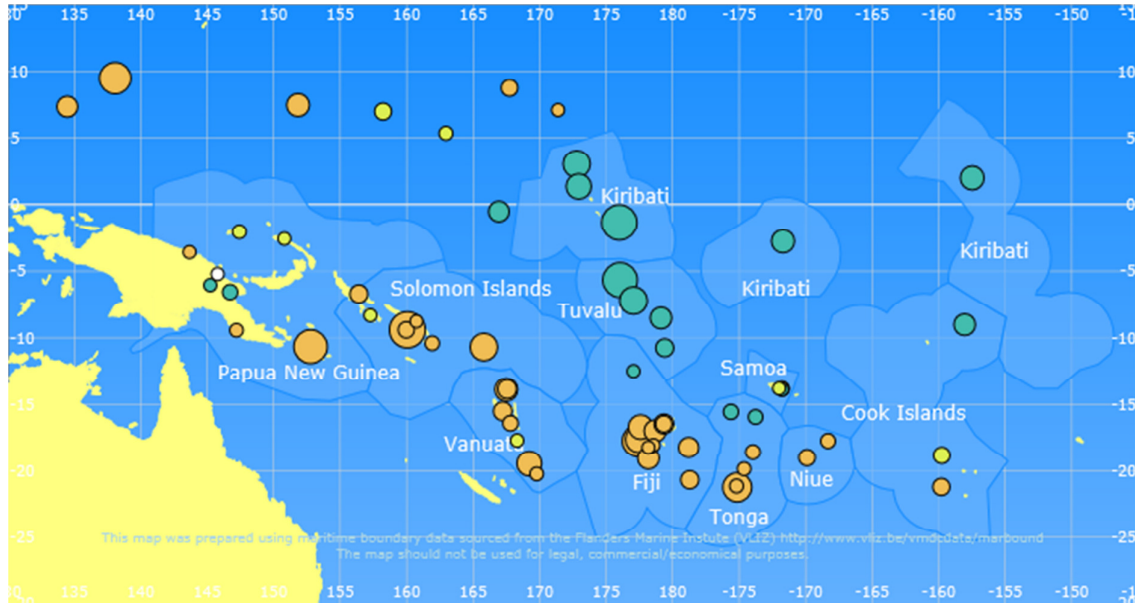


scopic Spatial Summary

Seasonal Climate Outlook for the period March to May 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
Cook Islands (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Rarotonga Below Normal to Normal: Aitutaki Above Normal: Penrhyn	Range: low - moderate Average: moderate
Federated States of Micronesia (rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Chuuk & Yap Below Normal to Normal: Kosrae & Pohnpei_QC	Range: low - high Average: moderate
Fiji (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Labasa Airfield, Lakeba, Laucala Bay, Lautoka, Nabouwalu, Nadi Airport, Nausori Airport, Navua, Ono-i-Lau, Penang, Vunisea & Yasawa-i-rara Above Normal: Rotuma	Range: very low - high Average: moderate
Kiribati (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Above Normal: Beru, Butaritari, Kanton, Kiritimati & Tarawa	Range: moderate - high Average: good
Marshall Islands (Rainfall mm)	Below Normal: Kwajalein & Majuro	Range: very low - low Average: low

System	Outlook	Skill
2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)		
Nauru (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Above Normal: Nauru	Range: moderate Average: moderate
Niue (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Alofi	Range: low Average: low
Palau (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Koror	Range: moderate Average: moderate
Papua New Guinea (rainfall mm) 3mth SOI Values (Nov 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Misima, Port Moresby & Wewak Below Normal to Normal: Momote Normal: Kavieng Above Normal: Goroka W O & Nadzab Climatology: Madang	Range: very low - high Average: low
Samoa (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Apia & Nafanua Normal: Faleolo Above Normal: Afiamalu	Range: very low - low Average: very low
Solomon Islands (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Auki, Henderson Airport, Honiara, Kirakira, Lata & Taro Normal: Munda	Range: very low - high Average: moderate
Tonga (rainfall mm) 3mth SOI Values (Nov 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Fua'amotu, Ha'apai, Nuku'alofa & Vava'u Normal to Above Normal: Niuatoputapu Above Normal: Niuafu'ou	Range: low - high Average: low
Tuvalu (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Above Normal: Funafuti, Nanumea, Niulakita & Nui	Range: low - high Average: good
Vanuatu (rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Dec 2015 - Jan 2016)	Below Normal: Aneityum, Lamap, Patterson_Sola, Pekoa, Port Vila, Sola & Whitegrass Below Normal to Normal: Bauerfield	Range: low - good Average: low

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

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