

2010 forecast to be hottest year on record

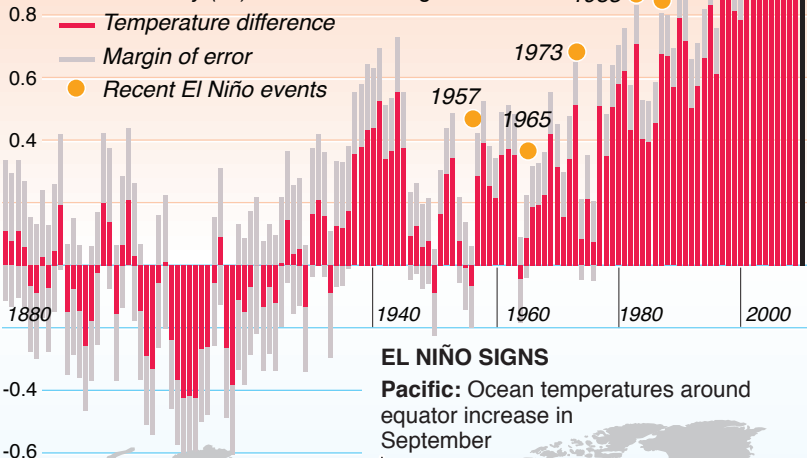
2010 is expected to be the hottest year on record according to Met Office forecasts, with a combination of climate change and a moderate El Niño – warming of the Pacific Ocean – driving the global average temperature up to 14.58°C. The current record was set in 1998 following a major El Niño

Temperature anomaly from end of 19th century (°C)

1998: Global average 14.52°C

0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0
-0.2
-0.4
-0.6

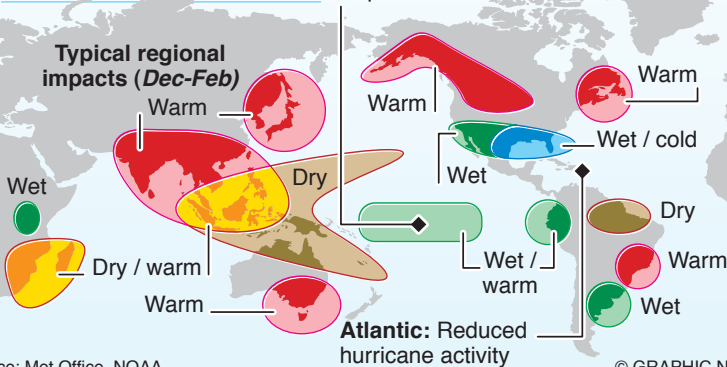
— Temperature difference
— Margin of error
● Recent El Niño events



EL NIÑO SIGNS

Pacific: Ocean temperatures around equator increase in September

Typical regional impacts (Dec-Feb)



Atlantic: Reduced hurricane activity