Rainfall variability in the southern region of Guatemala influenced by the Madden-Julian Oscillation



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Introduction

This study try to determine the influence of the MJO on precipitation in the southern region of Guatemala. The MJO is an equatorial wave that have intra-seasonal variation and is generated in the high atmosphere, and generated effects on surface levels, mainly in precipitation. Daily precipitation data from local stations will be used in addition to MJO amplitude data. The years to be analyzed are 35 from 1980 to 2015.



Monitoring

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Pacífico occidental 6 3 Monitoring 2 21 5 8 3 HENZO 22 Hemisferjo occidental y África MATTHEW C. Continente marítimo WHEELER AND HARRY 23STM02 22 H. HENDON, 2004 22 -1 21 -2 -3 Océano 3 2 Índico -3 -2 -1 2 3 0 1 STMO1

(STMO1, STMO2) espacio de fases entre el 9 de mayo y el 6 de agosto de 2008

Los puntos corresponden a los días individuales marcados. La línea azul corresponde a agosto y la verde a julio.

Data

- Database of 8 stations in the southern region of Guatemala 1980 to 2015-INSIVUMEH, Camantulul, San José, Champerico, Montufar, the slaves, Mazatenango, Retalhuleu, and big savanna.
- MJO amplitude data from 1980 to 2015 -Australian Bureau of Meteorology. http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/mjo/graphi cs/rmm.74toRealtime.txt
- Simple speedy circulation model, ICTP. https://www.ictp.it/research/esp/models/sp eedy.aspx



South Region, local stations



Target 1

- Detect and describe the patterns of climate variability of the pp related to the Madden Julian Oscillation.
- Methodology and data:
 - MJO detection whit Low pass filter
 - Weeler and kiladis Zonal wave number-frequency spectrum, using speedy.
 - Wavelet Transform of precipitation.
 - Accumulation of pp in each phase of the MJO.

Spectrograms, Amplitude of MJO and pp South Region of Guatemala

Amplitud MJO

PP south region



OMJ wavenumber frequency spectrum



Wavelet power spectrum of the stations average



Accumulated precipitation during each phase of MJO. Local stations



Target 2

- Quantify the influence of the activity of the WMO in the rainy season of the southern region of Guatemala.
- Methodology
 - Basic statistics of the Amplitude Frequency Distribution
 - Relationship with the accumulated rainfall detected in the pattern

OMJ Amplitude Histogram



Box plot precipitation when the Amplitude of MJO is low and high

Fase_1 mm/dia vrs Amplitud



Fase_4 mm/dia vrs Amplitud



Amplitud (Baja y Alta)

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- The precipitation in each phase was quantified in mm/day and percentage, compared to the total precipitation (historical average).
- The difference between precipitation was found when the amplitude is high and low.

	FASE 1	FASE 2	FASE 3	FASE 4	FASE 5	FASE 6	FASE 7	FASE 8
ENERO	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
FEBRERO	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.4	0.0	0.0
MARZO	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ABRIL	-1-8	-0.4	-1.6	1.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.4
MAYO	3.4	1.5	0.2	-1.5	-2.8	-1.0	1.0	3.6
JUNIO	9.0	4.1	-5.2	-1.6	-4.4	4.1	2.5	4.0
JULIO	0.1	2.0	-0.6	-1.2	-1.4	0.4	0.5	7.5
AGOSTO	1.0	-0.8	-2.7	1.5	-3.6	-3.4	0.5	0.0
SEPTIEMBRE	8.1	4.6	-3.6	-4.6	-3.6	-9.3	-1.1	6.2
OCTUBRE	-51	-2.8	-5.6	-1.5	-0.7	-1.2	4.6	-7.2
NOVIEMBRE	5.8	0.5	0.2	.2	-11.0	-2.1	0.0	2.1
DCIEMBRE	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3

Rates of mm/day for months associated with the phases of the MJO, based on the differences of the pp whit high amplitude and low



Target 3

- Establish criteria for predicting the precipitation contribution of the Madden Julián Oscillation (OMJ) in the Southern Region of Guatemala.
- Methodology
 - NOAA Forecast
 - Amounts of rainfall with the pattern by month and by phase detected.



Accumulator de lluvia Abril, Boca Costa



Forecast of the month

- 1.) Verify magnitude of the amplitude of the MJO
- 2.) Verify number of forecast days and faces.
- 3.) Verify accumulated rainfall so far and compare with seasonal forecast in that month.
- 4.) multiply the number of days by the value of pp. of the pattern of pp. of that month
- 5.) Subtract or add from the monthly accumulated.

Procedure to validate

- The contribution influence of the OMJ is mainly in phase 1. and inhibition occurs in phase 4.
- The first part of the rainy season is where the influence of the OMJ is most evident, with phase 1.
- The percentage of contribution and inhibition of precipitation associated with the OMJ annual is 1.2% but by mouth can be more than 10%.
- The amplitude of the MJO hay a seasonal variations.

Preliminary conclusions

- Relation with the stream events
- Relation between the ENOS and Amplitude of MJO.
- Relations with other climatic forces, like NASH, Monsoons and meteorology phenomena like east waves.

Futures targets

Thanks for your attention!



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