

Pacific Islands - Online Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 129

Country Name: Fiji

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)			May 2018				
	March 2018 Total	April 2018 Total	Total	33%tile Rainfall (mm)	67%tile Rainfall (mm)	Median Rainfall (mm)	Ranking
<i>Western Division</i>							
Penang Mill (1910-2017)	486.9	592.7	59.2	65.4	164.9	101	31/109
Lautoka Mill (1900-2017)	495.8	381.9	83.5	45.3	115.5	76	62/119
Nadi Airport (1942-2017)	412.5	344.4	109.5	42.6	99.5	73	53/76
Viwa (1978 -2017)	572.4	271.9	141.8	46.1	120.0	86	27/36
<i>Central Division</i>							
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2017)	316.8	341.0	485.4	172.6	259.4	198	72/77
Nausori Airport (1957-2017)	346.5	340.6	261.7	160.8	248.9	197	43/62
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2017)	276.4	394.2	312.5	186.6	346.8	258	47/74
<i>Eastern Division</i>							
Lakeba (1950-2017)	341.7	307.4	129.8	82.4	174.4	108	41/68
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2017)	263.8	515.5	291.0	102.4	209.1	139	70/82
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2017)	-	294.0	178.5	60.7	143.7	84	54/71
<i>Northern Division</i>							
Labasa Airport (1946-2017)	382.7	617.7	44.8	58.8	119.4	85	18/63
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2017)	281.1	260.3	48.5	118.8	200.8	156	8/61
Rotuma (1912-2017)	270.0	347.9	56.2	225.7	339.740	279	4/105

Period: *below normal/normal/above normal

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**TABLE 2: Three-monthly Rainfall
March to May 2018**

Predictors and Period used: NINO3.4 SST Anomalies: December 2017 to January 2018

Station	Three-month Total	33%tile Rainfall (mm)	67%tile Rainfall (mm)	Median Rainfall (mm)	Ranking	Forecast probs.* (include LEPS)	Verification* (Consistent, Near-consistent or Inconsistent)
<i>Western Division</i>							
Penang Mill (1910-2017)	1138.8	595.5	872.5	692.7	94/107	16:40: 44 (9.3)	Consistent
Lautoka Mill (1900-2017)	961.2	479.2	680.6	571.6	109/118	18:41: 42 (7.4)	Consistent
Nadi Airport (1942-2017)	866.4	646.2	788.0	566.3	65/75	16:38: 46 (10.0)	Consistent
Viwa (1978 -2017)	986.1	462.8	666.9	563.1	36/36	8:33: 60 (30.5)	Consistent
<i>Central Division</i>							
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2017)	1143.2	814.8	1038.4	909.5	58/76	29:33: 38 (0.5)	Consistent
Nausori Airport (1957-2017)	948.8	802.9	1023.5	899.6	38/62	29:34: 37 (-1.3)	Near-Consistent
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2017)	983.1	936.8	1163.8	1029.9	30/73	27: 39 :34(0.1)	Consistent
<i>Eastern Division</i>							
Lakeba, Lau (1950-2017)	778.9	640.5	719.6	625.5	55/66	22: 39 : 39 (4.7)	Near-consistent
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2017)	1070.3	609.1	761.1	697.4	77/81	19:39: 42 (8.5)	Consistent
Ono-i-lau (1943-2017)	-	432.8	643.3	513.2	-	26:33: 40 (2.5)	Unverified
<i>Northern Division</i>							
Labasa Airport (1956-2017)	1045.2	561.3	843.7	691.3	55/62	28:34: 38 (0.5)	Consistent
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2017)	589.9	566.3	749.0	663.8	23/60	22:37: 42 (5.8)	Near-consistent
Rotuma (1912-2017)	674.1	814.9	1041.0	957.0	20/104	34: 33 : 33 (-1.6)	Near-consistent

Period:***below normal**/normal/**above normal**

* Forecast is consistent when observed and predicted (tercile with the highest probability) categories coincide (are in the same tercile).

Forecast is near-consistent when observed and predicted (tercile with the highest probability) differ by only one category (i.e. terciles 1 and 2 or terciles 2 and 3).

Forecast is inconsistent when observed and predicted (tercile with the highest probability) differ by two categories (i.e. terciles 1 and 3).

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**TABLE 3: Seasonal Climate Outlooks using SCOPIC for
July to September 2018- Tercile Method**

Predictors and Period used: NINO3.4 SST Anomalies: April to May 2018

Station	Below Normal (prob)	33%ile rainfall (mm)	Normal (prob)	66%ile rainfall (mm)	Above Normal (prob)	LEPS (%)	Hit-rate (%)
<i>Western Division</i>							
Penang Mill (1910-2017)	32	146.5	33	232.4	35	3.7	40.3
Lautoka Mill (1900-2017)	29	123.1	36	219.0	35	4.4	30.9
Nadi Airport (1942-2017)	29	128.9	36	212.0	35	4.3	29.4
Viwa (1978 -2017)	26	110.1	40	257.4	34	0.6	28.6
<i>Central Division</i>							
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2017)	30	383.9	35	560.6	35	3.7	36.8
Nausori Airport (1957-2017)	33	367.9	32	530.7	35	0.2	34.4
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2017)	31	532.1	34	683.3	35	5.3	44.6
<i>Eastern Division</i>							
Lakeba (1950-2017)	33	99.6	33	315.8	34	0.4	28.8
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2017)	33	272.9	33	381.7	34	-0.5	19.7
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2017)	31	251.9	34	334.5	35	0.4	25.4
<i>Northern Division</i>							
Labasa Airport (1956-2017)	32	109.0	32	192.4	36	2.1	25.0
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2017)	28	240.6	36	345.3	36	2.9	43.3
Rotuma (1912 -2017)	34	577.9	34	787.7	32	-0.9	36.9

Seasonal Climate Outlook:

July to September 2018 - Median Table:

Predictors and Period used: NINO3.4 SST Anomalies: April to May 2018

Station	Below Median (prob)	Median rainfall (mm)	Above Median (prob)	LEPS (%)	Hit-rate (%)
<i>Western Division</i>					
Penang Mill (1910-2017)	48	194.9	52	1.5	53.7
Lautoka Mill (1900-2017)	49	170.8	51	0.5	52.9
Nadi Airport (1942-2017)	48	174.6	52	2.5	52.9
Viwa (1978 -2017)	45	146.2	55	2.8	60.0
<i>Central Division</i>					
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2017)	48	461.2	52	2.8	52.9
Nausori Airport (1957-2017)	49	437.6	51	-0.8	45.9
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2017)	47	613.6	53	9.8	55.4
<i>Eastern Division</i>					
Lakeba (1950-2017)	49	236.8	51	-0.2	53.0
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2017)	49	324.2	51	1.6	54.5
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2017)	49	291.9	51	-1.1	50.8
<i>Northern Division</i>					
Labasa Airport (1956-2017)	47	154.2	53	2.2	53.3
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2017)	46	307.6	54	5.0	61.7
Rotuma (1912 -2017)	51	657	49	-0.6	50.8

**TABLE 4: Seasonal Climate Outlooks using POAMA2 for
July to September 2018**

Station	Lower Tercile (prob)	33%ile rainfall (mm)	Middle Tercile (prob)	66%ile rainfall (mm)	Upper Tercile (prob)
Nadi	42	142	22	198	36
Nabouwalu	33	183	9	297	58
Udu Point	21	151	17	295	62
Vunisea	42	298	22	413	36
Lakeba	34	174	33	303	33
Suva	42	369	22	602	36
Rotuma	18	573	21	784	61

Summary Statements

Rainfall for May 2018:

Above normal rainfall were recorded in parts of the Western, Central and Eastern Division, *Below normal* was recorded in the Northern Division, Rotuma and Penang in the Central Division to *above normal* rainfall was recorded across the country.

Accumulated rainfall for March to May 2018, including outlook verification:

Below normal to *above normal* rainfall was recorded throughout the country.

Viwa recorded its highest ever March to May rainfall.

The rainfall outlooks were 'Consistent' at 8 sites, 'Near- Consistent' at 4 sites, while Ono-i-Lau could not be verified due to missing readings.

Outlooks for July to September 2018:

1. SCOPIC:

- **Western Divisions:** Generally, the outlook favours *normal* as the most likely outcome with *above normal* the next most likely.
- **Central, Eastern, Northern Division & Rotuma:** The outlook offers little guidance, as the chances of *above normal*, *normal* and *below normal* are similar. *Very Low to Moderate confidence*

- 2. POAMA:** the outlook favours *below normal* in the Western, Eastern & Central Divisions, while *above normal* is favoured in the Northern Division and Rotuma.

NB: The X LEPS % score has been categorised as follows:

Very Low: $X < 0.0$

Low: $0 \leq X < 5$

Moderate $5 \leq X < 10$

Good: $10 \leq X < 15$

High: $15 \leq X < 25$

Very High: $25 \leq X < 35$

Exceptional: $X \geq 35$