

Country: **Vanuatu**

Part 1: Recent climate

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Jan-2026	Feb-2026	Mar-2026				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Northern Region							
Sola (1971-2026)	334.6	270.9	423.6	318.6	452.6	388.1	32/54
Pekoa (1971-2026)	485.2	165.1	213.5	194.3	288.4	242.6	24/56
Lamap (1961-2026)							
Southern Region							
Bauerfield (1972-2026)	268.4	489.5	333.5	254.3	341.4	309.0	33/54
Port Vila (1953-2026)	206.5	404.5	368.5	252.4	381.5	306.5	49/74
Whitegrass (1972-2026)	112.4	589.4	159.5	142.4	228.8	192.6	22/55
Aneityum (1952-2026)	144.8	395.7	495.3	233.4	373.0	303.7	62/75

TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for January to March 2026

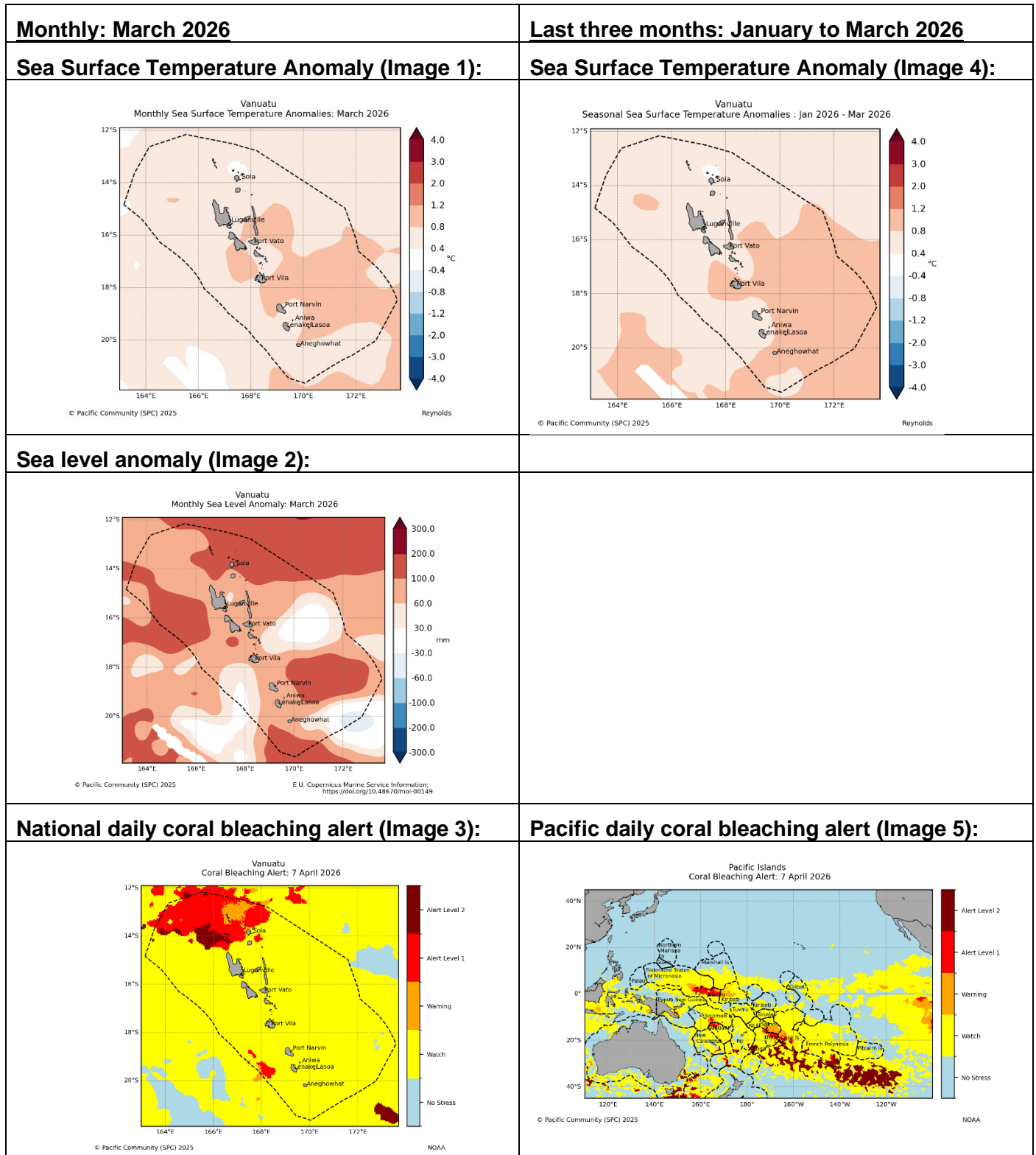
Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Northern Region						
Sola (1971-2026)	1029.1	Normal	1016.2	1175.5	1071.9	20/52
Pekoa (1971-2026)	863.8	Normal	756.7	971.1	833.5	30/56
Lamap (1961-2026)						
Southern Region						
Bauerfield (1972-2026)	1091.4	Above normal	800.4	1047.6	983.3	39/54
Port Vila (1953-2026)	979.5	Normal	751.9	1008.3	862.5	47/74
Whitegrass (1972-2026)	861.3	Above normal	496.3	676.8	553.0	48/54
Aneityum (1952-2026)	1035.8	Above normal	749.8	974.6	863.3	57/74

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026

Monthly: May 2026	Seasonal: May to July 2026
Rainfall (Image 1)	Rainfall (Image 2)
<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for May 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 09/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026. Bureau of Meteorology supported by CSIRO.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>	<p>Tercile rainfall probabilities for May to July 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 09/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026. Bureau of Meteorology supported by CSIRO.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):
<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for May 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 09/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026. Bureau of Meteorology supported by CSIRO.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>	<p>Tercile maximum temperature probabilities for May to July 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 09/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026. Bureau of Meteorology supported by CSIRO.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):
<p>Tercile minimum temperature probabilities for May 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 09/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026. Bureau of Meteorology supported by CSIRO.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>	<p>Tercile minimum temperature probabilities for May to July 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 09/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2026. Bureau of Meteorology supported by CSIRO.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019).</p>

Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

Monthly/Three months: March and January to March 2026



Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026

<p>Monthly: May 2026</p>	<p>Seasonal: May to July 2026</p>
<p>Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):</p>	<p>Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):</p>
<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for May 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 08/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2025. Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPA.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019)</p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface temperature forecast for May to July 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 08/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2025. Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPA.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019)</p>
<p>Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):</p>	<p>Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):</p>
<p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for May 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 08/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2025. Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPA.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019)</p>	<p>Difference from average sea surface height forecast for May to July 2026</p> <p>Base period: 1981-2018 Model: ACCESS-S2 Model run: 06/04/2026 Issued: 08/04/2026</p> <p>© Commonwealth of Australia 2025. Bureau of Meteorology, supported by COSPPA.</p> <p>--- EEZ border V11 (Flanders Marine Institute, 2019)</p>
<p>National 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 9):</p>	<p>Pacific 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 10):</p>
<p>Vanuatu 4 Week Coral Bleaching Outlook: 27 April 2026</p> <p>Alert Level 2 Alert Level 1 Warning Watch No Stress</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p>	<p>Pacific Islands 4 Week Coral Bleaching Outlook: 27 April 2026</p> <p>Alert Level 2 Alert Level 1 Warning Watch No Stress</p> <p>© Pacific Community (SPC) 2025</p>

Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: March/January to March 2026 statement

Rainfall for March was near normal over Sola, Pekoa, Bauerfield, Port Vila and White grass and above normal over Aneityum station. For the past three months rainfall was near normal over Sola, Pekoa and Port Vila and above normal over Bauerfield, Whitegrass and Aneityum stations.

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026

Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall for May 2026 is likely to be below normal over Santo, west of Tanna and Aneityum. In the rest of Vanuatu, the outlook shows May rainfall is likely to be near normal.

The rainfall for May to July 2026 is very likely to be Below normal over the Northern, central and southern regions.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during May 2026 are very likely to be above normal over northern, central and southern regions.

Maximum and minimum temperatures averaged over May to July 2026 are very likely to be above normal over the northern, central and southern regions.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: March/January to March 2026

March sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around Vanuatu were 0.4 to 1.2°C above normal.

Averaged over January to March 2026, sea surface temperatures around Vanuatu were 0.4 to 1.2°C above normal.

March sea levels around Vanuatu were 60 to 200 mm above normal.

Coral bleaching Alert Levels 1 and 2 status are in effect for the northern region. Meanwhile, a coral bleaching Watch status is currently in effect for northern central and southern regions as of 7th April 2026.

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for May and May to July 2026

Ocean Variable statement

May 2026 sea surface temperatures around Vanuatu are predicted to be 0.4 to 0.8°C above normal.

Averaged over May to July 2026, sea surface temperatures around Vanuatu are predicted to be -0.4 to 0.4 near-normal to 0.4 to 0.8°C above normal.

May 2026 sea levels around Torba, Sanma and Penama are predicted to be 30 to 60mm above normal; sea levels around the central region are predicted to be near normal and sea levels around the southern region are predicted to be 30 to 60mm below normal.


Averaged over May to July 2026, sea levels around Torba Province are predicted to be 30 to 60mm above normal; sea levels around Sanma, Penama, Malampa and Shefa are predicted to be near normal and sea levels around the southern regions are predicted to be 30 to 60mm below normal.


Coral Bleaching outlook indicates a Watch status for Torba and a No stress status for Sanma, Penama, Malampa, Shefa and Tafea for the next 4 weeks.

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was near-normal over sola, Pekoia and Port Vila for March and January to March 2026, except Bauerfield, whitegrass and Aneityum where rainfall was above normal for both periods.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates below average most likely in May 2026 but Below Average is likely for total rainfall over May to July 2026.
- SSTs were above normal for March and January to March 2026. The outlook shows above normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal over all regions for March. Below normal to above normal sea levels are predicted for May and May to July 2026.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement- Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (March 2026)




<i>Product</i>	<i>Stakeholder</i>	<i>Total Number of Participants</i>	<i>Number of Male</i>	<i>Number of Female</i>	<i>Disability</i>	<i>Age group</i>	<i>Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)</i>
Climate Bulletin	General public	23					
EAR Watch	General public	14					
Monthly Climate Briefing	Gov & NGO'S	17					
Ocean Outlook	General public	25					
Climate data request							
Outreach programs	Education	103					

Climate science 101 training	World vision	19	8	11			
Total							

Stakeholder category	Do your products reach this group? (Y/N)	Tailored product? (Y/N)
Agriculture sector	Yes	Yes
Disaster Risk Reduction sector	Yes	No
Energy sector	Yes	No
Health sector	Yes	Yes
Water sector	Yes	No
Fisheries and Aquaculture sector	Yes	Yes
Tourism sector	Yes	Yes
Maritime sector	Yes	No
Research & education sector	Yes	No
Women's [] organisations	Yes	No
National disability organisations	Yes	No
Community based organisations (e.g. councils)	Yes	No
Products offered in local dialects/ languages	Yes	Yes

Table 4: Impacts of Severe weather and climate events

Country: Vanuatu

Period/date	Synoptic Situation	Hazard Type	Impacts (text/image) Latitude/Longitude	Sector Affected	Number of Fatalities
March 2026		Extreme rainfalls	 <p>Vanuatu Daily Post April 2 at 10:26 AM · 48 The ciguatera fish poisoning outbreak in the country remains, as 11 new cases have been reported by the Ministry of Health (MOH). Read more: https://www.dailypost.vu/.../article_de95d5-1376-5tc4...</p> <p>11 NEW CIGUATERA FISH POISONING CASES</p> <p>READ MORE AT WWW.DAILYPOST.VU</p> <p>DAILY POST</p>	Fisheries	None
March 2026		Extreme rainfall	 <p>Ex post office building, Port Vila</p> <p>VanDrive · Follow Port Vila town today</p>	infrastructure	None
March 2026		Extreme rainfall		Infrastructure	none