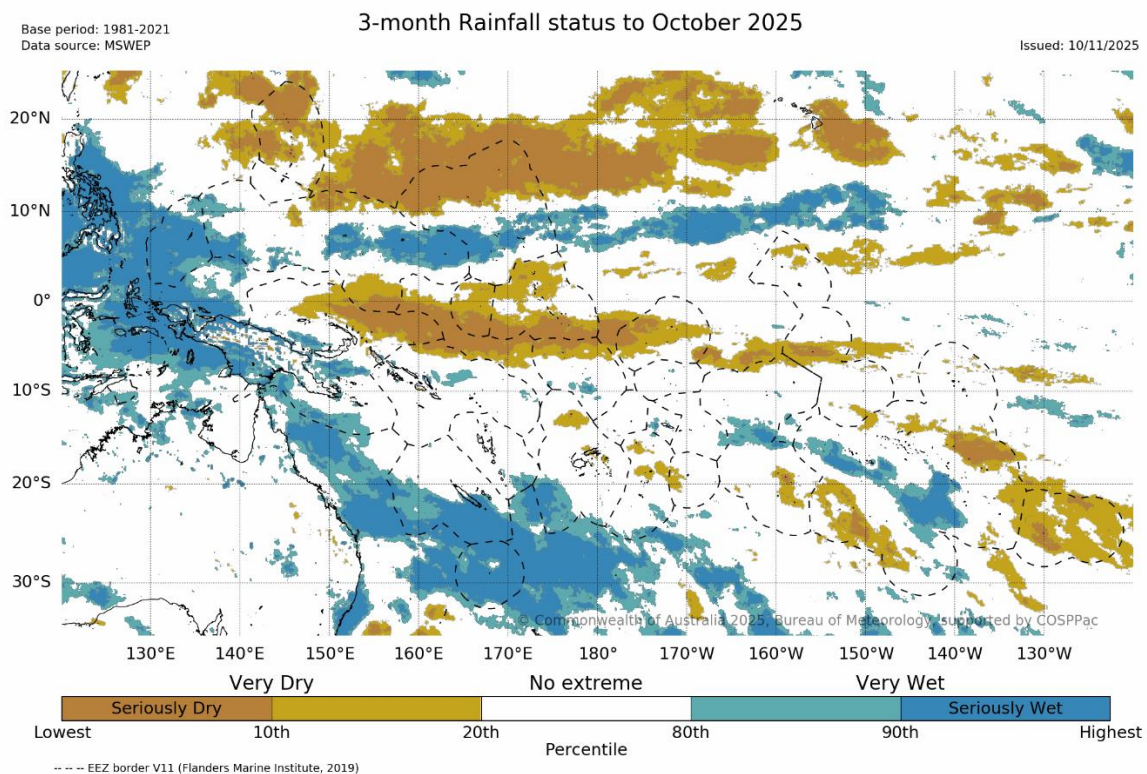


El Niño-Southern Oscillation Status: as of 31 October 2025

The El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) remains neutral. A negative phase of the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) continues and remains active. The Bureau's model currently predicts that tropical Pacific Ocean temperatures are likely to just meet La Niña levels during November and December, before returning to neutral. This timing aligns with most international models assessed, although they generally show slightly more cooling, compared to the Bureau's model.

Rainfall Status: as of 31 October 2025



The 3-month rainfall status for August to October 2025 was Very Wet or Seriously Wet over most of Palau, part of western, central and eastern parts of FSM, southern parts of RMI in the northern Pacific. Very Wet or Seriously Wet areas were also observed over most of PNG mainland, southern New Caledonia, Samoa, parts of central Cook Islands, and central French Polynesia.

The rainfall status was Very Dry or Seriously Dry for August to October 2025 over CNMI, southernmost FSM, northern RMI, Nauru, and Kiribati (Gilbert, Phoenix and central Line Is.) in the northern Pacific. Very Dry or Seriously Dry areas were also observed over eastern parts of PNG Islands, northern Tuvalu, parts of Fiji, central and northern Tonga, southern Cook Islands, southern and northern French Polynesia, and Pitcairn Islands in the southern Pacific.

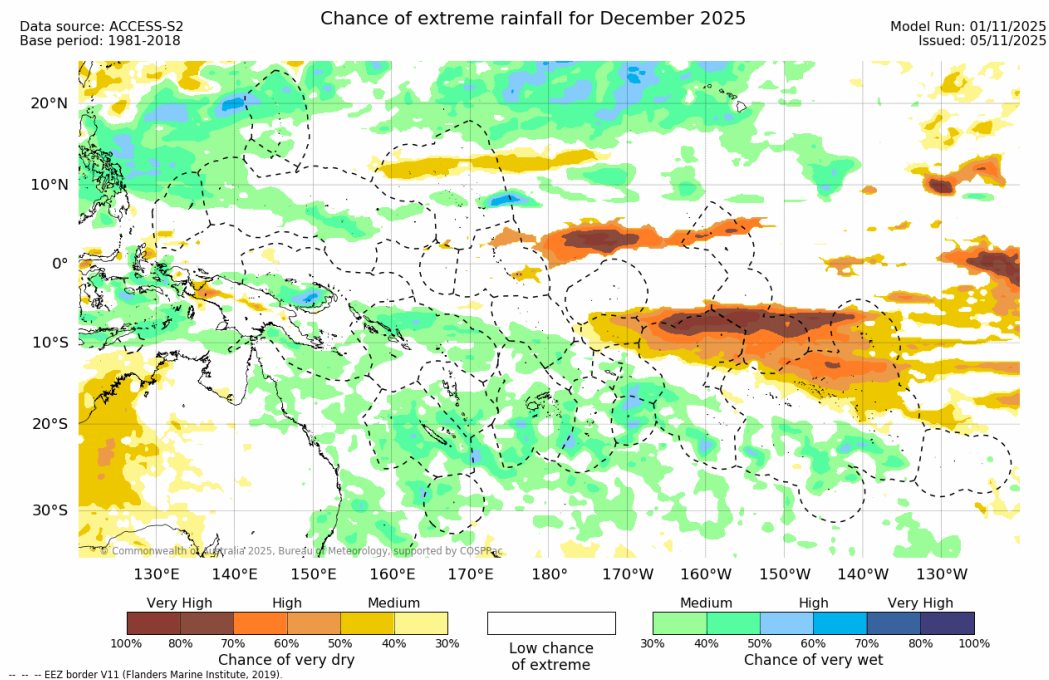
The regional maps are available via http://access-s.clide.cloud/files/project/EAR_watch/pacificx/

Three-month total rainfall is typically used for monitoring grasslands, shallow rooted plants and small water body (e.g. small water tanks, streams) moisture deficits. Allow for uncertainty associated with island size, topography, geology and soil type.

Rainfall Status

- Estimates of moisture/water stress are based on recent rainfall compared with historical observations using the Percentile (Decile) Index.
- Definitions: "Very Dry" = rainfall in the lowest 20% of the historical record for that location and season, "Very Wet" = rainfall in the highest 20% for that location and season, "Seriously Dry" = rainfall in the lowest 10% of the historical record for that location and season, "Seriously Wet" = rainfall in the highest 10% for that location and season.

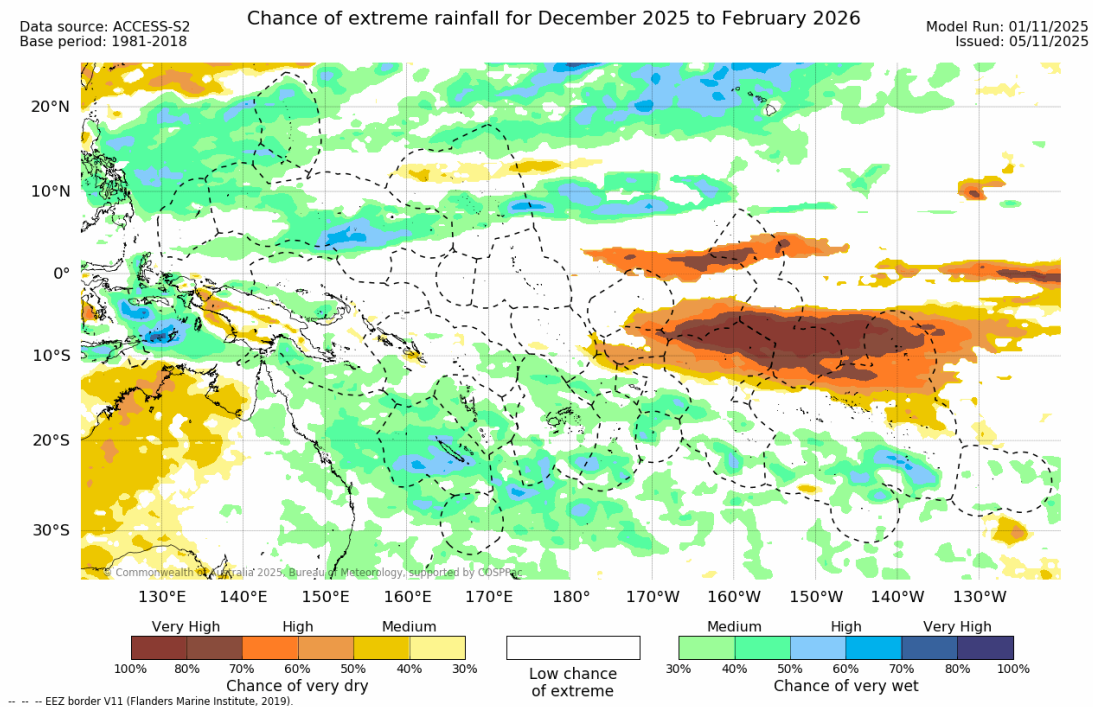
Monthly Rainfall Watch: December 2025



For December 2025, there is a medium to very high chance of rainfall in the Very Wet category (highest quintile, which includes the Seriously Wet category) over northern Palau, parts of FSM, CNMI, and central RMI in the northern Pacific. There is also medium to very high chance of rainfall in the Very Wet category over PNG Is., Solomon Is., New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, southern Tuvalu, Tonga, Niue, southern Cook Is., and southern French Polynesia in the southern Pacific.

There is a medium to very high chance that rainfall will be in the Very Dry category (lowest quintile, which includes the Seriously Dry category) over northern and southernmost RMI, over PNG mainland (highlands and southern PNG region), Kiribati (northern Gilbert Is., and northern and southern Line Is.), eastern Tokelau, northern Cook Is., northern French Polynesia.

Seasonal Rainfall Watch: December 2025 – February 2026



For December 2025 to February 2026, there is a medium to very high chance of rainfall in the Very Wet category (highest quintile, which includes the Seriously Wet category) in a band stretching eastwards over northern Palau, Guam, CNMI, most of FSM, and southern RMI. There is also another band of medium to very high chance of rainfall in the Very Wet category (highest quintile, which includes the Seriously Wet category) stretching southeastwards over southeastern PNG mainland, eastern Solomon Is., New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, Samoa, southern American Samoa, Niue, southern Cook Islands, central and southern French Polynesia, and Pitcairn Is.

In contrast, there is a medium to very high chance of rainfall in the Very Dry category (lowest quintile, which includes the Seriously Dry category) in a band stretching southeastwards from Tokelau, Kiribati (most of Line Is.), northern American Samoa, northern Cook Islands, and northern French Polynesia. Patches of medium to very high chance of rainfall in the Very Dry category over northern RMI and parts of PNG mainland.

Monthly and Seasonal Rainfall Watch

- Information provided has been interpreted on a divisional scale where possible as Pacific Island Countries can experience a high range of rainfall variability within a country. It is possible to have forecasts which simultaneously favour above and below normal rainfall in different parts of the one country.
- Definitions: “Chance of Very Dry” = percent chance of rainfall in the lowest 20% of the historical record for that location and season, “Chance of Very Wet” = percent chance of rainfall in the highest 20% for that location and season. Medium, High and Very High refer to the percent probability level where Very High has the highest confidence and represents the range 70% and above.
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