

Pacific Islands - Ocean and Climate Outlook Forum (OCOF) No. 225

Country: **Vanuatu**

Part 1: Recent climate

TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Mar-2026	Apr-2026	May-2026				Rank
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Northern Region							
Sola (1971-2026)	423.6	296.9	42.8	274.3	454.8	363.5	1/54
Pekoa (1971-2026)	213.5	234.4	12.8	122.2	233.8	198.3	1/56
Lamap (1961-2026)							
Southern Region							
Bauerfield (1972-2026)	333.5	264.5	81.5	101.2	221.3	146.4	12/54
Port Vila (1953-2026)	368.5	305.0	32.0	100.6	177.1	143.2	3/73
Whitegrass (1972-2026)	159.5	137.4	65.1	45.0	111.3	70.6	25/55
Aneityum (1952-2026)	495.3	292.3	115.9	114.8	205.5	166.6	26/74

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

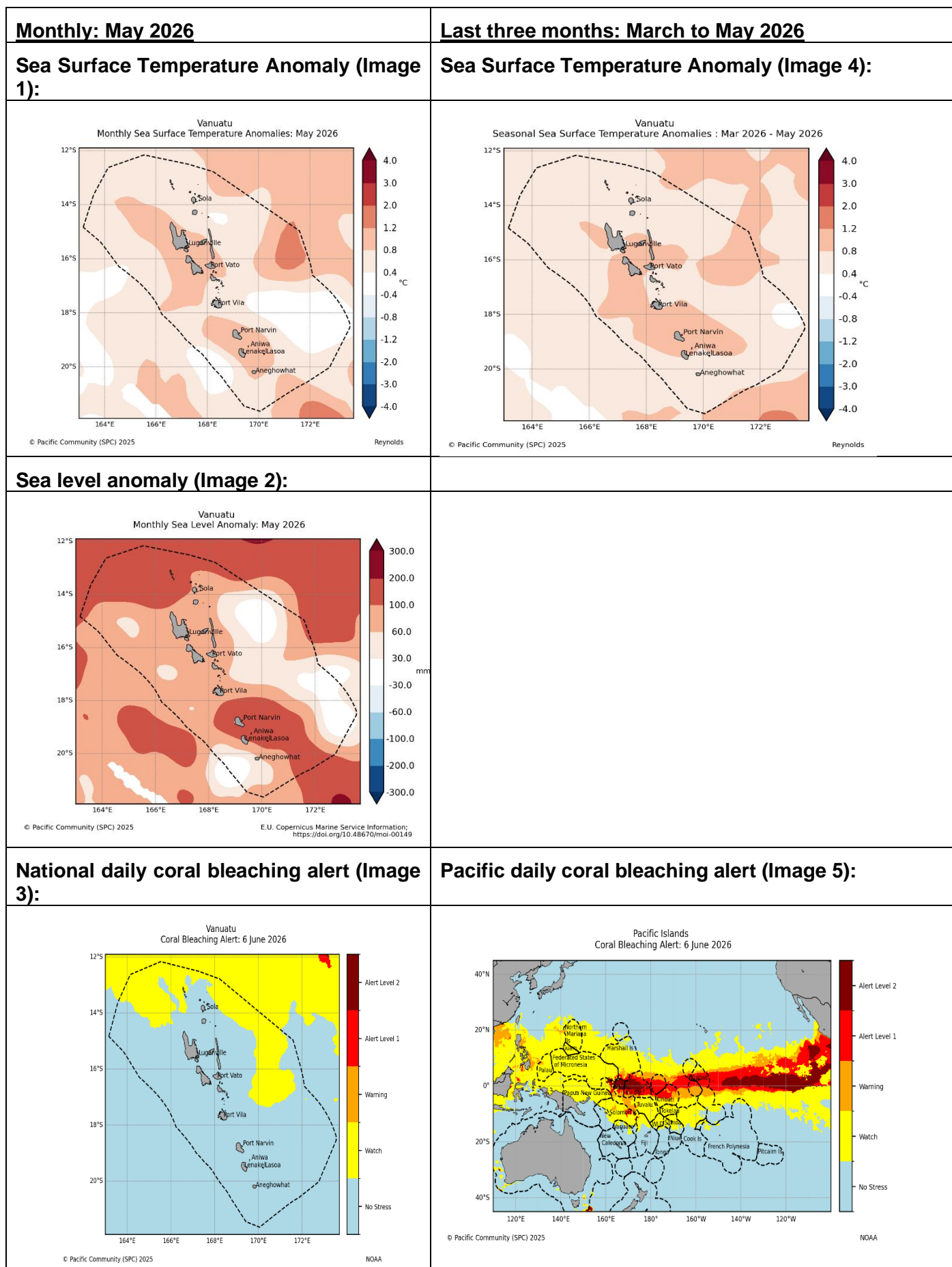
Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Northern Region						
Sola (1971-2026)	763.3	Below normal	1127.8	1381.2	1286.9	5/55
Pekoa (1971-2026)	460.7	Below normal	617.9	845.3	707.0	8/56
Lamap (1961-2026)						
Southern Region						
Bauerfield (1972-2026)	679.5	Normal	625.5	882.4	747.0	23/54
Port Vila (1953-2026)	705.5	Normal	602.8	827.5	718.0	36/72
Whitegrass (1972-2026)	362.0	Normal	328.0	474.5	371.6	26/55
Aneityum (1952-2026)	903.5	Above normal	614.3	849.6	730.3	54/74

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

Monthly: June 2026	Seasonal: June to August 2026
Rainfall (Image 1)	Rainfall (Image 2)
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):

Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

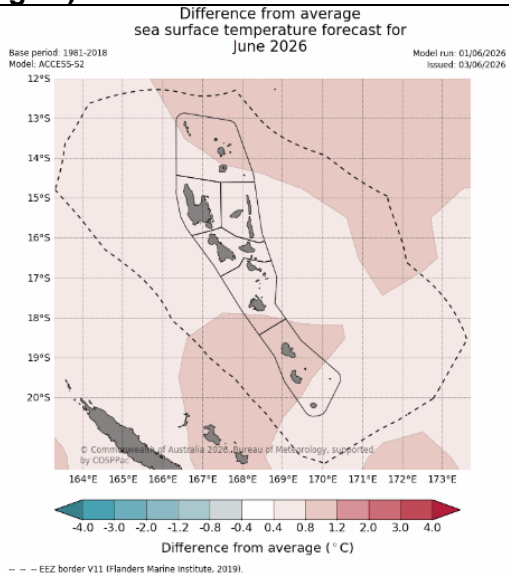
Monthly/Three months: May and March to May 2026



Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

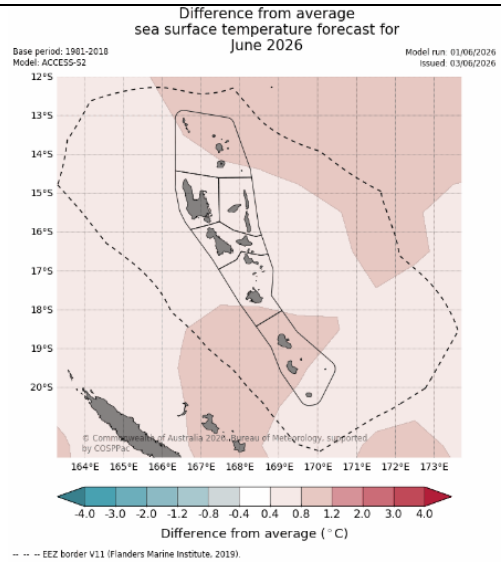
Monthly: June 2026

Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):

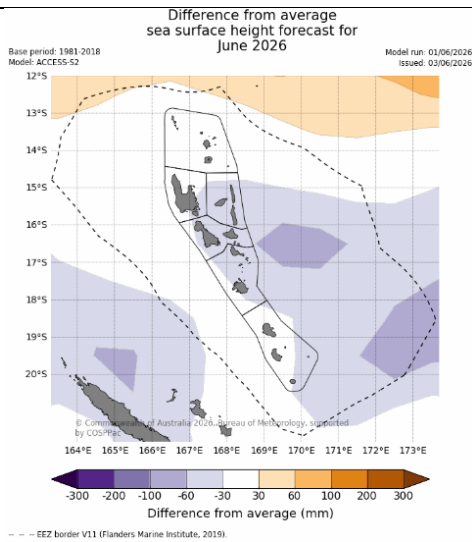


Seasonal: June to August 2026

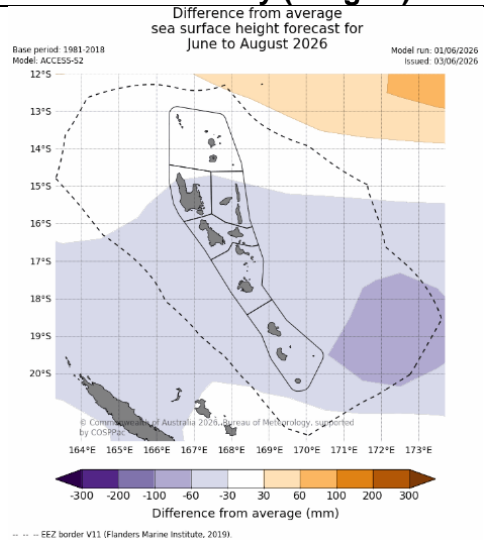
Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):



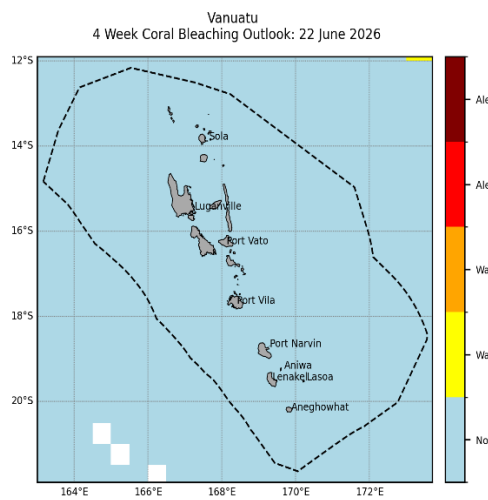
Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):



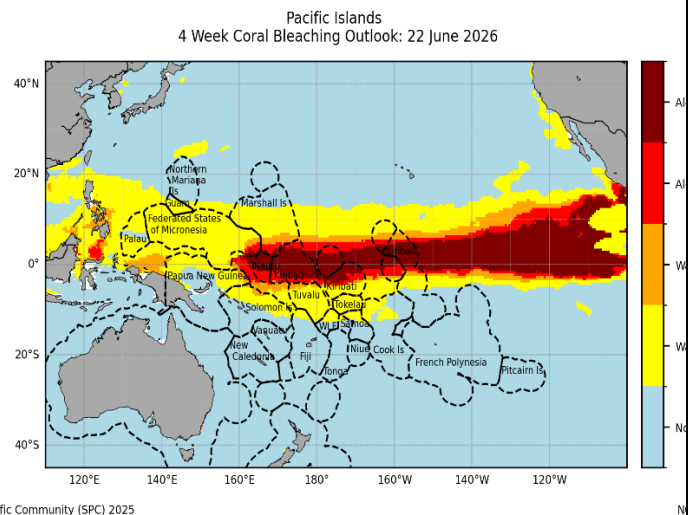
Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):



National 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 9):



Pacific 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 10):



Summary Statement

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

Rainfall for May was near normal over White grass and Aneityum station while below normal for Sola, Pekoa, Bauerfield, and Port Vila. It was the driest May for both Sola and Pekoa, and the 3rd driest for Port Vila. For the past three months rainfall was near normal over Port Vila, Bauerfield and Whitegrass stations while above normal for Aneityum. Sola and Pekoa recorded below normal and Sola recording the 5th driest for the same period.

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

Monthly /Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

[Use whichever parts of the following generic statements that are appropriate for your country]

Rainfall for June is near normal over Vanuatu Islands, except for some parts of Sanma, Penama, Malampa and Shefa are below normal.

Rainfall for June to August is below normal for Malampa, Shefa and Tafea while Penama, Sanma and Torba province are near normal.

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

Maximum and minimum temperatures averaged over June to August 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: May/March to May 2026

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

March to May 2026, sea surface temperatures around Vanuatu were 0.8 to 1.2°C above normal.

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

A coral bleaching Watch status is currently in effect for Torba province, elsewhere is no stress as of 6 June 2026.

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for June and June to August 2026

Ocean Variable statement

June 2026 sea surface temperatures around Vanuatu are predicted to be 0.4 to 1.2°C above normal.

Averaged over June to August 2026, sea surface temperatures around Vanuatu are predicted to be 0.4 to 1.2°C above normal.

June 2026 sea levels around Torba, Sanma and Tafea are predicted to be 30 to 60mm above normal. Sea level around Penama, Malampa and Shefa are predicted to be 60mm below normal.


Averaged over June to August 2026, sea levels around Torba Province are predicted to be 30mm above normal. Sea level around Sanma, Penama, Malampa, Shefa and Tafea are predicted to be 60mm below normal.

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

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was near-normal to below-normal over all stations in Vanuatu for May and from March to May
- The rainfall for June is near normal over Vanuatu Islands, except for some parts of Sanma, Penama, Malampa and Shefa are below normal.
- Rainfall for June to August is below normal for Malampa, Shefa and Tafea while Penama, Sanma and Torba province are near normal.
- SSTs were above normal for June and June to August 2026. The outlook shows above normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels around Torba, Sanma and Tafea are predicted to be above normal, while below normal for Penama, Malampa and Shefa. The outlook shows above normal for Torba while below normal for Sanma, Penama, Malampa and Shefa for the next one and three months.

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						
Climate science 101 training	World vision	16	3	13			
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

