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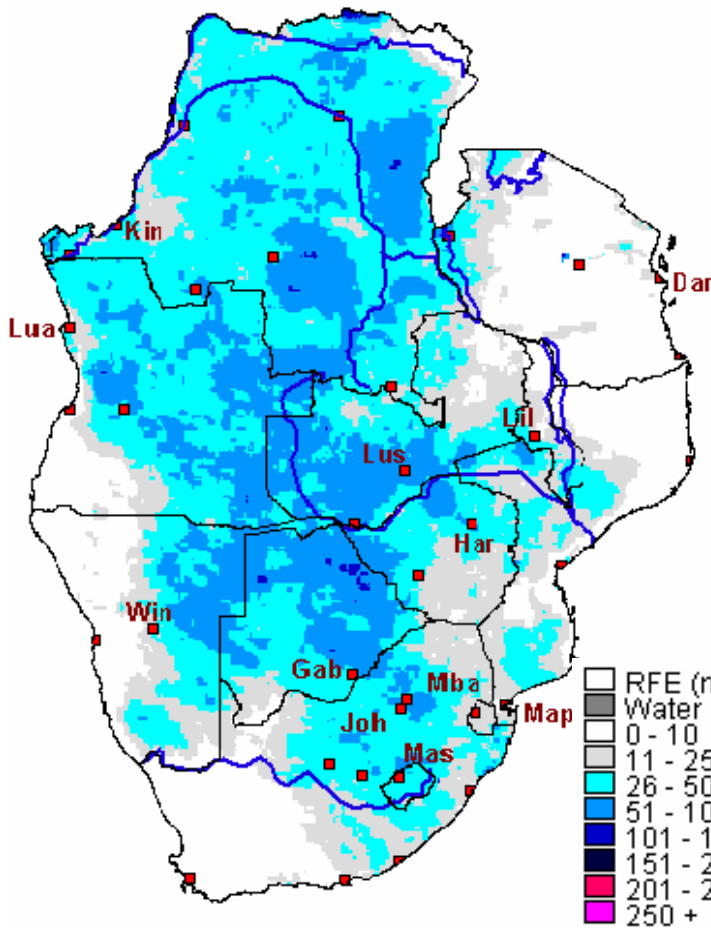


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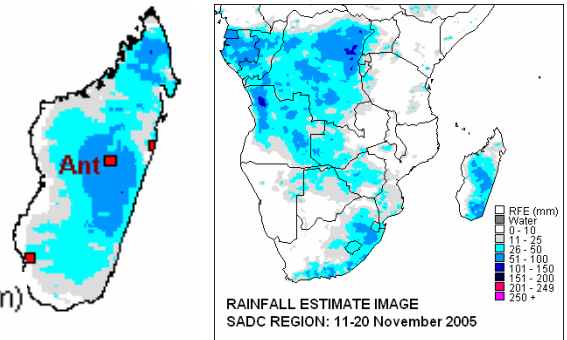
Highlights

- ❑ High rainfall received in most parts of the region...
- ❑ Land preparation and sowing continues...
- ❑ Tanzania experience dry conditions...
- ❑ Malawi still awaits sufficient rainfall for full scale sowing...

Fig.1. Rainfall Performance for Dekad 3 of November 2005



The third dekad of November 2005 received a substantial amount of rainfall compared to the previous dekad (see inserted image below). The satellite imagery (figure 1) indicates that most of the rainfall was experienced in the central parts of the region covering Angola, Botswana, the DRC, South Africa, Lesotho, Zambia and parts of Namibia and Zimbabwe as well as Madagascar. The rest of the region had very low rainfall and in most cases no rainfall. The areas with low to no rainfall covered most of Malawi, Mozambique Swaziland and Tanzania. Most of Tanzania has been dry for the last two dekads of November. So far, the productive areas of Botswana have received good rainfall for agricultural activity.



Analysis from the beginning of November 2005 indicates that there is improvement in rainfall amounts and also that the rainfall is covering more areas in the southern parts of the region. This is the normal pattern of rainfall. The performance of rainfall in December will be critical for the agricultural season.

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