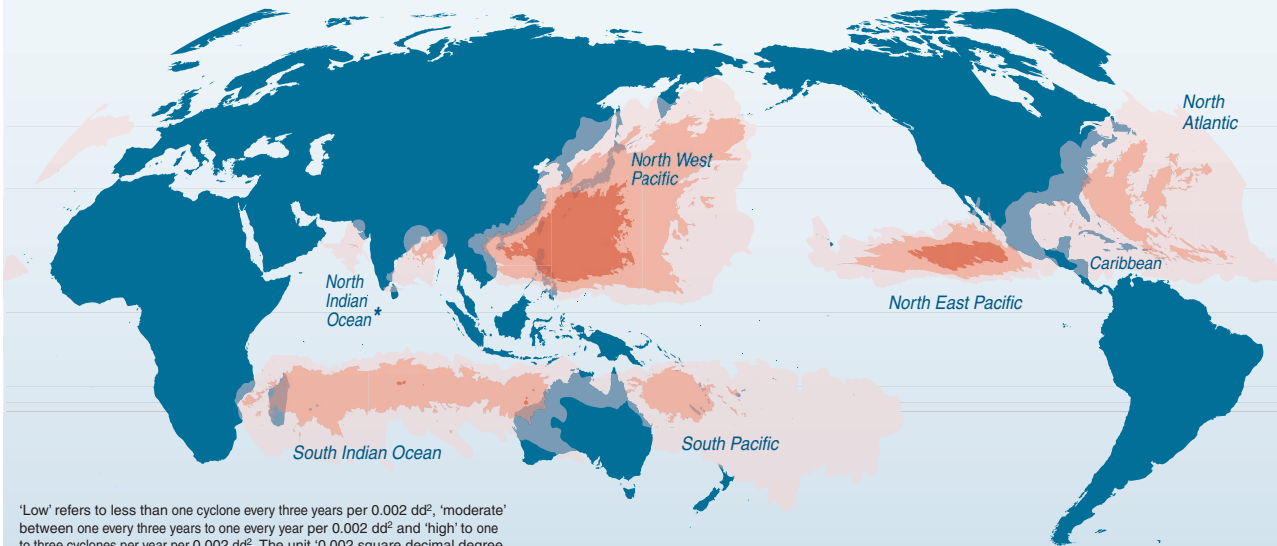


Tropical cyclone frequency

Average number of cyclones:
(1980-2000)

low moderate high



'Low' refers to less than one cyclone every three years per 0.002 dd², 'moderate' between one every three years to one every year per 0.002 dd² and 'high' to one to three cyclones per year per 0.002 dd². The unit '0.002 square decimal degree (dd²)' is equivalent to 25 km² on the equator, diminishing as latitude gets higher.

* average based on eight years only.

Sources: PREVIEW Global Cyclone Asymmetric Windspeed Profile, UNEP/GRID-Europe.