

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 223

Country: Fiji

Part 1: Recent climate

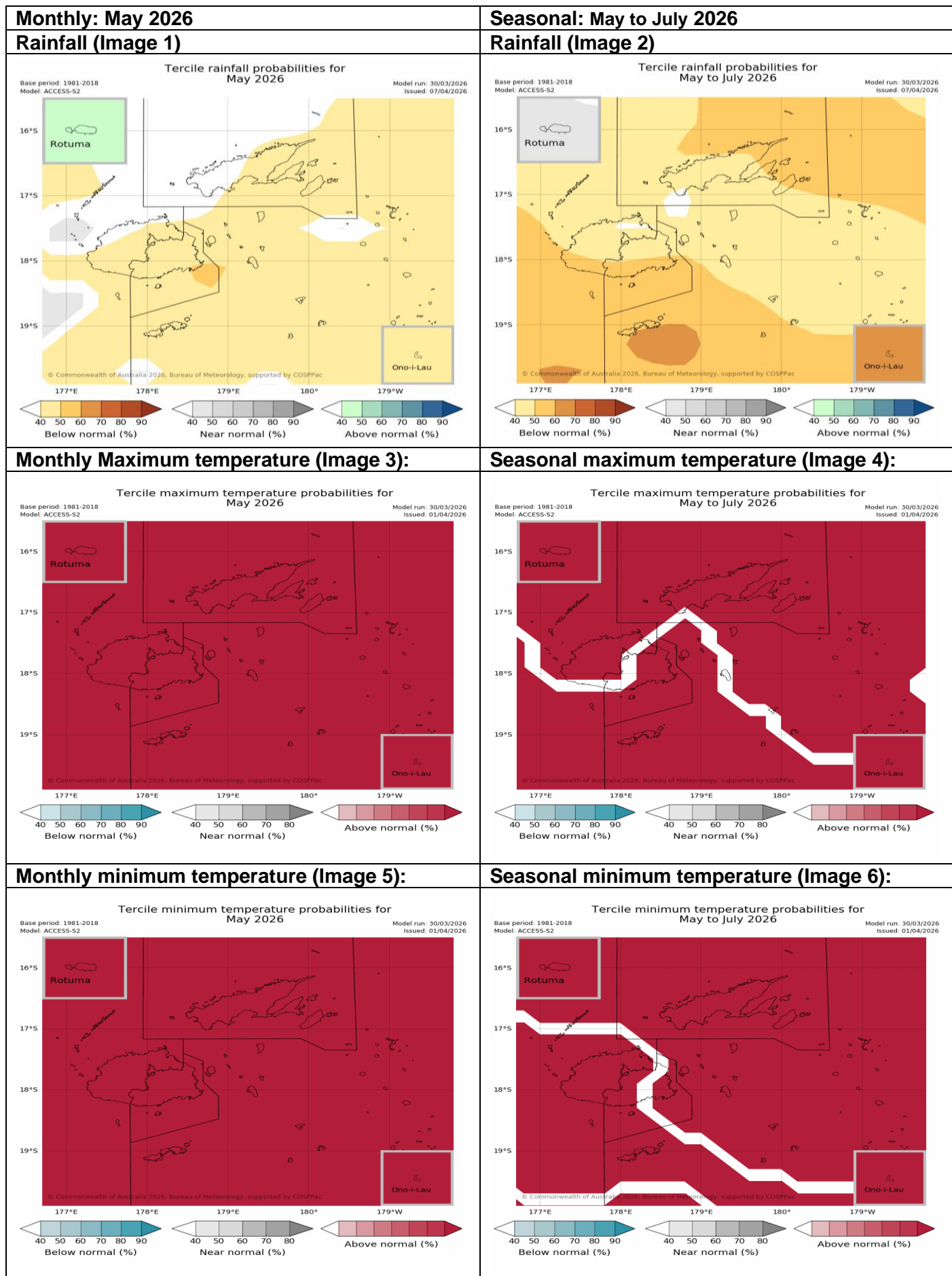
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Jan-2026	Feb-2026	Mar-2026				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
<i>Western Division</i>							
Penang Mill (1910-2026)	480.3	341.0	231.7	292.3	463.0	385.6	33/117
Lautoka Mill (1900-2026)	228.0	267.9	339.1	231.8	420.5	315.2	71/126
Nadi Airport (1942-2026)	225.3	199.9	440.3	259.7	417.2	321.2	61/83
<i>Central Division</i>							
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2026)	262.5	189.1	217.5	297.5	433.3	340.8	16/85
Nausori Airport (1957-2026)	334.9	262.7	135.5	307.6	442.8	367.0	2/70
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2026)	368.5	261.5	212.5	318.2	438.9	377.4	8/82
<i>Eastern Division</i>							
Lakeba (1950-2026)	220.4	125.8	120.1	212.6	331.8	264.0	4/76
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2026)	234.5	109.6	85.9	231.1	314.7	287.9	5/90
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2026)	291.6	294.3	168.1	173.8	297.8	239.6	27/79
<i>Northern Division</i>							
Labasa Airport (1946-2026)	564.4	344.4	186.4	268.6	421.9	331.2	10/70
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2026)	523.3	326.9	149.9	182.7	278.6	228.2	13/68
Udu Point (1946-2026)	315.5	267.2	159.8	255.4	356.5	301.0	9/79
Rotuma (1912-2026)	410.4	248.2	255.5	274.6	401.1	326.3	38/112

**TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for January to March 2026**

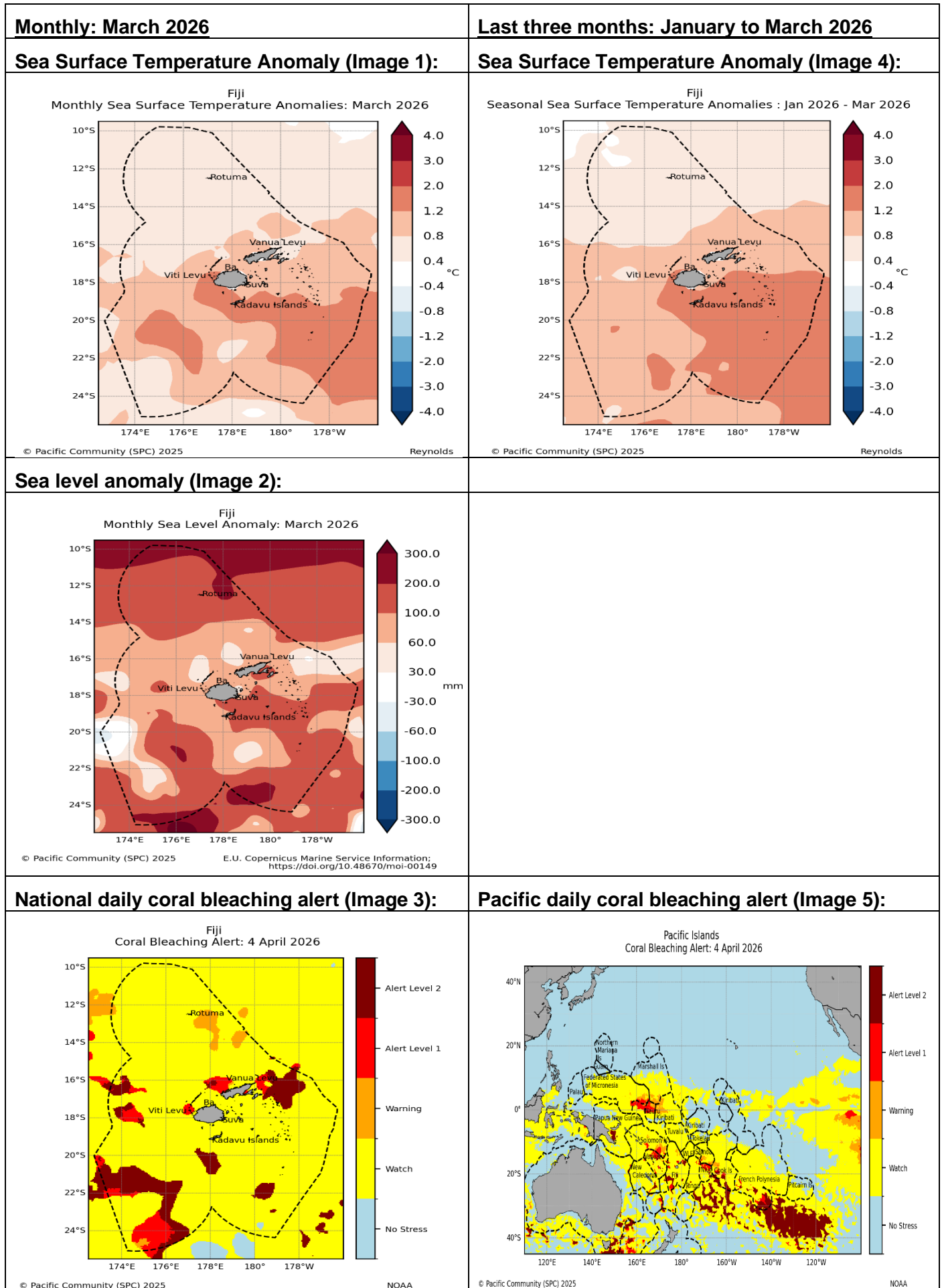
Station	Three-month Total	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank	
	Rainfall (mm)					
<b>Western Division</b>						
Penang Mill (1910-2026)	1053.0	Normal	1040.2	1270.5	1133.1	53/117
Lautoka Mill (1900-2026)	835.0	Below normal	870.9	1220.8	1037.6	49/126
Nadi Airport (1942-2026)	865.5	Normal	841.1	1155.8	941.8	29/83
<b>Central Division</b>						
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2026)	669.1	Below normal	864.3	1071.6	984.6	9/85
Nausori Airport (1957-2026)	733.1	Below normal	893.5	1081.4	998.1	9/70
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2026)	842.5	Below normal	917.4	1228.6	1061.1	14/75
<b>Eastern Division</b>						
Lakeba (1950-2026)	466.3	Below normal	659.7	907.1	767.8	7/75
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2026)	430.0	Below normal	681.5	877.5	792.8	8/89
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2026)	754.0	Normal	504.2	756.4	622.0	52/76
<b>Northern Division</b>						
Labasa Airport (1947-2026)	1095.2	Normal	973.0	1305.0	1168.7	31/67
Savusavu Airfield (1957-2026)	1000.1	Above normal	669.4	855.5	779.8	55/63
Udu Point (1946-2026)	742.5	Below normal	817.6	1044.7	980.4	19/77
Rotuma (1912-2026)	914.1	Normal	889.2	1152.9	1031.5	36/112

# Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026



Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

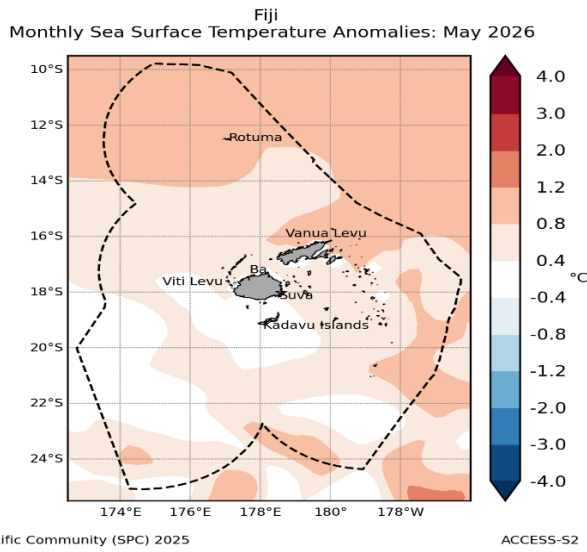
Monthly/Three months: March and January to March 2026



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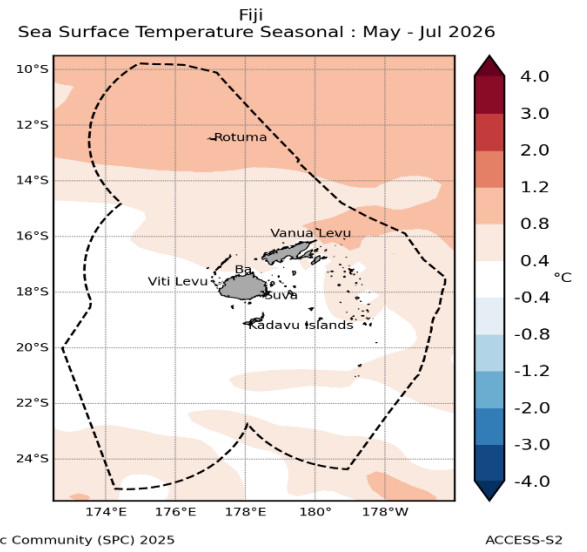
Monthly: May 2026

Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):

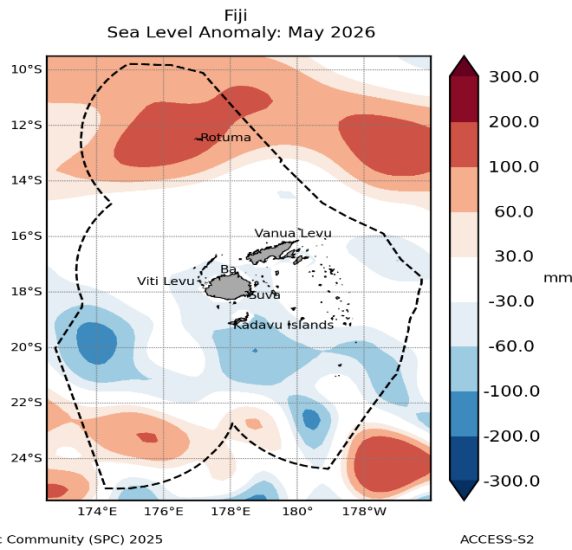


Seasonal: May to July 2026

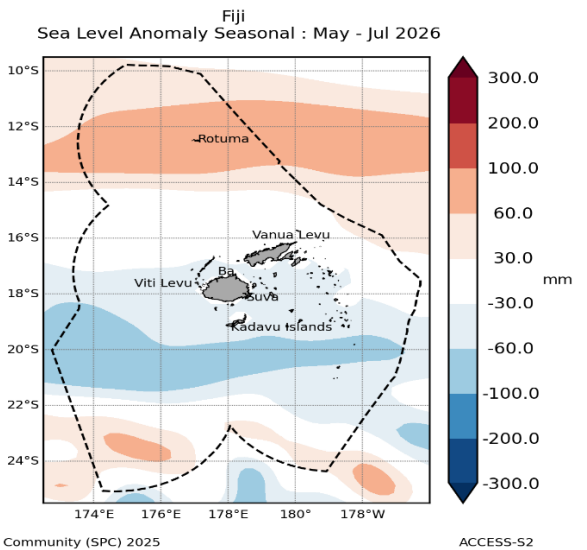
Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):



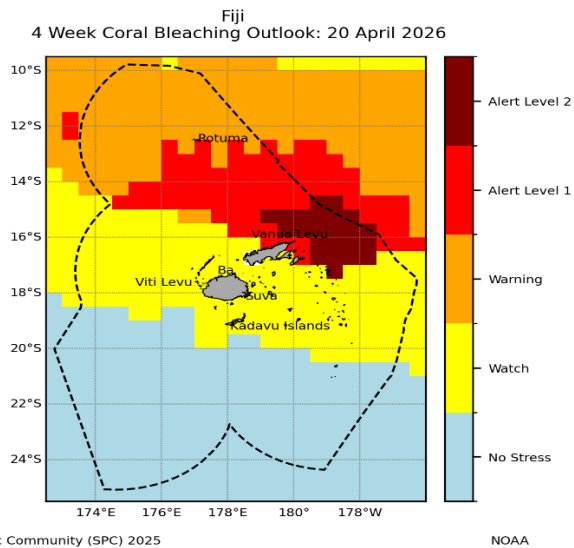
Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):



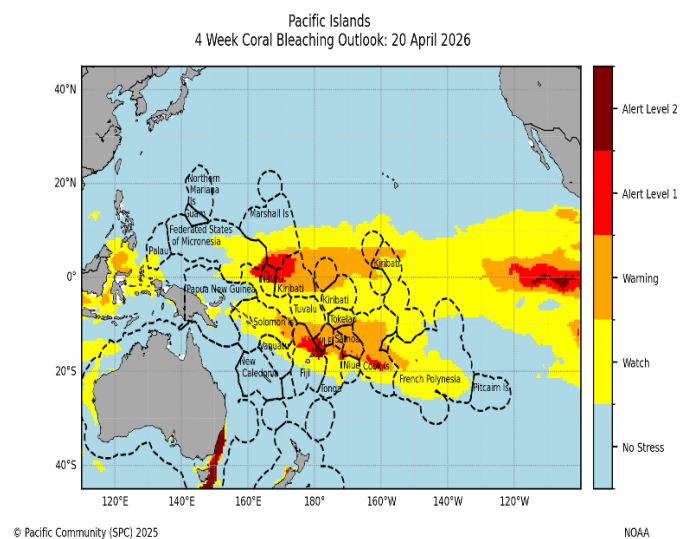
Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):



National 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 9):



Pacific 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 10):



## Summary Statement

### **Monthly and last three months: March/January to March 2026 statement**

For March 2026, rainfall was *above normal* at Nadi. *Near normal* rainfall was recorded at Lautoka, while *below normal* rainfall was recorded across Central, Eastern, and Northern Divisions, as well as in Penang and Rotuma. Nausori, Lakeba, Vunisea and Navua recorded their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> wettest March in 70, 76, 90 and 82 years of record, respectively.

For January to March 2026, *above normal* rainfall was recorded in Savusavu. *Near normal* rainfall was recorded in Penang, Nadi, Ono-i-Lau, Labasa and Rotuma, while *below normal* rainfall was recorded across Central Division, in Lautoka, Lakeba, Vunisea, and Udu Point. Lakeba and Ono-i-Lau recorded their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> wettest January to March in 75 and 89 years of record, respectively.

### **Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026**

#### **Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements**

The rainfall for May 2026 is likely to be *below normal* over the Eastern Division, Macuata and Cakaudrove Provinces, and Viti Levu, while Rotuma is likely to be above normal.

The rainfall for May to July 2026 is likely to be *below normal* across the Fiji group, while Rotuma is likely to experience *near normal* rainfall.

Both maximum and minimum temperatures for Fiji for April 2026 and April to June 2026 are likely to be *above normal* across the Fiji Group.

### **Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement**

#### **Monthly and last three months: March/January to March 2026**

March, as well as averaged over January to March 2026 sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around Fiji were 0.8 to 2°C *above normal*.

Fiji sea levels, during March, were 60 to 200 mm *above normal*.

Coral bleaching is at '*Alert Level 1*' for the Mamanuca Group and waters north of the Bua Province, while '*Alert Level 2*' is in place for the northernmost Lau Group.

### **Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026**

#### **Ocean Variable statement**

May and averaged over May to July 2026 sea surface temperatures around Fiji are likely to be near-normal to 0.4 to 1.2°C *above normal*.

May sea levels are predicted to be 30 to 100 mm below normal around Viti Levu, Lomaiviti, Yasawa Groups and Kadavu, and 100 to 200mm above normal for Rotuma. Elsewhere, sea levels are expected to be near-normal.

The seasonal sea levels are predicted to be 30 to 100mm below normal across the Eastern, Western and Central Divisions, while around Rotuma sea levels are predicted to be 60 to 100mm above normal. Elsewhere, sea levels are expected to be near-normal.

Coral Bleaching outlook is at '*Warning*' for Rotuma, '*Alert 1*' for waters around Taveuni, and Macuata Province, while '*Alert 2*' is in place for northernmost Lau Group.

## In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall for March and the January to March 2026 period both ranged from *below* to *above normal*.
- Rainfall in for both May and May to July 2026 is likely to be *below normal* for most of the Fiji Group.
- SSTs were *above normal* for March and January to March 2026. The outlook shows near-normal to *above normal* SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were *above normal* for March. *Below normal* to above normal sea levels are predicted for May and May to July 2026.
- Coral bleaching four-week outlook is at *Alert 1* and *Alert 2* for Northern parts of the Fiji Group.

**TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (March 2026)**







<i>Product</i>	<i>Stakeholder</i>	<i>Total Number of Participants</i>	<i>Number of Male</i>	<i>Number of Female</i>	<i>Disability</i>	<i>Age group</i>	<i>Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)</i>
Fiji Climate Outlook	General Public	127	93	31	3	Broad, Adult majority	
EAR Watch	Humanitarian partners	122	96	26		Broad, Adult majority	
Fiji Ocean Outlook	A number of key ocean related stakeholders	36	29	7		Broad, Adult majority	
Fiji Climate Summary	General Public	143	106	34	3	Broad, Adult majority	
Climate Outlook for Hydro-electricity Generation	Energy Fiji Limited	13	13	-		Broad, Adult majority	
Fiji Sugarcane Rainfall Outlook	Sugar Industry stakeholders	77	60	17		Broad, Adult majority	
Meteorological data Request	A range of Stakeholders	57	38	19		Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Total</b>		575	435	134	6		




<b>Stakeholder category</b>	<b>Do your products reach this group? (Y/N)</b>	<b>Tailored product? (Y/N)</b>
<b>Agriculture sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Disaster Risk Reduction sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Energy sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Health sector</b>	Y	
<b>Water sector</b>	Y	
<b>Fisheries and Aquaculture sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Tourism sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Maritime sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Research &amp; education sector</b>	Y	
<b>Women's organisations</b>	Y	

National disability organisations	Y	
Community based organisations (e.g. councils)	Y	
Products offered in local dialects/ languages	Y	Y

**Table 4: Impacts of Severe weather and climate events**

Country: FIJI

Period	Country	ENSO phase	Synoptic Situation	Hazard Type	Impacts (text/image)	Sector Affected	Number of Fatalities
1 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Active convergence zone associated with TC Urmil	Flooding	 <i>Rakiraki Town, Western Division, on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> </ul>	0
1 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Active convergence zone associated with TC Urmil	Flooding	 <i>Nabouli, Central Division, on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0
1 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Active convergence zone associated with TC Urmil	Flooding	 <i>Ba Town, Western Division, on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Source: Fiji Sun.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> </ul>	0
2 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Convergence zone linked to TC Urmil	Flooding	 <i>Nabasa Crossing, Labasa, Northern Division, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0
3 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Convergence zone linked to TC Urmil	Flooding	 <i>Nadroumai Crossing, Sigatoka, Western Division, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0
3 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Convergence zone linked to TC Urmil	Flooding	 <i>Holika Road, Ba, Western Division, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0

4 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Trough of low pressure west of Fiji with moist northeasterly winds	Ground collapse	 <p><i>Road collapse in Nabukelevu-1-ra Road in Kadavu, Eastern Division on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0
18 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Active trough of low pressure approaching from the west with northerly winds	Flooding	 <p><i>Toge Crossing, Ba, Western Division, on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Source: Fiji Roads Authority.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0
18 Mar	Fiji	La Niña	Active trough of low pressure approaching from the west with northerly winds	Flooding	 <p><i>A heavy vehicle got submerged in Lautoka, Western Division, on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Source: Fiji News &amp; Sports</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Private sector</li> <li>• Infrastructure</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>	0