

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

Country: Samoa

## 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)				
Apia (1890-2022)	310.3	761.7	198.7	262.0	358.2	305.4	22/133
Afiamalu (1903-2022)	842.2	1054.5	310.2	392.9	584.5	499.4	18/70
Nafanua (1965-2022)	446.1	774.3	235.6	301.0	389.3	340.6	9/50
Faleolo (1956-2022)	237.9	397.2	93.8	170.9	242.9	213.5	4/61

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

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Apia (1890-2022)	1270.7	Normal	995.2	1292.3	1101.6	93/133
Afiamalu (1903-2022)	2206.9	Above normal	1683.0	2111.9	1820.5	48/68
Nafanua (1965-2022)	1456.0	Normal	1094.5	1658.4	1303.3	27/48
Faleolo (1956-2022)	728.9	Normal	697.0	898.0	795.8	25/61

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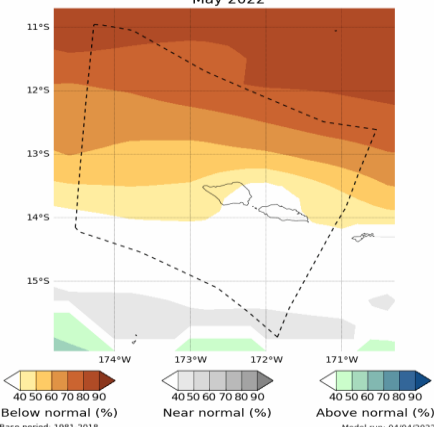
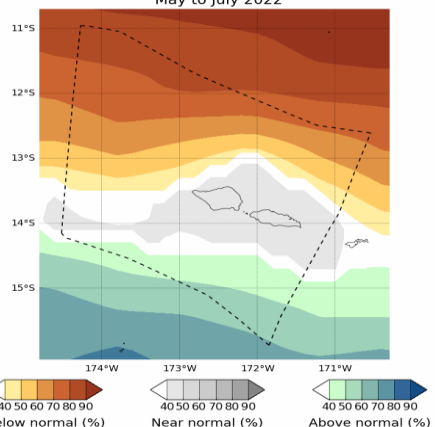
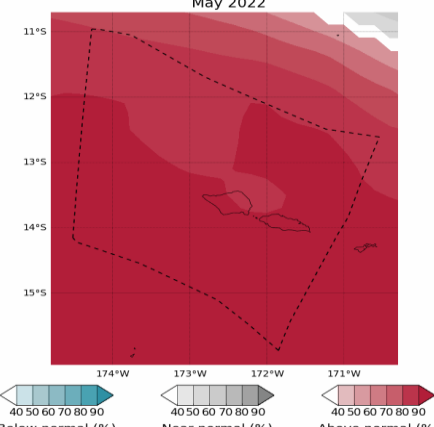
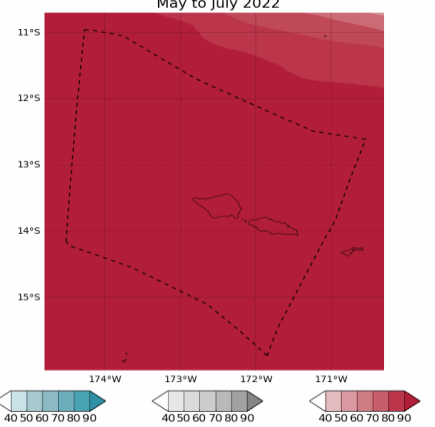
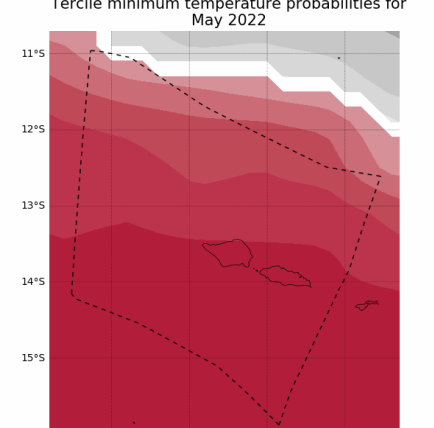
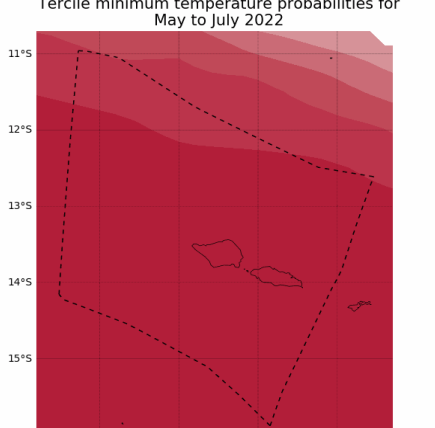
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## Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2022

Monthly: May	Seasonal: May to July
Rainfall (Image 1)	Rainfall (Image 2)
<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for May 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shapefile data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (200NM), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritimeregions.org/">http://www.maritimeregions.org/</a></p>	<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for May to July 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shapefile data extracted from Flinders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (200NM), version 11. Available online at <a href="http://www.maritimeregions.org/">http://www.maritimeregions.org/</a></p>
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):
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Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):
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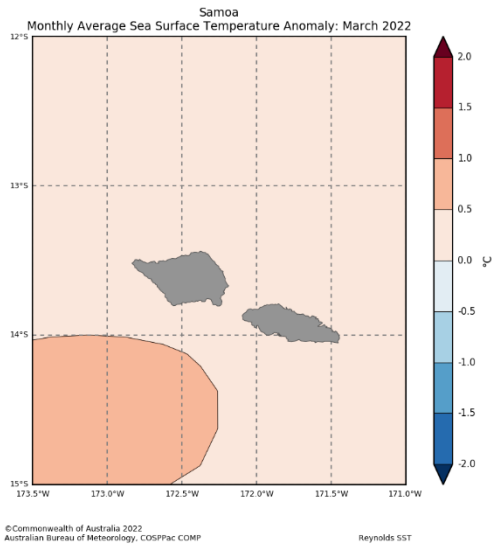
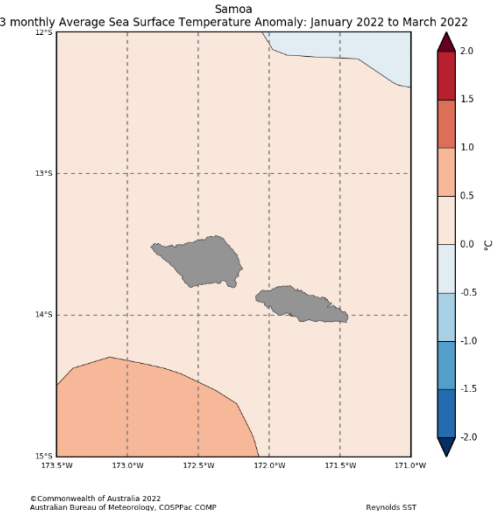
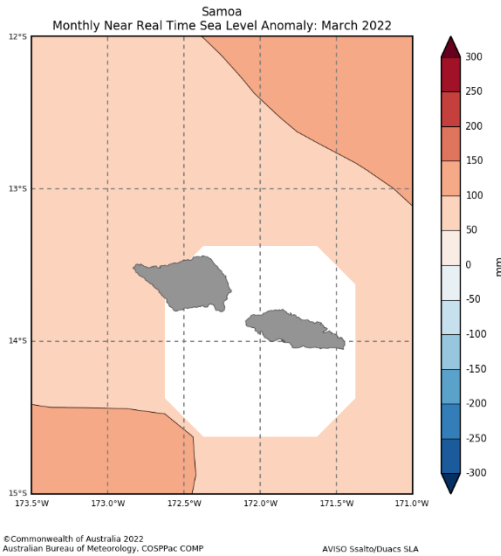
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## Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly: March 2022

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

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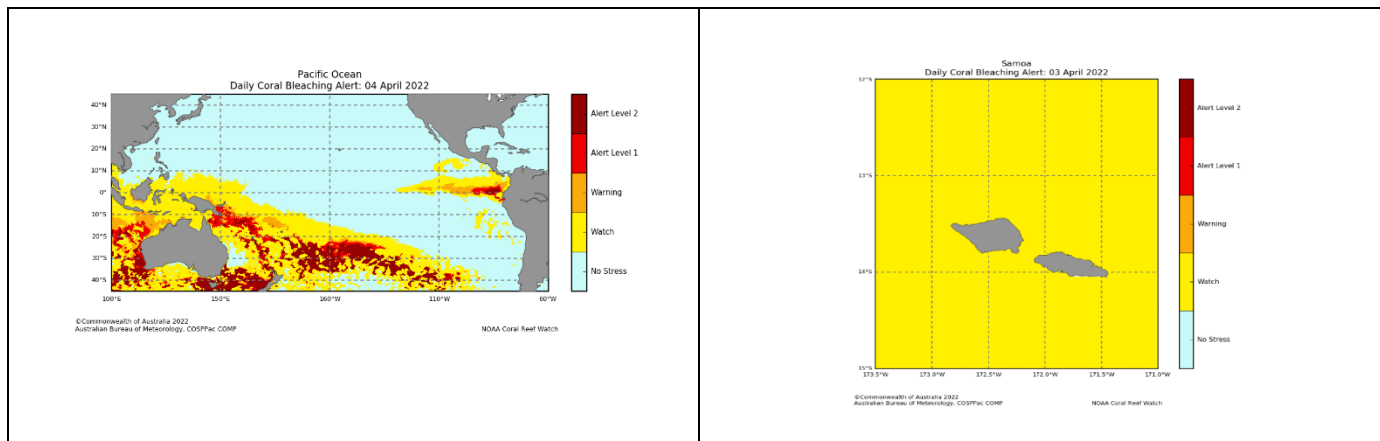
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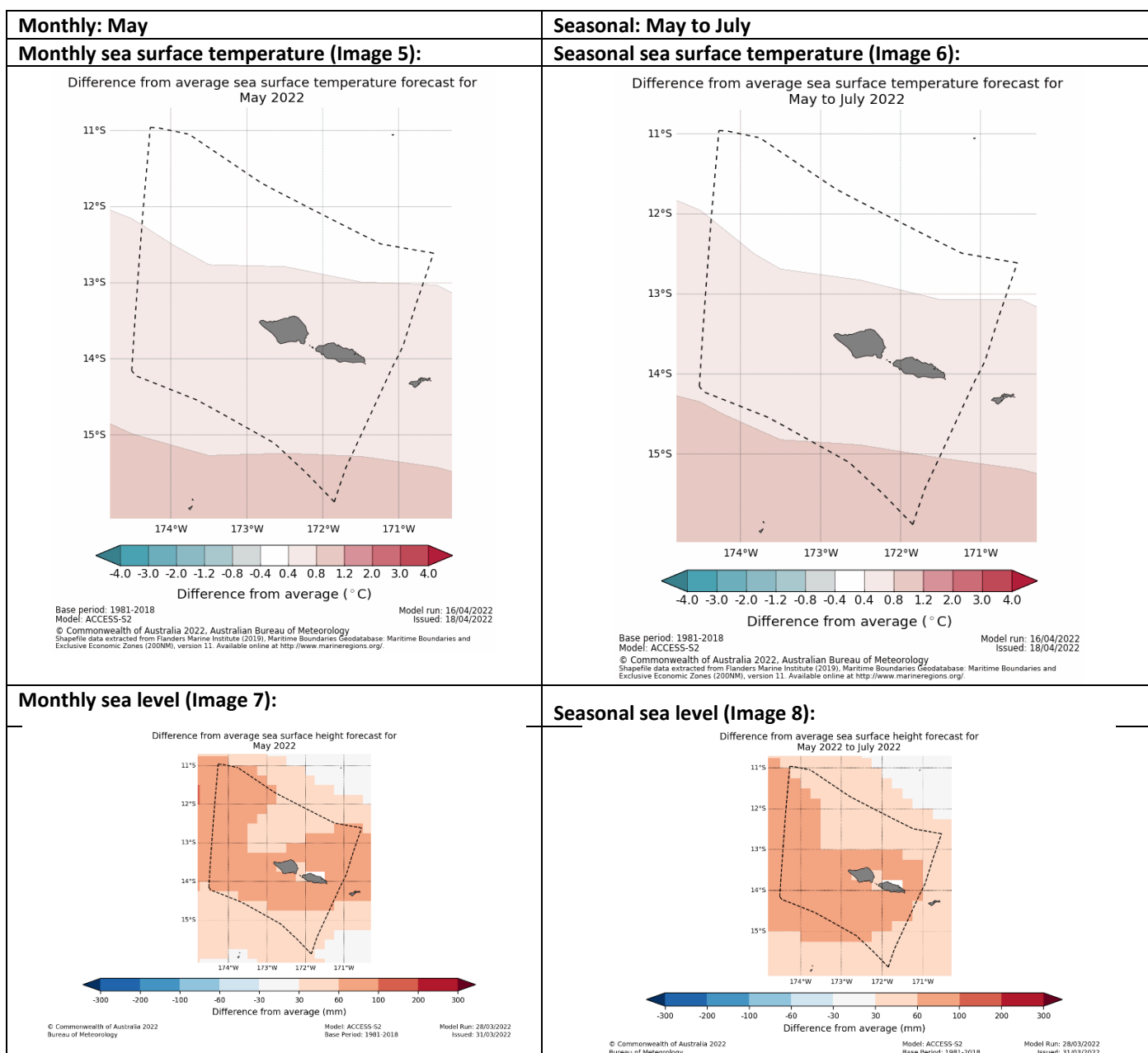
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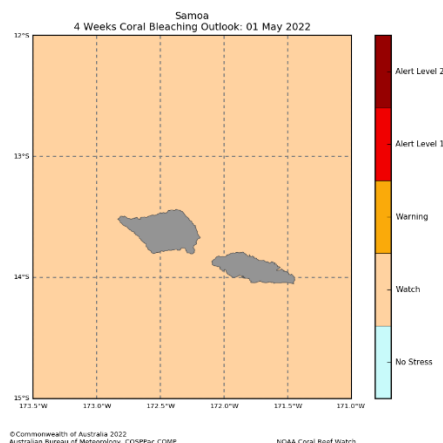
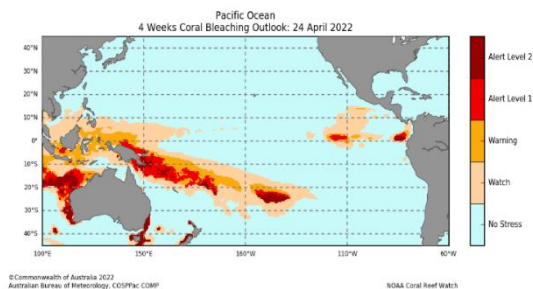
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## 4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9):



## Summary Statement

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

*Below normal* rainfall was recorded at all stations in March 2022. Faleolo recorded their 4<sup>th</sup> driest March on record.

While Afiamalu station recorded *above normal* rainfall, Apia, Nafanua and Faleolo station recorded *normal* rainfall during the three-month period, January to March 2022.

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

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

The monthly rainfall outlook towards the west of Samoa is likely to be *below normal* while the rest of the island offers little guidance as the chances of *above normal*, *normal* and *below-normal* are similar. The seasonal rainfall outlook for Samoa is likely to be *near normal*.

The monthly and seasonal temperature outlook for Samoa 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)

For March 2022, and the last three months of January to March 2022, Samoa experiences normal sea surface temperatures.

The sea level anomaly for March 2022, revealed above normal sea level differences of 50-100mm for Samoa.

The coral bleaching alert is on 'Watch' status.

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**Ocean Variable statement** (*Highly significant changes*)

### Sea Surface Temperature

The monthly and seasonal sea surface temperature outlook for Samoa shows sea surface temperatures are likely to be normal for May 2022 and for May to July 2022. **Sea Level Forecast**

The monthly and seasonal sea level outlook for Samoa shows *above normal* sea level differences of -30m to 100m for the period of May 2022 and the seasonal period of May to July 2022. **Coral Bleach**

There is a coral bleaching outlook 'Watch' for Samoa for the next four weeks.

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

Product	Date: April 2022	Stakeholder	Total Number of Participants	Number of male	Number of female
Climate Bulletin	-	-	-	-	-
EAR Watch	12 <sup>th</sup>	RED Cross, Water Authority (SWA), Media, Health, Works & Infrastructure, Land & Transport Authority, Agriculture & Fisheries, Fire Services, Ministry of Women, National University of Samoa, Tourism, Foreign Affairs, Communication and Information Technology, Disaster Managers, Marines	65	27	38
Monthly Climate Briefing	-	-	-	-	-
Ocean Outlook	12 <sup>th</sup>	RED Cross, Water Authority (SWA), Media, Health, Works & Infrastructure, Land & Transport Authority, Agriculture & Fisheries, Fire Services, Ministry of Women, National University of Samoa, Tourism, Foreign Affairs, Communication and Information Technology, Disaster Managers, Marines	65	27	38

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Climate request	data	-	-	-	-	-
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