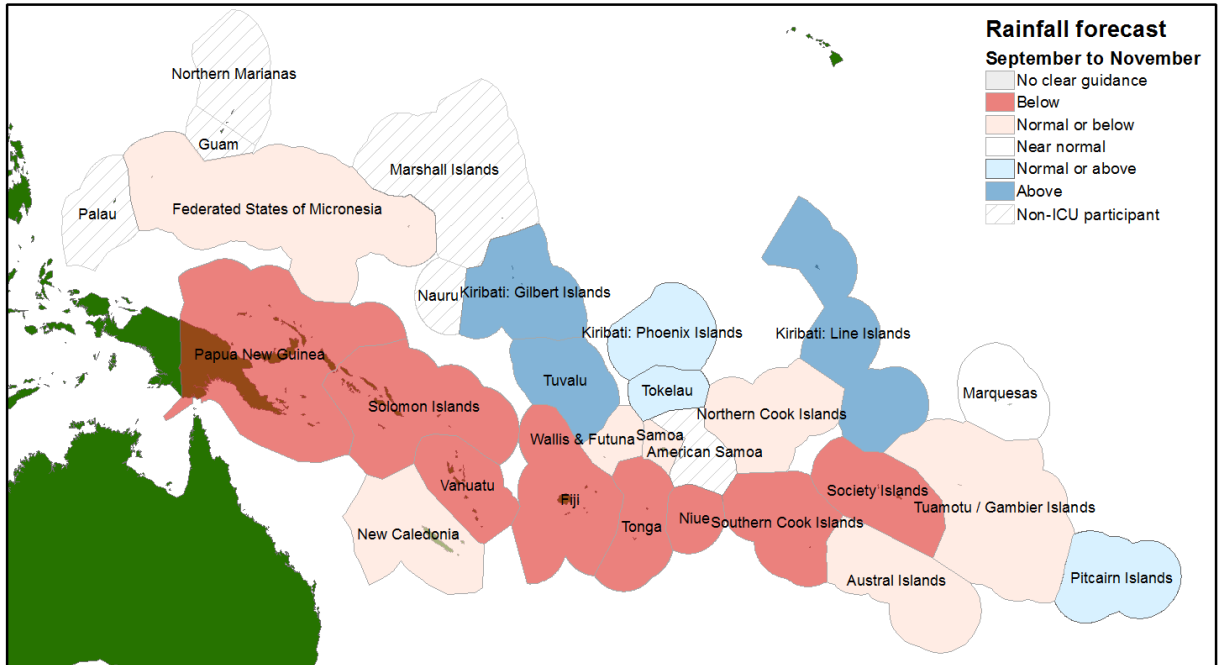


Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 180, September 2015

September to November 2015 rainfall forecast



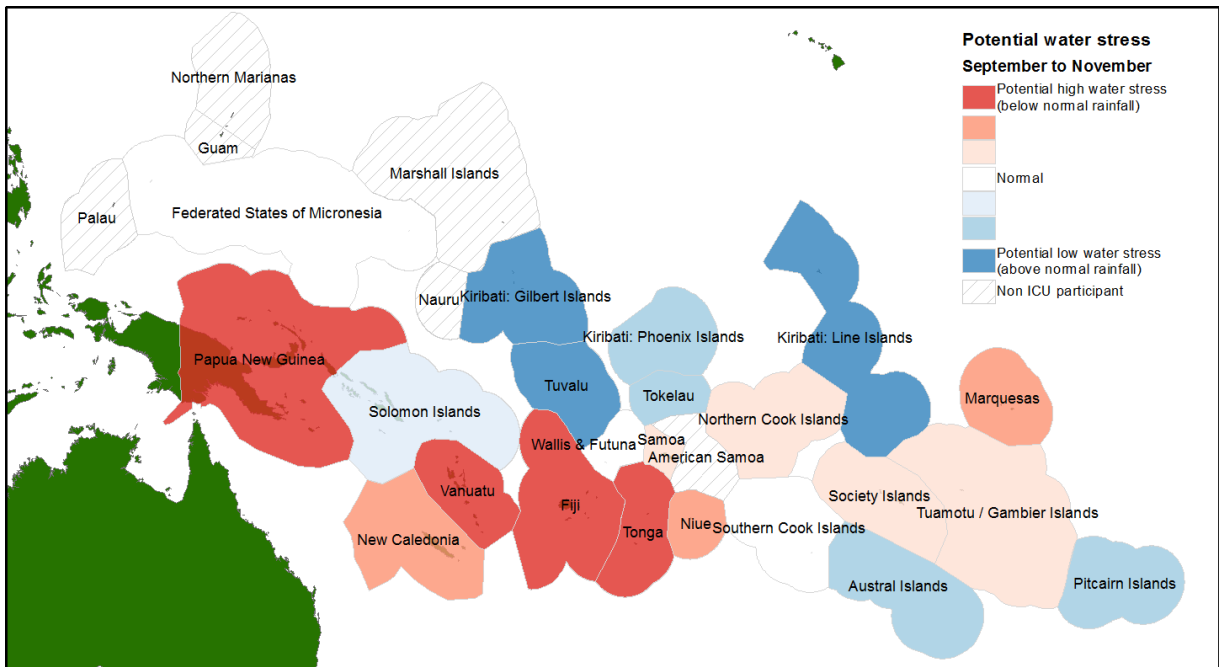
Regional drought potential advisory

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

Fiji, Tonga: Below to well below normal rainfall observed for 4 of the past 5 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast for both island groups from September to November.

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

Niue, New Caledonia: Below to well below normal rainfall observed for 3 of the past 6 months. Normal or below normal rainfall is forecast for New Caledonia and below normal rainfall is expected in Niue from September to November.



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