

Country: **Kiribati**

## Part 1: Recent climate

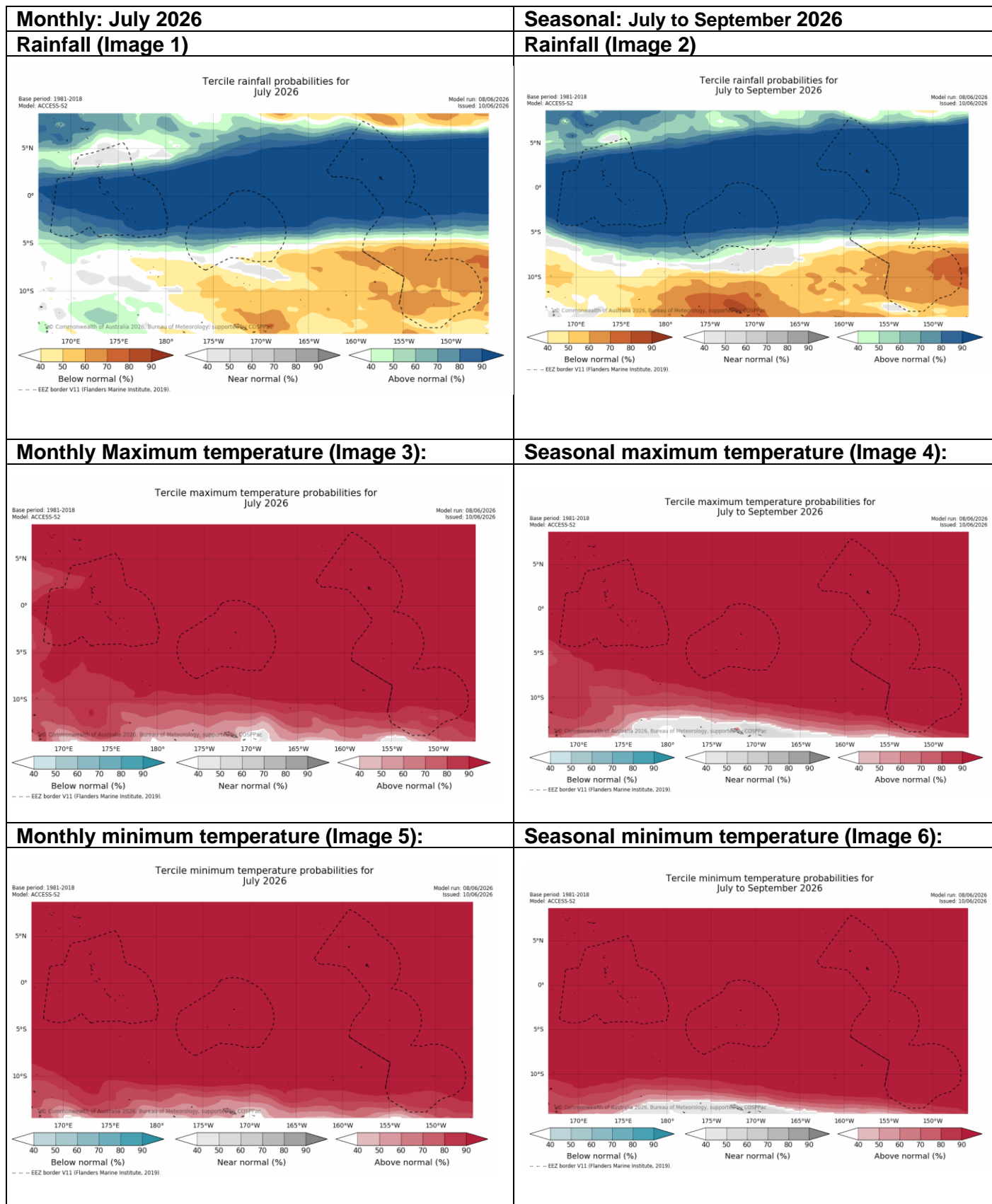
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Mar-2026	Apr-2026	May-2026				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Beru (1932-2026)	59.9	97.2	192.5	41.7	96.5	65.2	58/72
Butaritari (1931-2026)	111.4	221.0	530.1	217.3	323.8	292.1	<b>81/87</b>
Kanton (1937-2026)	21.3	19.6	104.7	45.7	89.6	58.7	50/65
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	11.1	32.2	114.5	29.6	106.4	59.4	74/102
Tarawa (1950-2026)	79.7	145.7	356.6	97.8	170.3	141.3	<b>73/77</b>

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

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Beru (1932-2026)	349.6	Normal	169.5	375.3	267.0	43/68
Butaritari (1931-2026)	862.5	Normal	719.7	1076.7	936.5	37/87
Kanton (1937-2026)	145.6	Normal	135.9	224.8	177.9	27/64
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	157.8	Below normal	298.2	458.0	367.5	14/102
Tarawa (1950-2026)	582.0	Normal	330.2	666.3	487.6	45/77

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



## Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

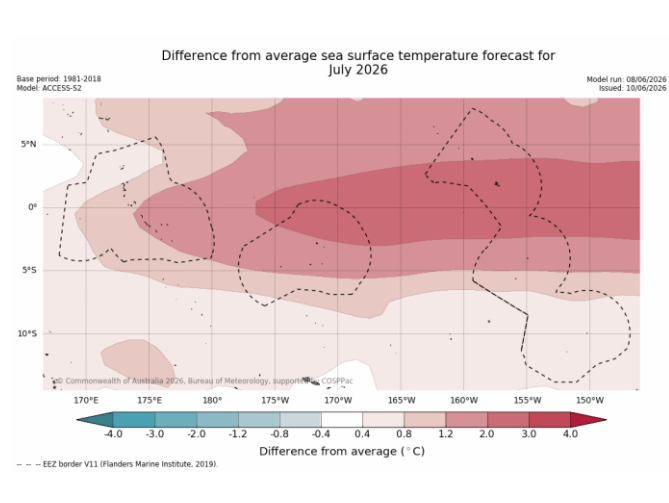
### Monthly/Three months: May and March to May 2026

Monthly: May 2026	Last three months: March to May 2026
<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):</b></p> <p>Monthly Average Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly: May 2026</p> <p>Kiribati</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac</p> <p>Reynolds SST</p>	<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):</b></p> <p>3 monthly Average Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly: March 2026 to May 2026</p> <p>Kiribati</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac</p> <p>Reynolds SST</p>
<p><b>Sea level anomaly (Image 2):</b></p> <p>Monthly Sea Level Anomaly: May 2026</p> <p>Kiribati</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>E.U. Copernicus Marine Service Information: <a href="https://doi.org/10.48670/mol-00149">https://doi.org/10.48670/mol-00149</a></p>	
<p><b>National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</b></p> <p>Coral Bleaching Alert: 12 June 2026</p> <p>Kiribati</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>NOAA</p>	<p><b>Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):</b></p> <p>Coral Bleaching Alert: 12 June 2026</p> <p>Pacific Islands</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p> <p>NOAA</p>

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

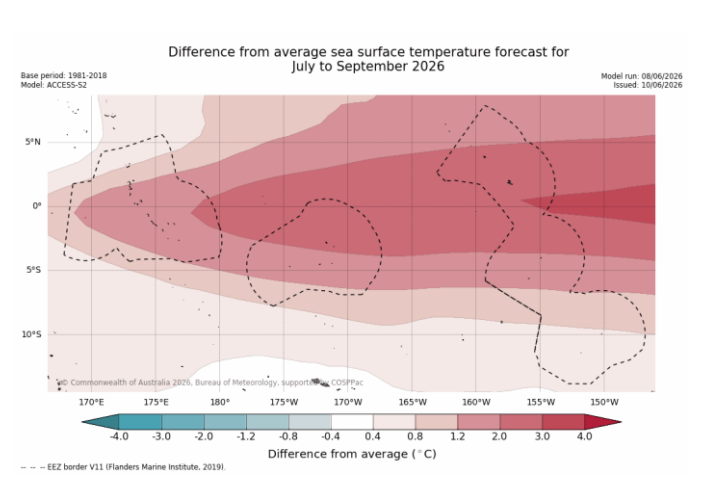
## Monthly: July 2026

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

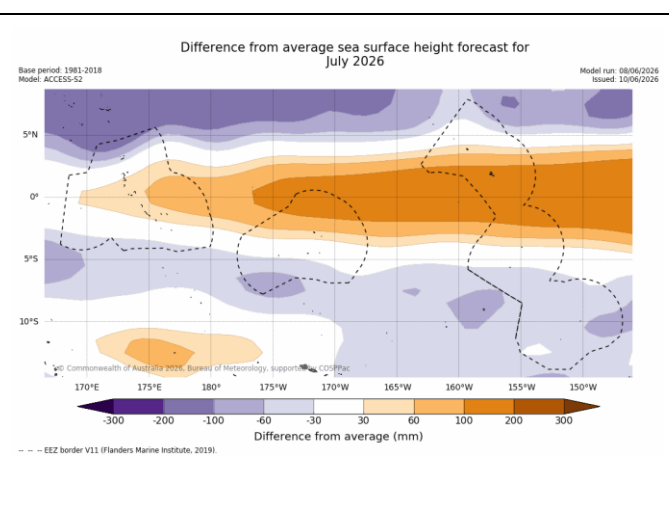


## Seasonal: July to September 2026

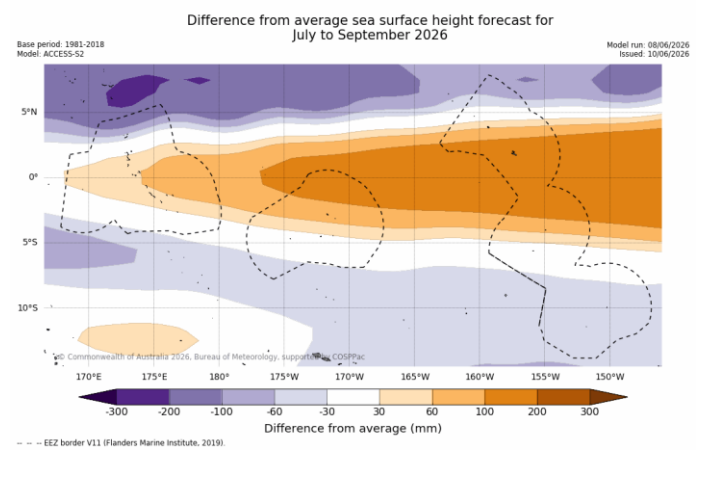
### Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):



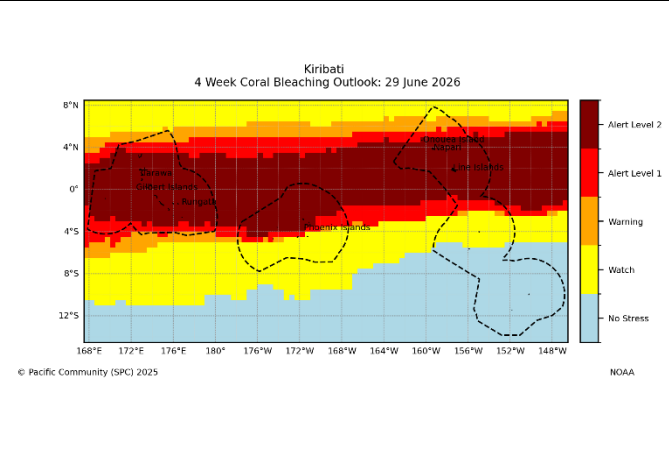
## Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):



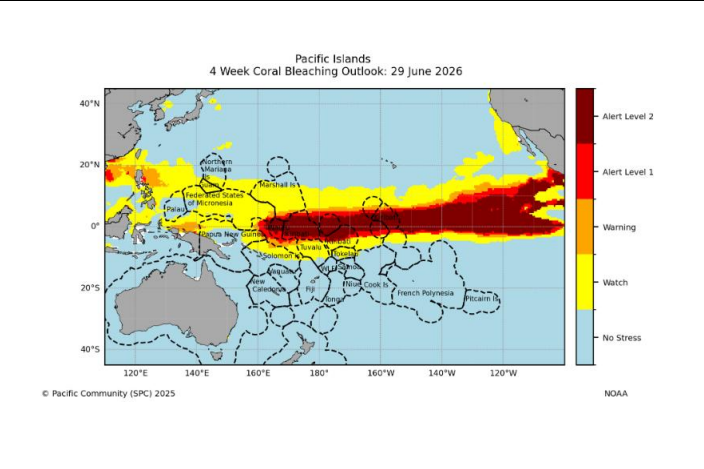
## Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):



## 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 for all stations. It was the 8<sup>th</sup> wettest May for Butaritari and the 5<sup>th</sup> wettest for Tarawa. For the past three months, rainfall was near-normal for all stations except Kiritimati, where rainfall was below normal.

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

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

The rainfall for July and averaged over July to September 2026 is very likely to be above normal across the Kiribati region. However, in the southern Line Islands, the outlook is very likely to be below normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during July and averaged over July to September are likely to be above normal across Kiribati.

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

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

May sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around Kiribati were 0.5 to 2.0°C above normal.

Averaged over March to May 2026, sea surface temperatures around Kiribati were 0.5 to 1.5°C

May sea levels around Kiribati were 30.0 to 200.0mm above normal.

A coral bleaching Alert Level 1 and 2 statuses are currently in effect for the Gilbert, northern Phoenix, and Line islands as of [12 June 2026](#).

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

#### **Ocean Variable statement**

July and averaged over July to September 2026 sea surface temperatures around Kiribati are predicted to be 0.8 to 3.0°C above normal.

July and averaged over July to September 2026, sea levels around most of the Gilbert, northern Phoenix, and Line Islands are predicted to be 30 to 200mm above normal. The northern and southernmost islands in the Gilbert, Line and Phoenix are expected to be 30 to -30mm near normal and 30 to 100mm below normal.

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates [Alert Levels](#) 1 and 2 status for the next [412](#) weeks.

## In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was near-normal to above normal for May and March to May 2026, except for Kiritimati, where rainfall was below normal for the last three months.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates above normal, most likely in July and July to September 2026 across Kiribati but below average over the southern Line group.
- SSTs were above normal for May and March to May 2026. The outlook also shows above-normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for May. Above-normal sea levels are predicted across most of the Kiribati region for July and from July to September 2026.
- Coral bleaching indicates alert levels 1 and 2 for the next [442](#) weeks.

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

<b>Product</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Total Number of Participants</b>	<b>Number of Male</b>	<b>Number of Female</b>	<b>Disability</b>	<b>Age group</b>	<b>Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)</b>
<b>Climate Bulletin</b>	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	160	71	89	1		
<b>EAR Watch</b>	Drought committee members	62	35	27	0		
<b>Briefing note on ocean parameters</b>	Offshore and Coastal Fisheries	4	3	1	0		
<b>Ocean Outlook</b>	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	160	71	89	1		
<b>Climate data request</b>	Students, Construction contractors, Insurance.	13	6	7	0		
<b>Media release</b>		12	6	6	0		
<b>Total</b>		411	378	219	2		

<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	N
<b>Energy sector</b>	Y	N
<b>Health sector</b>	Y	N
<b>Water sector</b>	Y	N
<b>Fisheries and Aquaculture sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Tourism sector</b>	Y	N
<b>Maritime sector</b>	Y	N
<b>Research &amp; education sector</b>	Y	Y
<b>Women's [] organisations</b>	Y	N
<b>National disability organisations</b>	Y	N

<b>Community based organisations (e.g. councils)</b>	Y	N
<b>Products offered in local dialects/ languages</b>	Y	N

