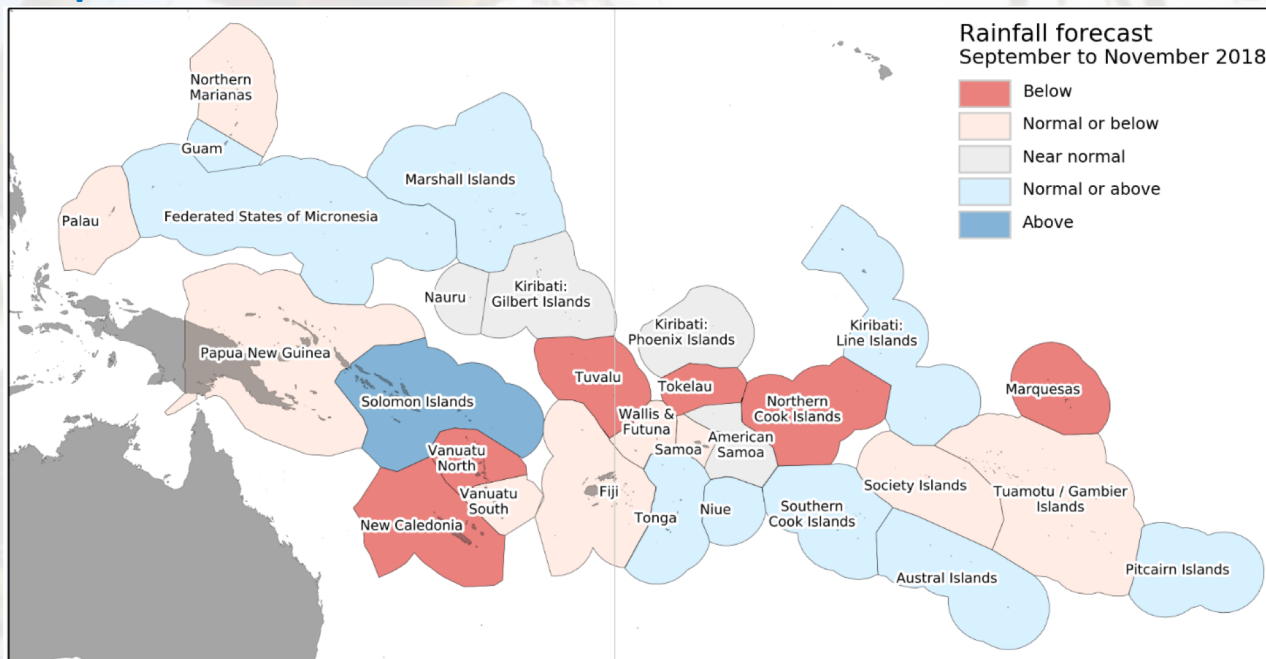


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September to November 2018 rainfall forecast

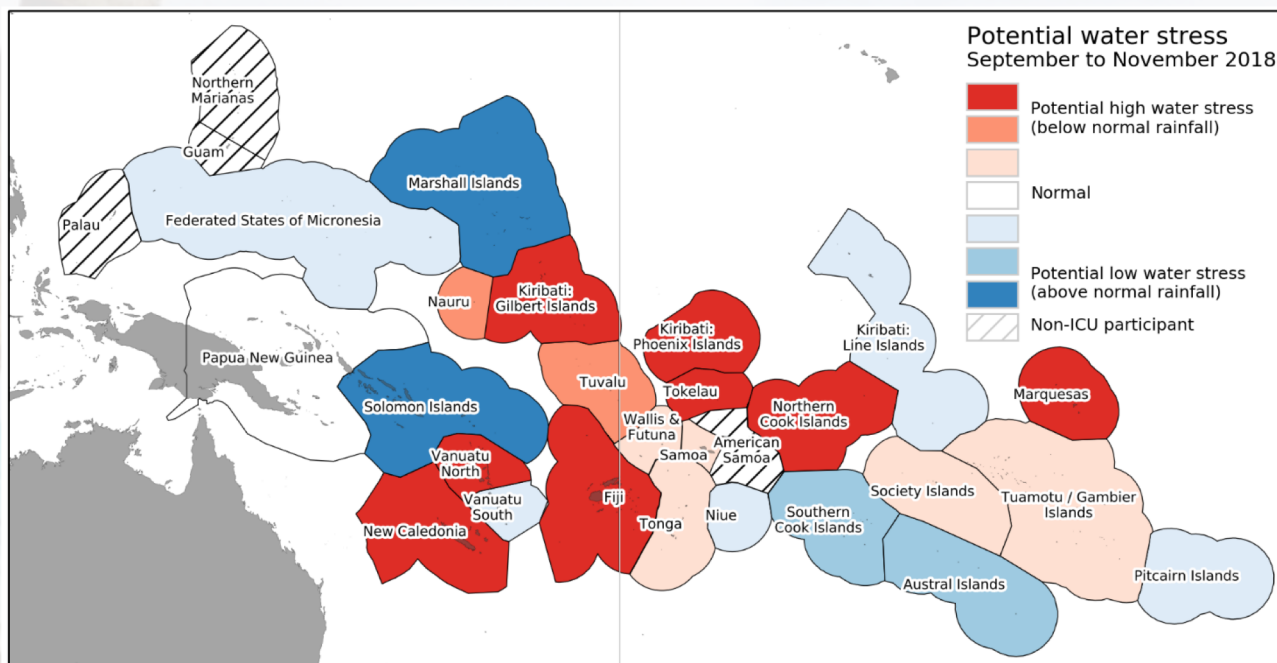


Regional drought potential advisory

Based on rainfall anomaly classification over the past six months and forecast rainfall anomaly classification over the next 3 months

A number of island groups are at risk from high water stress over the next three months, as they have received low rainfall over the past few months and dry conditions are forecast. These include: **New Caledonia, northern Vanuatu, Tokelau, the northern Cook Islands and the Marquesas.**

Other countries to watch for water stress are **Fiji, western Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) and central Kiribati (Phoenix Islands).**



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