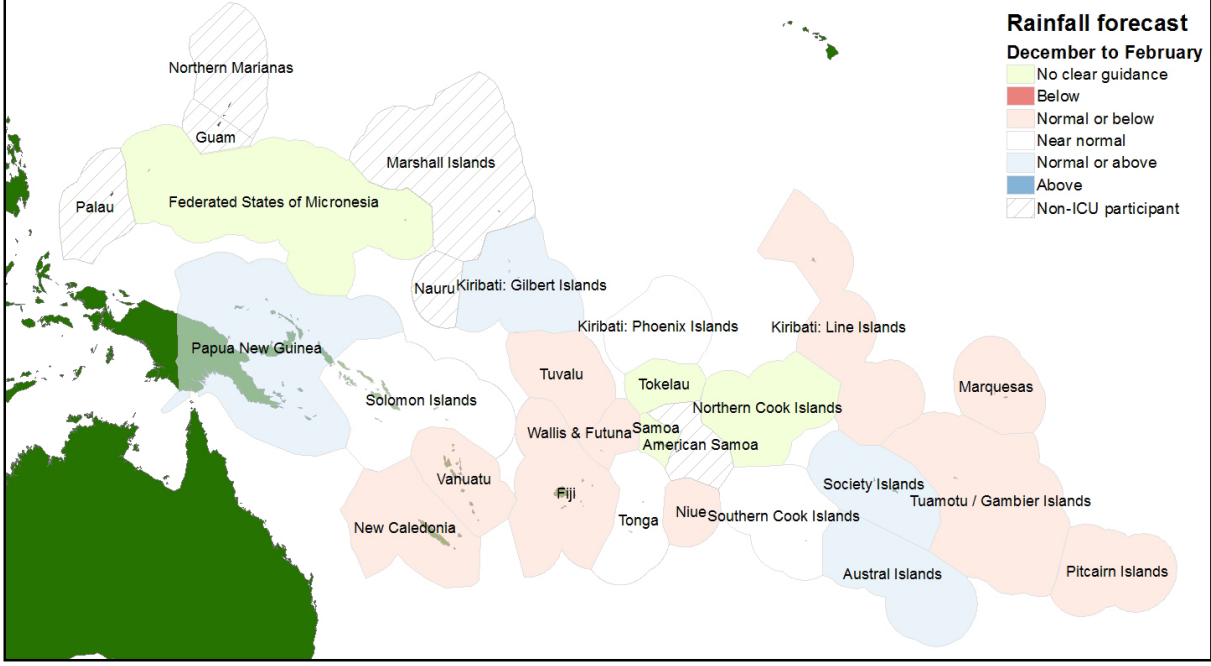


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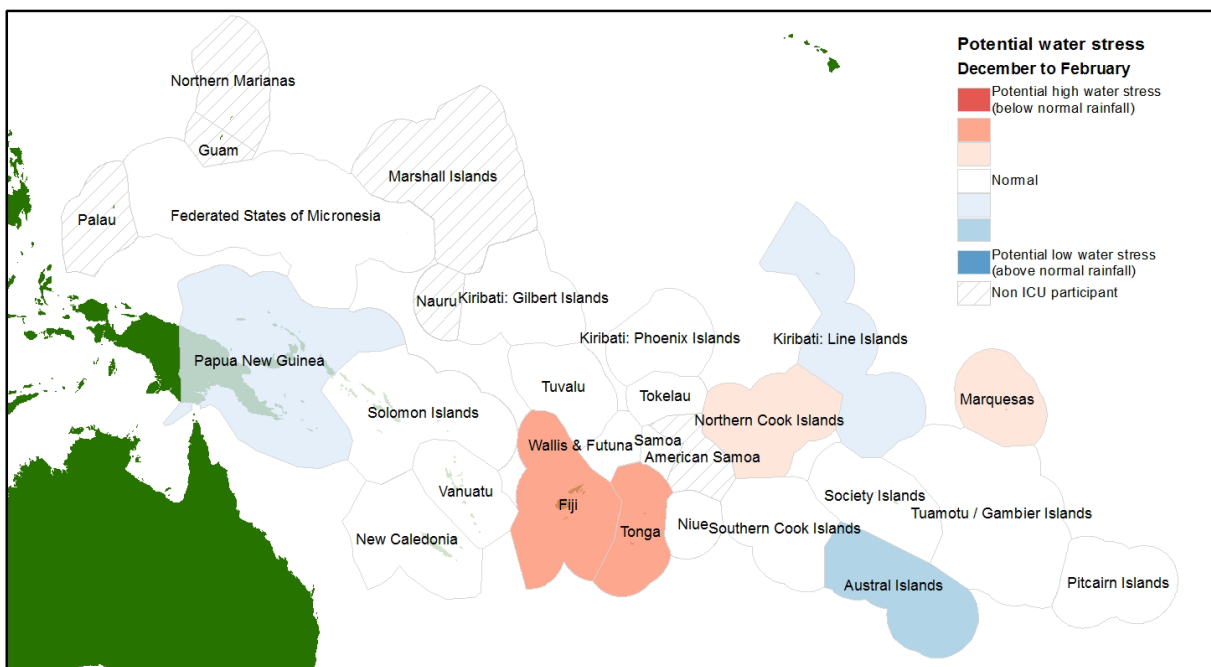
December 2014 to February 2015 rainfall forecast



Regional drought potential advisory

Based on weighted rainfall anomaly classification over the past 6 months and forecast rainfall anomaly classification.

- Fiji:** Well below normal rainfall in June to September and below normal rainfall during November. Normal or below normal rainfall is predicted once again for the coming 3 months.
- Tonga:** Below to well below normal rainfall over the past 6 months. Normal conditions forecast over the coming 3 months might not be enough to replenish the reserves.
- Marquesas:** Well below or below normal rainfall experienced from June to October with continuing drier than normal conditions predicted for the next 3 months.
- Northern Cook Islands:** 4 out of the last 6 months below or well-below normal. No clear guidance for the next 3 months



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