

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 220

Country: Kiribati

Part 1: Recent climate

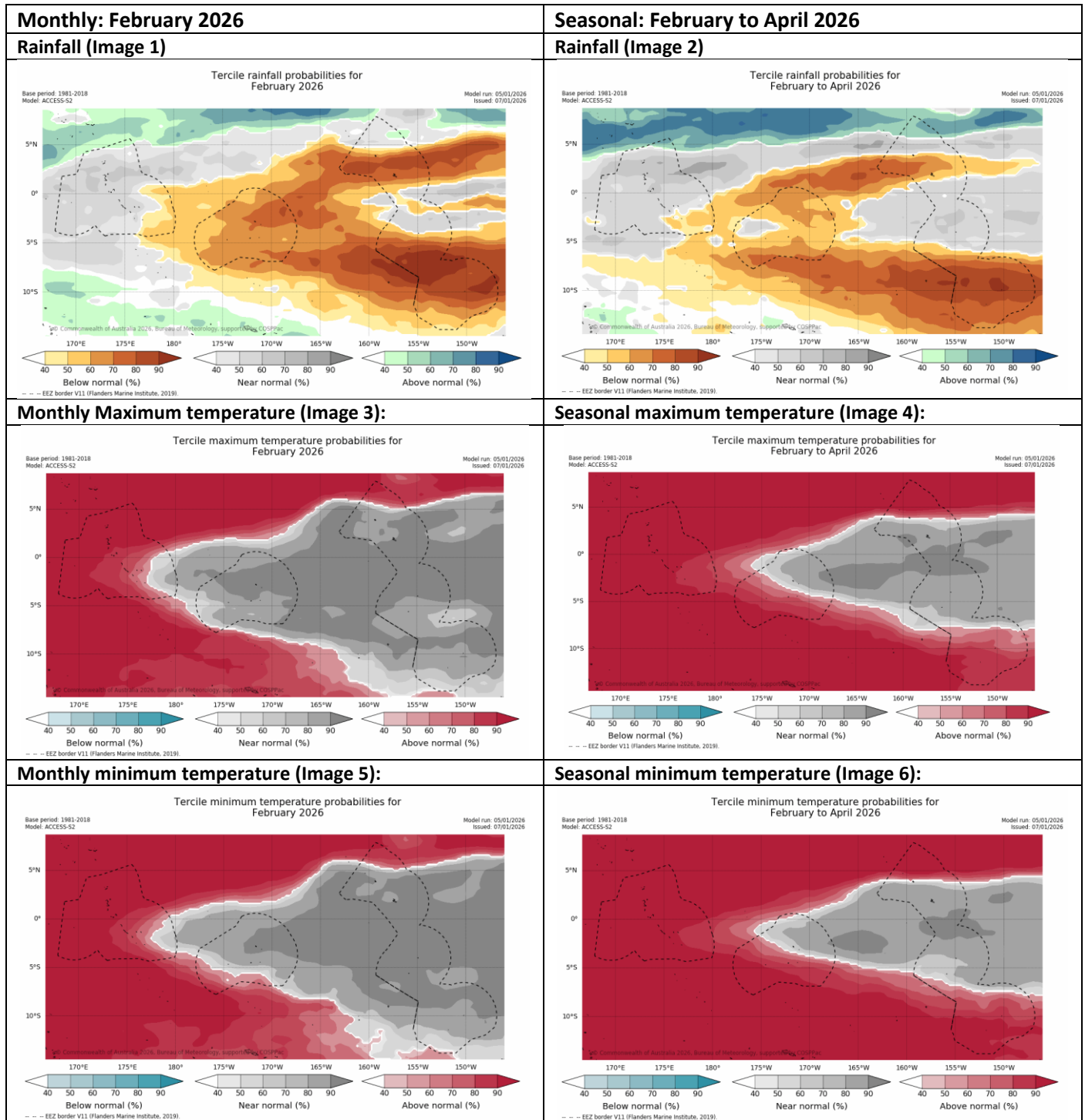
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Oct-2025	Nov-2025	Dec-2025				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Beru (1932-2026)	27.1	16.0	26.7	61.0	204.3	115.1	18/69
Butaritari (1931-2026)	126.7	208.8	284.0	167.1	314.7	252.9	53/88
Kanton (1937-2026)	4.5	2.9	0.9	4.1	65.0	16.8	10/67
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	0.4	2.6	8.0	4.0	25.1	8.0	40/92
Tarawa (1950-2026)	54.2	29.5	179.2	96.1	263.3	167.0	40/78

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

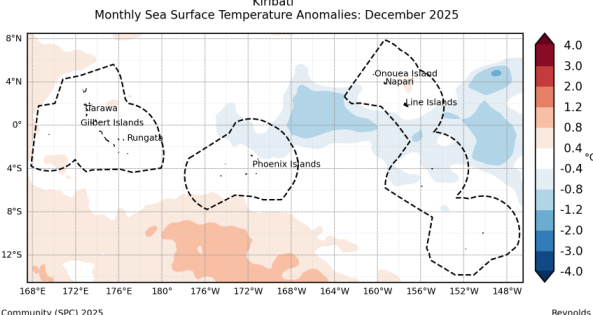
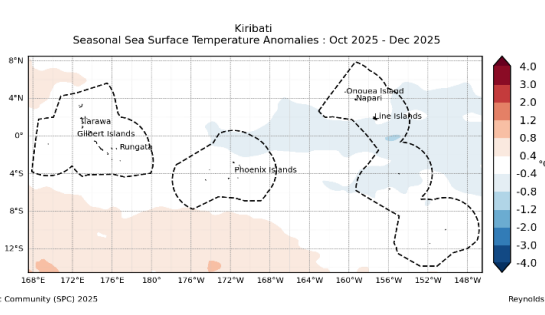
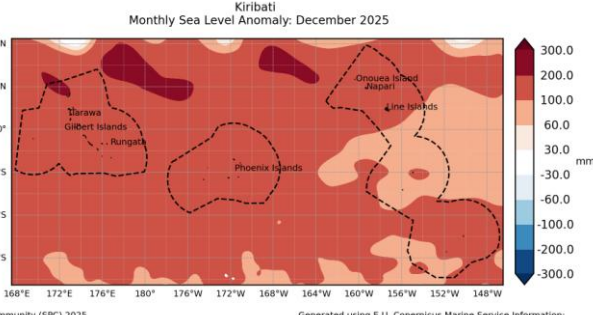
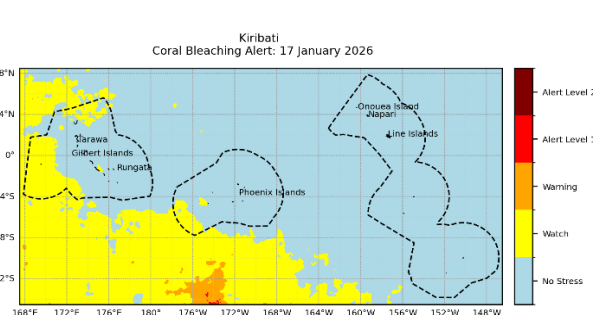
Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Beru (1932-2026)	69.8	Below normal	104.0	326.0	225.4	17/68
Butaritari (1931-2026)	619.5	Normal	449.3	738.1	546.0	53/88
Kanton (1937-2026)	8.3	Below normal	29.2	104.1	48.8	2/65
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	11.0	Below normal	18.4	72.7	38.0	17/85
Tarawa (1950-2026)	262.9	Normal	245.0	487.7	329.5	30/78

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

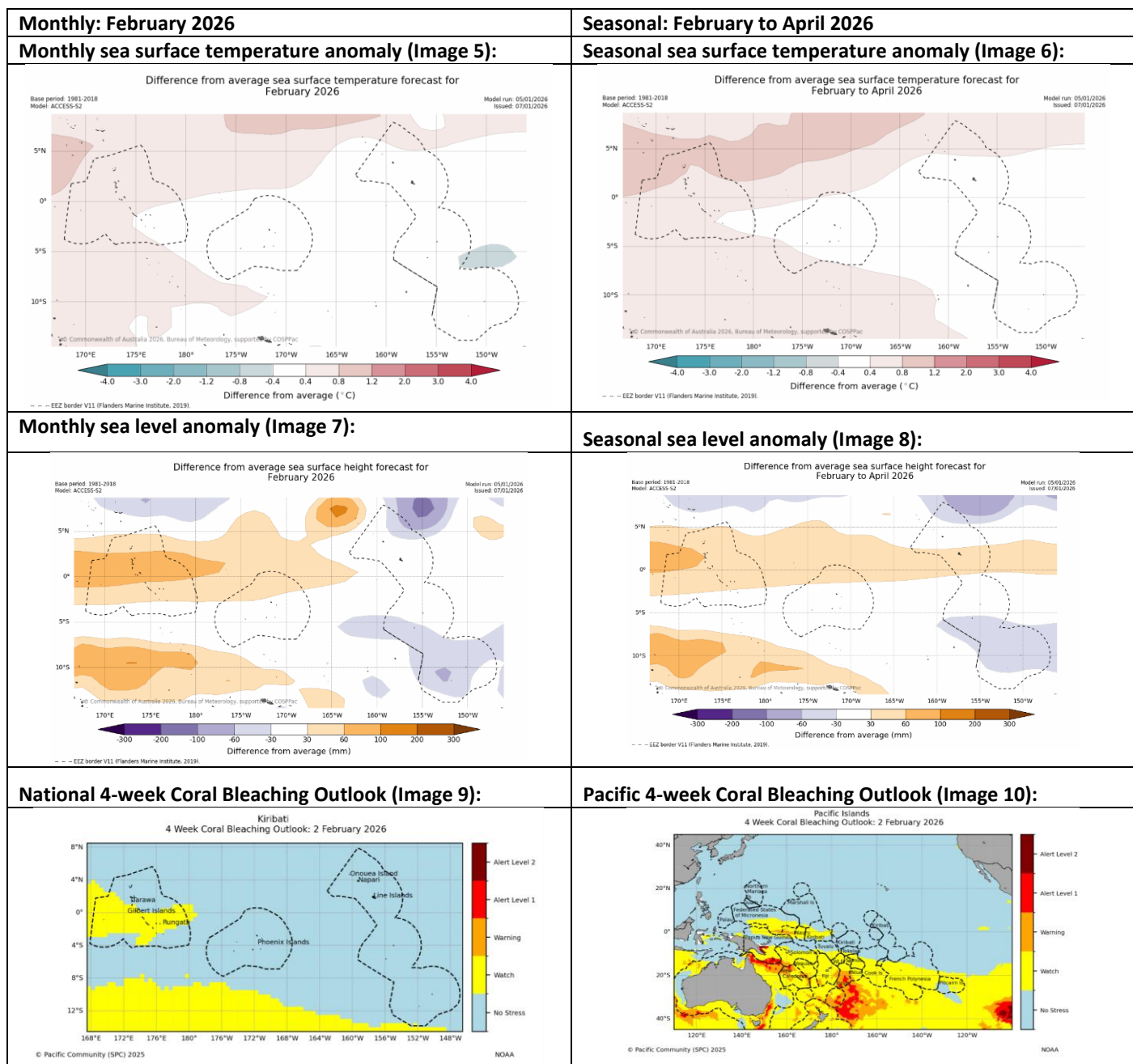


Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

Monthly/Three months: December and October to December 2025

Monthly: December 2025	Last three months: October to December 2025
<p>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):</p>  <p>Kiribati Monthly Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: December 2025</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p>	<p>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):</p>  <p>Kiribati Seasonal Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: Oct 2025 - Dec 2025</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p>
<p>Sea level anomaly (Image 2):</p>  <p>Kiribati Monthly Sea Level Anomaly: December 2025</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025 Generated using E.U. Copernicus Marine Service Information: https://doi.org/10.48670/mol-00149</p>	
<p>National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</p>  <p>Kiribati Coral Bleaching Alert: 17 January 2026</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p>	<p>Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):</p>

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



Summary Statement

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

The rainfall for December was below normal over Beru and Kanton. For the past three months, rainfall was below normal over Beru, Kanton and Kiritimati. Kanton recorded its second driest for October to December 2025.

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

Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall for February 2026 is very likely to be below normal over the Line and Phoenix. In the Gilbert group, the outlook shows February's rainfall is likely to be near-normal.

The rainfall for February to April 2026 is likely to be below normal over the Line and Phoenix and the southernmost islands in the Gilbert group. The rest of the Gilbert islands, the outlook shows February to April 2026 rainfall is likely to be near-normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during February 2026 are very likely to be above normal over the Gilbert group. The rest are very likely to be near-normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures averaged over February to April 2026 are very likely to be above normal over most parts of the Kiribati region. However, some parts of the Phoenix and central Line islands are likely to be near-normal.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

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

December and averaged October to December sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around Kiribati were -0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal. However, some parts of the Line and Phoenix, SSTs were 0.4 to 0.8°C below normal.

December sea levels around Kiribati were 30 to 200mm above normal.

No coral bleaching alert for the Kiribati region.

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

Ocean Variable statement

February and averaged over February to April 2026 sea surface temperatures around Kiribati are predicted to be -0.4 to 0.4 near-normal to 0.4 to 0.8°C above normal.

February 2026 sea levels around the Gilbert and the northern parts of the Phoenix are predicted to be 30 to 200mm above normal. However, for the southern Line islands, sea levels are anticipated to be 30 to 60mm below normal.

Averaged over February to April 2026, sea levels around most parts of the Kiribati region are predicted to be 30 to 60mm above normal, while 30 to 60 mm below normal sea levels are expected at the southern Line group. For the remaining parts of the groups, sea levels are predicted to be -30 to 30mm near-normal

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

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was below normal for December and October to December, except Butaritari and Tarawa where rainfall was normal for both periods.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates below average to normal most likely in February and February to April 2026.
- SSTs were below normal to near-normal for December and October to December. The outlook shows near-normal to above normal for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for December. Below normal, near-normal and above normal sea levels are predicted for February and February to April 2026.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (November 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	
Media release	All media Outlets	12	6	6	0	
Climate data request	Water	1		1		
Total		237	115	126	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