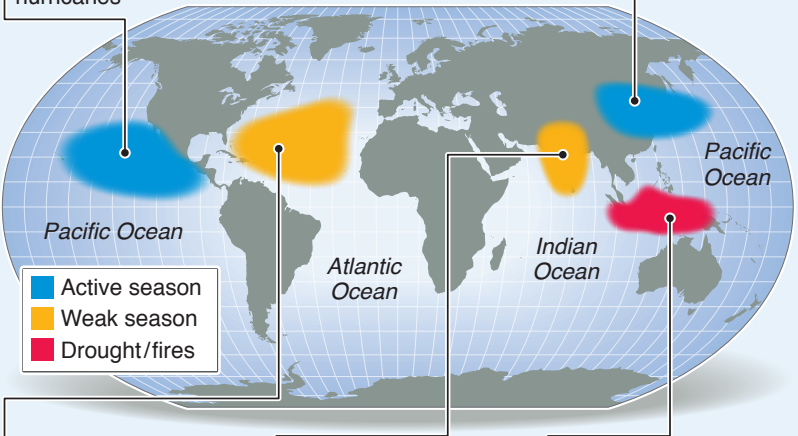
How El Niño is affecting global weather

El Niño has been strengthening for several months and is already having a significant impact on weather patterns around the world

East Pacific: El Niño conditions create very active hurricane season, with **22 named storms**, including **12 hurricanes** – 10 of them major. Typical season has 15 named storms and eight hurricanes

East China and Japan: Strong typhoons, including ***Maysak*** and ***Dujuan***, bring widespread flooding and landslides. Total of **10 tropical cyclones** – highest number since 1966



Atlantic: Eerily quiet season as El Niño limits storm formation. Only eight tropical storms and one hurricane – ***Isaias***. Average season would see 10 named storms and five hurricanes by this point

India: El Niño contributes to warmer and drier conditions. Monsoon rain has been **13% below average**, with erratic rainfall patterns posing severe risks to agricultural output

Indonesia: Dry weather driven by El Niño is fuelling worst wildfire season since 2015. Almost **two million hectares** of land burned and millions of people exposed to toxic haze from fires

Data as of Oct 20, 2026

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