

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 177

Country: Marshall Islands

Part 1: Recent climate

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Mar-2022	Apr-2022	May-2022				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Majuro (1954-2022)	498.1	610.1	170.7	213.5	324.3	271.9	13/68
Kwajalein (1945-2022)	281.2	208.5	334.5	163.9	272.4	207.2	65/78

TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for March to May 2022

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Majuro (1954-2022)	1278.9	Above normal	636.2	890.2	748.4	62/68
Kwajalein (1945-2022)	824.2	Above normal	375.5	633.2	494.7	66/78

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Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for July and July to September 2022

Monthly: July	Seasonal: July to September
Rainfall (Image 1)	Rainfall (Image 2)
<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for July 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Diagnostic data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2019M), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 04/06/2022 Issued: 06/06/2022</p>	<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for July to September 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Diagnostic data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2019M), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 04/06/2022 Issued: 06/06/2022</p>
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):
<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for July 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Diagnostic data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2019M), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 04/06/2022 Issued: 06/06/2022</p>	<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for July to September 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Diagnostic data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2019M), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 04/06/2022 Issued: 06/06/2022</p>
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):
<p>Tercile minimum temperature probabilities for July 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Diagnostic data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2019M), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 04/06/2022 Issued: 06/06/2022</p>	<p>Tercile minimum temperature probabilities for July to September 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Diagnostic data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2019M), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 04/06/2022 Issued: 06/06/2022</p>

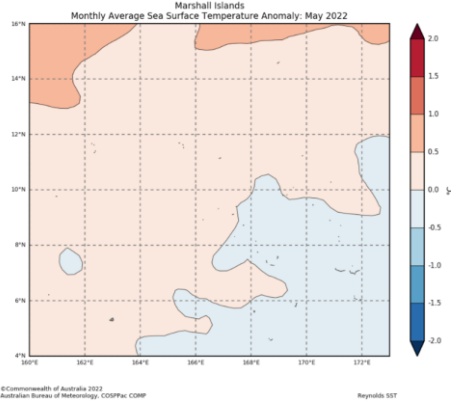
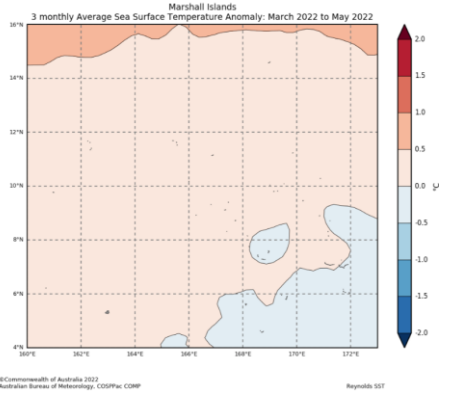
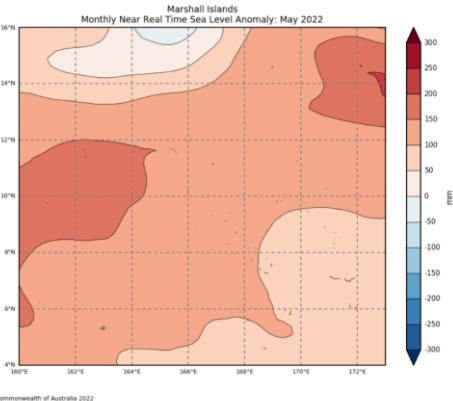
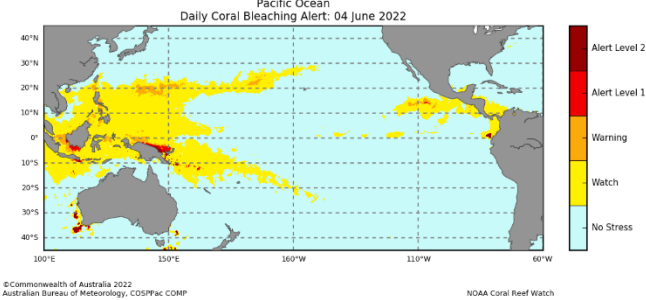
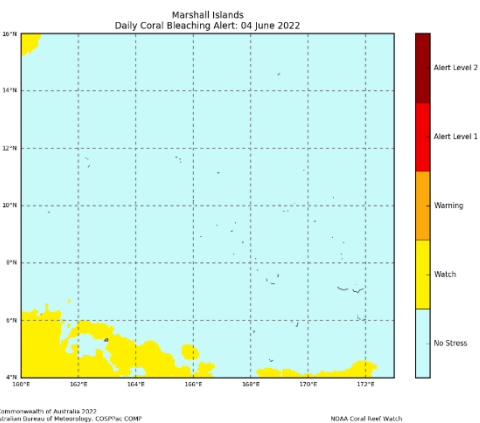
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Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly: May 2022

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Sea Surface Temperature (Image 1): <div></div>	Sea Surface Temperature (Image 4): <div></div>
Sea level (Image 2): <div></div>	
Daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3): <div></div>	<div></div>

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Monthly sea surface temperature (Image 5): <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for July 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shapefile data extracted from Tides and Currents (2013), Maritime Boundaries, Geospatial Database: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2008), version 11. Available online at http://www.maritime.gov.au</p>	Seasonal sea surface temperature (Image 6): <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for July to September 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shapefile data extracted from Tides and Currents (2013), Maritime Boundaries, Geospatial Database: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2008), version 11. Available online at http://www.maritime.gov.au</p>
Monthly sea level (Image 7): <p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for July 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/05/2022 Issued: 07/06/2022</p>	Seasonal sea level (Image 8): <p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for July 2022 to September 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/05/2022 Issued: 07/06/2022</p>
4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9): <p>Pacific Ocean 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 03 July 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPac COMP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>	<p>Marshall Islands 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 26 June 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPac COMP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>

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Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: May 2022/March to May 2022 statement (Highly significant changes)

Below normal rainfall was recorded at Majuro for the month of May 2022, while above normal recorded at Kwajalein. For the period of March to May both Majuro and Kwajalein recorded above normal rainfall. Majuro recorded its seventh wettest March to May on record.

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Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements (Highly significant changes)

The outlook for Majuro for July is very likely to be above normal while like to be above normal for Kwajalein. The seasonal outlook for July for September is very likely to be above normal at Kwajalein, Majuro and the southern islands. On the other hand, normal to below normal rainfall is the most likely outcome for the northern islands.

The monthly maximum and minimum temperature outlook is likely to be near normal at both Majuro and Kwajalein. The seasonal maximum and minimum temperature outlook is very likely to be normal for the central and southern Marshall Islands while like to be above normal to the west and northern Marshall Islands.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: May/March to May 2022 (Highly significant changes)

For the month of May and the past three months March to May, Marshall Islands experienced normal SST conditions.

The monthly sea level anomaly was significantly higher than normal at both Majuro and Kwajalein, ranging from 50 mm to 150 mm.

The entire Marshall Islands was placed on NO STRESS status for Coral Bleaching.

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Ocean Variable statement (Highly significant changes)

The monthly outlook for SST shows normal SST conditions for most of the Marshall Islands. The monthly outlook for sea level anomaly shows below average heights of -30 to -100 mm for the entire Marshall Islands.

Coral Bleaching Outlook for the entire Marshall Islands was placed in NO STRESS status.

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TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders

Product	Date: May 2022	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of male	Number of female
Climate Bulletin					
EAR Watch					
Monthly Climate Briefing	5/25/2022	Office of the Chief Secretary and the NDMO	6	4	2
Ocean Outlook					
Climate data request					
Total			6	4	2

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