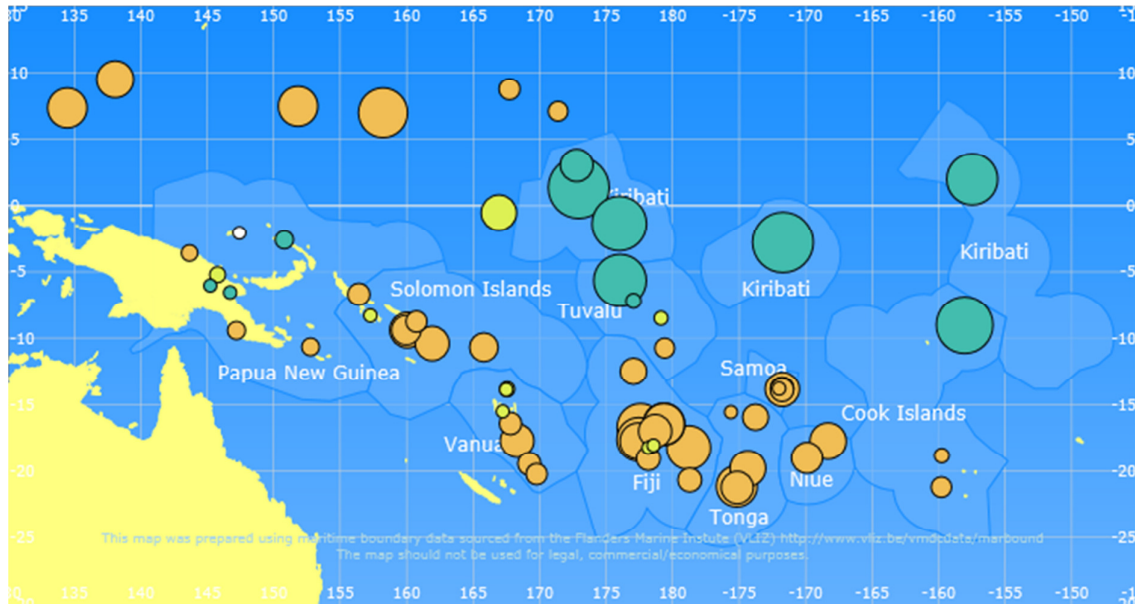




## Seasonal Climate Outlook for the period December 2015 to February 2016



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

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

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

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