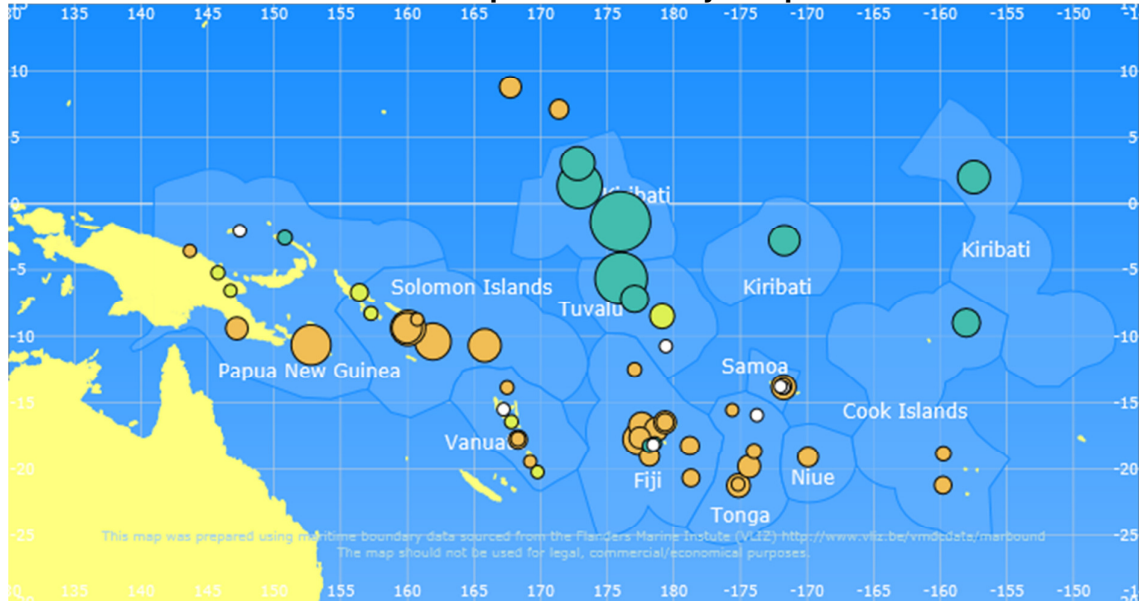




Seasonal Climate Outlook for the period February to April 2015



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 (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Aitutaki & Rarotonga Above Normal: Penrhyn	Range: low - good Average: moderate
Fiji (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Labasa Airfield, Lakeba, Lautoka, Nadi Airport, Ono-i-Lau, Penang, Vunisea & Yasawa-i-rara Below Normal to Normal: Nabouwalu & Rotuma Above Normal: Nausori Airport & Navua Climatology: Laucala Bay	Range: very low - high Average: moderate
Kiribati (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Above Normal: Beru, Butaritari, Kanton, Kiritimati & Tarawa	Range: high - exceptional!! Average: very high
Marshall Islands (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Kwajalein Below Normal to Normal: Majuro	Range: moderate Average: moderate
Niue (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Hanan Airport	Range: moderate Average: moderate

System	Outlook	Skill
Papua New Guinea (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Misima, Port Moresby & Wewak Normal: Nadzab Normal to Above Normal: Kavieng & Madang Climatology: Momote	Range: very low - very high Average: low
Samoa (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Apia & Nafanua Climatology: Afiamalu & Faleolo	Range: very low - good Average: low
Solomon Islands (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Auki, Henderson Airport, Honiara & Kirakira Below Normal to Normal: Lata Normal: Munda & Taro	Range: very low - high Average: good
Tonga (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Fua'amotu, Ha'apai, Niuafou'ou & Vava'u Below Normal to Normal: Nuku'alofa Climatology: Niuatoputapu	Range: very low - good Average: low
Tuvalu (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Normal: Funafuti Above Normal: Nanumea & Nui Climatology: Niulakita	Range: very low - exceptional!! Average: high
Vanuatu (Rainfall mm) 2mth NINO3.4 SST Anomalies extended (Nov-Dec 2014)	Below Normal: Whitegrass Below Normal to Normal: Aneityum, Bauerfield, Lamap, Port Vila & Sola Climatology: Pekoa	Range: very low - moderate 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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