

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 168

Country: Fiji

Part 1: Recent climate

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Jun-2021	Jul-2021	Aug-2021				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
<i>Western Division</i>							
Penang Mill (1910-2021)	72.4	43.9	15.1	36.7	74.6	51.2	18/112
Lautoka Mill (1900-2021)	42.6	M	19.9	20.9	59.3	39.2	33/122
Nadi Airport (1942-2021)	42.1	8.5	4.9	24.1	64.6	48.5	11/80
<i>Central Division</i>							
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2021)	93.4	92.3	114.5	89.7	149.6	125.9	35/80
Nausori Airport (1957-2021)	109.0	113.4	116.2	89.9	163.3	113.4	34/65
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2021)	190.7	113.7	169.0	128.8	207.2	168.0	37/76
<i>Eastern Division</i>							
Lakeba (1950-2021)	70.2	65.8	47.0	53.2	92.5	72.7	24/72
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2021)	88.0	215.0	96.5	62.1	127.2	86.2	47/85
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2021)	116.4	67.1	25.8	55.1	106.3	88.0	8/74
<i>Northern Division</i>							
Labasa Airport (1946-2021)	23.7	36.9	2.0	13.9	62.8	47.2	5/65
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2021)	M	M	M	61.3	105.8	82.4	
Udu Point (1946-2021)	104.5	141.9	119.6	40.5	104.3	81.0	54/72
Rotuma (1912-2021)	151.5	352.5	226.8	130.6	228.6	175.0	62/106

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TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for June to August 2021

Station	Three-month Total	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank	
	Rainfall (mm)					
Western Division						
Penang Mill (1910-2021)	131.4	Below normal	165.6	225.9	190.7	31/112
Lautoka Mill (1900-2021)			113.5	211.6	151.3	
Nadi Airport (1942-2021)	55.5	Below normal	114.2	203.2	156.0	7/80
Central Division						
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2021)	300.2	Below normal	366.1	519.9	436.1	14/80
Nausori Airport (1957-2021)	338.6	Below normal	339.1	495.8	423.6	22/65
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2021)	473.4	Below normal	480.5	651.4	559.5	24/75
Eastern Division						
Lakeba (1950-2021)	183.0	Below normal	189.3	298.9	270.1	21/70
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2021)	399.5	Normal	281.0	420.8	350.1	57/83
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2021)	209.3	Below normal	252.2	340.7	287.6	16/71
Northern Division						
Labasa Airport (1947-2021)	62.6	Below normal	110.1	181.4	145.3	9/64
Savusavu Airfield (1957-2021)			230.6	367.8	305.0	
Udu Point (1946-2021)	366.0	Normal	253.0	393.7	311.6	45/71
Rotuma (1912-2021)	730.8	Normal	589.6	834.5	701.5	57/104

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for October and October to December 2021

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Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

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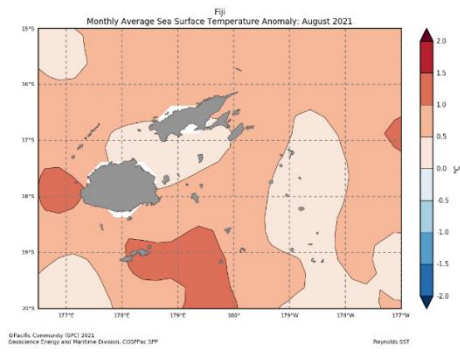
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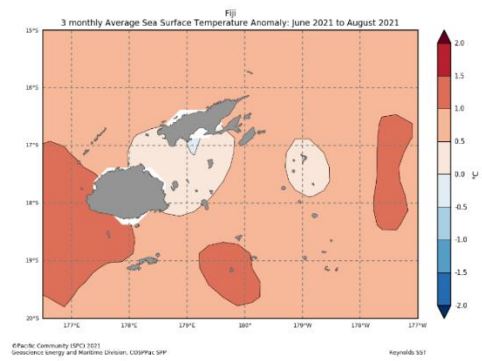
Monthly: August

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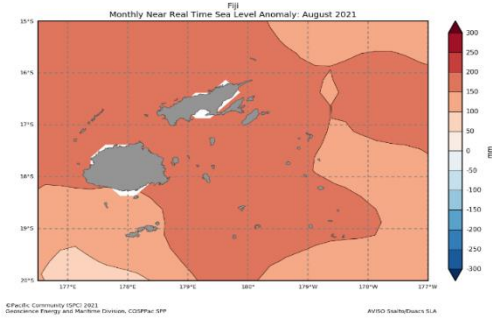


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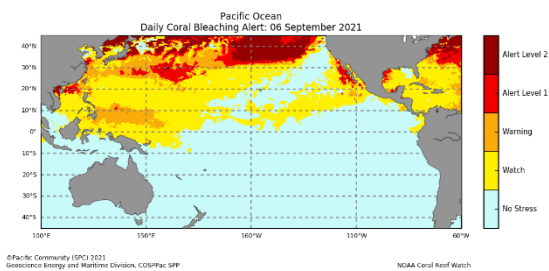
Sea Surface Temperature (Image 4):



Sea level (Image 2):



Daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):



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Monthly: October

Monthly sea surface temperature (Image 5):

Seasonal: October to December

Seasonal sea surface temperature (Image 6):

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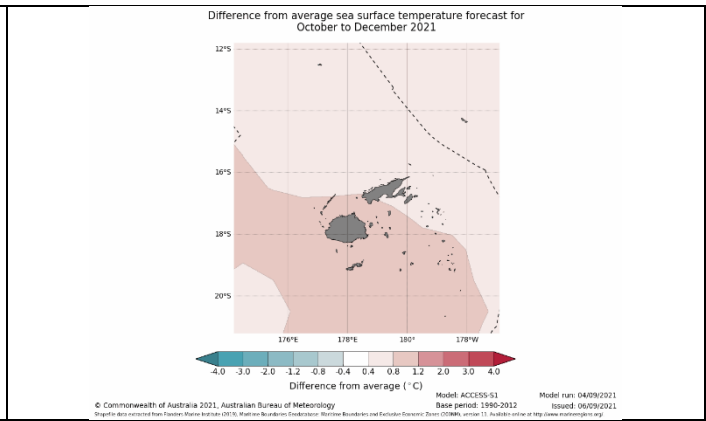
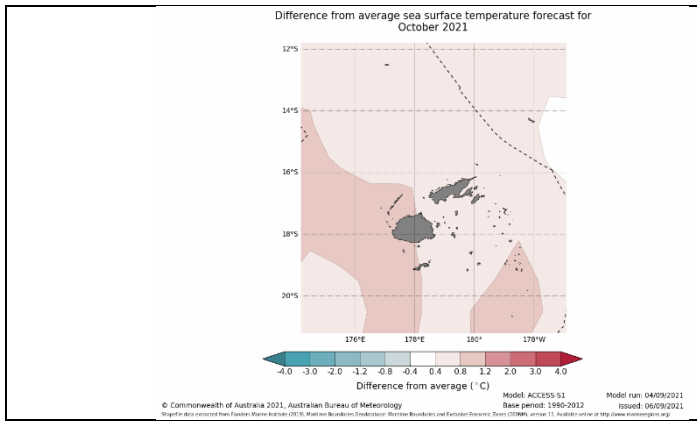
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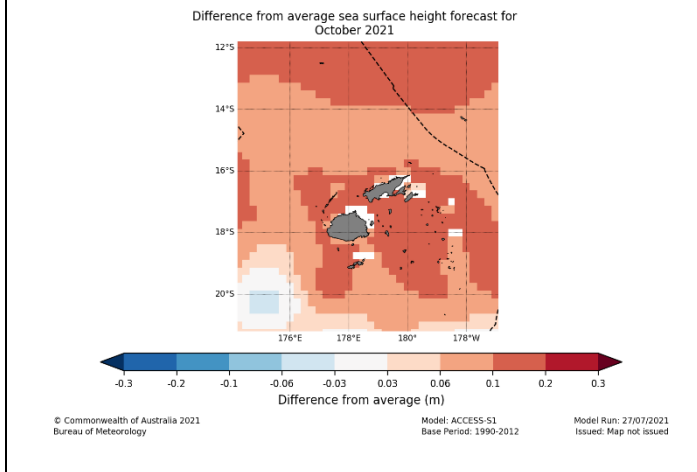
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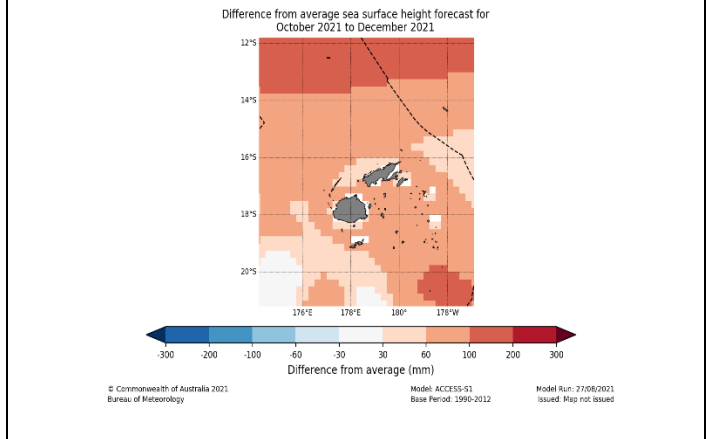
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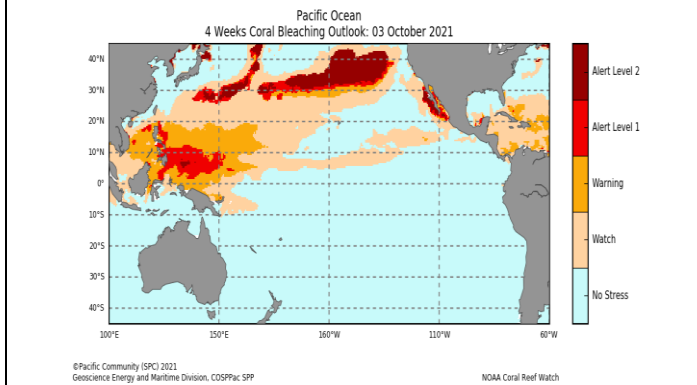
Monthly sea level (Image 7):



Seasonal sea level (Image 8):



4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9):



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Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: August 2021/June to August statement

Below normal rainfall was recorded in the Western Division, Lakeba, Ono-i-Lau and Labasa Airport. *Near normal rainfall* was received in the Central Division, Vunisea and Rotuma. Udu Point was the lone station that received *above normal* rainfall.

Rainfall data is not available for Savusavu Airfield.

Ono-i-Lau and Labasa Airport recorded their eighth and fifth driest August in 74 and 65 years of record, respectively.

Below normal rainfall was recorded across the country for June to August period, the exception being Vunisea, Udu Point and Rotuma where *near normal* rainfall was registered.

Nadi Airport recorded their seventh driest June to August period in 80 years of record.

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Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall outlook for Fiji (except Rotuma) for October is very likely to be *above normal*. *Above normal* rainfall is very likely for Viti Levu, Vanua Levu, Yasawa, Mamanuca Islands, and southern Lau Group. The outlook for Rotuma is likely to be *above normal*.

The rainfall outlook for Fiji (except Rotuma) for October to December 2021 is very likely to be *above normal*. *Above normal* rainfall is very likely for Viti Levu, Vanua Levu, Yasawa, Mamanuca Islands, Lomaiviti Group and southern Lau Group. The outlook for Rotuma is likely to be *above normal*.

The maximum temperature outlook for Fiji for October is very likely to be *above normal*. The outlook for Viti Levu is likely to be *above normal*.

The minimum temperature outlook for Fiji for October is very likely to be *above normal*.

The maximum temperature for Fiji (except Viti Levu) for October to December 2021 is very likely to be *above normal*. The outlook for Viti Levu is likely to be *above normal*.

The minimum temperature for Fiji for October to December 2021 is very likely to be *above normal*.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: August/June to August 2021

Most of the Fiji Waters experienced above average SST in August 2021. Significant warm SSTs of 1.0 to 1.5°C above average were experienced on the western side of Viti Levu and across the Kadavu Group.

For the June to August 2021 period, above average SSTs were experienced in most of the Fiji Waters, significant warmer SSTs of 1.0 to 1.5°C above average were experienced on the western side of Viti Levu and some parts of the Lau Group. Close to average SSTs were experienced between Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

The sea level anomaly across Fiji in August 2021 was significantly higher than normal, with majority of the Waters in the range of 150 to 200 mm above average.

There is 'No Stress' coral bleaching alert status for Fiji Waters.

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Ocean Variable statement

The SST outlook for Viti Levu, Kadavu, and Lau Group shows a significant temperature difference of 0.8-1.2°C above normal for October.

The SST outlook for Viti Levu, Yasawa, Mamanuca Islands, Lomaiviti Group and southern Lau Group shows a significant temperature difference of 0.8-1.2°C above normal for October to December 2021.

The outlook across the Fiji Group shows a significant sea level difference of 0.06-0.2m above normal for October.

The outlook across the Fiji Group shows a significant sea level difference of 0.06-0.1m above normal for October to December 2021.

The outlook for the Fiji Waters shows there are no coral bleaching alerts for the next four weeks.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders

Product	Date: August 2021	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of male	Number of female
Fiji Climate Summary	06/08/21	General Public	140	106	34
EAR Watch	05/08/21	Humanitarian partners	122	96	26
Fiji Climate Outlook	31/08/21	General public	124	93	31
Climate Outlook for Monasavu	30/08/21	Energy Fiji Limited	13	13	-
Ocean Outlook	20/08/21	A number of key ocean related stakeholders	36	29	7
Meteorological Data Request	01/08/21 to 31/08/21	A range of stakeholders	34	30	4
Total			469	367	102

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