

Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITF

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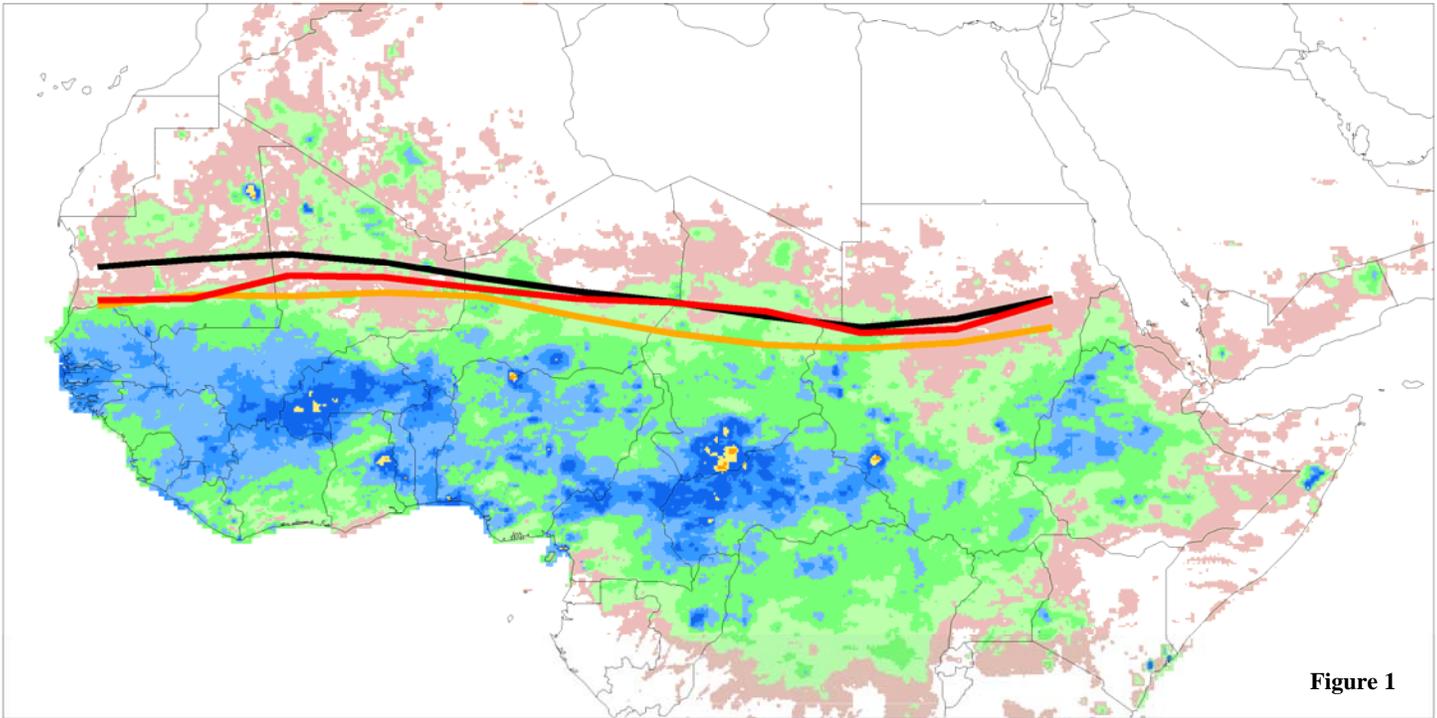


Figure 1

Accumulated Dekadal Precipitation:

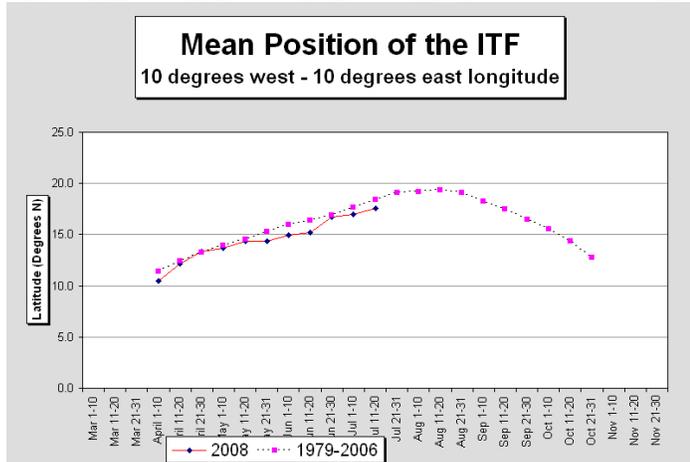
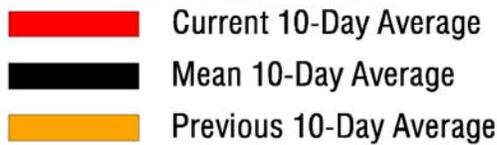


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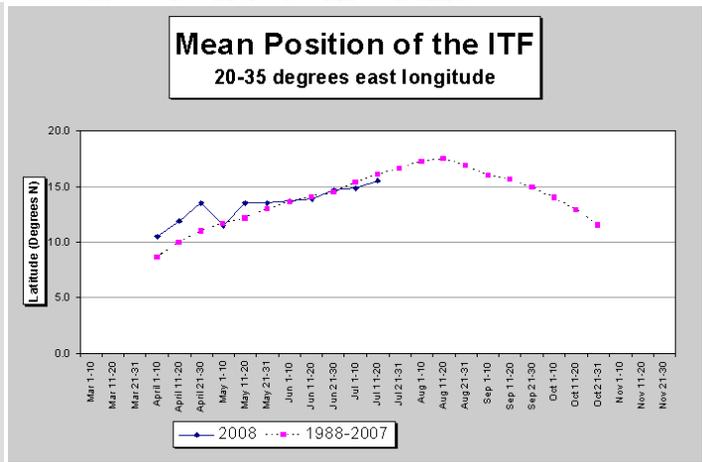


Figure 3

During the period from July 11-20, 2008, the African portion of the Intertropical Front (ITF) was located at around 16.8 degrees north latitude, which is significantly below the average of 17.5 degrees north. Figure 1 displays the current position compared to normal, with the ITF currently very close to normal east of Mali. West of Mali the ITF had been lagging throughout much of the season, but after last weeks northward movement. This area is the only area where the ITF is significantly below normal, the ITF has been at the same location in this area for almost three decades. The ITF is currently 17.6 degrees north in the west and 15.6 degrees north in the east. Compared with the 1979-2007 mean of around 18.6 degrees north in the west, and a normal position of around 15.5N in the east.