

# Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 175

Country: Papua New Guinea

## Part 1: Recent climate

**TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall**

Station (include data period)	Jan-2022	Feb-2022	Mar-2022				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Momase Region							
Madang (1944-2022)	417.8		296.6	311.4	401.6	347.8	24/73
Nadzab (1973-2022)	156.6		101.2	141.7	202.3	158.8	7/46
Wewak (1956-2022)	164.8	169.6	63.6	132.3	184.0	155.8	5/66
Vanimo (1918-2022)	674.8	347.0	292.0	214.8	360.0	276.8	39/69
Highlands Region							
Goroka (1948-2022)	195.0			208.2	279.4	241.9	
New Guinea Islands Region							
Momote (1949-2022)	236.6	278.4	122.4	269.0	334.0	298.2	4/71
Kavieng (1916-2022)	334.0	612.6	265.8	273.0	371.7	326.8	33/90
Southern Region							
Misima (1917-2022)				219.4	329.1	254.4	
Port Moresby (1875-2022)	176.8	85.6	100.0	160.9	277.5	218.1	21/134

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

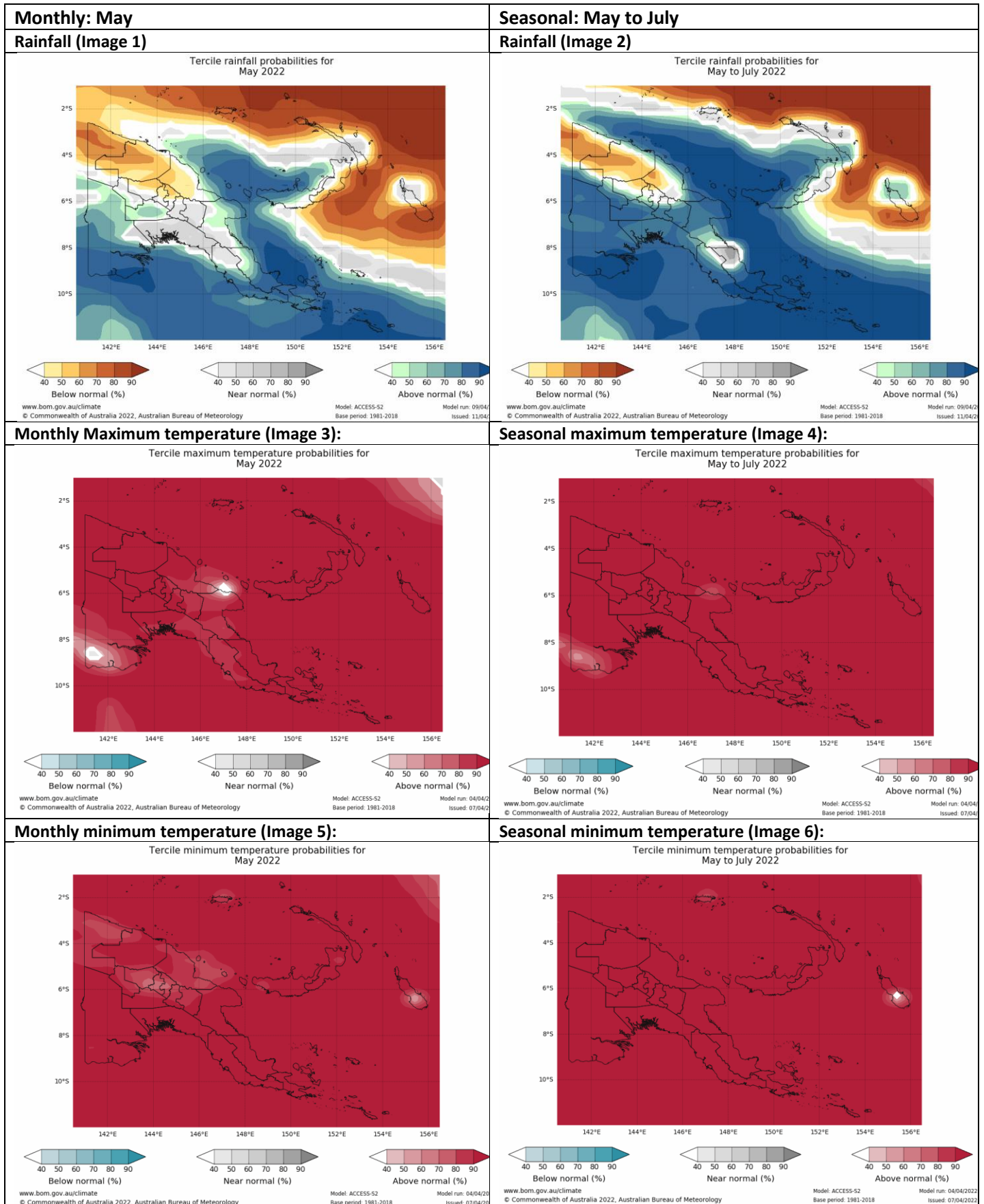
Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Momase Region						
Madang (1944-2022)			897.6	1083.0	975.8	
Nadzab (1973-2022)			436.7	525.8	740.4	
Wewak (1894-2022)	398.0	Normal	371.6	455.5	428.8	24/66
Vanimo (1918-2022)	1313.8	Above normal	773.1	964.0	881.0	60/66
Highlands Region						
Goroka (1948-2022)			643.0	781.0	709.8	
New Guinea Islands Region						
Momote (1949-2022)	637.4	Below normal	752.0	889.0	806.2	12/71
Kavieng (1917-2022)	1212.4	Above normal	836.6	979.1	918.2	76/87
Southern Region						
Misima (1917-2022)			697.9	908.3	783.3	
Port Moresby (1875-2022)	362.4	Below normal	538.5	688.4	611.2	16/134

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



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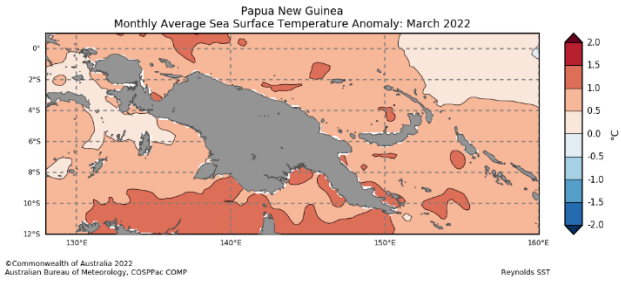
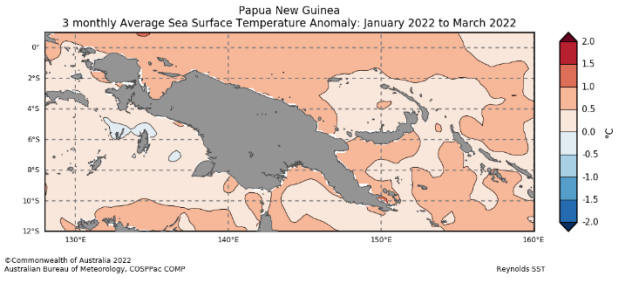
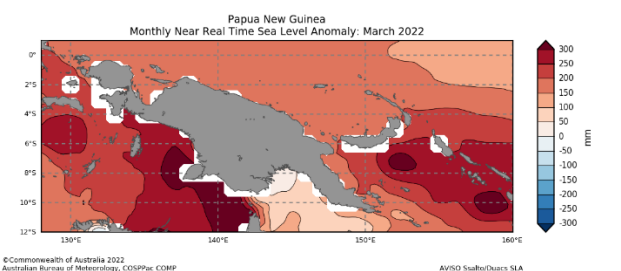
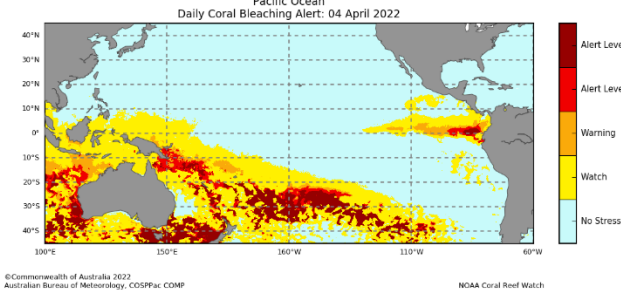
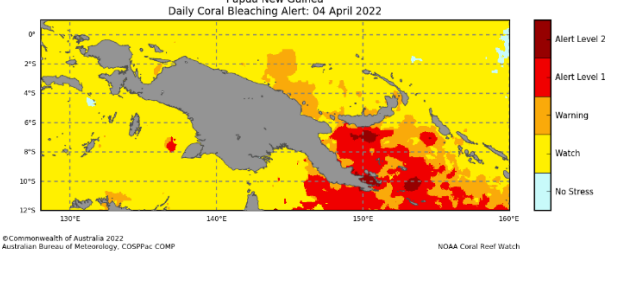
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## Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

### Monthly: March 2022

Monthly: March	Last three months: January to March 2022:
<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 1):</b></p> 	<p><b>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 4):</b></p> 
<p><b>Sea level (Image 2):</b></p> 	
<p><b>Daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</b></p> 	

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Monthly: May	Seasonal: May to July
<b>Monthly sea surface temperature (Image 5):</b> <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for May 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Issued: 16/04/2022</p>	<b>Seasonal sea surface temperature (Image 6):</b> <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for May to July 2022</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Issued: 16/04/2022</p>
<b>Monthly sea level (Image 7):</b> <p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for May 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/03/2022 Issued: 31/03/2022</p>	<b>Seasonal sea level (Image 8):</b> <p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for May 2022 to July 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018 Model Run: 28/03/2022 Issued: 31/03/2022</p>
<b>4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9):</b> <p>Pacific Ocean 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 01 May 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>	<p>Papua New Guinea 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 01 May 2022</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>

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## Summary Statement

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

*Rainfall for March was below normal rainfall across the country, except Vanimo recorded normal rainfall.*

*Momote received its fourth and Wewak received its fifth driest March on record.*

*March Rainfall data is not available for Goroka and Misima.*

*Rainfall for January to March was below normal at Momote and Port Moresby, above normal at Vanimo and Kavieng and normal at Wewak. Vanimo recorded its seventh wettest January to March on record.*

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

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

*The outlook for May for Vanimo, Wewak, Madang and parts of the Highlands and New Guinea Islands is very likely to be below normal. Above normal is very likely for Western, Central, Milne Bay, Oro and Parts of Morobe and New Britain. Normal is likely for Gulf, parts of Highlands and the New Guinea Islands.*

*The outlook for PNG for May to July is very likely to be above normal except Vanimo, Wewak, Madang and southern part of Bougainville is likely to be below normal.*

*The maximum and minimum temperature outlook for PNG for May and May to July is very likely to be above normal.*

## Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

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

*In March, most of PNG experienced above average SSTs with significant patches of above normal SSTs at 1.0 to 1.5 degree Celsius. The last months, January to March reveals that PNG experienced above average SSTs of up to 1.0 degrees Celsius.*

*The sea level anomaly for PNG in March was above normal, with significant sea level anomaly ranging from 150 to 300mm above average for Solomon Sea.*

*PNG has a 'warning to alert level 2' coral bleaching alert status for the Solomon Sea.*

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

### Ocean Variable statement (Highly significant changes)

*The outlook for sea surface temperature for PNG shows above normal temperature differences of 0.4 to 1.2°C for May and May to July, with significant temperature differences located in the Solomon Sea.*

*The outlook for sea level for PNG shows above normal sea level differences of -30mm to 200mm for May and May to July, with patches of 200-300mm southeast of PNG.*

*The outlook for coral bleaching for PNG shows a 'warning to alert level 2' status for the Solomon Sea.*

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

Product	Date: March 2022	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of male	Number of female
Climate Bulletin					
EAR Watch					
Monthly Climate Briefing					
Ocean Outlook					
Climate data request		Kumul Petroleum Holdings Ltd, NARI, UPNG, Morobe Alluvial Mining Ltd,	8	6	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

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