

# Impact of El Niño events on rainfall, temperature, and vegetation in Indonesia

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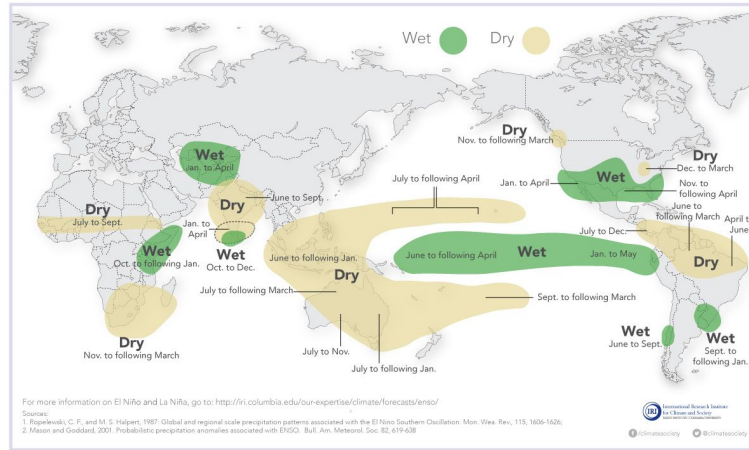


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# Indonesia and El Niño

## El Niño and Rainfall

El Niño conditions in the tropical Pacific are known to shift rainfall patterns in many different parts of the world. Although they vary somewhat from one El Niño to the next, the strongest shifts remain fairly consistent in the regions shown on the map below.



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## Indonesia sees rising wildfire risk amid dry weather conditions

The number of 'hotspots' has doubled to 12,701 from 6,082 just a week earlier.



## The high cost of an El Niño in 2023 B B C

El Niño starting in 2023 could cost the global economy as much as \$3.4tn over the following five years. In the past, tropical countries such as Indonesia, suffered a 10% drop in GDP.



## Govt warns of dengue rise from hotter weather as El Niño returns



In 2022, the Health Ministry reported 143,000 dengue fever cases, with 1,236 deaths, concentrated in West Java, Central Java, Bali, and East Java. As of May 2023, 35,694 cases and 270 deaths were reported nationwide. The imminent El Niño could exacerbate the situation, increasing mosquito bites and dengue transmission risk due to rising temperatures above 30 degrees Celsius.



# Hypothesis

Based on historical records, El Niño events, as measured by the ONI index, will be associated with the following in Indonesia, compared to other times:

- Reduced rainfall
- Elevated temperatures
- Lower NDVI values



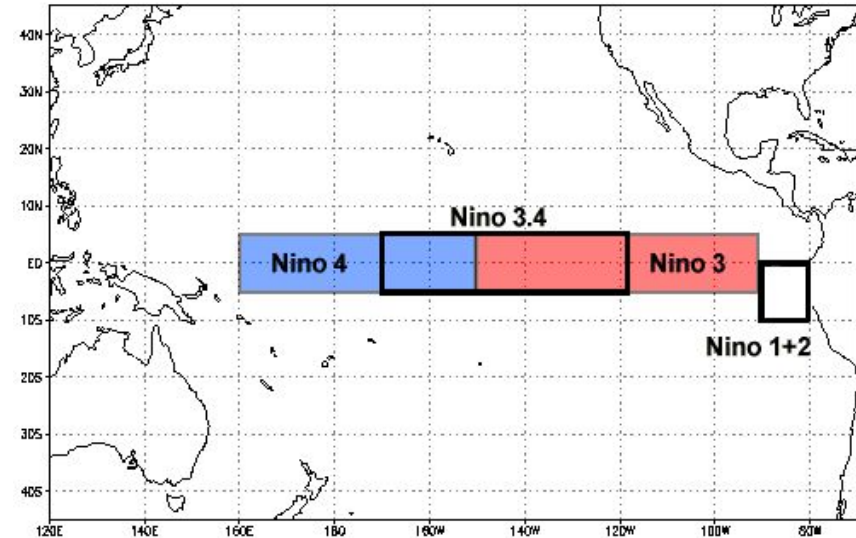
# Datasets & Methods

- Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly
- (OISST SST, NOAA)
- Air Temperature anomaly (GISS)
- Precipitation (GPCP)
- NDVI Index (MODIS-MOD13C2)

**Time range: 2000-2023**

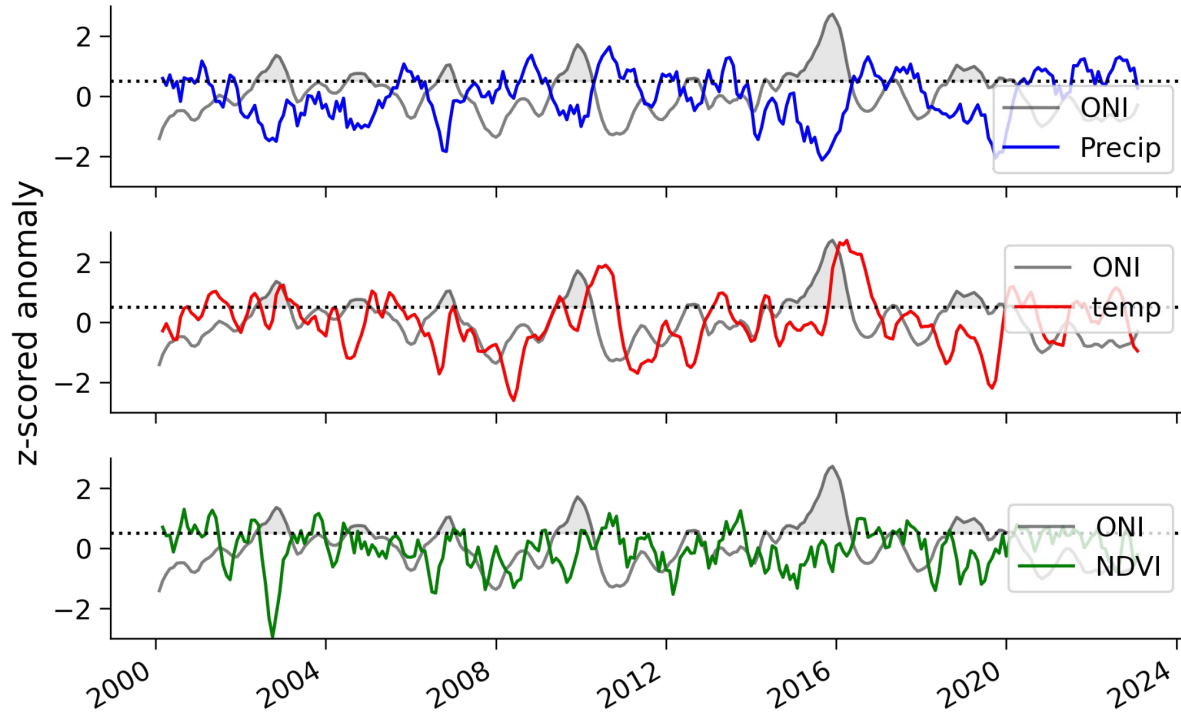
**Seasons: Dec-Feb & June-Aug**

- Anomaly calculation
- ENSO phases comparison
- Compositing data (rainfall, temp, NDVI)



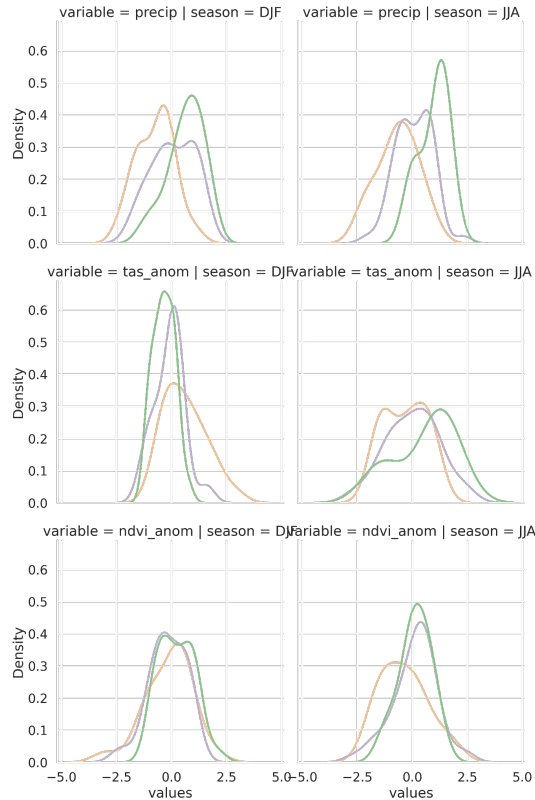
# Time series analysis for Precipitation, Temperature and NDVI anomalies

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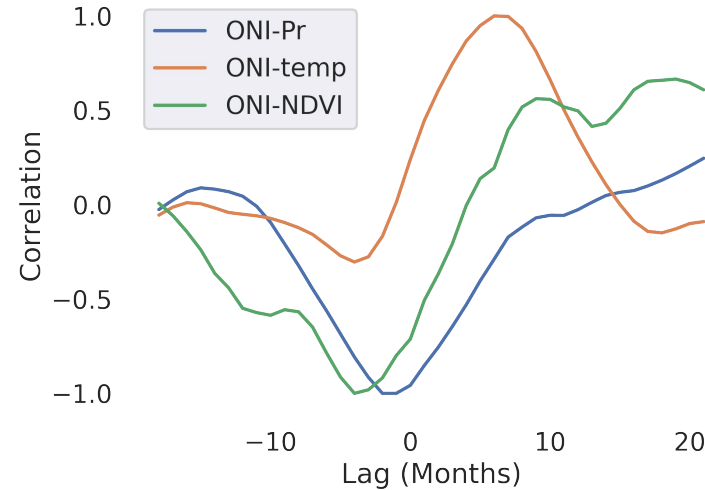


- Periods with positive values of ONI ( $>0.5$ ) shows **decrease in precipitation**.
- **Air temperature anomaly increases** after ONI  $>0.5$ .
- **NDVI showed a mixed response** to ONI ( $>0.5$ ), with greening decreasing more significantly at first ONI ( $>0.5$ ) event compared to other events.

# Comparison between ENSO phases



ONI  
— La Nina  
— Neutral  
— El Nino



## Kruskal-Wallis Analysis of Variance

precip,	season=DJF	stat=21.491	p_val=0.000
tas_anom,	season=DJF	stat=14.003	p_val=0.001
ndvi_anom,	season=DJF	stat=2.815	p_val=0.245
precip,	season=JJA	stat=15.293	p_val=0.000
tas_anom,	season=JJA	stat=3.256	p_val=0.196
ndvi_anom,	season=JJA	stat=3.850	p_val=0.146

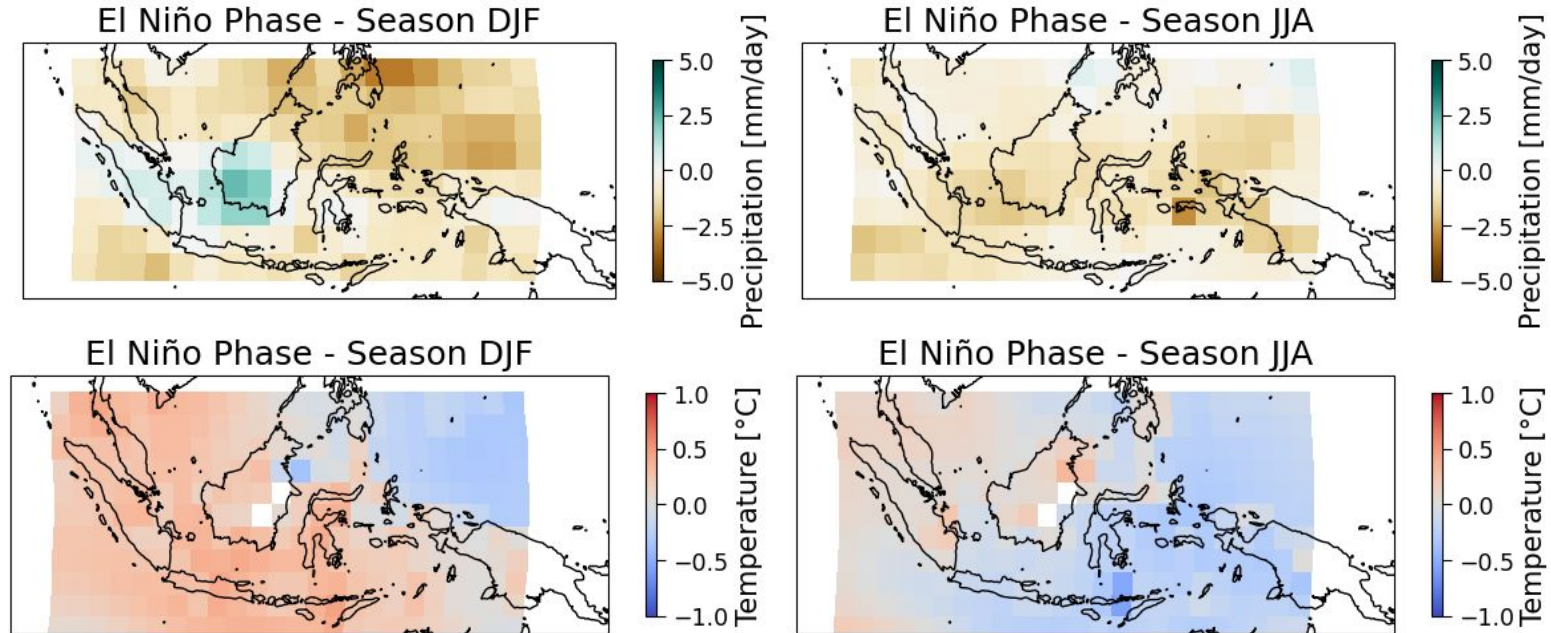




# Composite Analysis - Precipitation and Temperature Anomalies

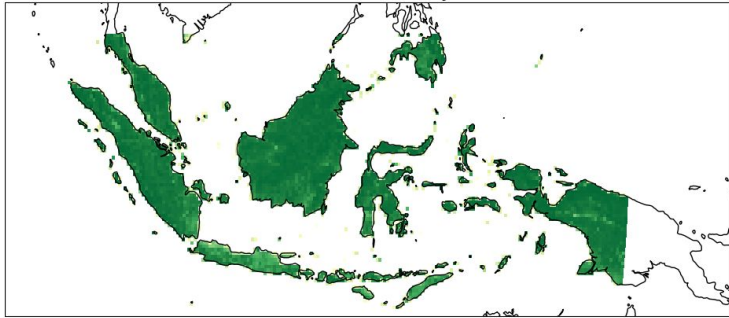
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El Niño also causes disruptions to the rainy season in Indonesia by changing the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ).

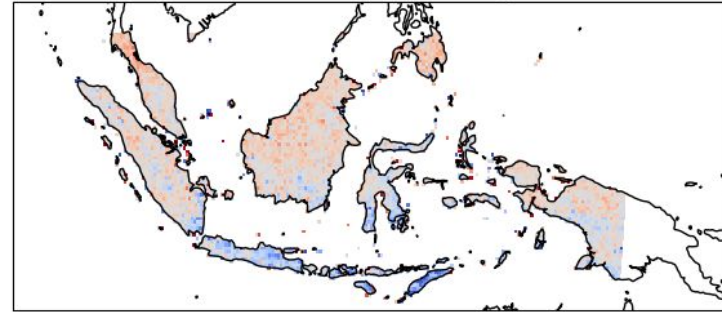


# Composite Analysis - NDVI

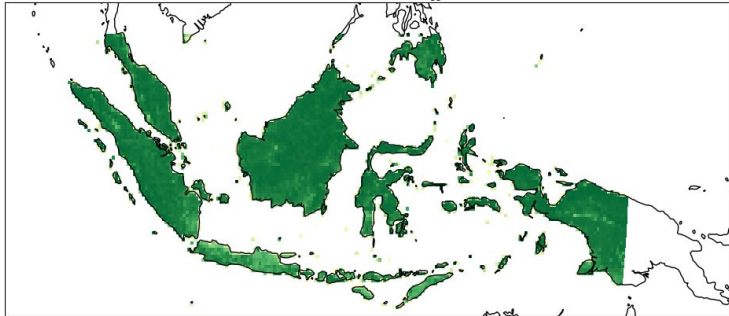
El Niño Season DJF



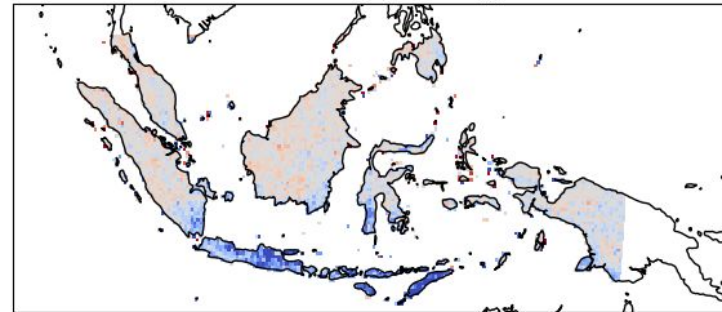
El Niño - Neutral phase: DJF season



El Niño Season JJA



El Niño - Neutral phase: JJA season





# Conclusions

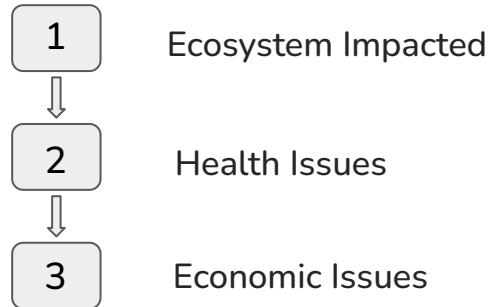
We find that El Niño events are associated with:

- ❑ *Reduced* rainfall
- ❑ *Elevated* temperatures
- ❑ *Mixed conclusion* on NDVI values



# Effect of El Niño on Indonesia

Due to the effects of El Niño, Indonesia has suffered from various damages, not just in terms of the environment but also in terms of human activities.



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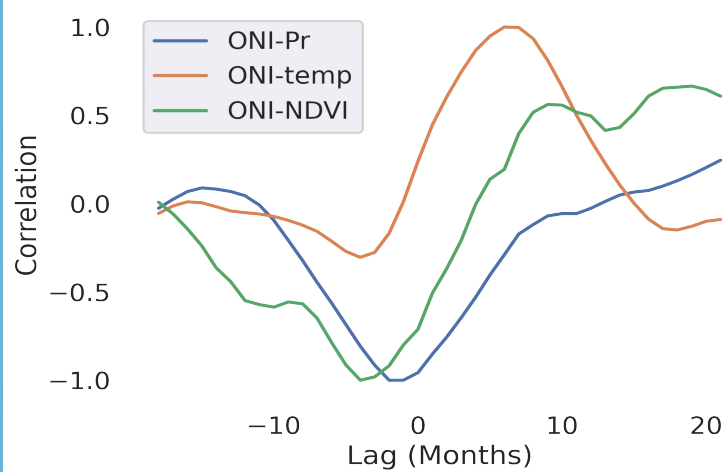
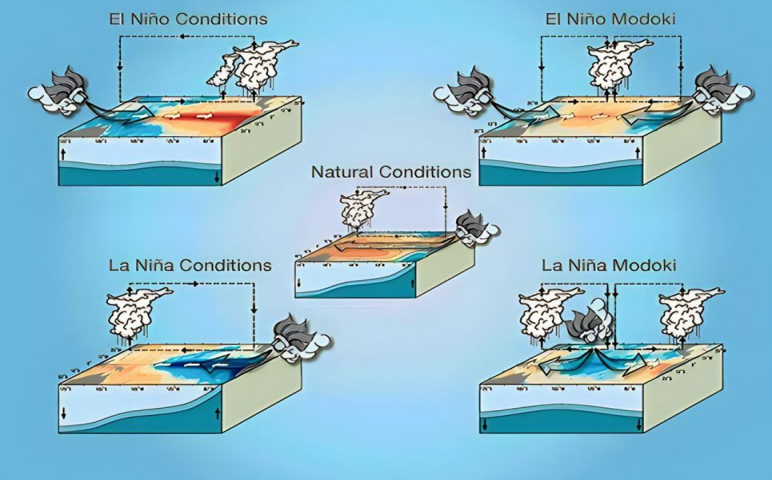
# Questions?



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ENSO Modoki events, which are distinct from conventional El Niño events, have been found to significantly impact temperature and precipitation patterns in Indonesia (Ashok et al., 2007)

The Pacific-East Asian teleconnection, which is a large-scale atmospheric circulation pattern, plays a role in transmitting the impacts of El Niño Modoki to Indonesia. The impacts of El Niño Modoki on precipitation and temperature can be observed with a time lag, causing wet or dry events conditions (Wang et al., 2000).

El Niño 3.4 region and its impact on weather conditions in Indonesia can vary, but it generally ranges from a few weeks to a few months. The early signals of El Niño's influence on Indonesia's weather, such as shifts in rainfall patterns or higher temperatures, may start to be observed a few weeks after the initial warming. However, significant and widespread impacts on Indonesia's weather and climate, such as droughts or heavy rainfall, may take several months to fully develop (Delage et al., 2020)

Mean of each variable aligned to ONI crossing 0.5 from below (ONI-triggered average)

