

# Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 173

Country: Niue

## Part 1: Recent climate

**TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall**

Station (include data period)	Nov-2021	Dec-2021	Jan-2022				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Hanan Airport (1905-2022)	111.5	476.3	386.3	194.0	325.7	255.0	94/117

**TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for November 2021 to January 2022**

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Hanan Airport (1905-2022)	974.1	Above normal	503.8	702.6	607.4	104/116

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## Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for March and March to May 2022

Monthly: March	Seasonal: March to May
Rainfall (Image 1)	Rainfall (Image 2)
<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for March 2022</p> <p>Below normal (%)    Near normal (%)    Above normal (%)</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-52 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Rugby data extracted from Rugby World Cup 2015. Maritime Boundaries: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2006), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritime.gov.au">http://www.maritime.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for March to May 2022</p> <p>Below normal (%)    Near normal (%)    Above normal (%)</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-52 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Rugby data extracted from Rugby World Cup 2015. Maritime Boundaries: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2006), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritime.gov.au">http://www.maritime.gov.au</a></p>
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):
<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for March 2022</p> <p>Below normal (%)    Near normal (%)    Above normal (%)</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-52 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Rugby data extracted from Rugby World Cup 2015. Maritime Boundaries: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2006), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritime.gov.au">http://www.maritime.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for March to May 2022</p> <p>Below normal (%)    Near normal (%)    Above normal (%)</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-52 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Rugby data extracted from Rugby World Cup 2015. Maritime Boundaries: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2006), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritime.gov.au">http://www.maritime.gov.au</a></p>
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):
<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for March 2022</p> <p>Difference from average (°C)</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-52 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Rugby data extracted from Rugby World Cup 2015. Maritime Boundaries: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2006), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritime.gov.au">http://www.maritime.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for March to May 2022</p> <p>Difference from average (°C)</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-52 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Rugby data extracted from Rugby World Cup 2015. Maritime Boundaries: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (2006), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritime.gov.au">http://www.maritime.gov.au</a></p>

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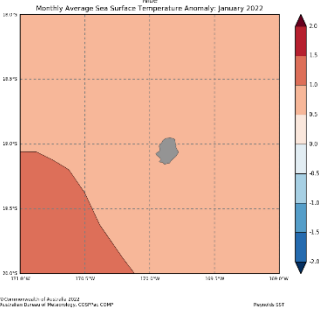
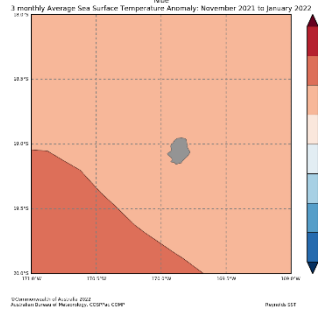
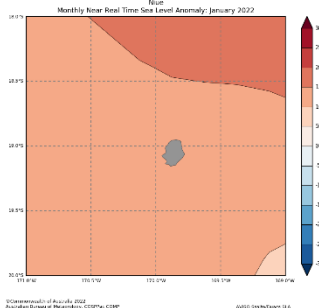
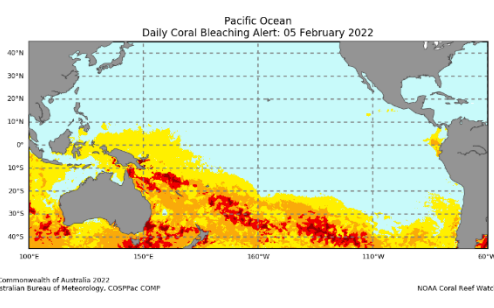
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## Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

### Monthly: January 2022

Monthly: January	Last three months: November 2021 to January 2022:
<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 1):</b></p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO/Phac COMP</p>	<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 4):</b></p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO/Phac COMP</p>
<p><b>Sea level (Image 2):</b></p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO/Phac COMP</p>	<p><b>Daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</b></p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO/Phac COMP</p> <p>NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>

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Monthly sea surface temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal sea surface temperature (Image 6):
<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for March 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1961-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/01/2022 Issued: 02/02/2022</p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for March to May 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1961-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/01/2022 Issued: 02/02/2022</p>
Monthly sea level (Image 7):	Seasonal sea level (Image 8):
<p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for March 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/01/2022 Issued: 02/02/2022</p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for March 2022 to May 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/01/2022 Issued: 02/02/2022</p>
4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9):	
<p>Pacific Ocean 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 27 February 2022</p> <p>Alert Level 2 Alert Level 1 Warning Watch No Stress</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac CORP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>	

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## Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: January 2022/November 2021 to January 2022 statement (Highly significant changes)

Hanan Airports monthly and last three months rainfall was above normal.

## Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for March and March to May 2022

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

The rainfall outlook for Niue for March is likely to be above normal while rainfall for March to May 2022 is very 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: January/November 2021 to January 2022 (Highly significant changes)

The Sea surface temperature for the month of January shows warmer conditions experienced in Niue with maximum temperature of 1.5 degrees Celsius.

## Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for March and March to May 2022

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 March and over the months March to May.

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

Product	Date: January 2022	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of males	Number of females
Climate Bulletin	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2022 NCO	General public	50	20	30
		Government officials	15	10	5
		Village council	20	10	10
		Private sector	20	5	15
		Stakeholders	30	15	15
EAR Watch					
Monthly Climate Briefing					
Ocean Outlook					
Climate data request					
<b>Total</b>			<b>135</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75</b>

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