

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 218

Country: Kiribati

Part 1: Recent climate

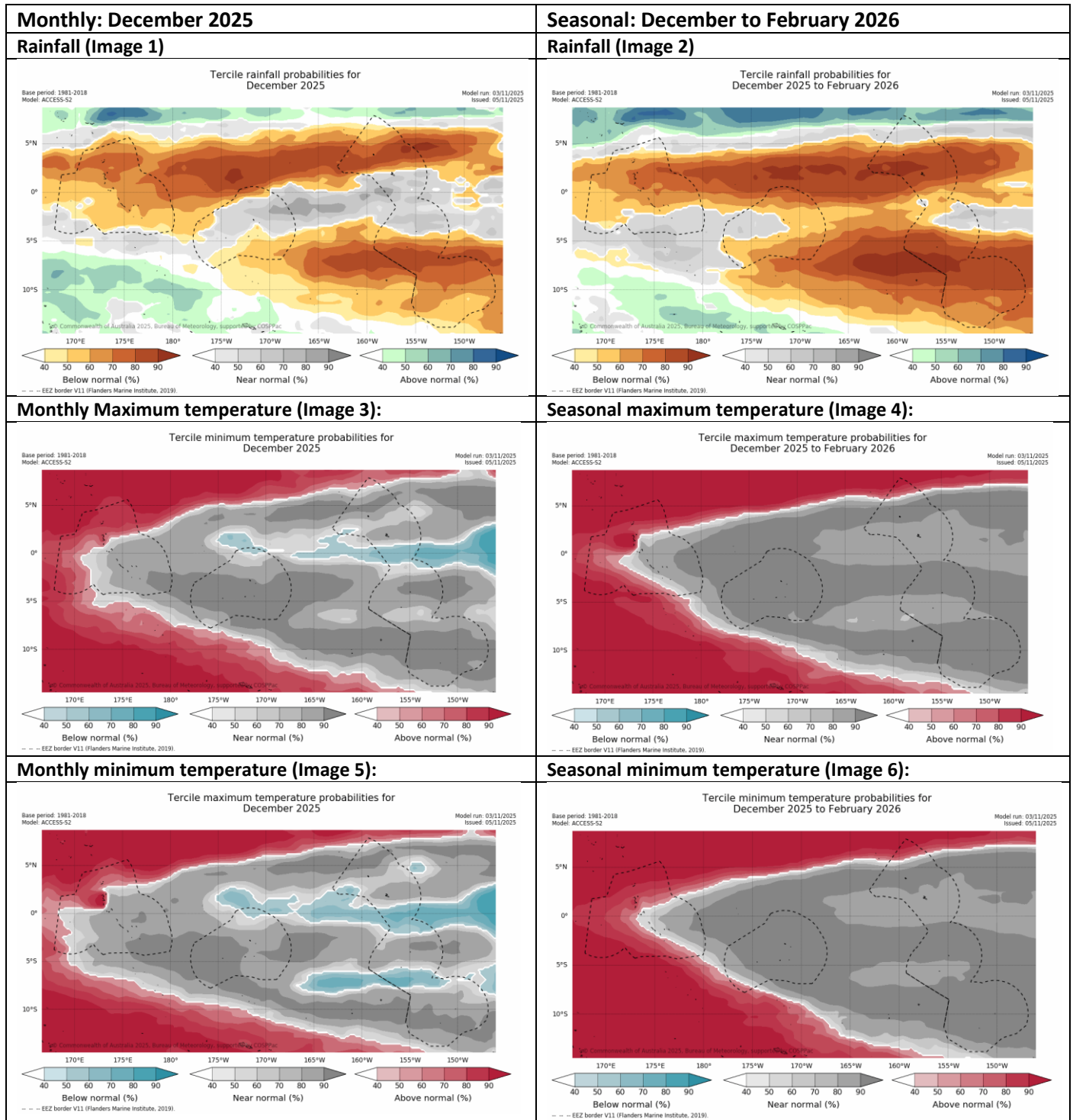
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Aug-2025	Sept-2025	Oct-2025				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Beru (1932-2025)	11.9	12.0	27.1	16.7	61.7	32.0	30/68
Butaritari (1931-2025)	125.0	19.7	126.7	95.8	184.9	140.4	45/88
Kanton (1937-2025)	15.8	17.3	4.5	7.5	32.4	15.7	13/67
Kiritimati (1921-2025)	25.5	1.1	4.0	4.0	22.8	13.0	33/101
Tarawa (1950-2025)	17.4	49.6	54.1	37.3	113.8	65.0	35/78
Arorae (1950-2025)							

TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for August to October 2025

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Beru (1932-2025)	51.0	Below normal	112.0	193.9	133.7	5/67
Butaritari (1931-2025)	271.4	Below normal	374.5	625.7	544.5	15/88
Kanton (1937-2025)	37.6	Below normal	107.9	173.2	131.0	3/65
Kiritimati (1921-2025)	30.6	Normal	27.0	66.8	45.0	40/100
Tarawa (1950-2025)	121.1	Below normal	194.0	392.2	277.1	18/78
Arorae (1950-2025)						

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for December and December to February 2026

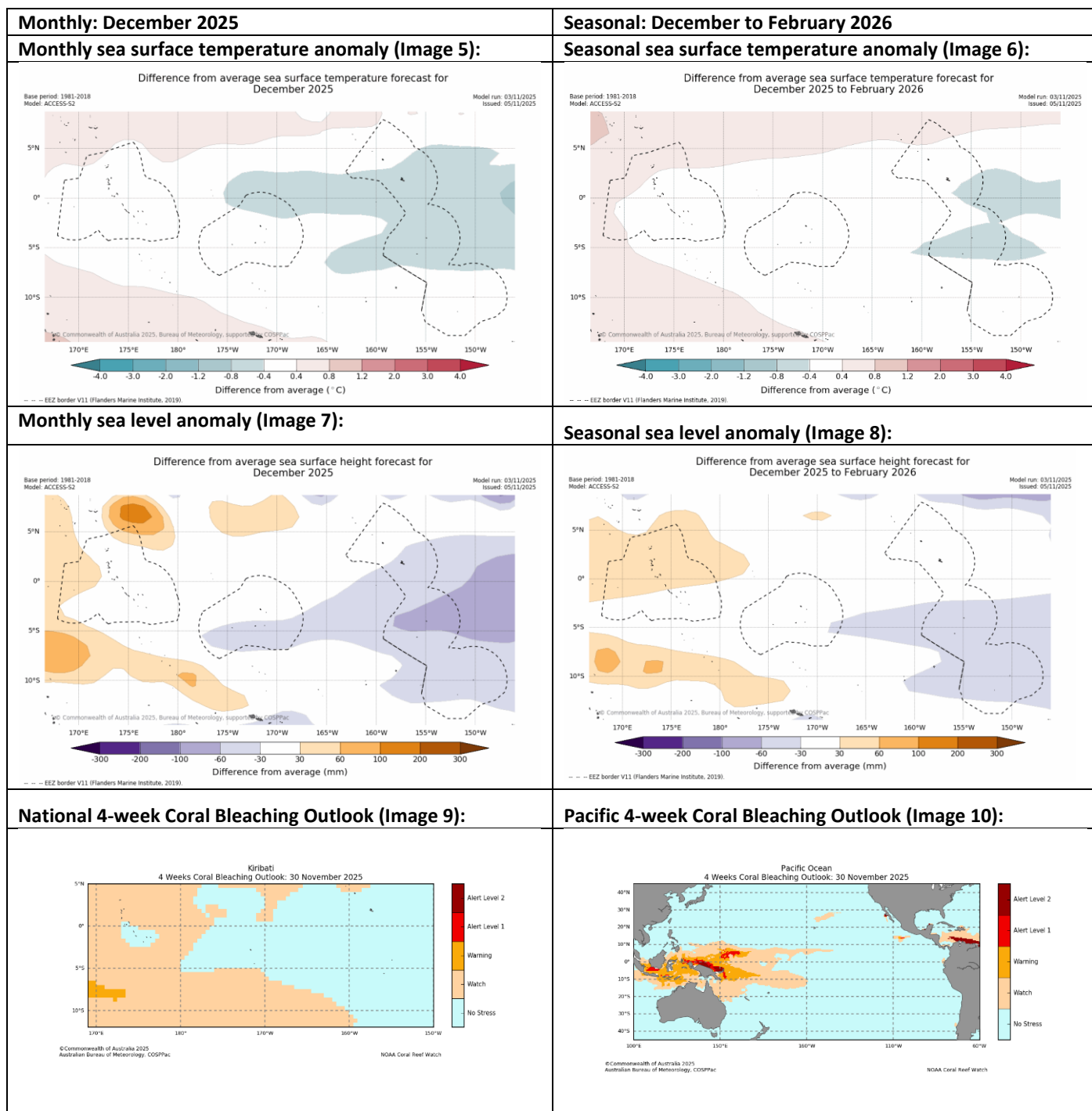


Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

Monthly/Three months: October and August to October 2025

Monthly: October 2025	Last three months: August to October 2025:
<p>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):</p> <p>Monthly Average Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly: October 2025</p> <p>Monthly Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: October 2025</p>	<p>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):</p> <p>Seasonal Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies : Aug 2025 - Oct 2025</p>
<p>Sea level anomaly (Image 2):</p> <p>Monthly Near Real Time Sea Level Anomaly: October 2025</p>	
<p>National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</p>	<p>Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):</p>
<p>Daily Coral Bleaching Alert: 02 November 2025</p>	<p>Pacific Ocean Daily Coral Bleaching Alert: 02 November 2025</p>

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for December and December to February 2026



Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: October 2025/August to October 2025 statement

The rainfall for October was near-normal for all stations except Kanton which was below normal.

For the past three months, rainfall was below normal over all stations. The only exception is Kiritimati which was near-normal. Kiritimati recorded its third driest in August to October on record.

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for December and December to February 2026

Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall for December is very likely to be below normal over most part of the Kiribati region. In some part of the Line and Phoenix groups, the outlook shows December's rainfall is likely to be near-normal.

The rainfall for December to February 2026 is very likely to be below normal over Kiribati. However, the southernmost islands in the Gilbert group are likely to be near-normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during December and December to February 2026 are very likely to be near-normal over most parts of the Kiribati group. However, the northern Gilbert group is very likely to be above normal.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: October 2025/August to October 2025

October and averaged over August to October, sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around most of Kiribati were -0.4 to 0.4°C near normal, except for a few patches of 0.4 to 0.8°C below normal over the northern Line islands.

October sea levels around Kiribati were up to 200 mm above normal.

A coral bleaching Watch status is currently in effect for the northern Gilbert as of 02 Nov 2025.

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for December and December to February 2026

Ocean Variable statement

December sea surface temperatures are predicted to be -0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal over Gilbert Islands, and -0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal to 0.4 to 0.8°C below normal over the Line and Phoenix Islands.

Averaged over December to February 2026, SSTs are forecast to be -0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal to 0.4 to 0.8°C above normal over the Gilbert Islands, 0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal over the Phoenix Islands and 0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal to 0.4 to 0.8°C below normal over the Line Islands. December and averaged over December to February 2026, sea levels around the Line and Phoenix Islands are predicted to be near-normal to 30 to 100mm below normal, whereas sea levels in the Gilbert Islands are predicted to near-normal to 30 to 60mm above normal

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates Watch status for the next 4 weeks.

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was near-normal for October for all stations except Kanton that recorded below normal,.For the August to October period all stations recorded below normal except Kiritimati that showed near normal.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates below normal to near-normal most likely in December and December to February 2026.
- SSTs were near-normal to below normal for October and August to October. The outlook shows below normal to near-normal SSTs for December and below normal, near-normal and above normal SSTs for the next three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for October. Below normal, near-normal, and above normal sea levels are predicted for December and December to February 2026.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (October 2025)

Product	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of Male	Number of Female	Disability	Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)
Climate Bulletin	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	158	70	88	1	
EAR Watch	Drought Committee members.	62	35	27	0	
Briefing Note on Ocean Parameters	Offshore and Coastal Fisheries	4	3	1	0	
Agromet Bulletin	Agriculture and Livestock Division (ALD)	4	1	3	0	
Ocean Outlook	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	158	70	88	1	
Climate data request	KIC, Health project	2	2	0	0	
Media release	All media Outlets	12	6	6	0	
Total		242	117	125	1	

Stakeholder category	Do your products reach this group? (Y/N)	Tailored product? (Y/N)
Agriculture sector	Y	Y
Disaster Risk Reduction sector	Y	N
Energy sector	Y	N

Health sector	Y	N
Water sector	Y	N
Fisheries and Aquaculture sector	Y	Y
Tourism sector	Y	N
Maritime sector	Y	N
Research & education sector	Y	Y
Women's <input type="checkbox"/> organisations	Y	N
National disability organisations	Y	N
Community based organisations (e.g. councils)	Y	N
Products offered in local dialects/ languages	Y	N