ePacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 228

Country: Kiribati

Part 1: Recent climate

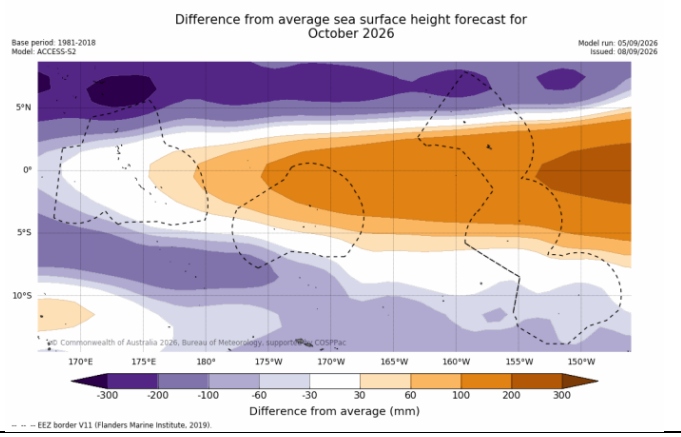
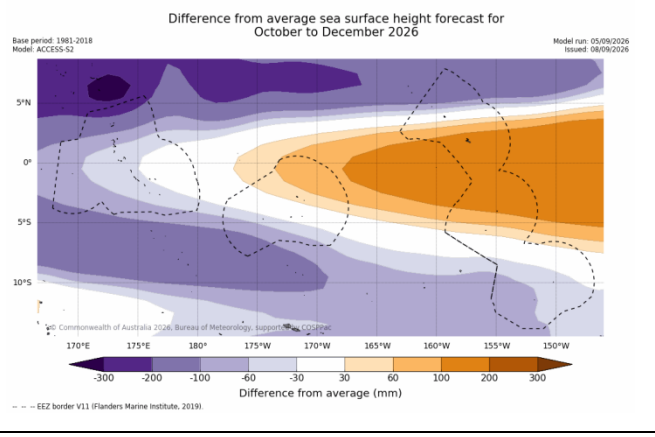
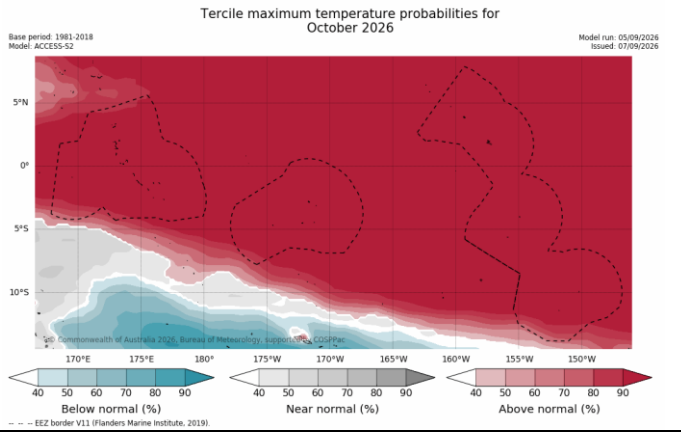
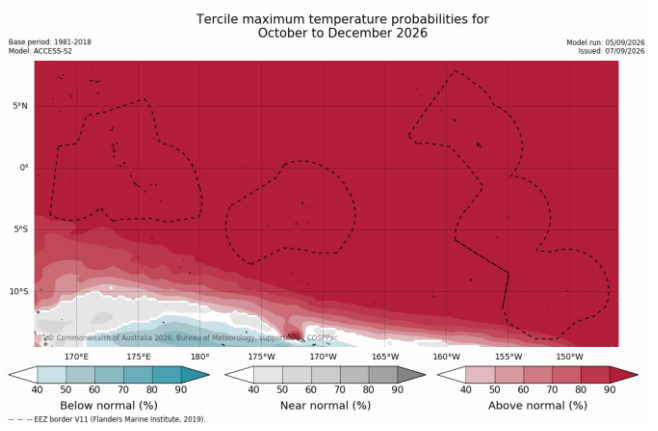
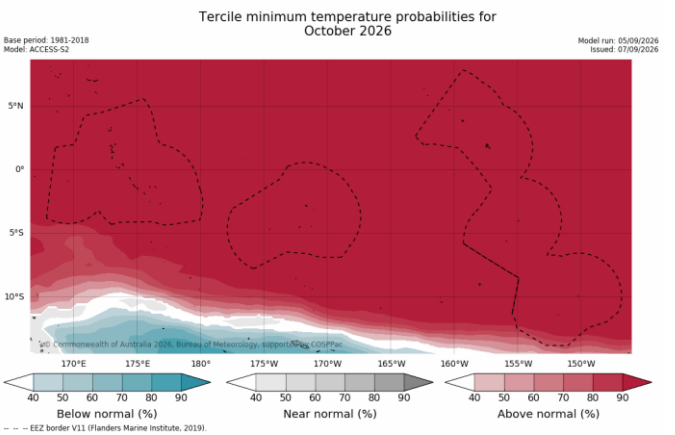
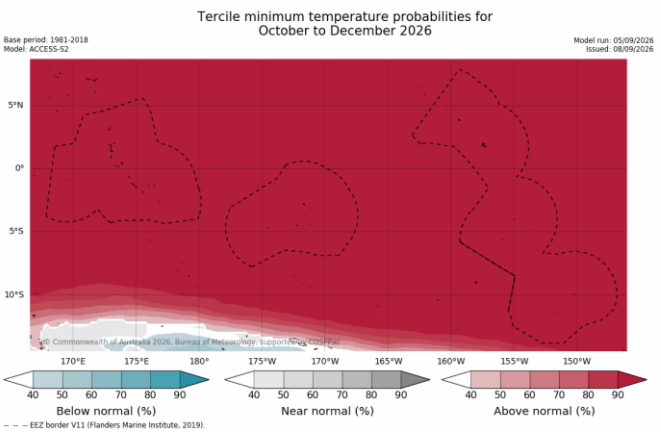
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Beru (1932-2026)	526.6	288.3	175.9	42.3	92.7	68.0	62/72
Butaritari (1931-2026)	149.7	362.2	253.2	138.0	244.3	198.2	63/89
Kanton (1937-2026)	149.7	262.3	103.3	36.6	90.1	50.3	51/67
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	232.8	460.4	287.4	6.3	26.0	14.1	**101/102**
Tarawa (1950-2026)	388.1	136.9	222.3	63.0	165.4	103.3	63/79

TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for June to August 2026

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Beru (1932-2026)	990.8	Above normal	163.6	322.0	205.0	**66/67**
Butaritari (1931-2026)	933.8	Normal	617.3	844.0	701.0	64/83
Kanton (1937-2026)	515.3	Above normal	177.1	290.5	244.9	**61/64**
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	980.6	Above normal	91.0	179.0	133.1	**99/102**
Tarawa (1950-2026)	747.3	Above normal	268.8	503.0	360.6	65/79

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

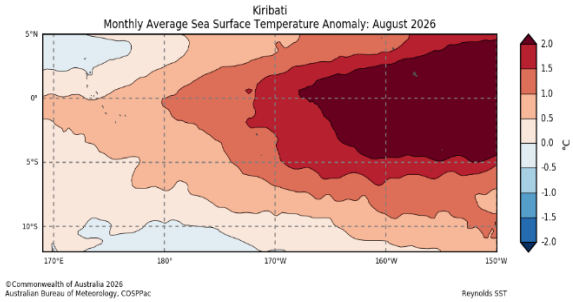
Monthly: October 2026	Seasonal: October to December 2026
Rainfall (Image 1)	**Rainfall (Image 2)**
	
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	**Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):**
	
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	**Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):**
	

Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

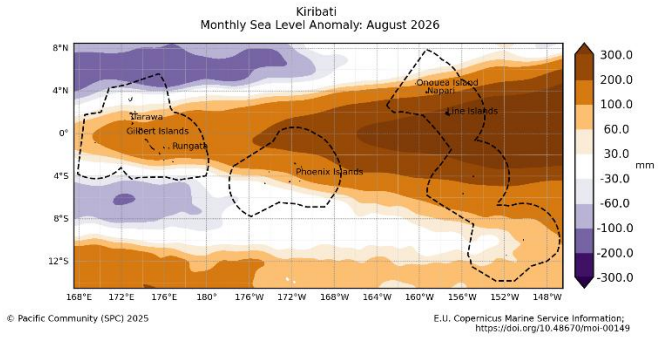
Monthly/Three months: August and June to August 2026

Monthly: August 2026

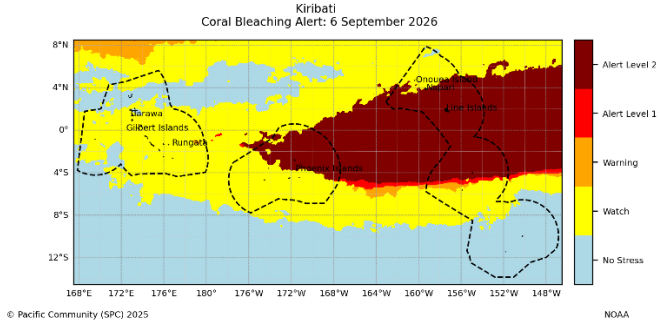
Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):



Sea level anomaly (Image 2):

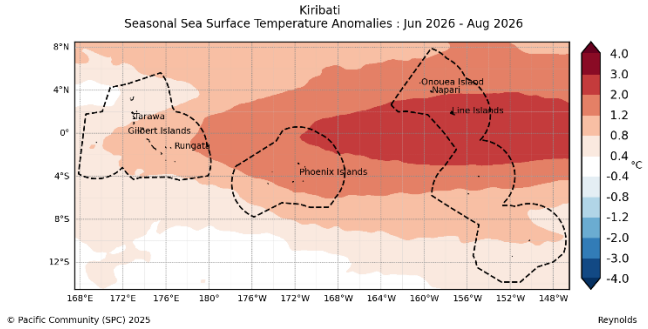


National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):

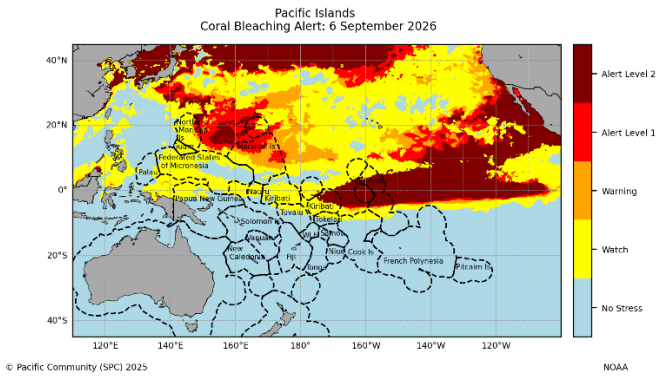


Last three months: June to August 2026

Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):



Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):



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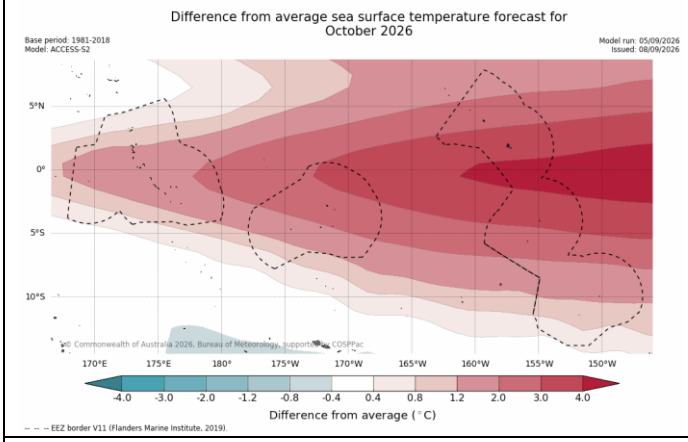
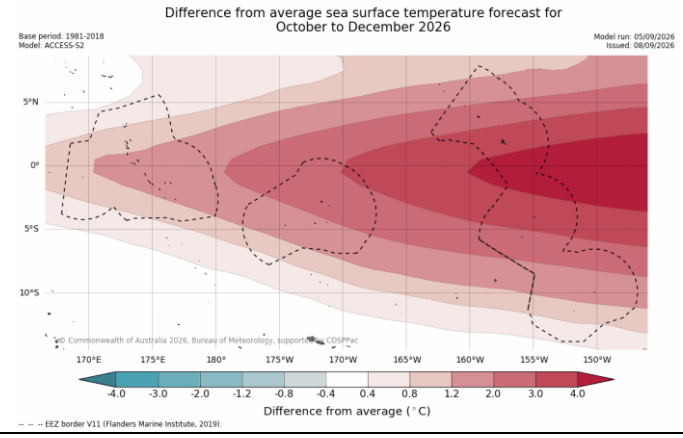
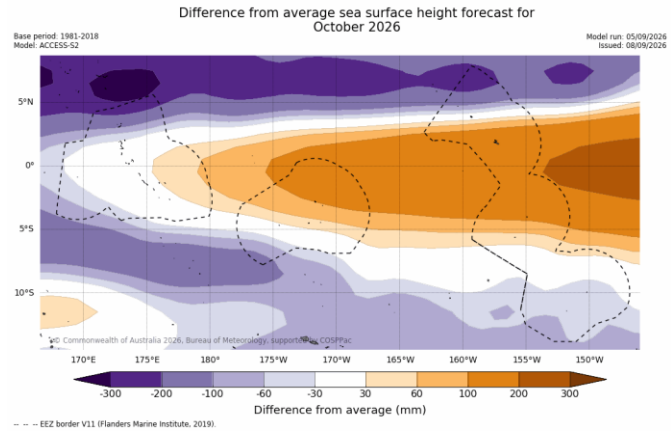
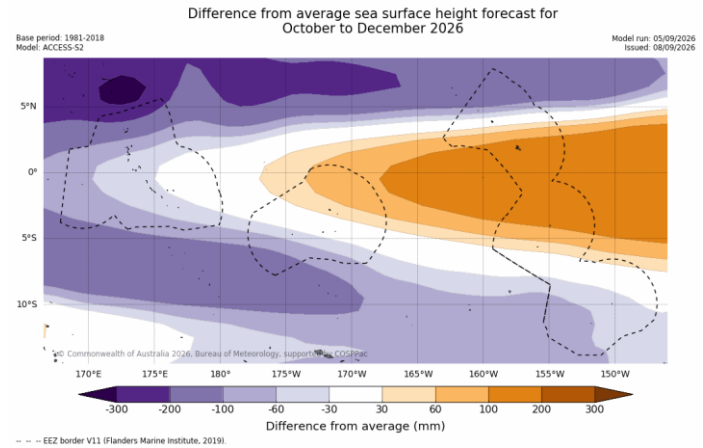
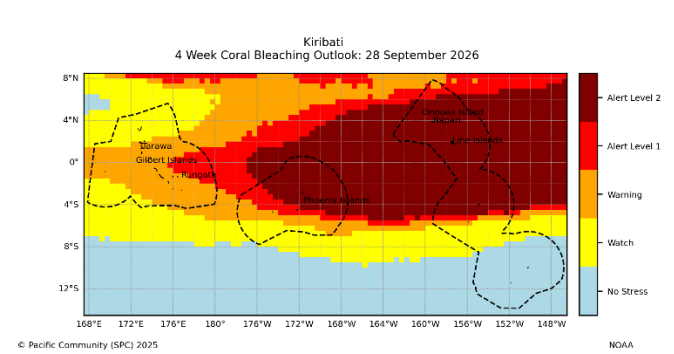
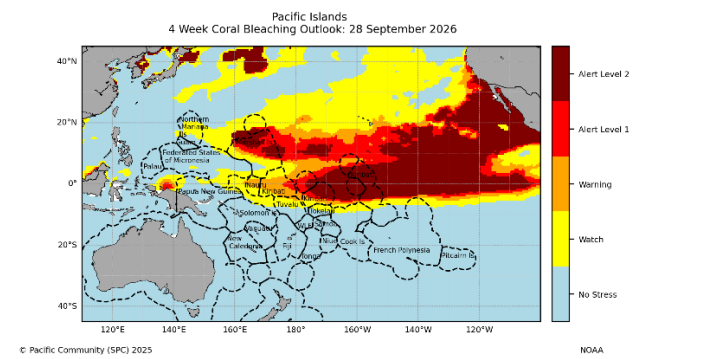
Monthly: October 2026	Seasonal: October to December 2026
Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):	**Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):**
	
Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):	**Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):**
	
National 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 9):	**Pacific 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 10):**
	

Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: August/June to August 2026 statement

The rainfall for August was above normal over all stations. Kiritimati recorded its 2nd wettest August on record.

For the past three months, rainfall was above normal over all stations. Beru, and Kanton recorded their 2nd wettest June to August while Kiritimati recorded its 4th wettest on records. In the same period, Kanton recorded its 4th wettest on record.

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

Monthly/Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall for October 2026 is very likely to be above normal over parts of the Line and northern Phoenix groups. In most part of the Gilbert and Tabuaeran in the northern Line group, the outlook shows October's rainfall is likely to be near-normal. The northernmost islands in the Gilbert and Line groups are likely to be below normal.

The rainfall for October to December 2026 is very likely to be above normal over the Northern Phoenix and central Line islands. In most part of Gilbert group and southern Pheonix and Line islands, the outlook shows October to December 2026 rainfall is likely to be below normal while the remaining parts of the Gilbert, Phoenix and Line is likely to be near-normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during October and averaged over October to December 2026 are very likely to be above normal over Kiribati.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: August/June to August 2026

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

Averaged over June to August 2026, sea surface temperatures around Kiribati were 0.4 to 3.0°C above normal.

August sea levels around Kiribati were 60 to 300mm above normal.

A coral bleaching Watch and Alert Level 2 status are currently in effect for most part of the Kiribati region as of [6th September, 2026].

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

Ocean Variable statement

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

October 2026 sea levels around Kiribati are predicted to be 30 to 200mm above normal. The Gilbert islands, Tabuaeran and some parts in the Line and Phoenix are anticipated to be -30 to 30mm near normal.

Averaged over October to December 2026, sea levels around the central Line and Northern Phoenix are predicted to be 30 to 200mm above normal while the Gilbert group are anticipated to be 30 to 200mm below normal.

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates Warning to Alert Level 2 status for the next 4 weeks.

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was above normal for both August and June to August 2026.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates near-normal to above normal most likely in October 2026 but below average to above normal for total rainfall over October to December 2026.
- SSTs were above normal for August and June to August 2026. The outlook shows above normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for August. Below normal to above normal sea levels are predicted for October and October to December 2026.
- Coral bleaching was on watch and alert level 2. The outlook indicates warning to alert level 2.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement – Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (August 2026)

Product	*Stakeholder*	*Total Number of Participants*	*Number of Male*	*Number of Female*	*Disability*	*Age group*	*Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)*
Climate Bulletin	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	160	71	89	1		
EAR Watch	Drought Committee members.	62	35	27	0		
Agromet Bulletin	Offshore and Coastal Fisheries	4	3	1	0		
Briefing note on Ocean parameters	Agriculture and Livestock Division (ALD)	4	1	3	0		
Ocean Outlook	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	160	71	89	1		
Media release	All media Outlets	4	3	1	0		
Climate data request	Government Ministries, Projects and Students,	9	4	5	0		
	Total						

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 [] organisations	Y	N
National disability organisations	Y	N
Community based organisations (e.g. councils)	Y	N

Products offered in local dialects/ languages	Y	N

Table 4: Impacts of Severe weather and climate events

Country: _____

ENSO Phase: El Nino

Synoptic Situation	Date	Type of Hazard	Impacts	Image	Latitude	Longitude	Sectors affected	No. of Deaths