

# Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITF

As analyzed by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center

## June 2008 Dekad 3

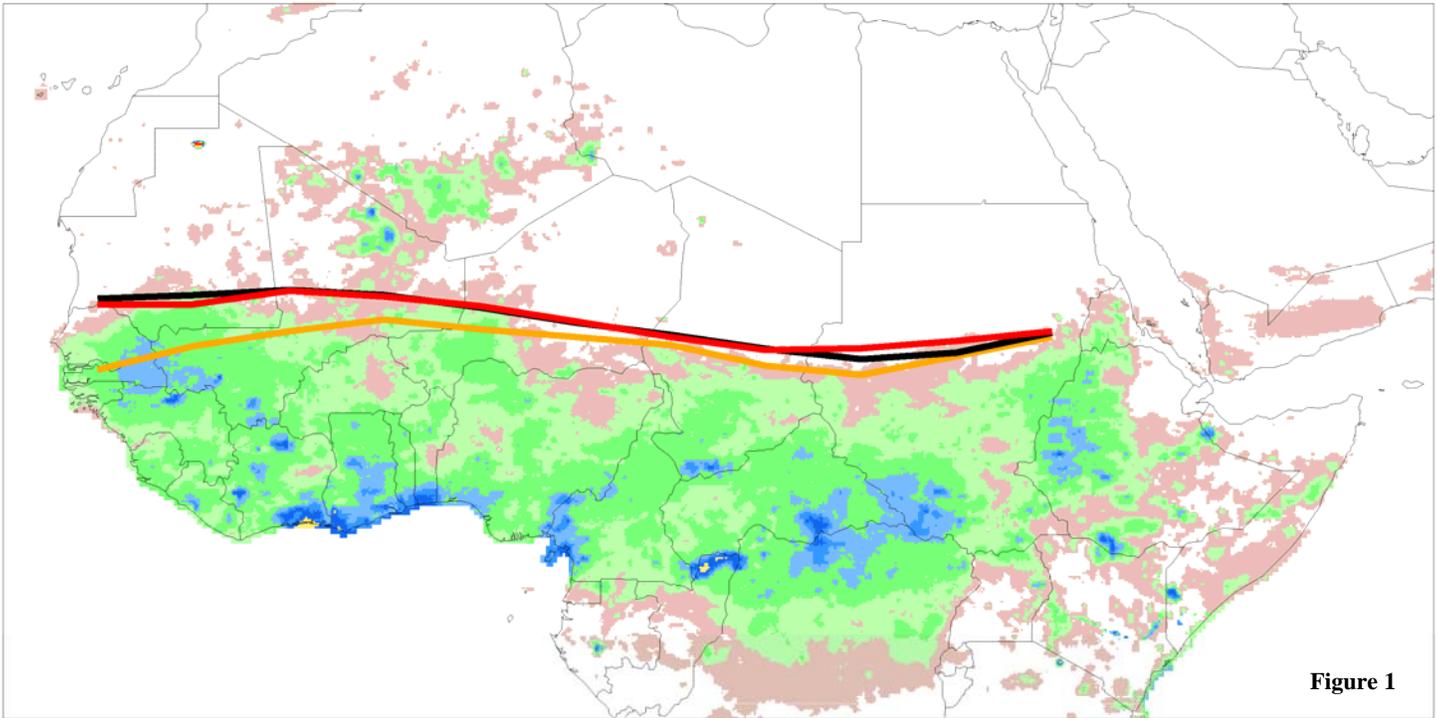


Figure 1

Accumulated Dekadal Precipitation:

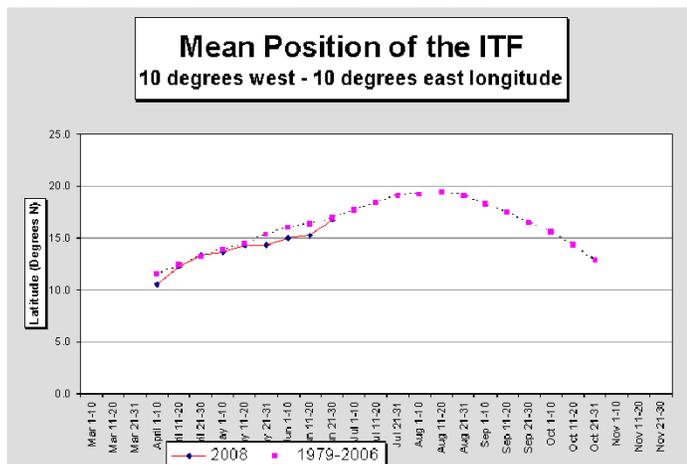
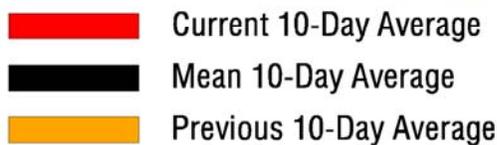


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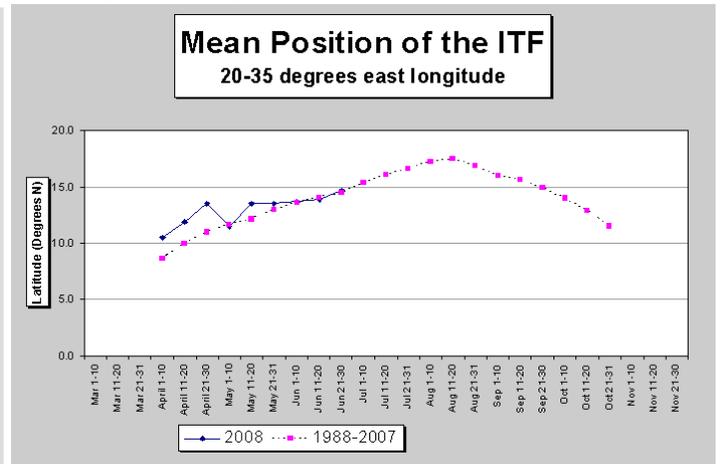


Figure 3

During the period from June 21-30, 2008, the African portion of the Intertropical Front (ITF) was located at around 15.8 degrees north latitude, which is also the average. Figure 1 displays the current position compared to normal, with the ITF currently very close to normal east of Niger. West of Niger the ITF had been lagging throughout much of the season, but during dekad, the ITF surged northward bringing rainfall north to near the area that the ITF typically is this time of year. Since last dekad, the ITF has moved northward especially in the west, but also northward in the east. The ITF is currently 16.7 degrees north in the west and 14.7 degrees north in the east. Compared with the 1979-2007 mean of around 16.8 degrees north in the west, and a normal position of around 14.4N in the east.