

Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITF

As analyzed by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center

August 2008 Dekad 2

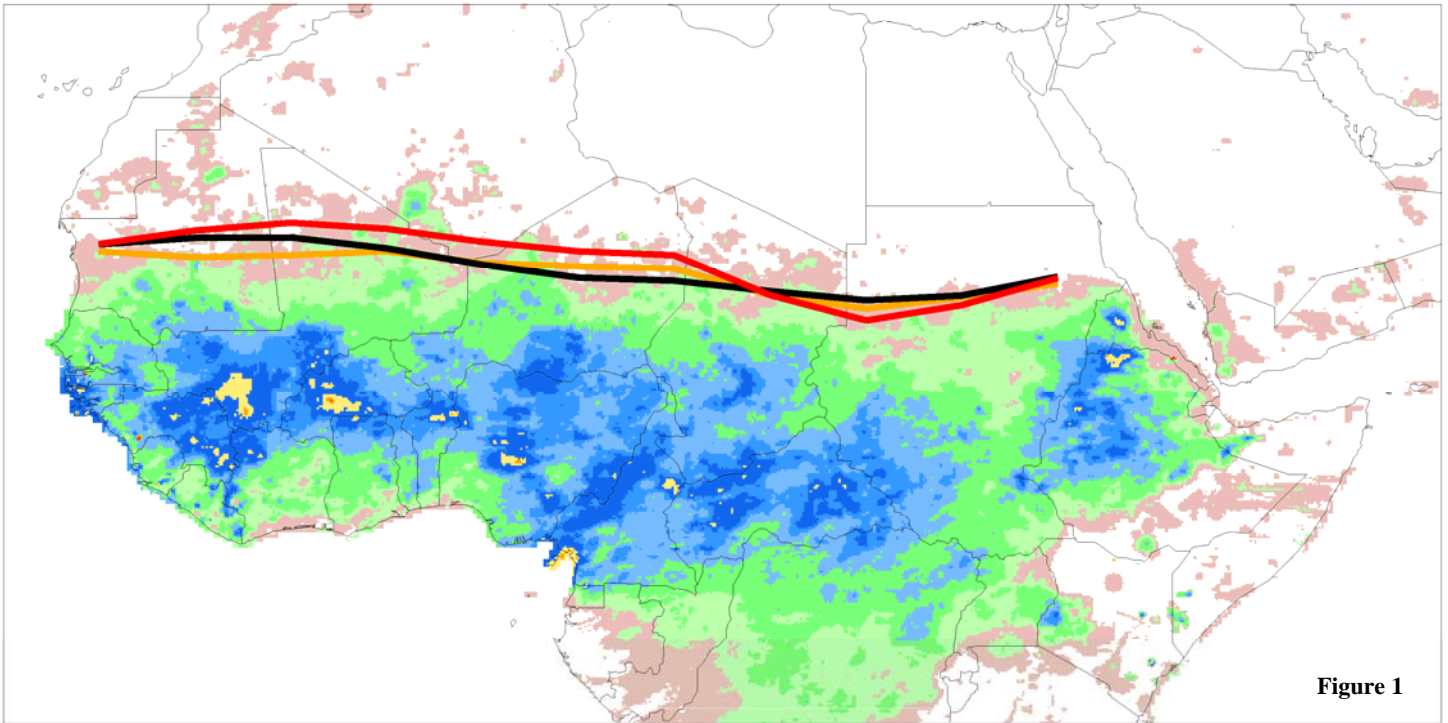


Figure 1

Accumulated Dekadal Precipitation:

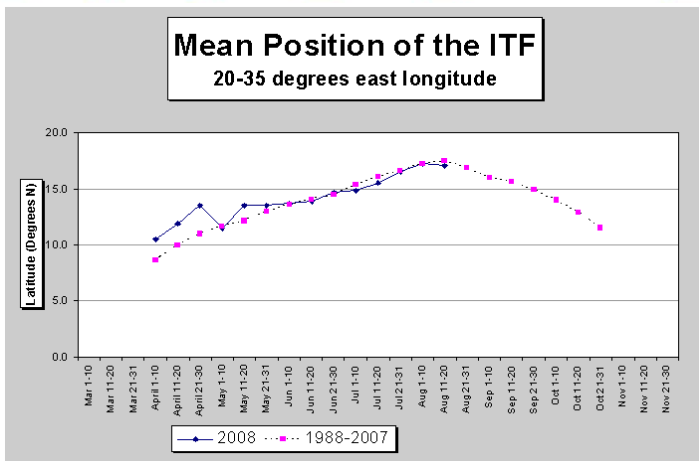
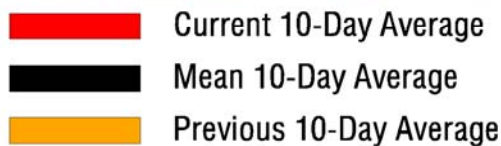


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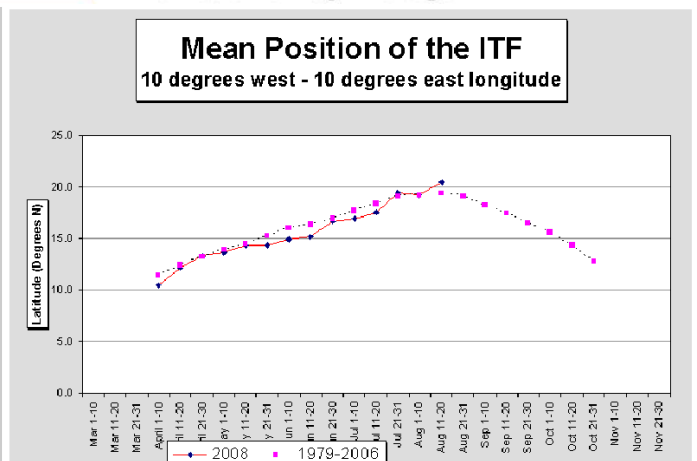


Figure 3

During the period from August 11-20, 2008, the African portion of the Intertropical Front (ITF) was located at around 19.1 degrees north latitude, compared to the mean of 18.7. Figure 1 displays the current position compared to normal, with the ITF currently very close to normal across Africa. West of Chad the ITF has surged northward, passed the typical northward limit of the ITF. In areas east of Chad the ITF is currently suppressed. The ITF is currently 20.5 degrees west north in the west and 17.1 degrees north in the east. Compared with the 1979-2006 mean of around 19.5 degrees north in the west, and a normal position of around 17.5 degrees north in the east.