

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 225

Country: Fiji

Part 1: Recent climate

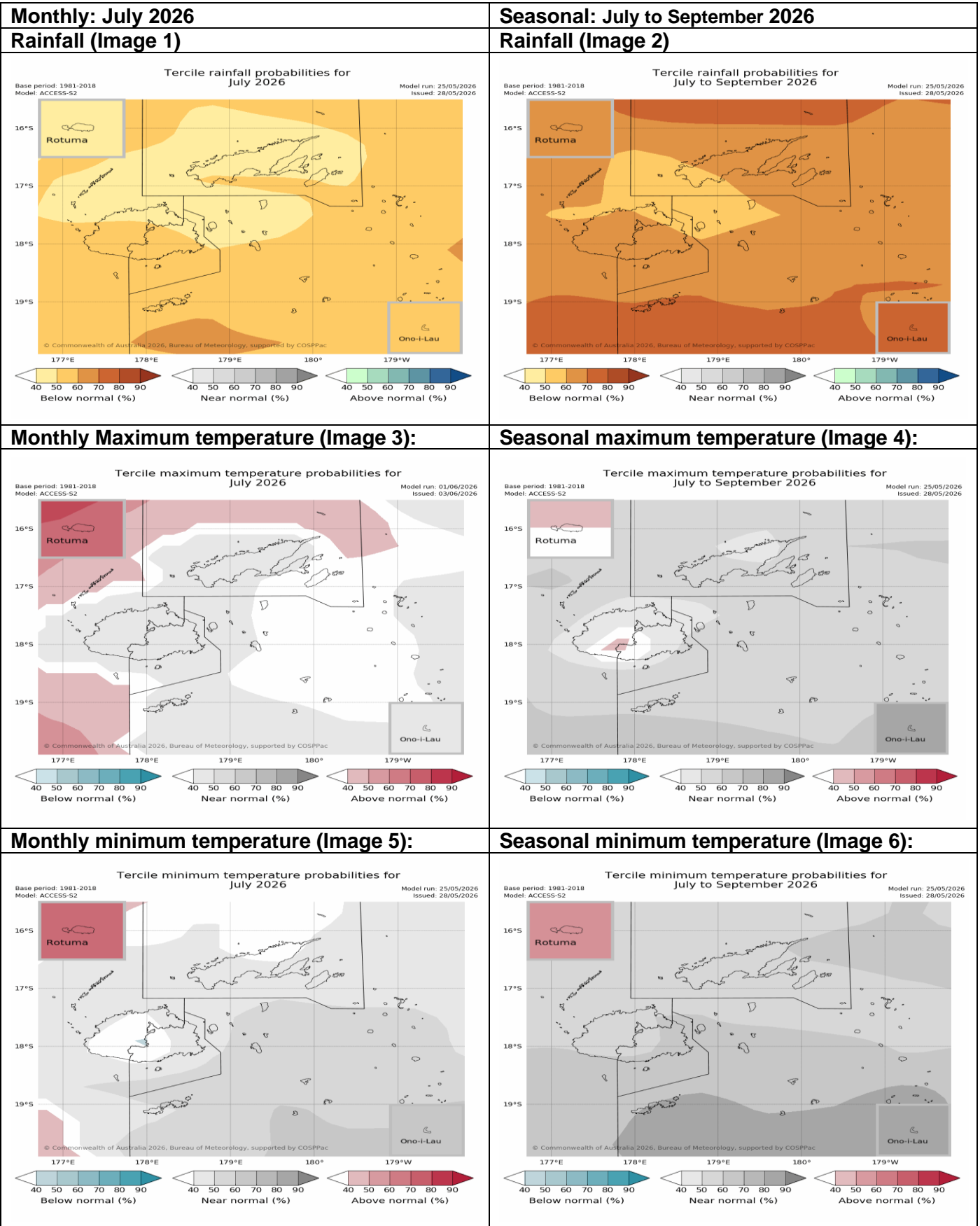
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Mar-2026	Apr-2026	May-2026				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
<i>Western Division</i>							
Penang Mill (1910-2026)	231.7	246.7	115.3	65.2	166.7	112.0	65/117
Lautoka Mill (1900-2026)	339.1	317.4	135.5	39.9	105.4	64.1	92/127
Nadi Airport (1942-2026)	440.3	403.6	110.9	42.5	107.0	72.2	59/84
<i>Central Division</i>							
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2026)	217.5	322.5	506.0	177.9	266.4	200.0	<b>80/85</b>
Nausori Airport (1957-2026)	135.5	283.8	448.7	166.1	262.5	200.4	<b>66/70</b>
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2026)	212.5	483.0	357.0	184.4	324.3	256.1	57/82
<i>Eastern Division</i>							
Lakeba (1950-2026)	120.1	213.1	110.0	80.3	171.2	107.6	39/75
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2026)	85.9	214.5	103.7	111.2	210.5	146.0	31/89
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2026)	168.1	109.2	66.0	71.4	150.5	103.4	27/79
<i>Northern Division</i>							
Labasa Airport (1946-2026)	186.4	198.9	158.5	60.1	122.7	93.3	56/71
Savusavu Airfield (1956-2026)	149.9	162.1	308.8	120.0	200.8	157.5	59/68
Udu Point (1946-2026)	159.8	154.7	170.5	111.6	193.9	146.0	45/77
Rotuma (1912-2026)	255.5	257.7	134.0	226.4	342.5	275.0	14/113

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

Station	Three-month Total	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank	
	Rainfall (mm)					
<b>Western Division</b>						
Penang Mill (1910-2026)	593.7	Below normal	670.8	934.7	781.4	37/116
Lautoka Mill (1900-2026)	792.0	Above normal	537.2	719.5	601.8	95/126
Nadi Airport (1942-2026)	954.8	Above normal	509.5	658.7	589.7	74/83
<b>Central Division</b>						
Laucala Bay (Suva) (1942-2026)	1046.0	Normal	818.6	1076.7	914.0	55/85
Nausori Airport (1957-2026)	868.0	Normal	803.4	1067.5	916.8	29/70
Tokotoko (Navua) (1945-2026)	1052.5	Normal	926.5	1219.9	1027.0	42/82
<b>Eastern Division</b>						
Lakeba (1950-2026)	443.2	Below normal	546.5	721.5	649.5	14/73
Vunisea (Kadavu) (1931-2026)	404.1	Below normal	637.9	764.6	719.7	<b>8/88</b>
Ono-i-Lau (1943-2026)	343.3	Below normal	462.2	652.9	531.6	14/77
<b>Northern Division</b>						
Labasa Airport (1947-2026)	543.8	Below normal	566.4	838.7	712.7	21/70
Savusavu Airfield (1957-2026)	620.8	Normal	567.9	733.7	664.1	31/67
Udu Point (1946-2026)	485.0	Below normal	620.3	846.4	723.0	<b>7/76</b>
Rotuma (1912-2026)	647.2	Below normal	801.4	998.8	939.3	18/111

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

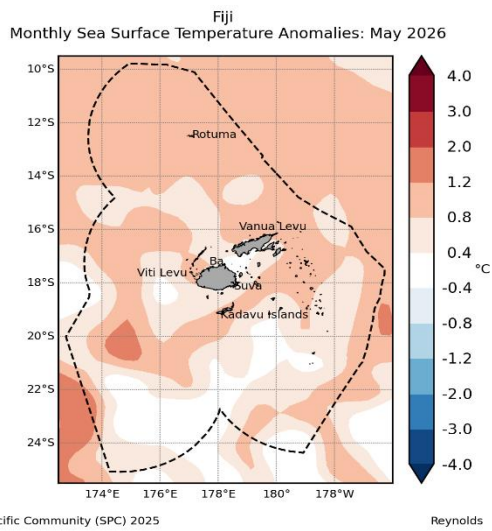


## Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

### Monthly/Three months: May and March to May 2026

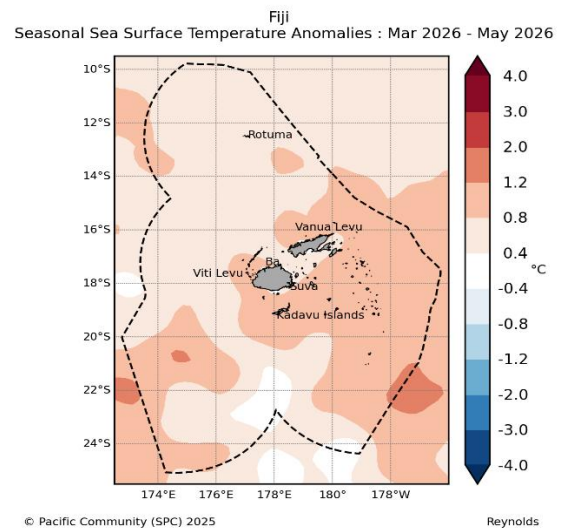
#### Monthly: May 2026

#### Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):

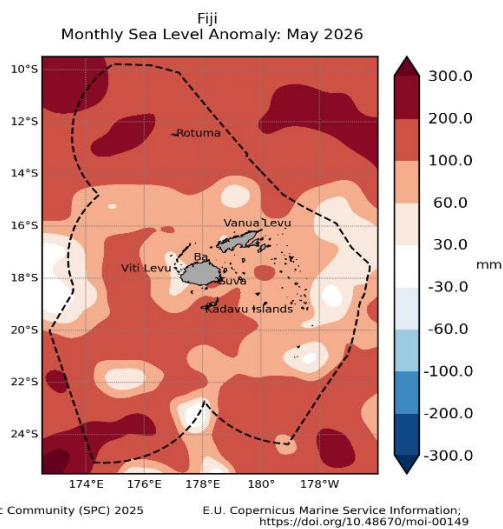


#### Last three months: March to May 2026

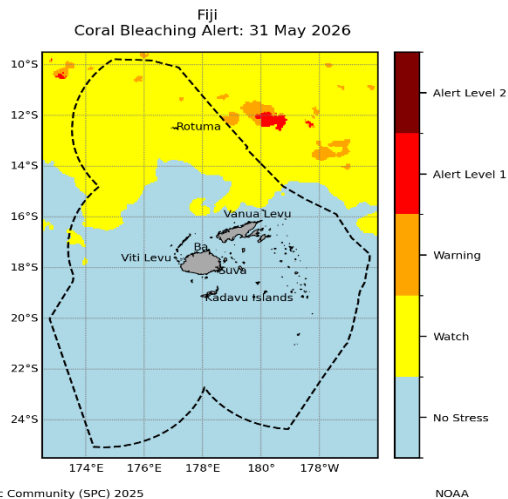
#### Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):



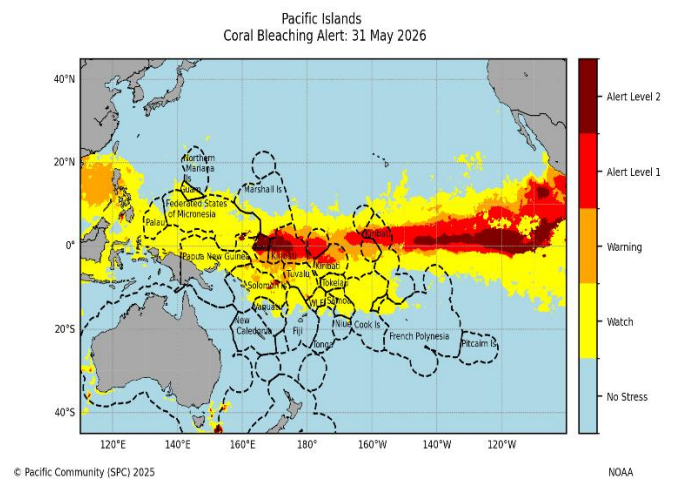
#### Sea level anomaly (Image 2):



#### National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):



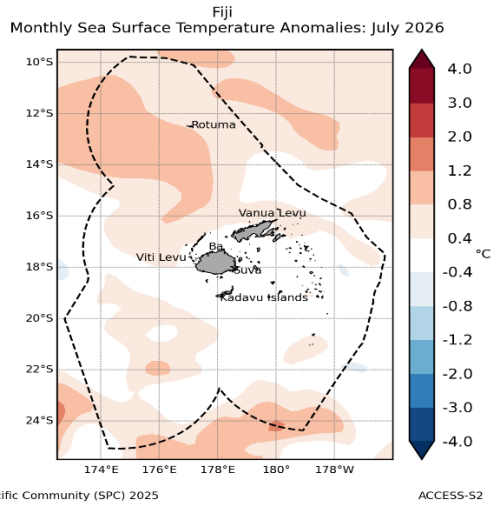
#### Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):



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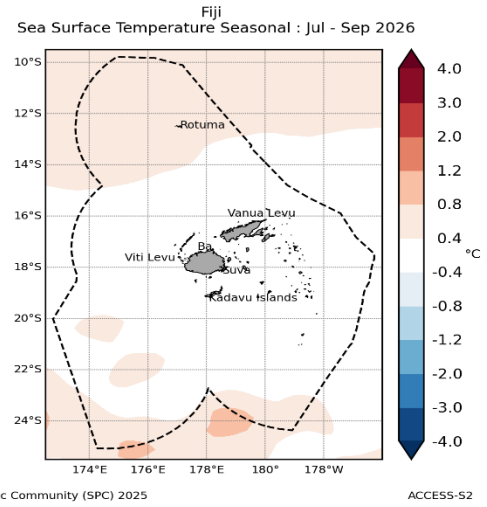
**Monthly: July 2026**

**Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):**

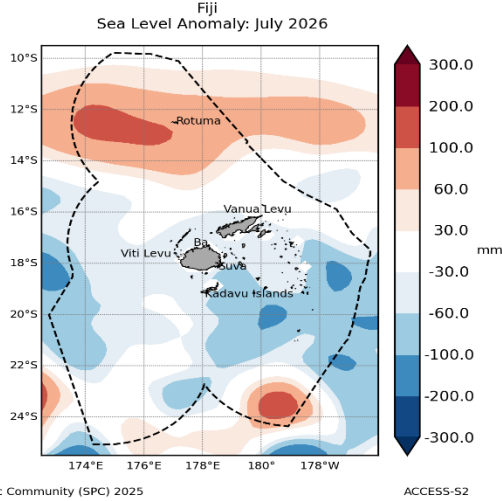


**Seasonal: July to September 2026**

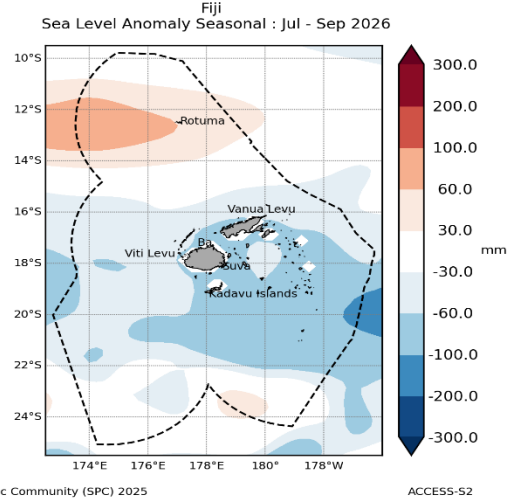
**Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):**



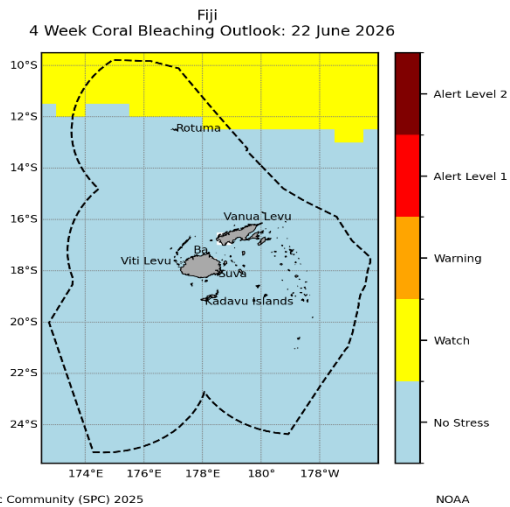
**Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):**



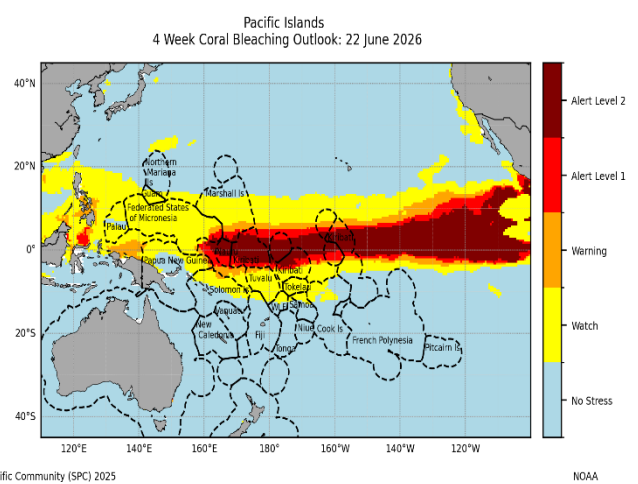
**Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):**



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



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



## Summary Statement

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

The rainfall for May was *above normal* over the Central Division, Lautoka, Nadi, Labasa and Savusavu. *Near Normal* in Penang, Lakeba and Udu Point, while *below normal* rainfall was observed over Vunisea, Ono-i-Lau and Rotuma. Laucala Bay and Nausori recorded their 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> wettest May in 85 and 70 years of record, respectively.

For March to May 2026, rainfall was *above normal* Lautoka and Nadi. *Near normal* in the Central Division and Savusavu, while *below normal* rainfall was recorded over the Eastern Division, Penang, Labasa, Udu Point and Rotuma. Vunisea and Udu Point recorded their 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> driest March to May in 88 and 76 years of record, respectively.

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

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

The rainfall for July 2026 is likely to be *below normal* across the Fiji Group.

The rainfall for July to September 2026 is very likely to be *below normal* across the Fiji Group.

Maximum temperatures during July 2026 are likely to be *near normal* across most of the Fiji Group and *above normal* for Rotuma.

Minimum temperature during July 2026 is generally likely to be near normal across Fiji, while above normal is very likely for Rotuma.

For July to September 2026, maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be *near normal* across Fiji, while *above normal* temperatures are likely for Rotuma.

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

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

May sea surface temperatures (SSTs), as well as averaged over March to May 2026 around Fiji were 0.4 to 1.2°C *above normal*.

May sea levels around Fiji were 30 to 200 mm *above normal*.

Coral bleaching is at “*Watch*” status for Rotuma as of 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2026.

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

### **Ocean Variable statement**

July 2026 sea surface temperatures around Fiji are predicted to be near-normal to 0.4 to 1.2°C *above normal*.

Averaged over July to September 2026, sea surface temperatures around Rotuma are predicted to be 0.4 to 0.8°C *above normal*, and *near normal elsewhere*

July sea levels are predicted to be mostly 30 to 200 mm *below normal* around Fiji, while sea levels near Rotuma are predicted to be 60 to 100mm *above normal*.

Averaged over July to September 2026, sea levels are predicted to be mostly 30 to 200 mm *below normal* around Fiji, while sea levels around Rotuma is predicted to be 30 to 60 mm *above normal*.

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates “*No Stress*” for Fiji for the next 4 weeks.

## **In brief for Teleconference**

- Rainfall ranged from *below* to *above normal* for both May and March to May 2026.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates *below average* most likely in July, as well as total rainfall over July to September 2026.
- SSTs were *above normal* for May and March to May 2026. The outlook shows *near to above normal* SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were *above normal* for May. *Below normal* sea levels are predicted for July and July to September 2026.

**TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (May 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>
<b>Fiji Climate Outlook</b>	General Public	127	93	31	3	Broad, Adult majority	
<b>EAR Watch</b>	Humanitarian partners	122	96	26		Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Fiji Ocean Outlook</b>	A number of key ocean related stakeholders	36	29	7		Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Fiji Climate Summary</b>	General Public	143	106	34	3	Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Climate Outlook for Hydro-electricity Generation</b>	Energy Fiji Limited	13	13	-		Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Fiji Sugarcane Rainfall Outlook</b>	Sugar Industry stakeholders	77	60	17		Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Meteorological data Request</b>	A range of Stakeholders	44	28	16		Broad, Adult majority	
<b>Total</b>		562	425	131	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	
<b>National disability organisations</b>	Y	
<b>Community based organisations (e.g. councils)</b>	Y	
<b>Products offered in local dialects/ languages</b>	Y	Y

