

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 172

Country: Niue

Part 1: Recent climate

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Oct-2021	Nov-2021	Dec-2021				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Hanan Airport (1905-2021)	61.2	111.5	476.3	130.3	220.4	149.3	109/117

TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for October to December 2021

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Hanan Airport (1905-2021)	649.0	Above normal	380.3	571.2	452.5	89/116

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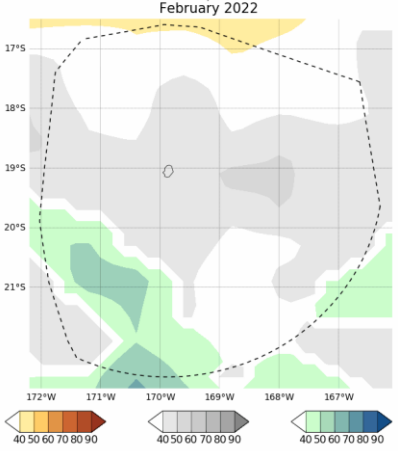
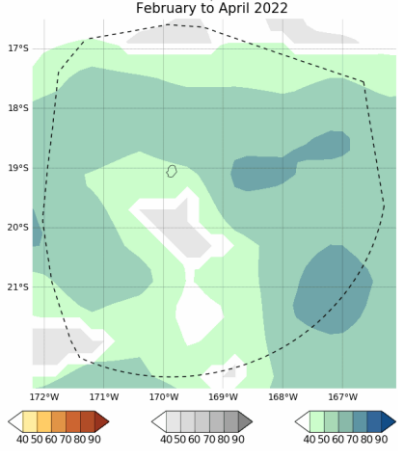
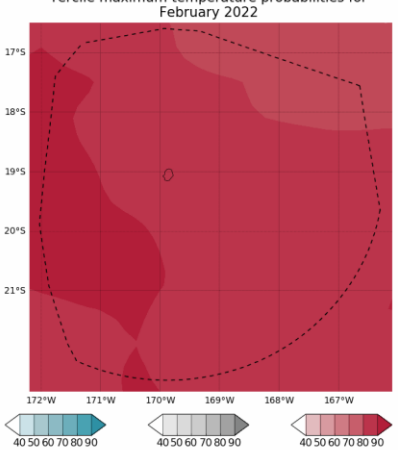
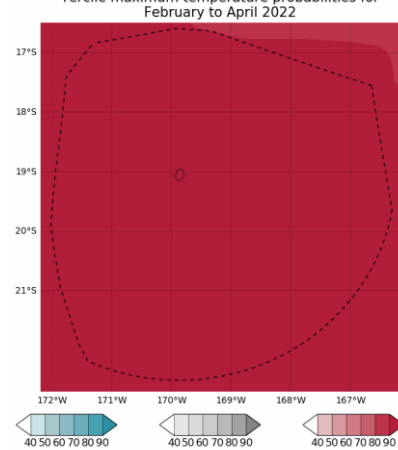
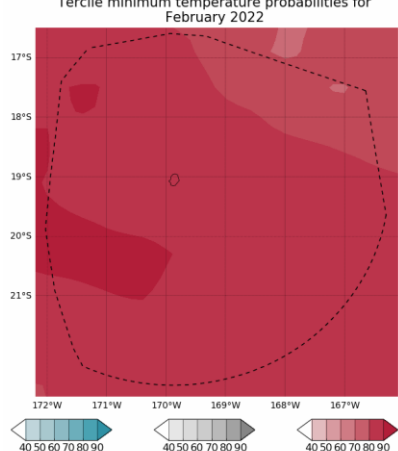
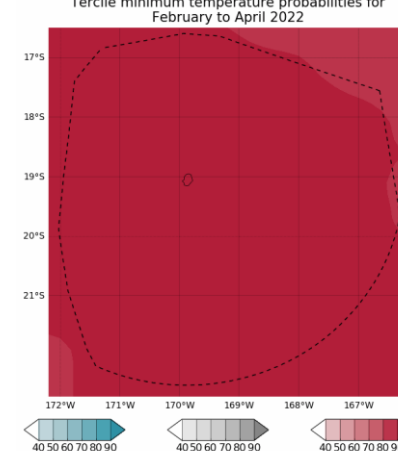
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Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for February and February to April 2022

Monthly	Seasonal
Rainfall (Image 1)	Rainfall (Image 2)
<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for February 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 06/01/2022</p>	<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for February to April 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 06/01/2022</p>
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):
<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for February 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 06/01/2022</p>	<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for February to April 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 06/01/2022</p>
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):
<p>Tercile minimum temperature probabilities for February 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 06/01/2022</p>	<p>Tercile minimum temperature probabilities for February to April 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 06/01/2022</p>

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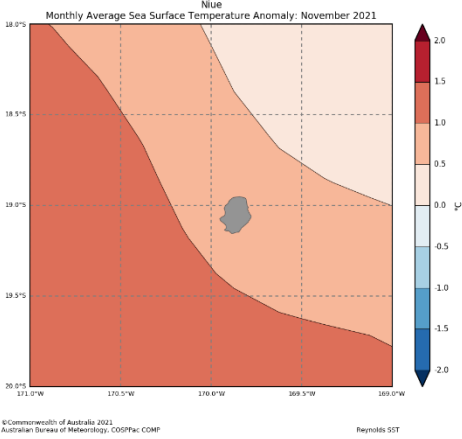
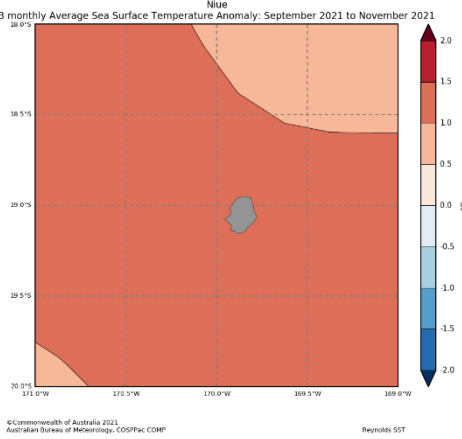
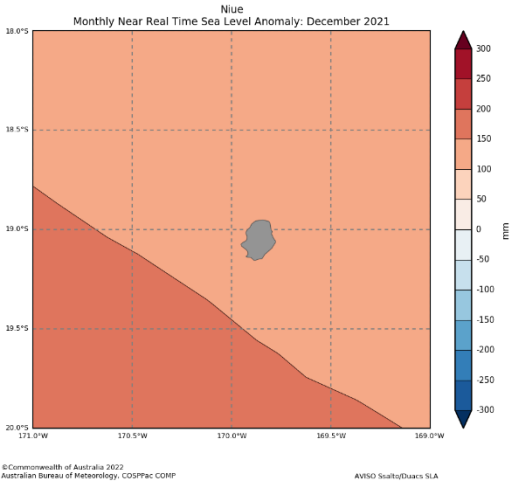
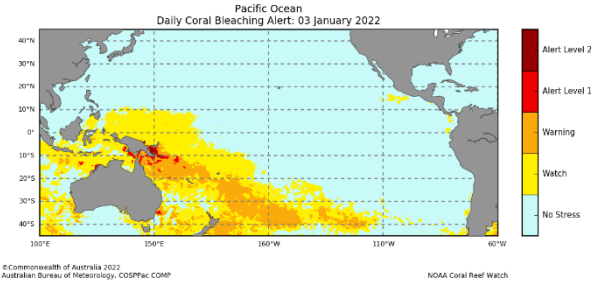
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Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly: December 2021

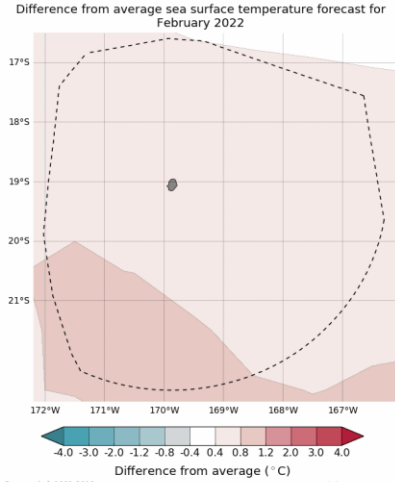
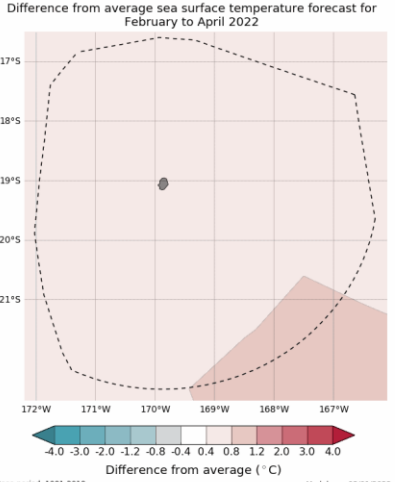
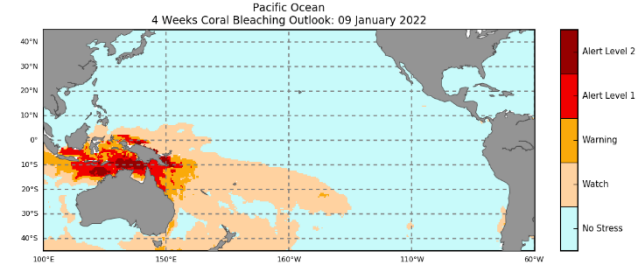
Monthly: December	Last three months: October to December 2021:
<p>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 1):</p>  <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2021 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP</p>	<p>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 4):</p>  <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2021 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP</p>
<p>Sea level (Image 2):</p>  <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP</p>	<p>Daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</p>  <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP</p>

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<p>Monthly: February</p> <p>Monthly sea surface temperature (Image 5):</p>  <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for February 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shuttle data extracted from: Fisheries Marine Institute (2020), Maritime Boundaries, Continental Shelf, Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (CEMEX), version 1.1. Available online at: http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 05/01/2022</p>	<p>Seasonal: February to April</p> <p>Seasonal sea surface temperature (Image 6):</p>  <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for February to April 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shuttle data extracted from: Fisheries Marine Institute (2020), Maritime Boundaries, Continental Shelf, Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (CEMEX), version 1.1. Available online at: http://www.marine.gov.au</p> <p>Model run: 03/01/2022 Issued: 05/01/2022</p>
<p>Monthly sea level (Image 7):</p>	<p>Seasonal sea level (Image 8):</p>
<p>4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9):</p>  <p>Pacific Ocean 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 09 January 2022</p> <p>Alert Level 2 Alert Level 1 Warning Watch No Stress</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2021 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac: COMP</p> <p>NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>	

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Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: December 2021/October to December statement (Highly significant changes)

Hanan Airports monthly and last three months: December 2021 rainfall was above normal. October to December rainfall was above normal. Hanan airport recorded its ninth wettest December on record.

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

The rainfall outlook for Niue for February is likely to be normal. Meanwhile the outlook for February to April 2022 is likely to be above normal. Maximum and Minimum monthly and seasonal temperatures is very likely to be above normal.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: December/October to December 2021 (Highly significant changes)

The Sea surface temperature for the month of December shows warmer conditions experienced in Niue with maximum temperature of 1.5 degrees Celsius. Sea level was higher than normal for Niue with a maximum of 200mm in the south west.

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Ocean Variable statement (Highly significant changes)

The outlook for Niue shows a significant temperature difference of up to 1.2 degrees Celsius warmer than average for February and over the months February to April.

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

Product	Date: December 2021	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of males	Number of females
Climate Bulletin	17 Nov 2021 NCO	General public Government officials Village council Private sector Stakeholders	50 15 20 20 30	20 10 10 5 15	30 5 10 15 15
EAR Watch					
Monthly Climate Briefing	16 Dec 2021 Radio Programs 08 Dec 2021 23 Dec 2021 Cyclone briefing	General public Government officials Government all staff New Zealand High Commission Staff Niue Met Staff	40 10 15 6 9	20 4 5 3 4	20 6 10 3 5
Ocean Outlook					
Climate data request					
Total			215	96	119

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