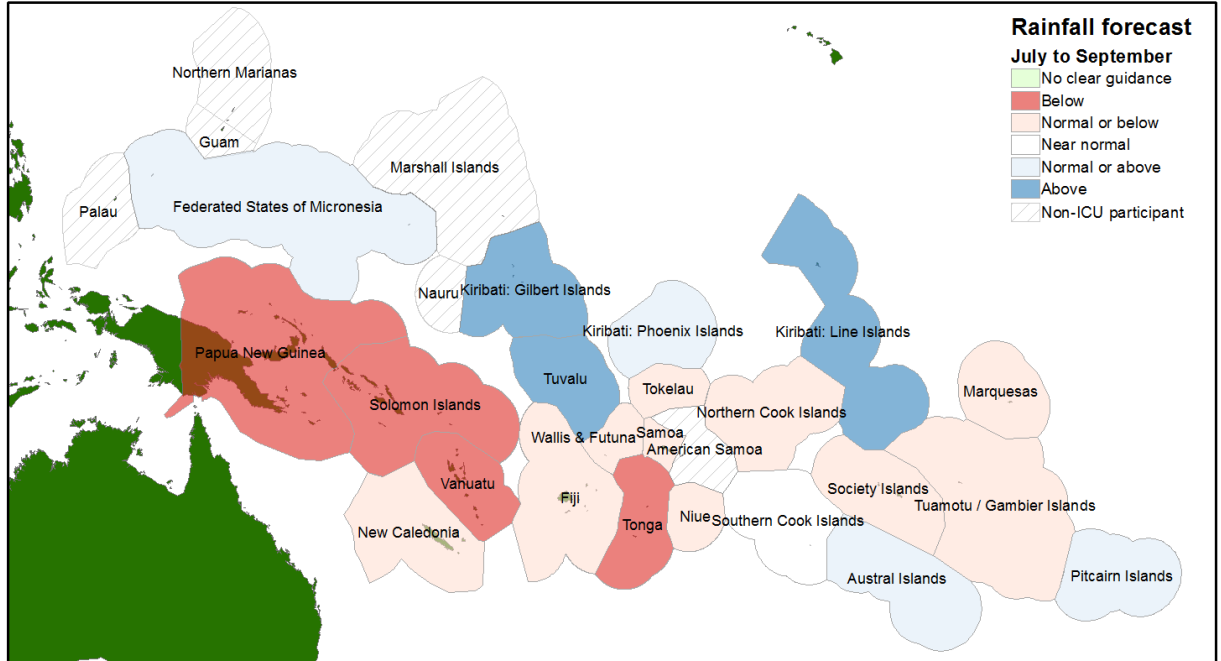


Water Watch

Based on Island Climate Update No 178, July 2015

July to September 2015 rainfall forecast



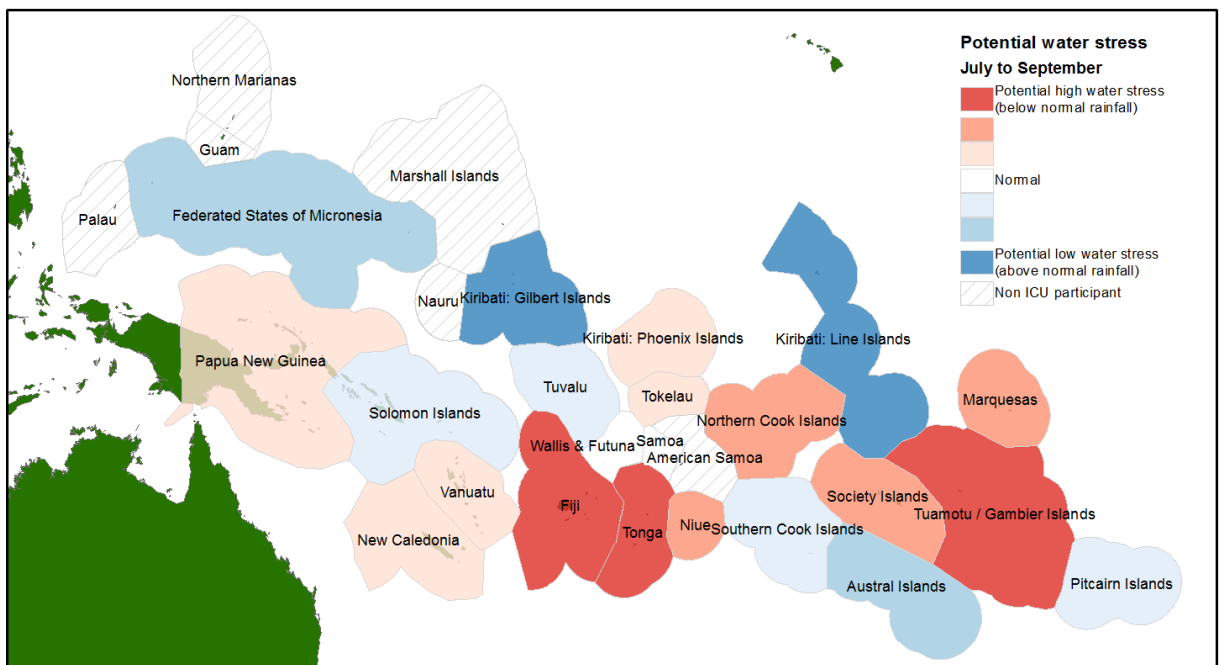
Regional drought potential advisory

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

Fiji: Below to well below normal rainfall from March to June with normal or below normal rainfall forecast from July to September.

Tonga, Tuamotu/Gambier Islands: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced from April to June with normal or below normal rainfall forecast for Tuamotu/Gambier Islands and below normal rainfall forecast for Tonga over the coming 3 months.

Society Islands, Niue, Northern Cook Islands, Marquesas: Below to well below normal rainfall experienced over 3-4 of the past 6 months. The forecast over the coming 3 months is for normal or below normal rainfall.



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