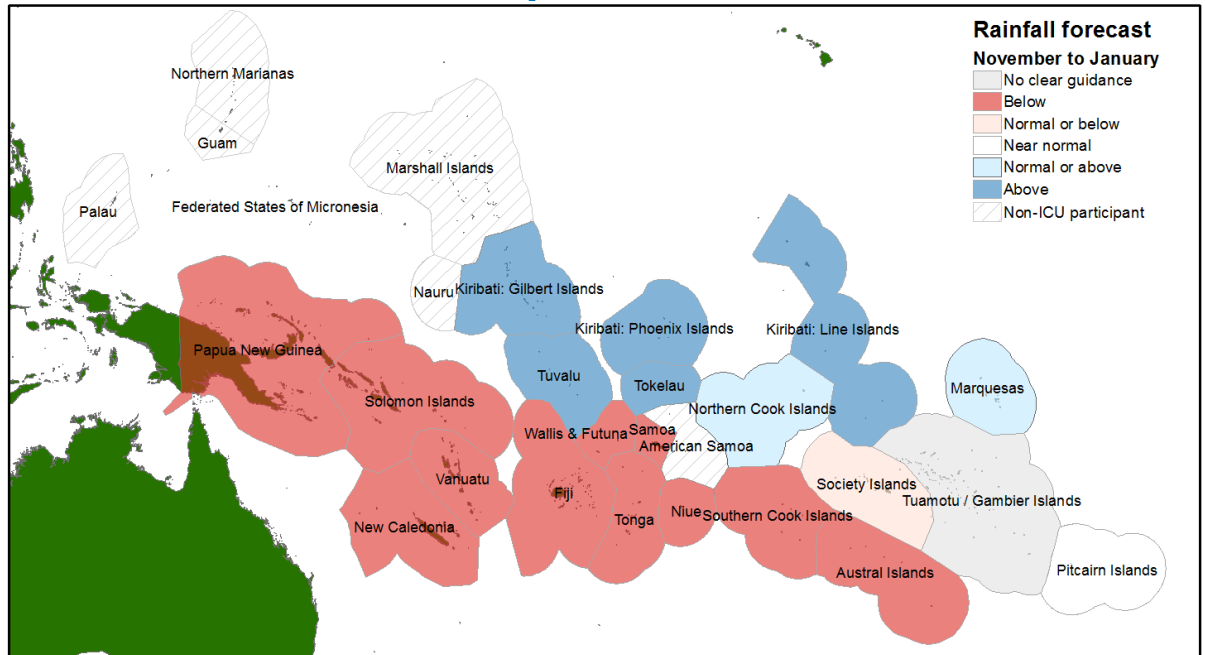


# Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 182, November 2015

## November 2015 to January 2016 rainfall forecast



### Regional drought potential advisory

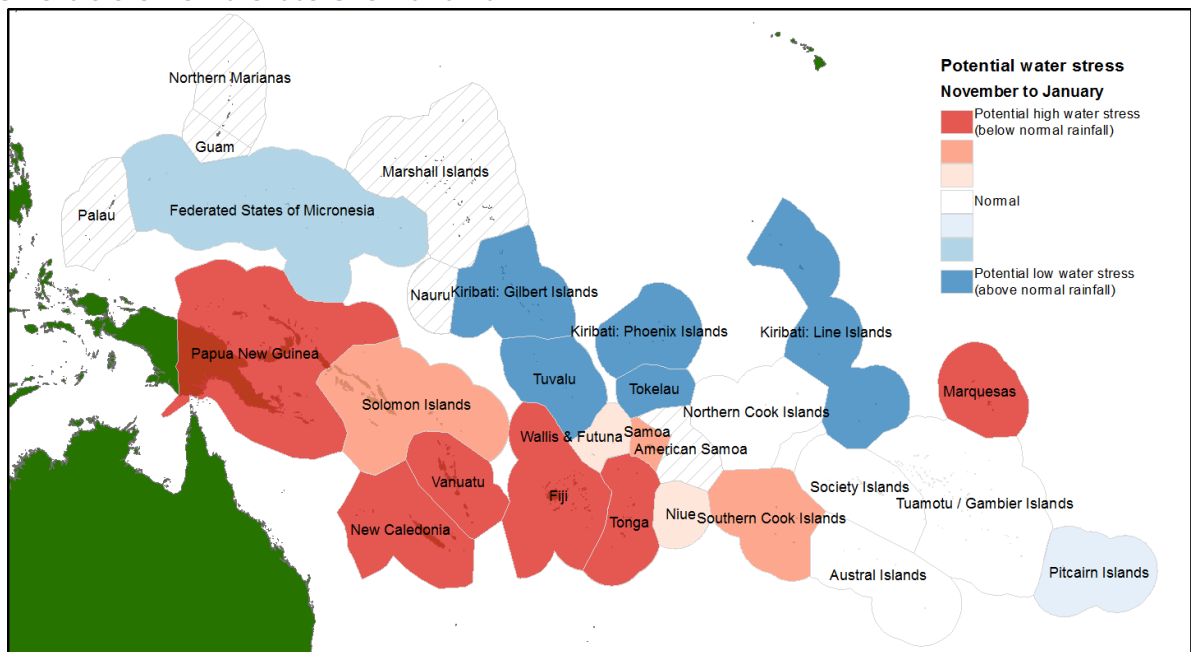
Based on rainfall anomaly classification over the past six months and forecast rainfall anomaly classification over the next 3 months

**Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu:** Below to well below normal rainfall experienced since June in Vanuatu and since July in Papua New Guinea with below normal rainfall forecast over the next 3 months.

**Fiji, Tonga, New Caledonia:** Below to well below normal rainfall observed for 4 (New Caledonia) and 5 (Fiji & Tonga) of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast from November to January.

**Solomon Islands, Samoa, Southern Cook Islands:** Below to well below normal rainfall observed for 3 (Solomon Islands) and 2 (Samoa and Southern Cooks Island) of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast for all three island groups from November to January.

**Marquesas:** Below to well below normal rainfall observed over the past 6 months. The forecast for the coming 3 months is for normal or above normal rainfall



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