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# Standard Methods of Communicating Warnings and Forecast Uncertainty

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### Forecast:

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### What do you think best describes what the forecast means?

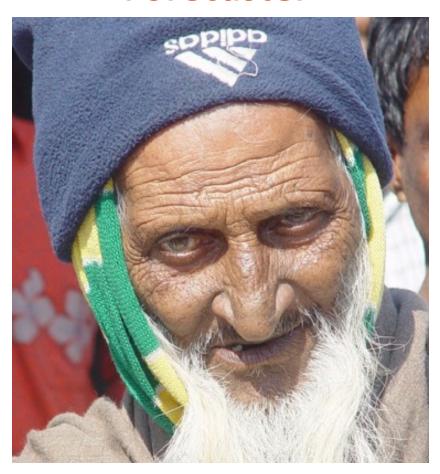
Response option	Percent of respondents
It will rain tomorrow in 60% of the region.	
It will rain tomorrow for 60% of the time.	
It will rain on 60% of the days like tomorrow.	
60% of weather forecasters believe that it will rain tomorrow.	
I don't know.	
Other (please explain)	

### **Answers**

Response option (N=1330)	Percent of respondents
It will rain tomorrow in 60% of the region.	16%
It will rain tomorrow for 60% of the time.	10%
It will rain on 60% of the days like tomorrow.*	19%
60% of weather forecasters believe that it with rain tomorrow.	23%
I don't know.	9%
Other (please explain)	24%

Source: Gigerenzer et al. 2005.

# A dialogue between an "Old man" and a "Forecaster"



**FORECASTER:** We hope to provide you with seasonal forecasts to help you plan your agricultural activities

**OLD MAN:** That would be good.

**FORECASTER:** But we will not always be correct: Perhaps 7 times out of 10.

OLD MAN: (after some thought): That is fine. Only God knows 100% what will happen and you are not God!

Right now, we "guess" each year & that means can be 50% right or 50% wrong.

70% means I am ahead!

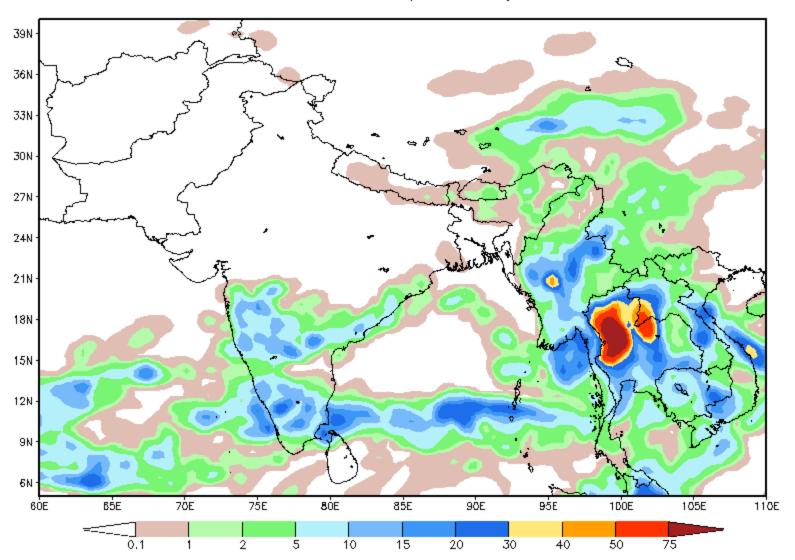
I'll try your forecast then.

### **IPCC Likelihood Scale**

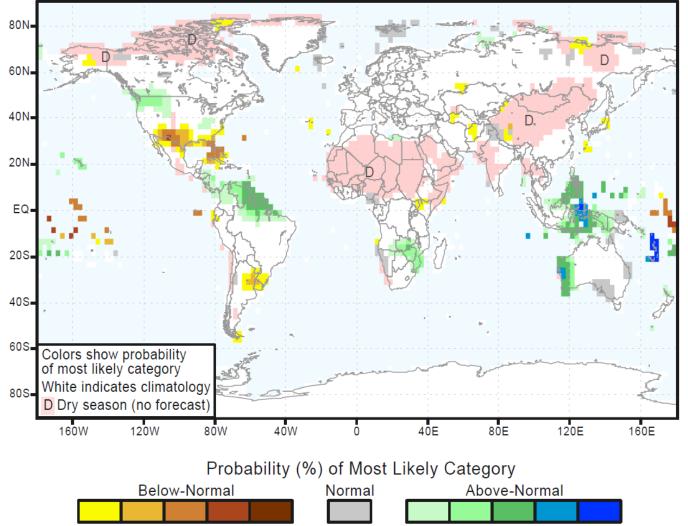
Terminology	Likelihood of the occurrence/outcome			
Virtually certain	Greater than 90% probability			
Very likely	Greater than 99% probability			
Likely	Greater than 66% probability			
About as likely as not	33% to 66% probability			
Unlikely	Less than 33% probability			
Very unlikely	Less than 10% probability			
Exceptionally unlikely	Less than 1% probability			

### **Graphical probability** (in colors)

NOAA GFS 37.5 km Daily Total Precipitation (mm)
Issued at Oct 11 2011 00Z for the period ending at Oct 17 2011 00Z

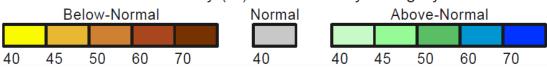


### IRI Multi-Model Probability Forecast for Precipitation for December-January-February 2012, Issued September 2011

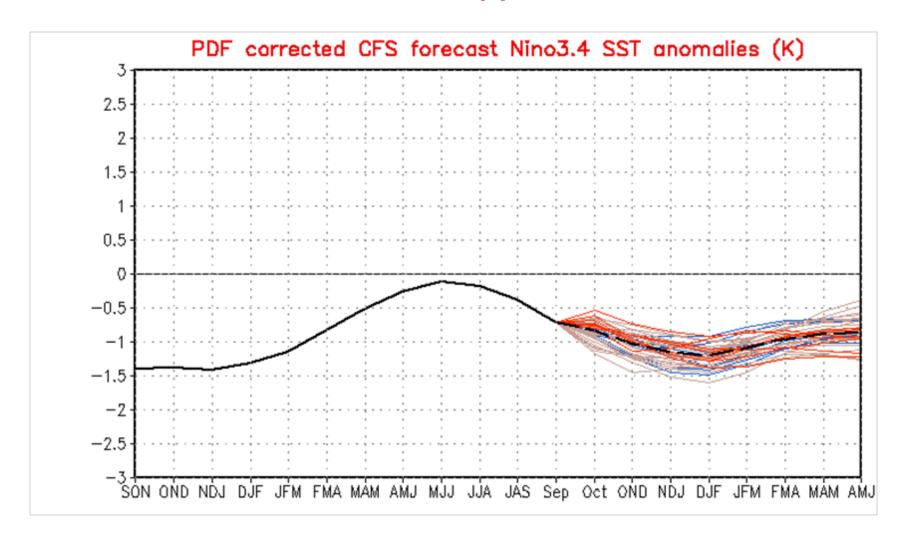


### **Probability of** likelihoods

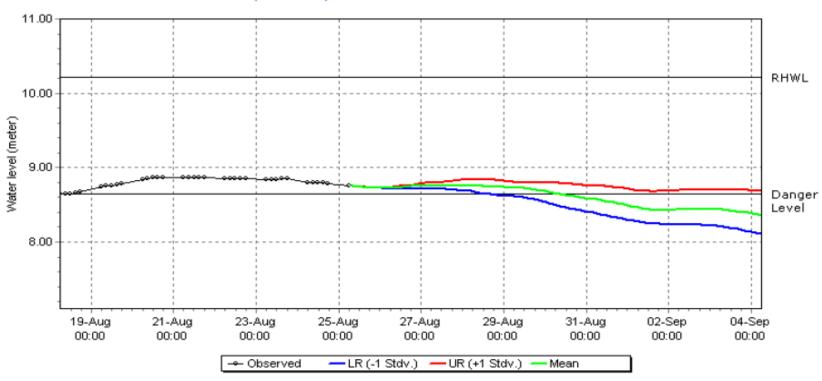
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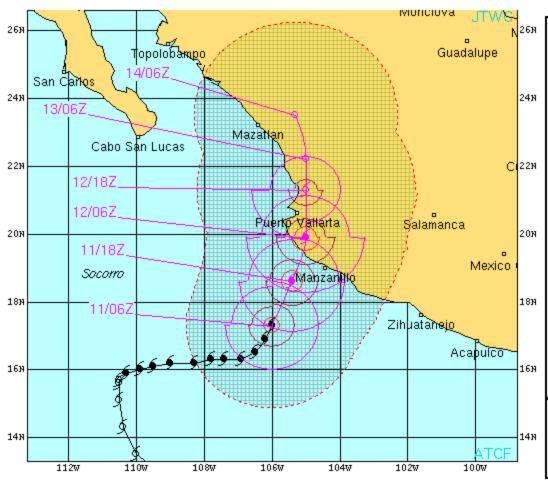
### "Ensemble" approach



#### Padma River at Goalondo (Year 2011)



### "Cone" of uncertainty

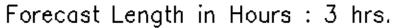


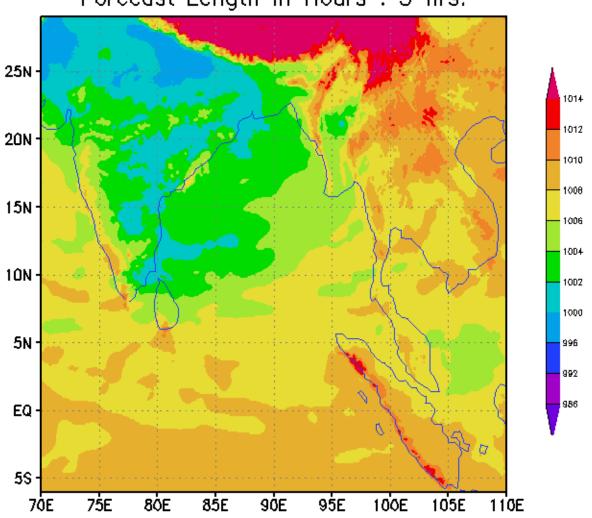
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LA_PAZ	130	392	24
MANZANILLO	324	67	24
MAZATLAN	158	213	24
FOERTO_VALLARTA	102	943	24
TA DAS	111	216	49
MANZANTIIO	349	196	48
MAZATIAN	127	98	48
PUERTO VALLARTA	;	97	48
SOCORRO ISLAND	57	397	48
LA PAZ	98	278	72
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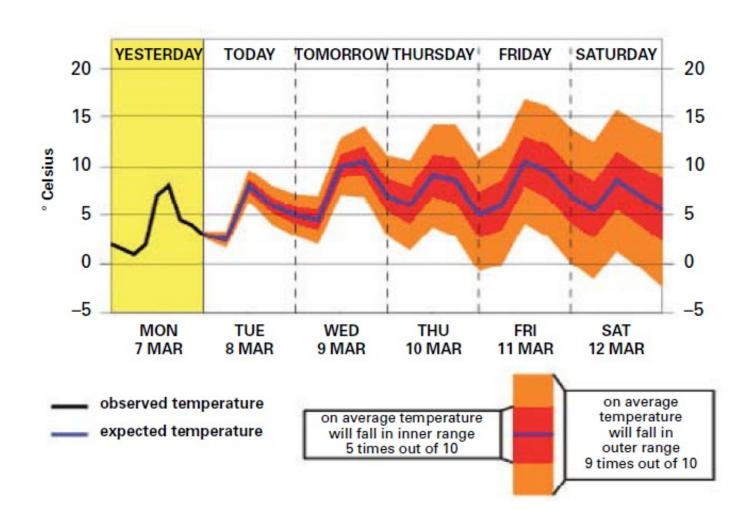


### "Animated" depictions

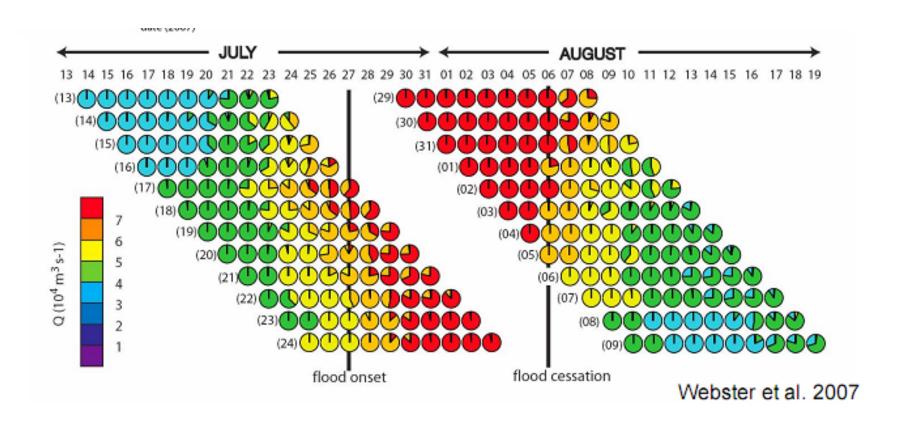




# a 'fan chart' showing the increase in uncertainty with time



### **Probability pies**



#### **Forecast icons**





# Community-based Flag hoisting





### Emerging technologies (e.g. cell phones)

#### **Mobile phone**

**Sending SMS to Mobile** 





# Direct & regular sharing with the local institutions for institutional actions



### **Communicating through forum and dialogues**



## Media engagement?



### Proactive media engagements and interactions



### Creating participation of user-groups.

- Earlier Paradigm: Science for the "sake of scientific development"
- Past Paradigm: Science "for the people"
- Current Paradigm: Science "with the people".

Science – Institution – Society

**Stay united!** 

### **Thanks**



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