

Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITF

As analyzed by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center

August 2008 Dekad 1

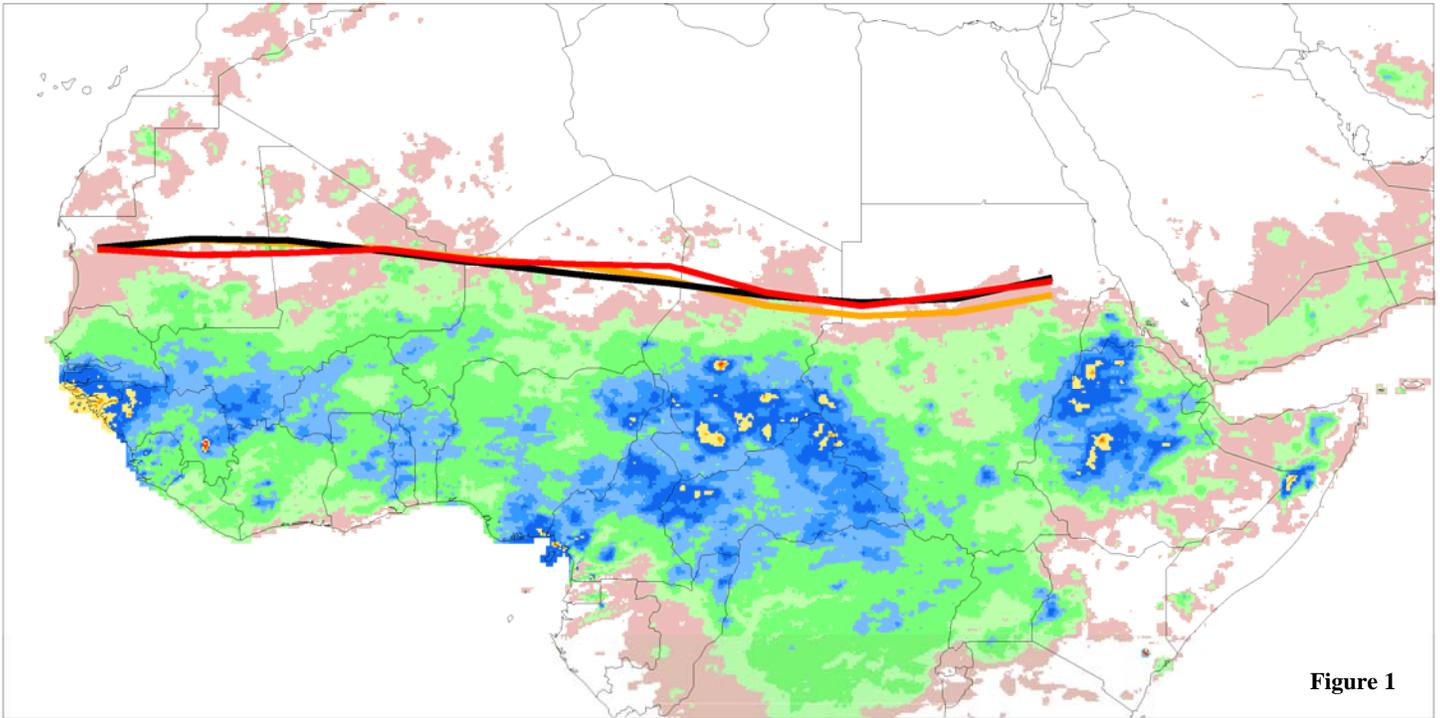


Figure 1

Accumulated Dekadal Precipitation:

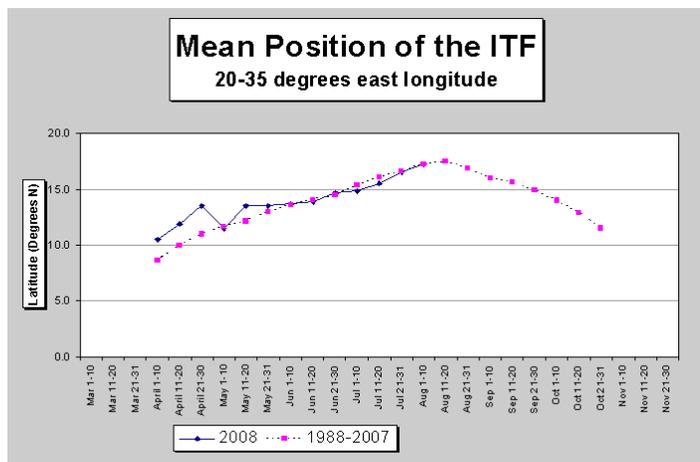
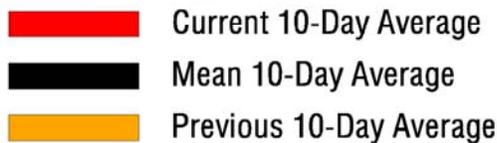


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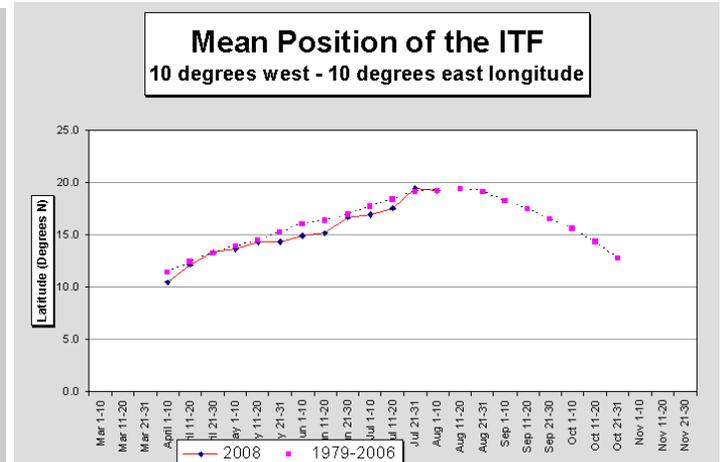


Figure 3

During the period from August 1-10, 2008, the African portion of the Intertropical Front (ITF) was located at around 18.5 degrees north latitude, which is the same as the mean for this dekad. Figure 1 displays the current position compared to normal, with the ITF currently very close to normal across Africa. West of Mali the ITF has drifted slightly southward, although it remains close to the mean. The ITF is currently 19.2 degrees north in the west and 17.3 degrees north in the east. Compared with the 1979-2007 mean of around 19.4 degrees north in the west, and a normal position of around 17.3 degrees north in the east.