

Country: **Kiribati**

Part 1: Recent climate

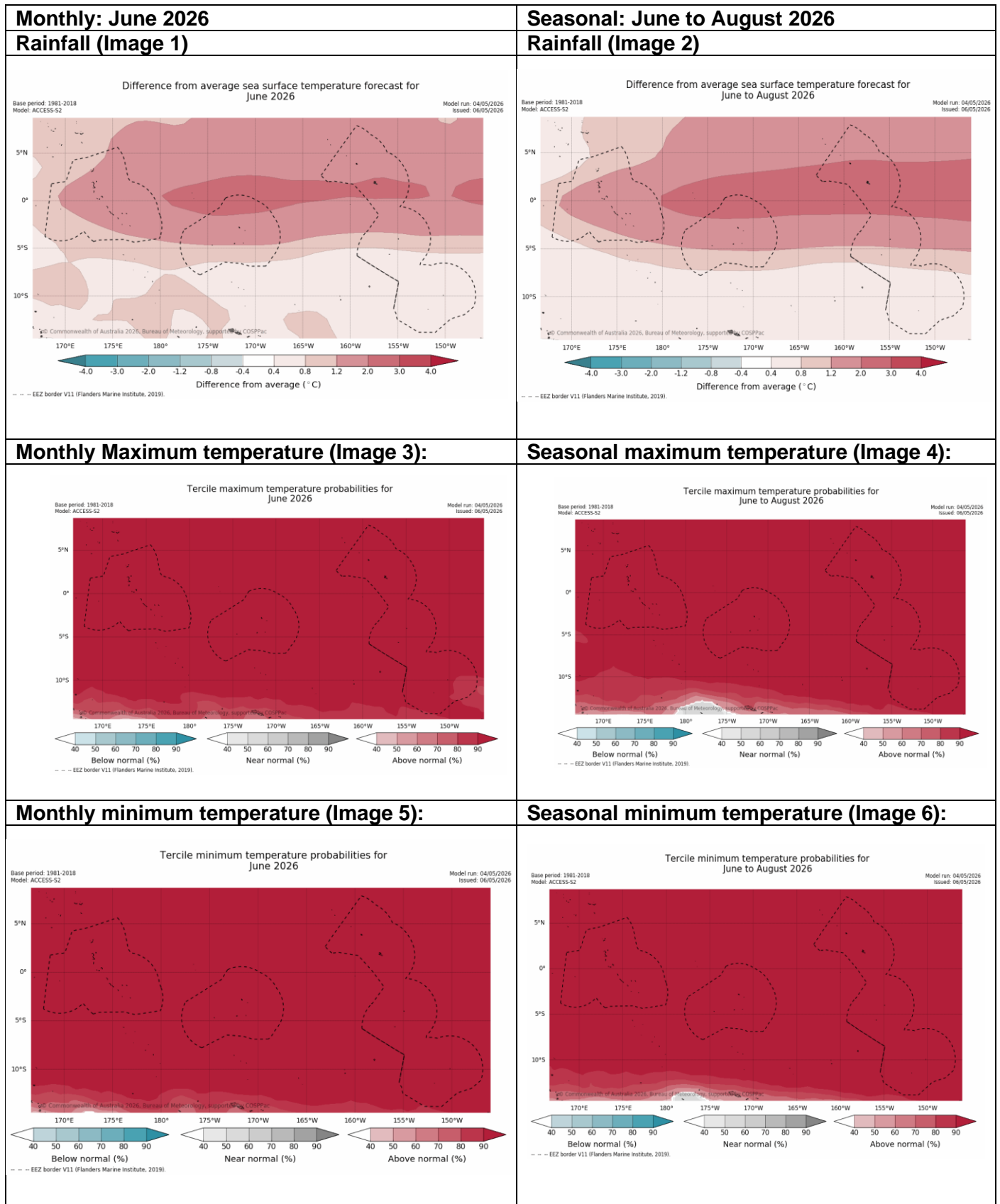
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Feb-2026	Mar-2026	Apr-2026				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Beru (1932-2026)	33.2	59.9	97.2	47.3	117.6	84.0	44/72
Butaritari (1931-2026)	212.5	111.4	221.0	236.7	374.9	296.0	26/88
Kanton (1937-2026)	15.5	21.3	19.6	46.2	96.2	72.6	8/88
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	3.2	11.1	32.2	102.0	197.8	139.0	9/102
Tarawa (1950-2026)	92.0	79.7	145.7	10.3	216.8	147.7	38/77

TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for February to April 2026

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Beru (1932-2026)	190.3	Normal	120.3	397.3	213.0	35/68
Butaritari (1931-2026)	544.9	Below normal	669.7	1125.0	925.4	20/87
Kanton (1937-2026)	56.4	Below normal	83.0	203.9	139.9	14/67
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	46.5	Below normal	267.9	445.6	339.7	4/102
Tarawa (1950-2026)	317.4	Normal	295.3	863.7	549.2	27/77

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026



Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

Monthly/Three months: April and February to April 2026

Monthly: April 2026	Last three months: February to April 2026
<p>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):</p> <p>Kiribati Monthly Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies: April 2026</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>Reynolds</p>	<p>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):</p> <p>Kiribati Seasonal Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies : Feb 2026 - Apr 2026</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>Reynolds</p>
<p>Sea level anomaly (Image 2):</p> <p>Kiribati Monthly Sea Level Anomaly: April 2026</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>E.U. Copernicus Marine Service Information: https://doi.org/10.4666/0/mos-00149</p>	
<p>National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</p> <p>Kiribati Coral Bleaching Alert: 7 May 2026</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>NOAA</p>	<p>Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):</p>

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

Monthly: June 2026	Seasonal: June to August 2026
Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):	Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):
<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for June 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 04/05/2026 Issued: 06/05/2026</p> <p>Commonwealth of Australia 2026, Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPac</p> <p>EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for June to August 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 04/05/2026 Issued: 06/05/2026</p> <p>Commonwealth of Australia 2026, Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPac</p> <p>EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>
Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):	Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):
<p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for June 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 04/05/2026 Issued: 06/05/2026</p> <p>Commonwealth of Australia 2026, Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPac</p> <p>EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for June to August 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 04/05/2026 Issued: 06/05/2026</p> <p>Commonwealth of Australia 2026, Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPac</p> <p>EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>
National 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 9):	Pacific 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 10):
<p>Kiritati 4 Week Coral Bleaching Outlook: 18 May 2026</p> <p>Alert Level 2 Alert Level 1 Warning Watch No Stress</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025 NOAA</p>	<p>Alert Level 2 Alert Level 1 Warning Watch No Stress</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025 NOAA</p>

Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: April/February to April 2026 statement

The rainfall for April and February to April was below normal over Butaritari, Kanton and Kiritimati. Near-normal was recorded over Beru and Tarawa for both periods. Kanton and Kiritimati recorded their eighth and ninth driest on record for February to April, respectively. Kiritimati recorded its 4th driest on record for February to April period.

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

Monthly/Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall for June and June to August 2026 is likely to be above normal over the Kiribati region.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during June and February to June 2026 are very likely to be above normal over Kiribati.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: April/February to April 2026

April sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around most of the Kiribati region were 0.4 to 2.0°C above normal. The southern Line islands were -0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal.

Averaged over February to April 2026, sea surface temperatures around the Gilbert and Northernmost island in the Line group were 0.4 to 1.2°C above normal. The Phoenix and Line islands were -0.4 to 0.4°C near-normal.

April sea levels were 100 to 300mm above normal.

Coral bleaching Watch, Warning and Alert Level 1 are currently in effect for most of Kiribati as of [7 May 2026].

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

Ocean Variable statement

June and averaged over June to August 2026, sea surface temperatures around Kiribati are predicted to be 0.4 to 3.0°C above normal.

June and averaged over June to August 2026, sea levels around most part of Kiribati are predicted to be 30 to 200mm above normal. The rest of the islands are anticipated to be -30 to 30mm near-normal.

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates warning and Alert Level 1 & 2 status for the next 12 weeks.

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was below normal over Butaritari, Kanton and Kiribati for April and February to April 2026, except Beru and Tarawa where rainfall was near normal for both periods.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates above normal most likely in June and June to August 2026.
- SSTs were near-normal to above normal for April and February to April 2026. The outlook shows near-normal to above normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for April. Near-normal to Above normal sea levels are predicted for June and June to August 2026.
- Coral bleaching was on alert level 1. It is predicted to be on alert level 1 and 2 for the next 12 weeks.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (April 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>
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		
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	Insurance, Water	4	2	2	0		
Total		398	116	97	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

