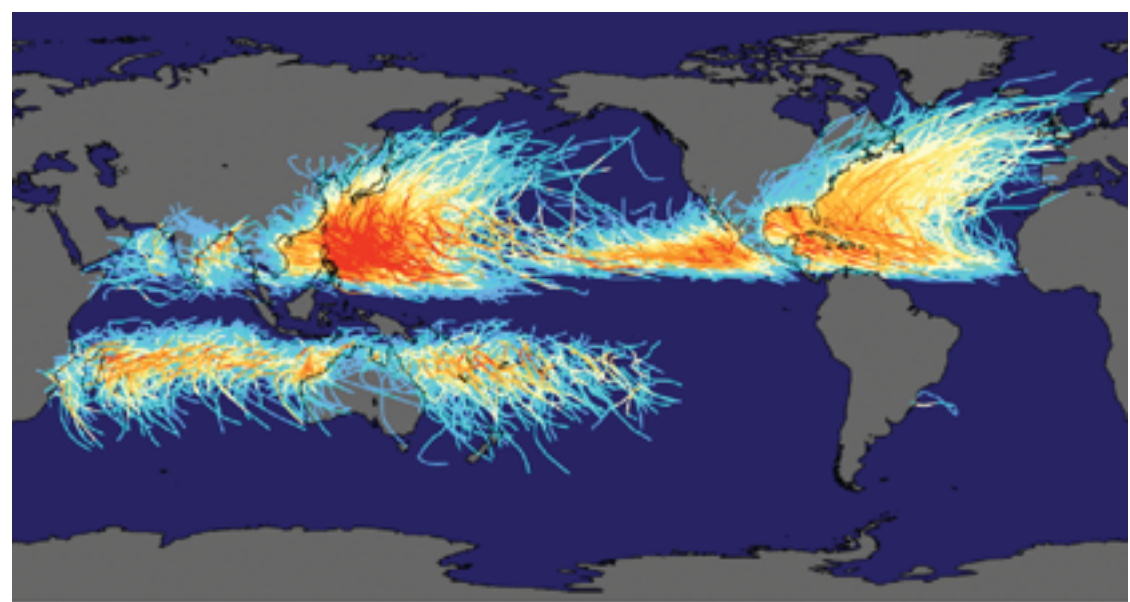


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2. This world map shows the tracks and intensities of thousands of hurricanes and other tropical cyclones. It was put together by the National Hurricane Center and the Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

- a. What area has experienced the greatest number of category 4 and 5 storms?
- b. Why do hurricanes not form in the very heart of the tropics, astride the equator?
- c. Explain the absence of storms in the South Atlantic and the eastern South Pacific.



Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Intensity Scale

Tropical depression	Tropical storm	1	2	3	4	5
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