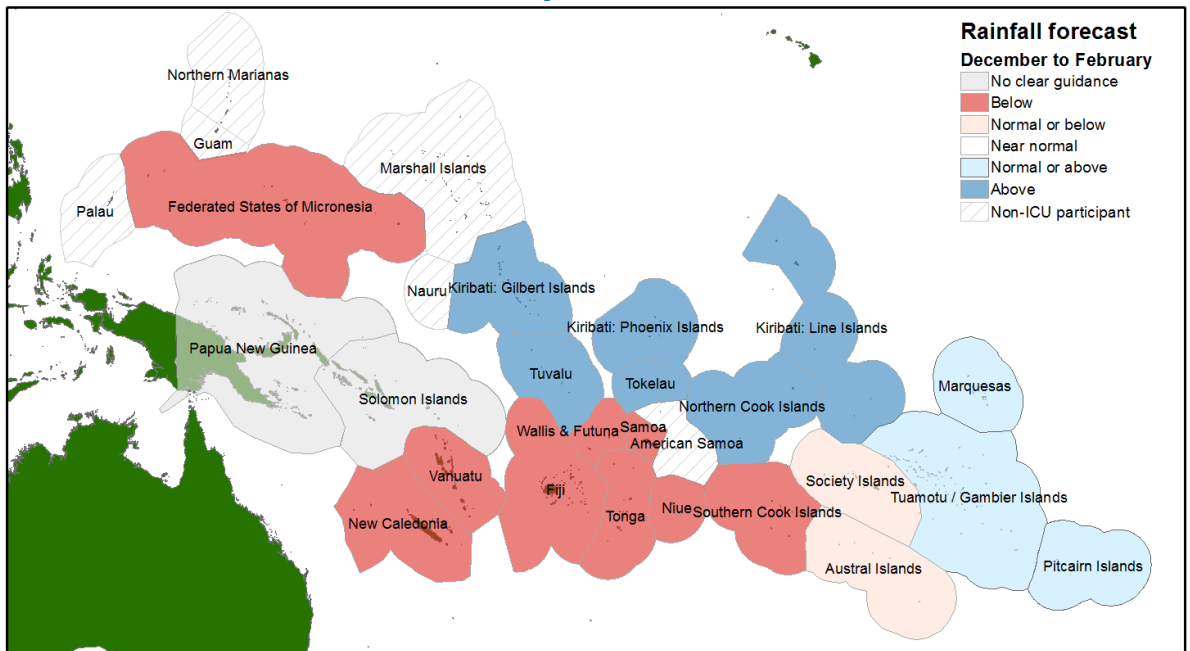


Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 183, December 2015

December 2015 to February 2016 rainfall forecast



Regional drought potential advisory

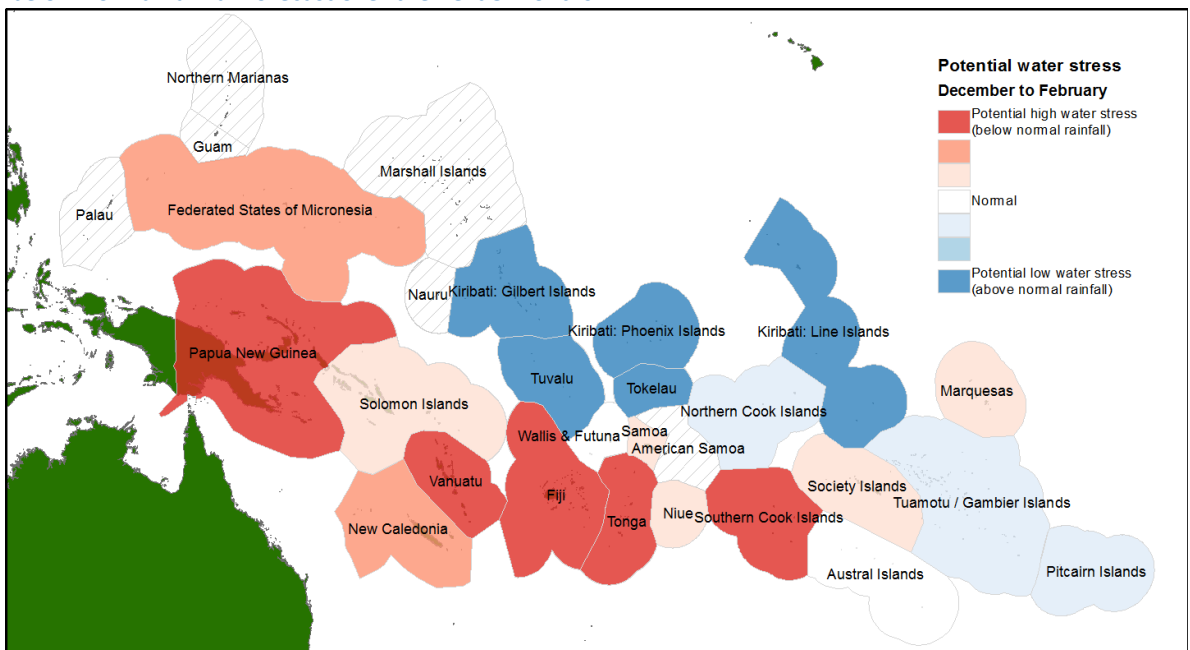
Based on rainfall anomaly classification over the past six months and forecast rainfall anomaly classification over the next 3 months

Vanuatu: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over the past 6 months with below normal rainfall forecast over the next 3 months.

Fiji, Papua New Guinea: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 5 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast for Fiji for the next 3 months while no clear guidance was available for Papua New Guinea.

New Caledonia, Tonga: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 4 of the past 6 months with below normal rainfall forecast over the next 3 months.

FSM, Southern Cook Islands: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 3 of the past 6 months with below normal rainfall forecast over the next 3 months.



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