

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

Country: Samoa

Part 1: Recent climate

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Mar-2022	Apr-2022	May-2022				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Apia (1890-2022)	198.7	182.5	167.5	144.1	236.5	175.4	68/133
Afiamalu (1903-2022)	310.2	182.4	254.9	249.2	364.6	312.6	28/69
Nafanua (1965-2022)	235.6	205.0	208.2	187.2	260.8	200.7	27/51
Faleolo (1956-2022)	93.8	132.7	118.6	101.5	178.3	135.5	26/61

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

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Apia (1890-2022)	548.7	Below normal	660.2	883.8	765.8	22/133
Afiamalu (1903-2022)	747.5	Below normal	1041.8	1299.5	1188.6	11/68
Nafanua (1965-2022)	648.8	Below normal	777.9	1015.7	869.1	11/50
Faleolo (1956-2022)	345.1	Below normal	474.9	622.0	536.2	9/60

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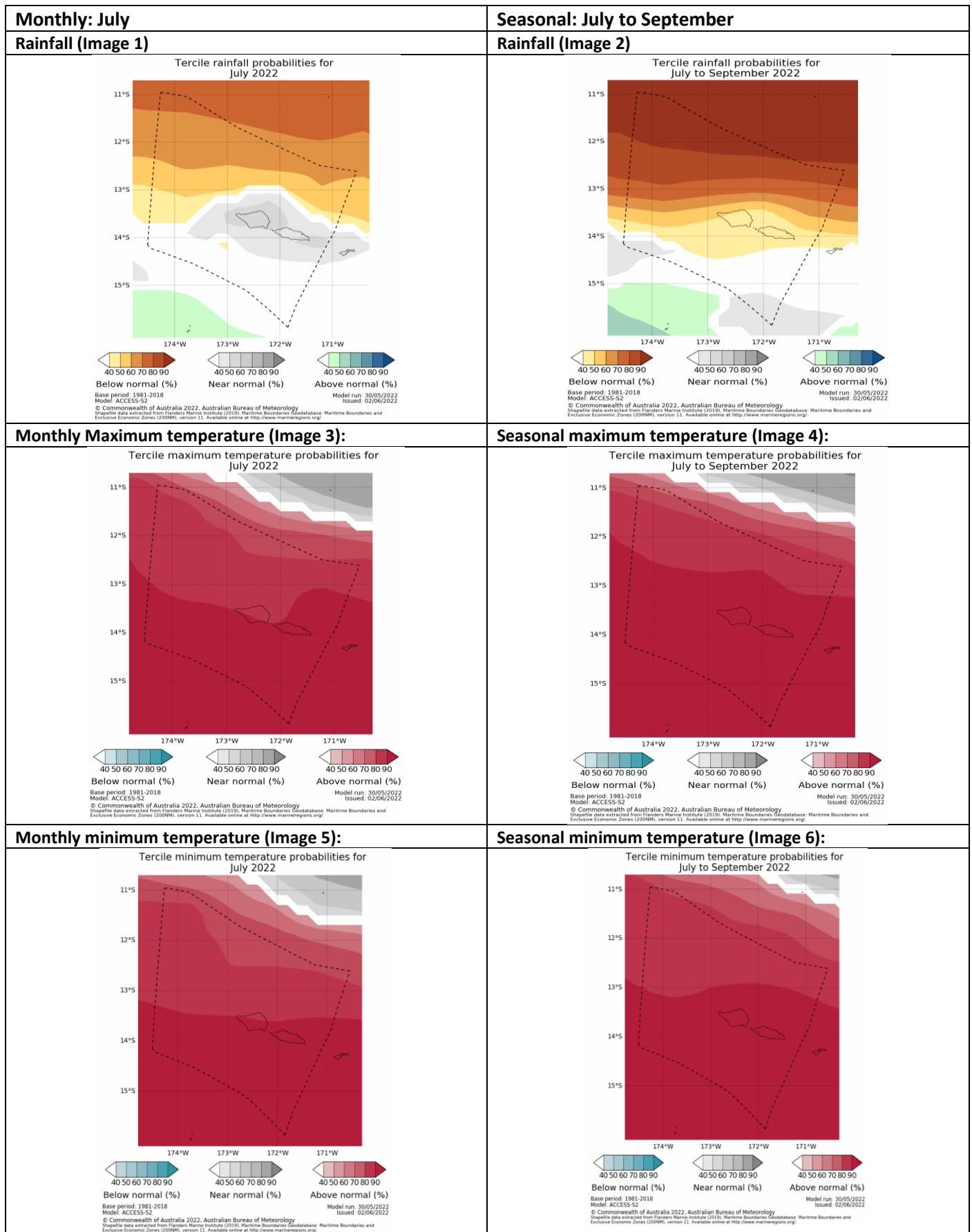
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Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly: May 2022

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<p>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 1):</p> <p>Samoa Monthly Average Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly: May 2022</p> <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP Reynolds SST</p>	<p>Sea Surface Temperature (Image 4):</p> <p>Samoa 3 monthly Average Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly: March to May 2022</p> <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP Reynolds SST</p>
<p>Sea level (Image 2):</p> <p>Samoa Monthly Near Real Time Sea Level Anomaly: May 2022</p> <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP AVISO SeaLandsat SLA</p>	
<p>Daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):</p> <p>Pacific Ocean Daily Coral Bleaching Alert: 08 June 2022</p> <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>	<p>Samoa Daily Coral Bleaching Alert: 08 June 2022</p> <p>©Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac COMP NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>

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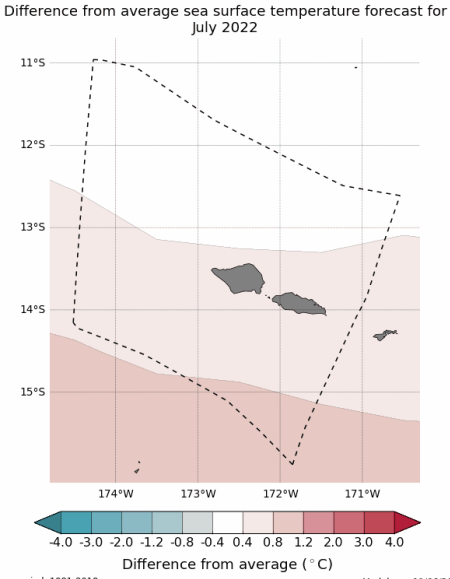
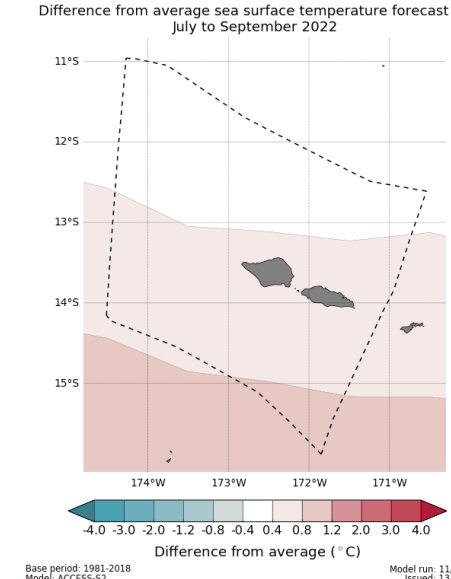
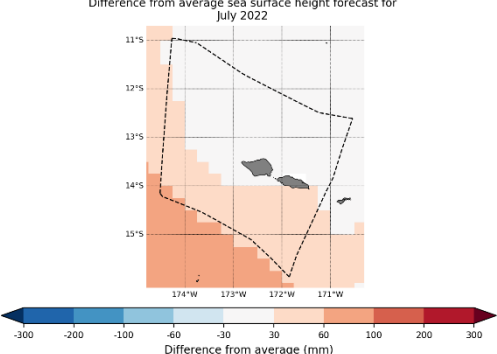
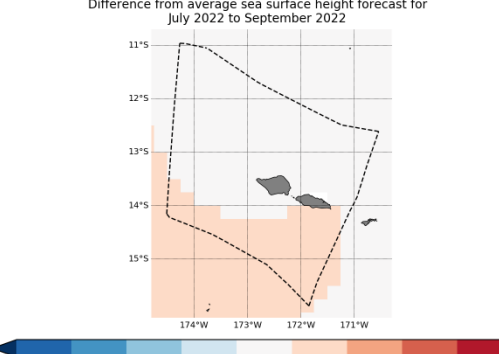
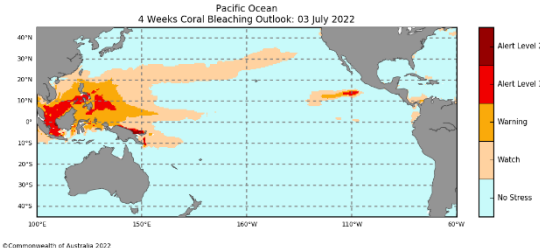
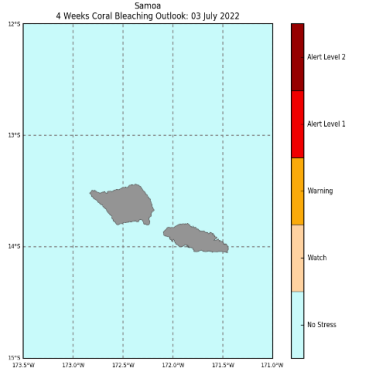
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Monthly: July	Seasonal: July to September
<p>Monthly sea surface temperature (Image 5):</p> <p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for July 2022</p>  <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 © Commonwealth of Australia 2022, Australian Bureau of Meteorology Shapefile data extracted from Flanders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (E-Zones), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marinerregions.org/</p> <p>Model run: 11/06/2022 Issued: 13/06/2022</p>	<p>Seasonal sea surface temperature (Image 6):</p> <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 Flanders Marine Institute (2019), Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase: Maritime Boundaries and Exclusive Economic Zones (E-Zones), version 1.1. Available online at http://www.marinerregions.org/</p> <p>Model run: 11/06/2022 Issued: 13/06/2022</p>
<p>Monthly sea level (Image 7):</p> <p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for July 2022</p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology</p> <p>Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018</p> <p>Model Run: 28/05/2022 Issued: 07/06/2022</p>	<p>Seasonal sea level (Image 8):</p> <p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for July 2022 to September 2022</p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Bureau of Meteorology</p> <p>Model: ACCESS-S2 Base Period: 1981-2018</p> <p>Model Run: 28/05/2022 Issued: 07/06/2022</p>
<p>4-week Coral Bleaching (Image 9):</p> <p>Pacific Ocean 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 03 July 2022</p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac CORP</p> <p>NOAA Coral Reef Watch</p>	<p>Samoa 4 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 03 July 2022</p>  <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2022 Australian Bureau of Meteorology, COSPPac CORP</p> <p>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)

Normal rainfall was recorded at all stations in May 2022.

Below normal rainfall was recorded at all stations in the past three months across Samoa.

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

The outlook for Samoa for the period of July is likely to be *near normal*. The seasonal rainfall outlook for Samoa is likely to be *below 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: May/March to May 2022 (Highly significant changes)

The monthly and three months outlook for Samoa shows sea surface temperatures are likely to be normal.

The month of May revealed above normal SST conditions with anomalies of 0.5-1.0 degrees Celsius. The last three months, March to May revealed near normal SST conditions for Samoa.

The sea level anomaly showed above average sea level heights of 100-150 mm for the month of May.

Coral bleaching alert is on 'Watch' status.

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"Ocean Variable statement (Highly significant changes)

The monthly and seasonal outlook for Samoa shows sea surface temperatures are likely to be normal for the month of July and seasonal months of July to September.

The monthly and seasonal outlook for Samoa shows sea surface heights are likely to be normal for July and July to September.

The outlook for Samoa shows no thermal stress for the next four weeks.

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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
EAR Watch	10th	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
Ocean Outlook	10th	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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