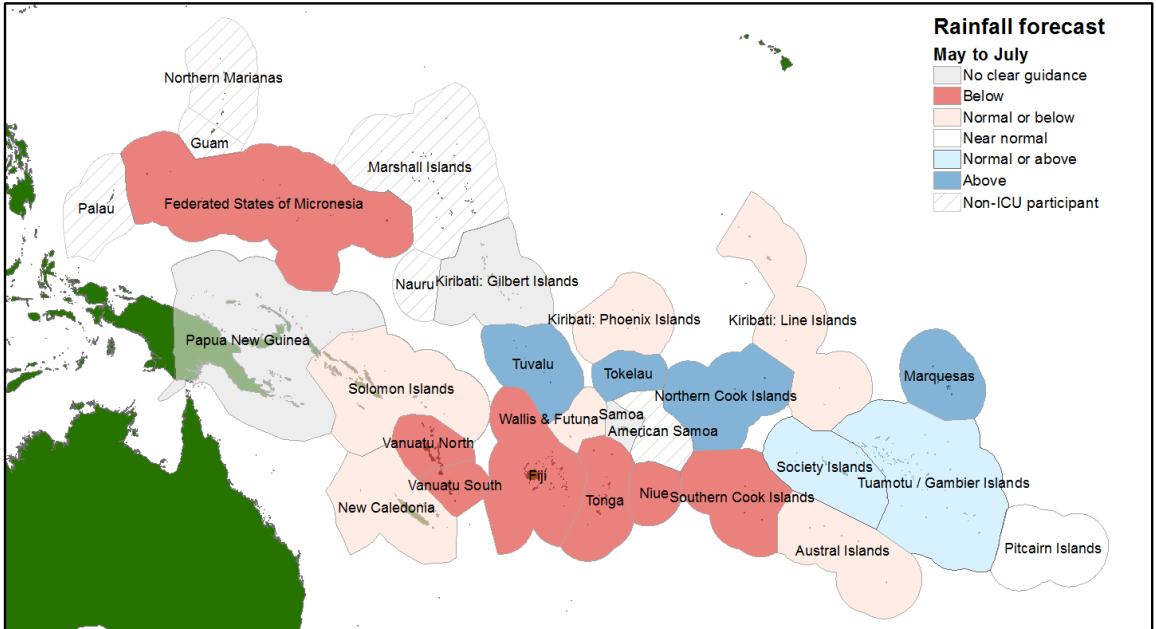


Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 188, May 2016

May to July 2016 rainfall forecast



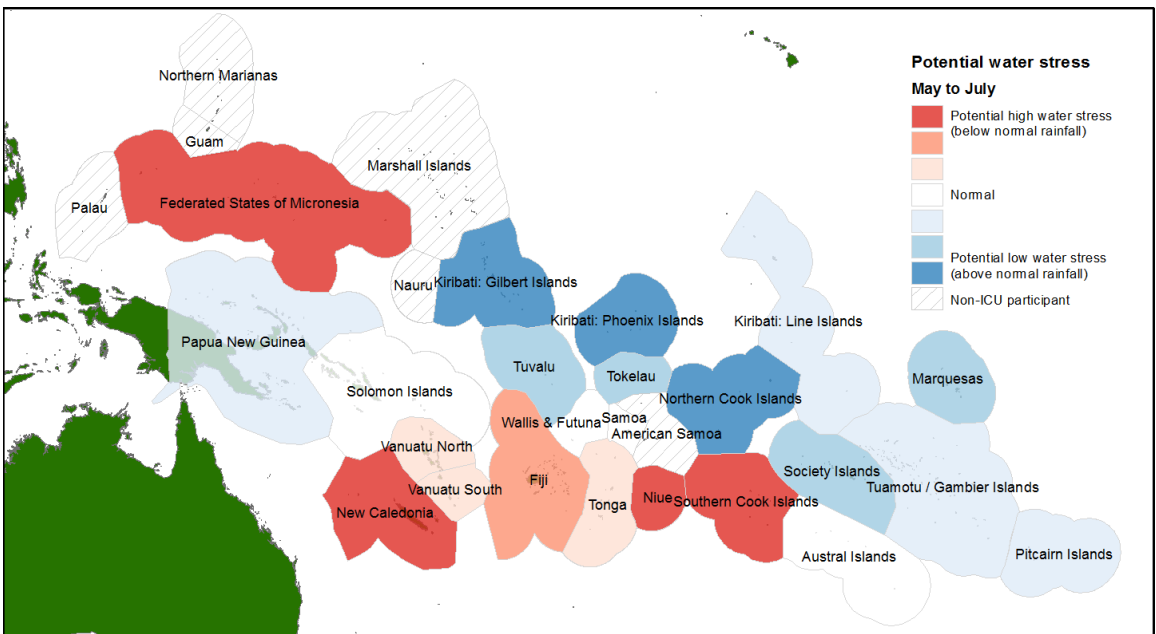
Regional drought potential advisory

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

Federated States of Micronesia, Southern Cook Islands : Below or well below normal rainfall experienced over 5 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast over the next 3 months.

Niue, New Caledonia: Below or well below normal rainfall experienced over 4 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast over the next 3 months for Niue while normal or below normal rainfall is forecast for New Caledonia.

Fiji, Vanuatu: Below or 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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