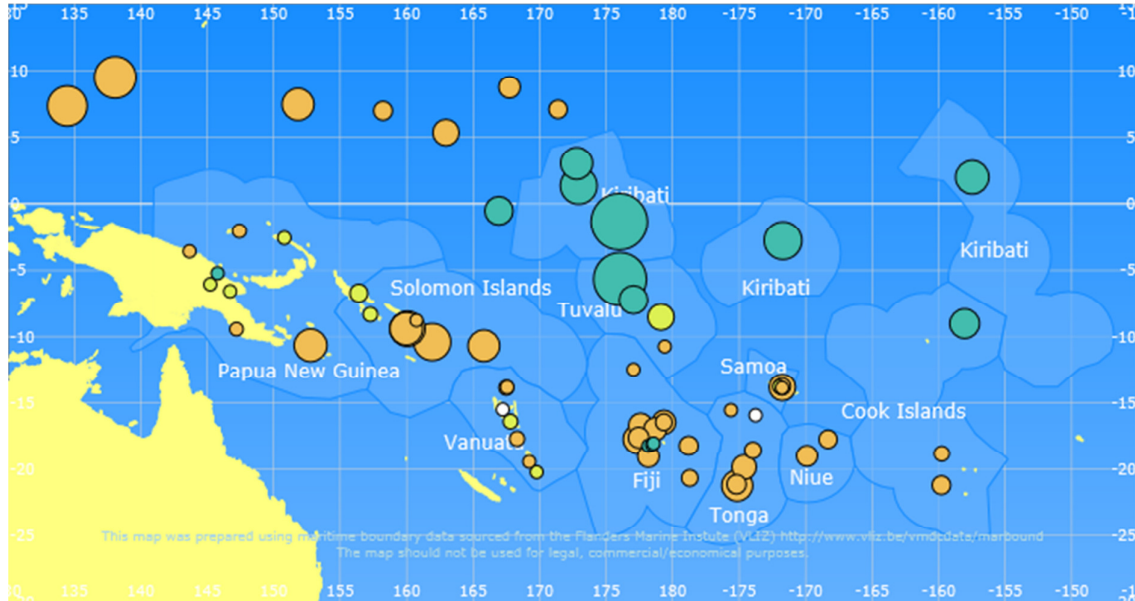




## Seasonal Climate Outlook for the period February to April 2016



**Legend**

- Bias towards below-normal rainfall
- Bias towards normal rainfall
- Bias towards above-normal rainfall
- No bias in forecast (Climatology)

Larger "bubbles" represent higher forecast skill (based on LEPS scores)

System	Outlook	Skill
<b>Cook Islands (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Aitutaki & Rarotonga <b>Above Normal:</b> Penrhyn	<b>Range:</b> low - high <b>Average:</b> moderate
<b>Federated States of Micronesia (rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei_QC & Yap	<b>Range:</b> moderate - very high <b>Average:</b> high
<b>Fiji (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Labasa Airfield, Lakeba, Lautoka, Nabouwalu, Nadi Airport, Ono-i-Lau, Penang, Rotuma, Vunisea & Yasawa-i-rara <b>Above Normal:</b> Laucala Bay, Nausori Airport & Navua	<b>Range:</b> very low - high <b>Average:</b> moderate
<b>Kiribati (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Above Normal:</b> Beru, Butaritari, Kanton, Kiritimati & Tarawa	<b>Range:</b> high - exceptional!!! <b>Average:</b> very high
<b>Marshall Islands (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST	<b>Below Normal:</b> Kwajalein & Majuro	<b>Range:</b> moderate <b>Average:</b> moderate

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Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)		
<b>Nauru (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Above Normal:</b> Nauru	<b>Range:</b> good <b>Average:</b> good
<b>Niue (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Alofi	<b>Range:</b> moderate <b>Average:</b> moderate
<b>Palau (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Koror	<b>Range:</b> very high <b>Average:</b> very high
<b>Papua New Guinea (rainfall mm)</b> 3mth SOI Values (Oct-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Misima, Momote, Port Moresby & Wewak <b>Normal:</b> Goroka W O, Kavieng & Nadzab <b>Normal to Above Normal:</b> Madang	<b>Range:</b> very low - high <b>Average:</b> low
<b>Samoa (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Afiamalu, Apia & Nafanua <b>Normal:</b> Faleolo	<b>Range:</b> very low - good <b>Average:</b> low
<b>Solomon Islands (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Auki, Henderson Airport, Honiara, Kirakira & Lata <b>Normal:</b> Munda & Taro	<b>Range:</b> very low - high <b>Average:</b> good
<b>Tonga (rainfall mm)</b> 3mth SOI Values (Oct-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Fua'amotu, Ha'apai, Niuafu'ou, Nuku'alofa & Vava'u <b>Climatology:</b> Niuatoputapu	<b>Range:</b> very low - high <b>Average:</b> moderate
<b>Tuvalu (Rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal to Normal:</b> Niulakita <b>Normal:</b> Funafuti <b>Above Normal:</b> Nanumea & Nui	<b>Range:</b> very low - exceptional!! <b>Average:</b> high
<b>Vanuatu (rainfall mm)</b> 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2015)	<b>Below Normal:</b> Bauerfield, Patterson_Sola, Port Vila, Sola & Whitegrass <b>Below Normal to Normal:</b> Lamap <b>Normal:</b> Aneityum <b>Climatology:</b> Pekoa	<b>Range:</b> very low - moderate <b>Average:</b> low

LEPS	very low	low	moderate	good	high	very high	exceptional
<b>SCALE</b>	LEPS<0%	0%<=LEPS<5%	5%<=LEPS<10%	10%<=LEPS<15%	15%<=LEPS<25%	25%<=LEPS<35%	LEPS>=35%

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