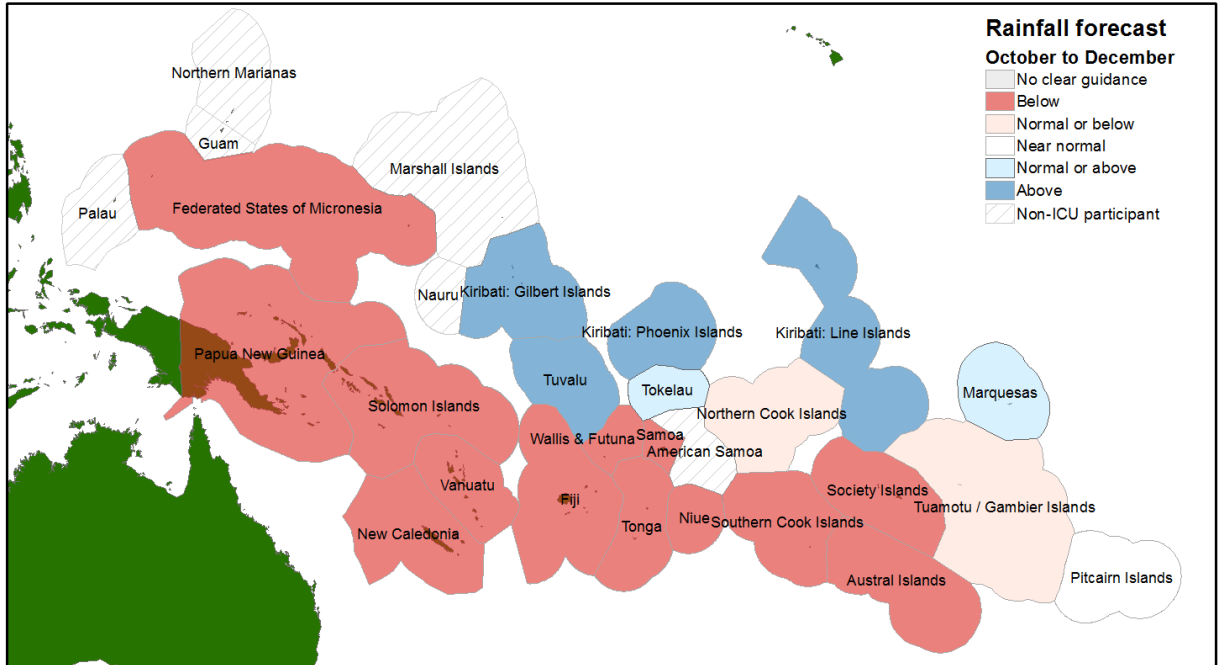


Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 181, October 2015

October to December 2015 rainfall forecast



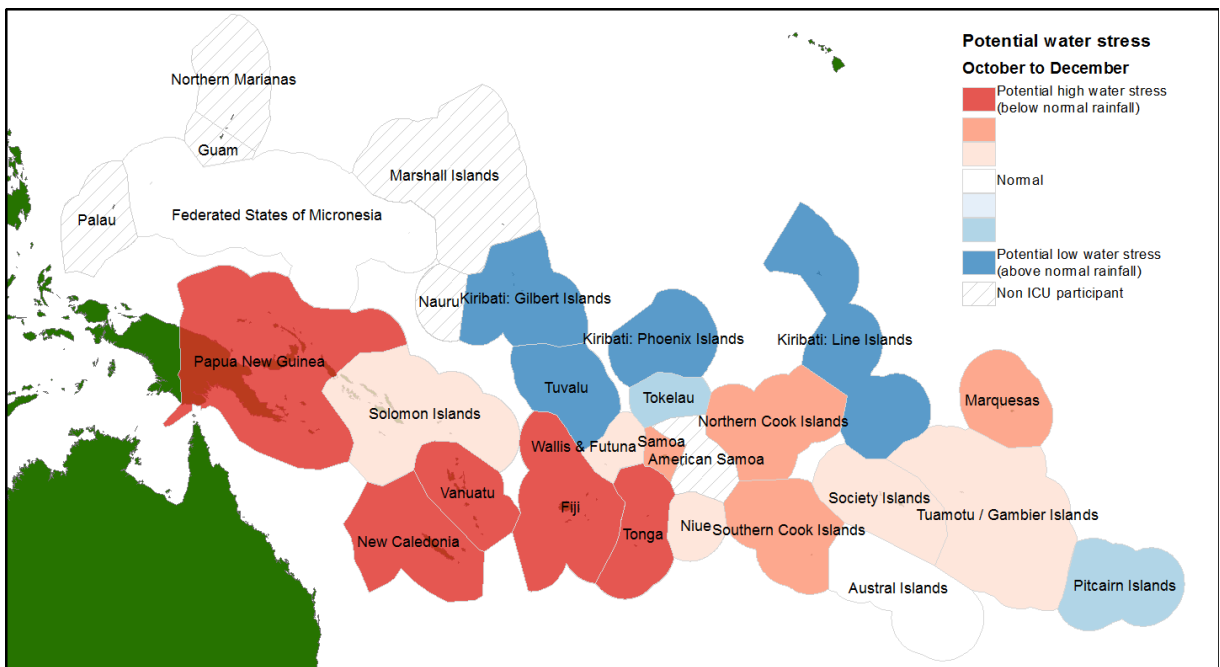
Regional drought potential advisory

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 5 of the past 6 months. Below normal rainfall is forecast for both island groups from October to December.

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

New Caledonia: Well below normal rainfall received during June and August, below normal rainfall received during September. The forecast for October to December is for below normal rainfall.



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