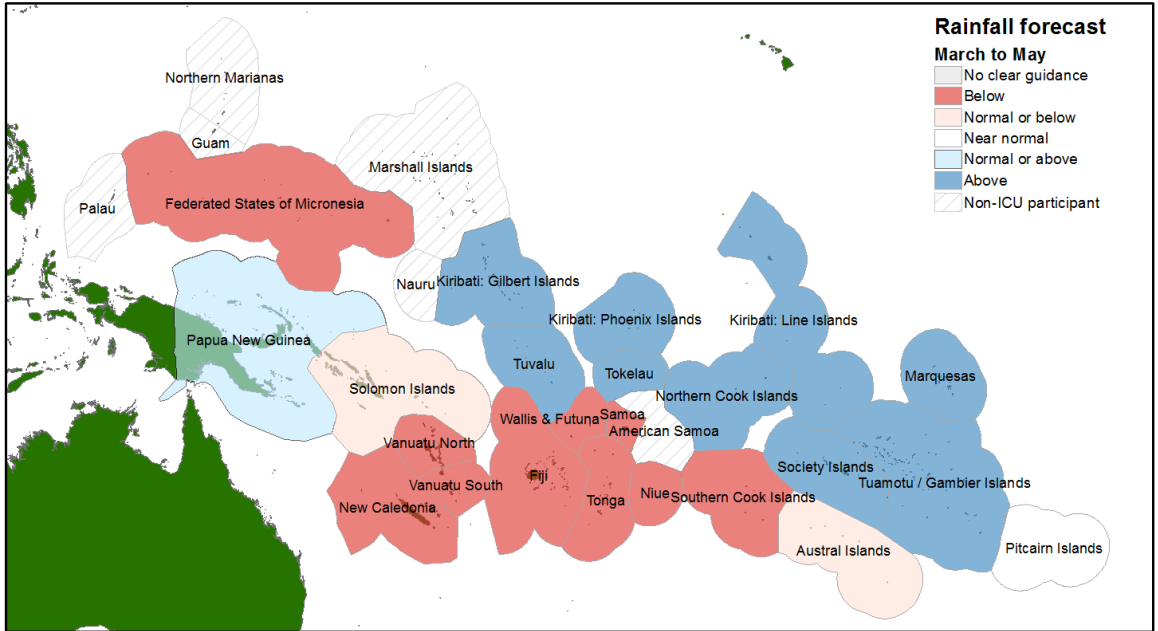


Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 186, March 2016

March to May 2016 rainfall forecast



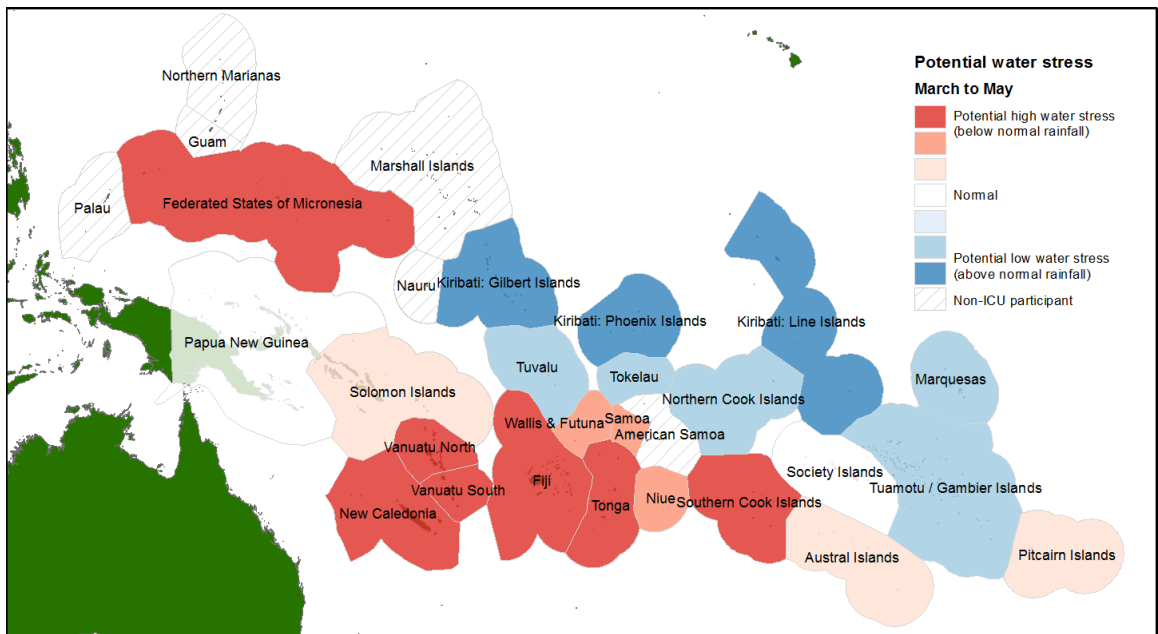
Regional drought potential advisory

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

New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Southern Cooks Islands: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 5 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast over the next 3 months.

Fiji, Tonga, Federated States of Micronesia : Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 4 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast over the next 3 months.

Niue, Samoa, Wallis & Futuna: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 3 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast over the next 3 months.



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