

Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITF

As analyzed by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center

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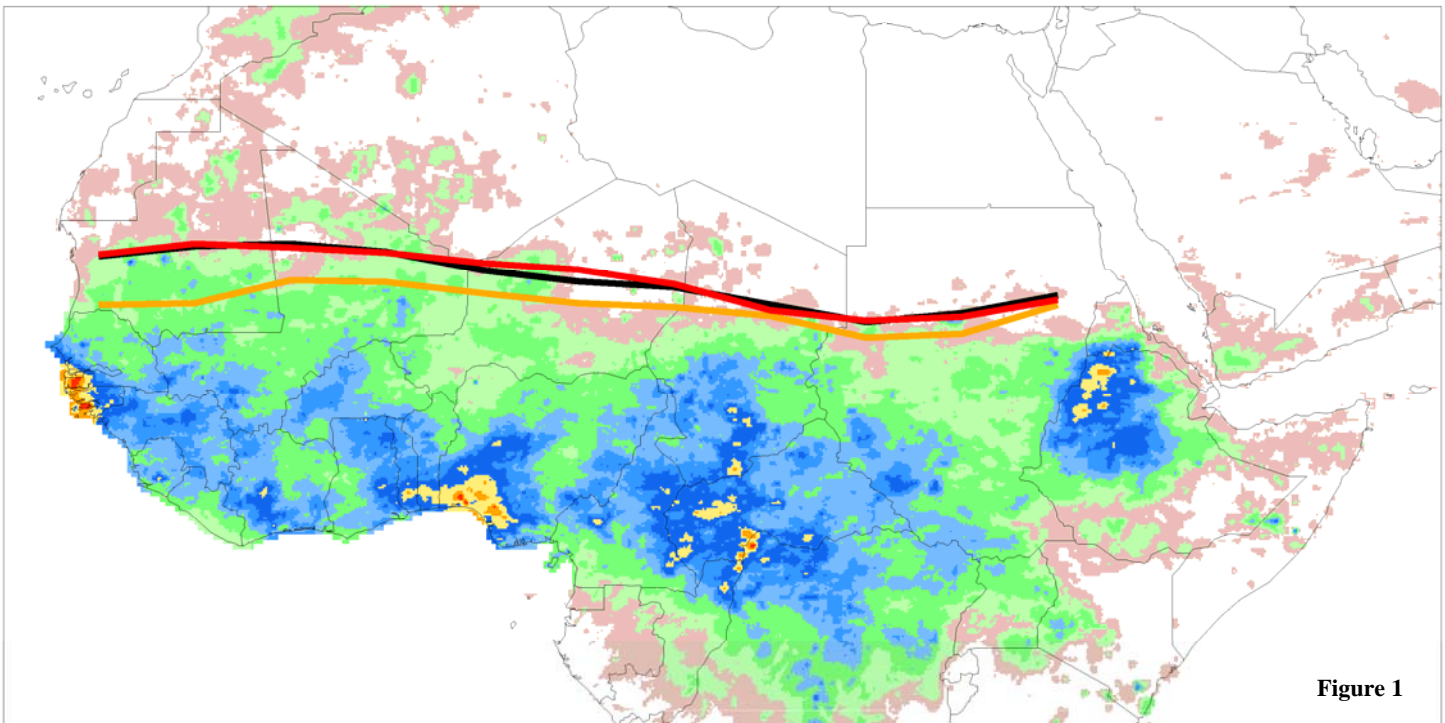


Figure 1

Accumulated Dekadal Precipitation:

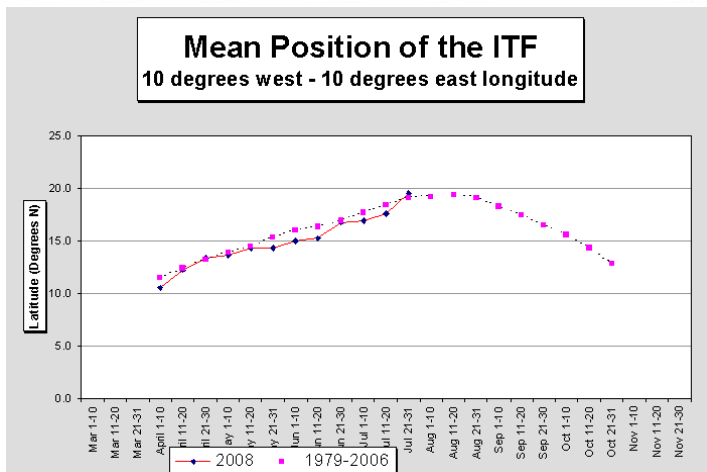
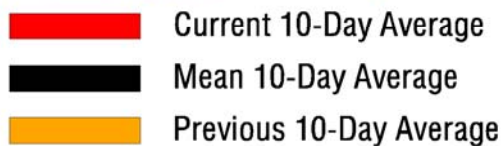


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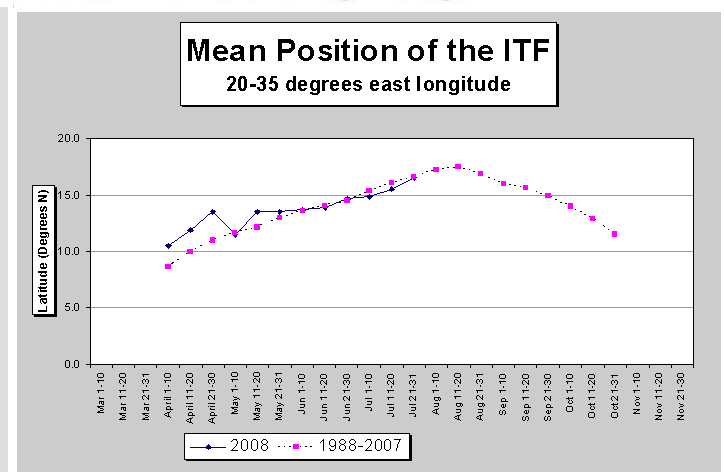


Figure 3

During the period from July 21-31, 2008, the African portion of the Intertropical Front (ITF) was located at around 18.3 degrees north latitude, which is very close to the average of 18.2 degrees north. Figure 1 displays the current position compared to normal, with the ITF currently very close to normal across Africa. West of Mali the ITF had been lagging throughout much of the season, but this week the ITF surged northward catching up to the average position. The ITF is currently 19.5 degrees north in the west and 16.5 degrees north in the east. Compared with the 1979-2007 mean of around 19.3 degrees north in the west, and a normal position of around 16.7N in the east.