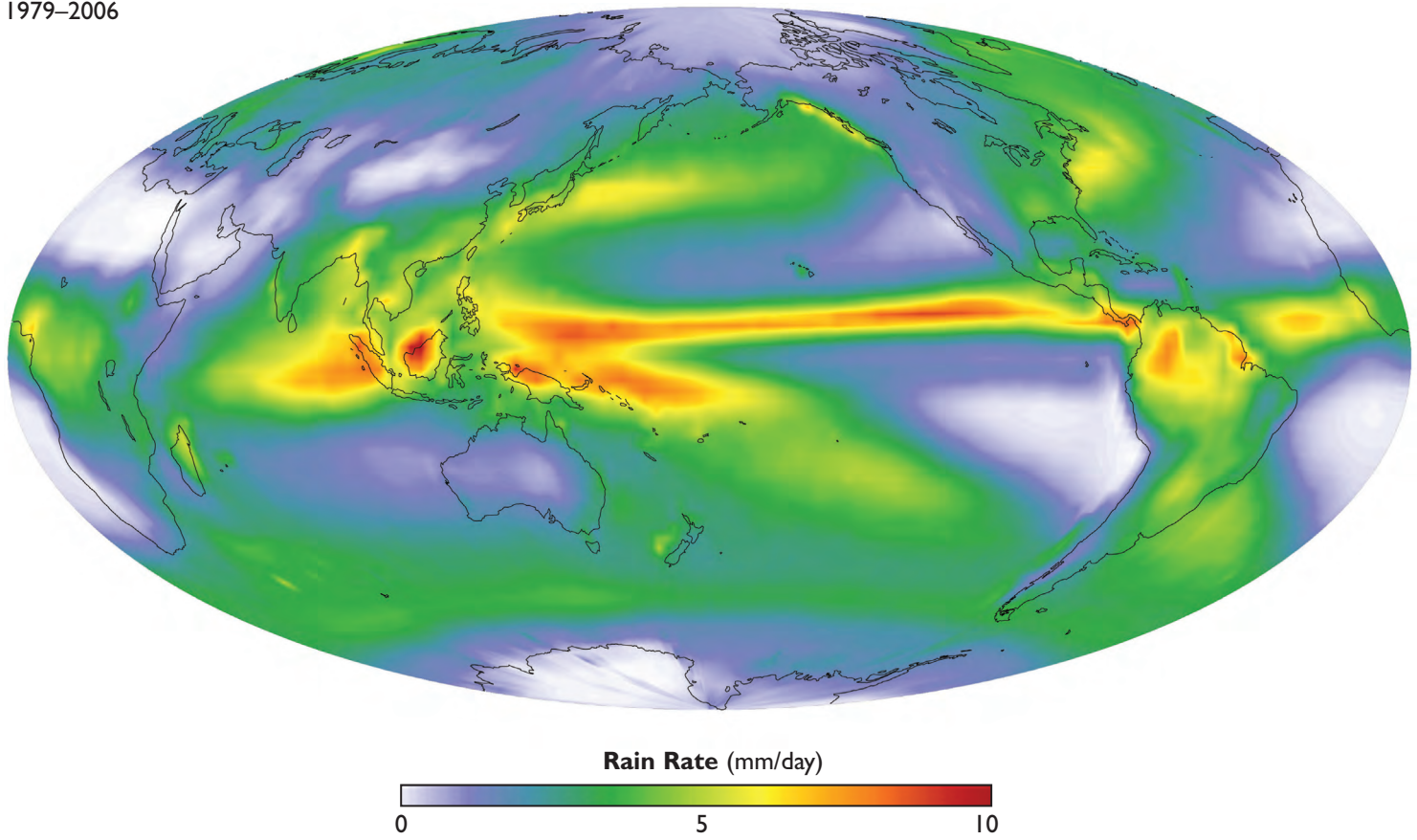


1979–2006



Average precipitation over the globe between 1979 and 2006 showing the high rainfall in the tropics, the dry sub-tropics, and the precipitation patterns associated with mid-latitude storm tracks. (Data from the Global Precipitation Climatology Project.)