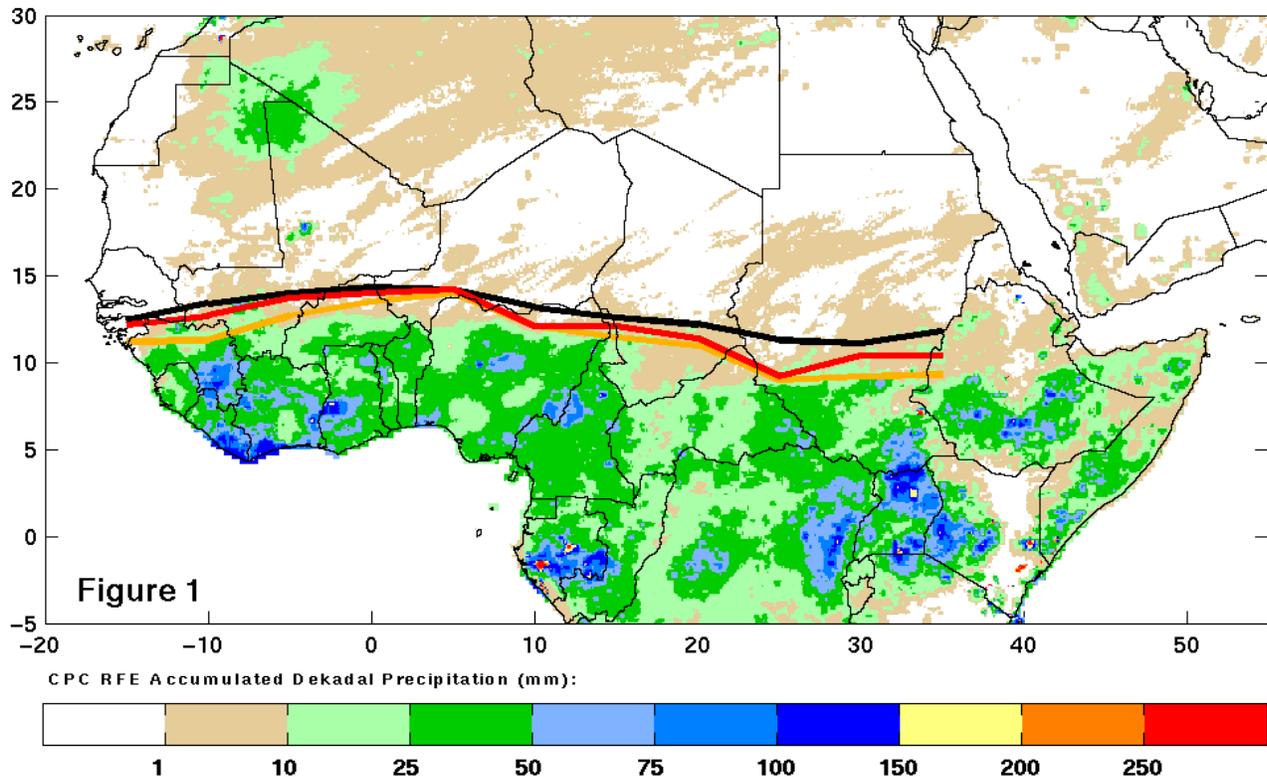
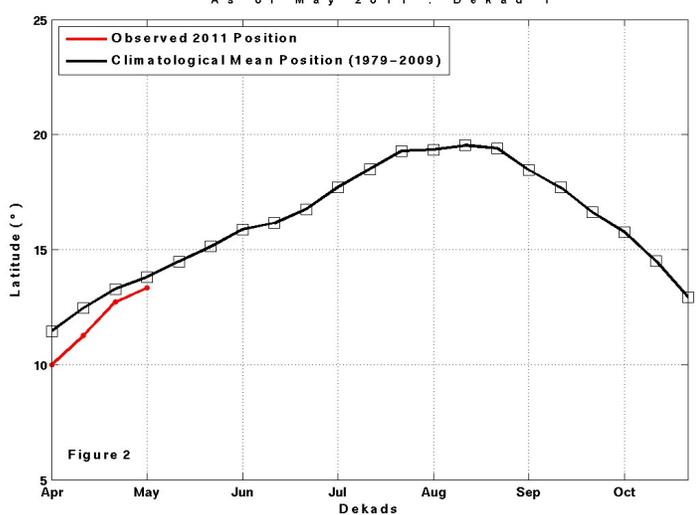


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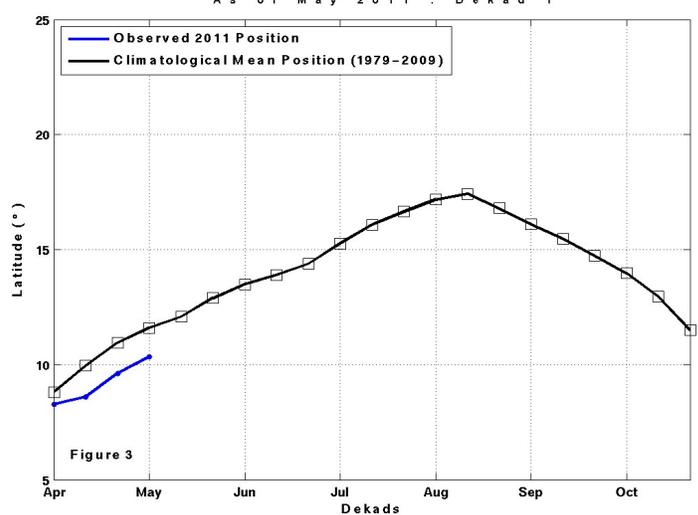


- Previous 10-Day Mean Position
- Normal 10-Day Mean Position
- Current 10-Day Mean position

Mean West Portion of ITF: Averaged 10°W to 10°E
 As of May 2011 : Dekad 1



Mean East Portion of ITF: Averaged 20°E to 36°E
 As of May 2011 : Dekad 1



From May 1-10, 2011, the progression of the ITF was characterized by a slow northward advancement relative to its movement during the third dekad of April. However, the ITF is now closest to its climatological mean position during this time of the year. The mean western portion was located at 13.3 degrees North. The mean eastern portion was approximated at 10.3 degrees North, which lagged behind the climatology mean due to strong northerlies from the Sahara and Arabia regions. Figure 1 shows the current ITF position relative to the climatology position for the first dekad of May and its previous position during the third dekad of April. Figures 2 and 3 are time series, illustrating the latitudinal means of the western and eastern portions of the ITF, respectively, and their evolutions since the start of April.