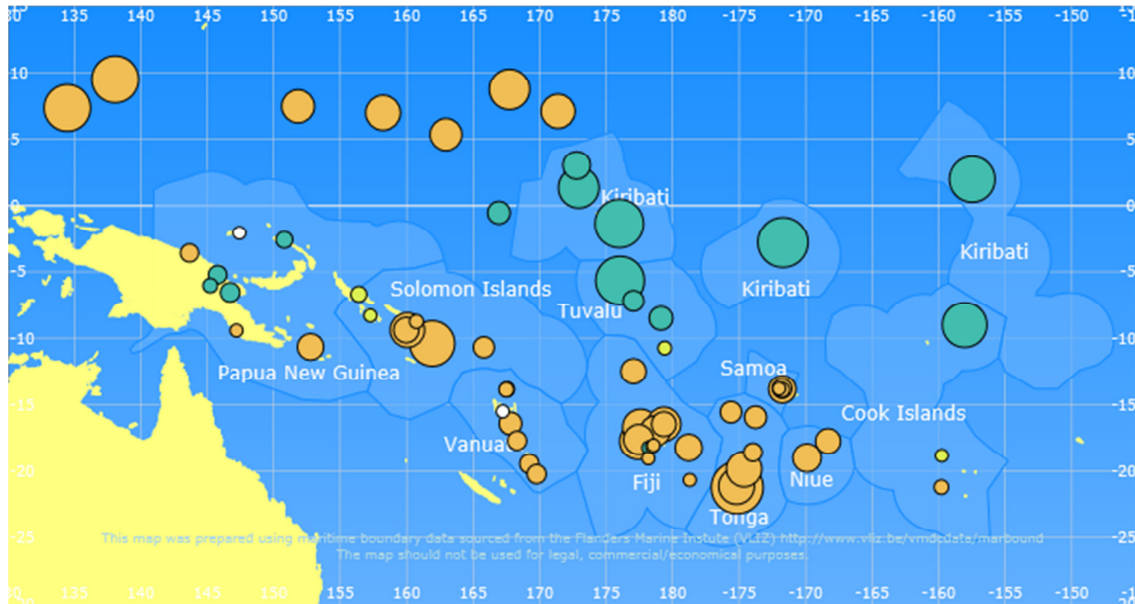




Seasonal Climate Outlook for the period January to March 2016



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

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

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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