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Country: Kiribati

Part 1: Recent climate

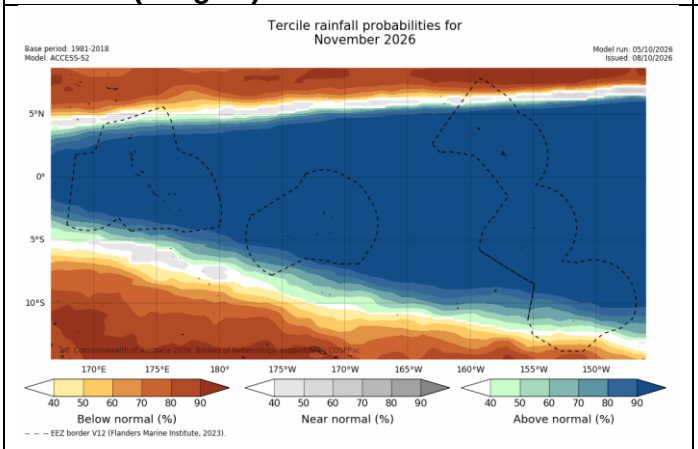
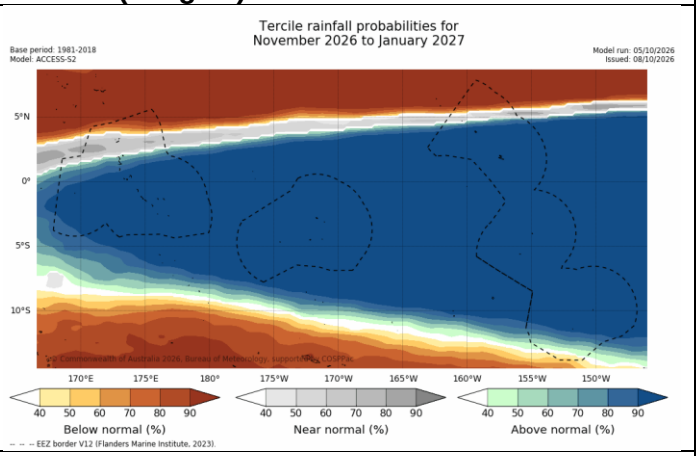
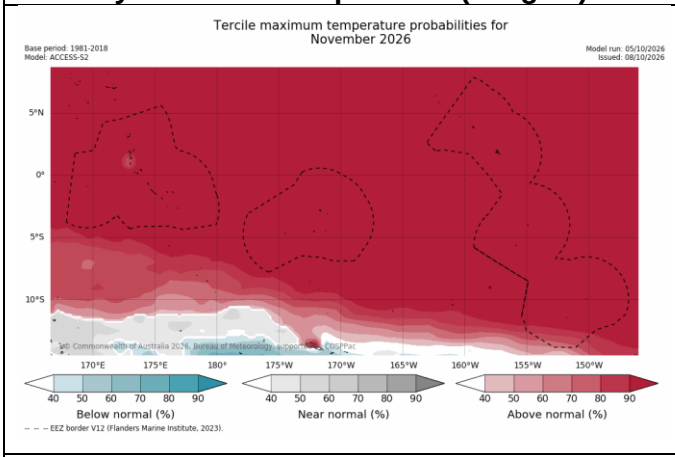
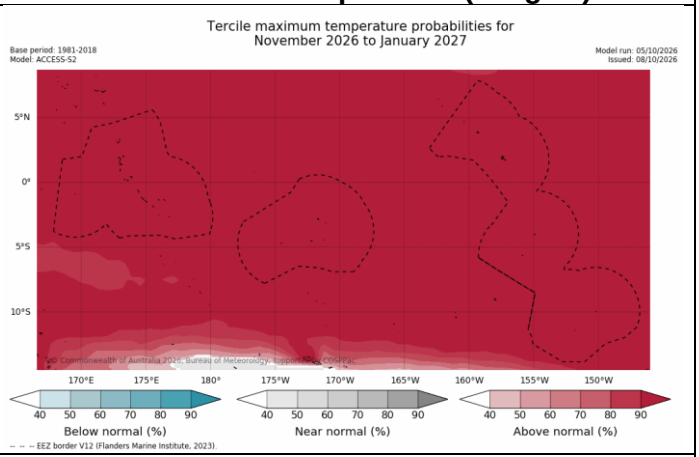
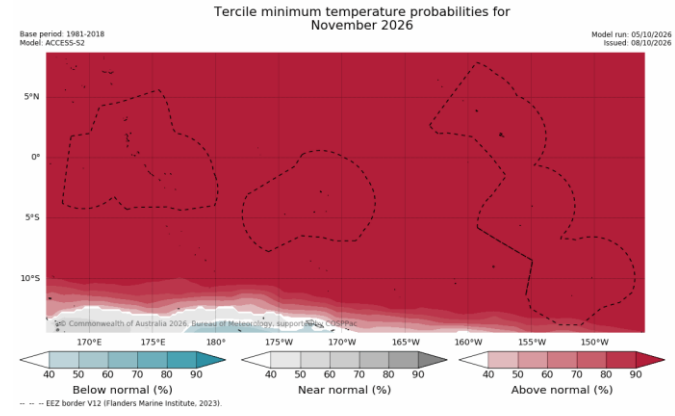
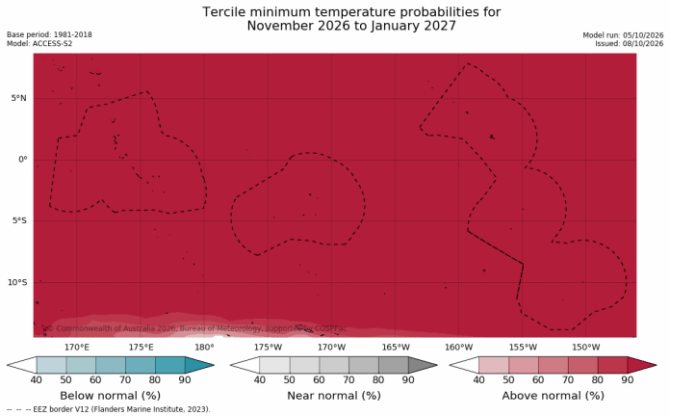
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Jul-2026	Aug-2026	Sep-2026				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Beru (1932-2026)	288.3	175.9	196.0	25.0	73.5	45.1	**64/70**
Butaritari (1931-2026)	362.2	253.2	350.2	111.0	180.0	137.0	**84/89**
Kanton (1937-2026)	262.3	103.3	144.0	22.2	64.7	44.8	**63/68**
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	460.4	287.4	333.0	4.0	17.2	8.0	**99/101**
Tarawa (1950-2026)	136.9	222.3	274.3	59.0	142.0	88.1	68/79

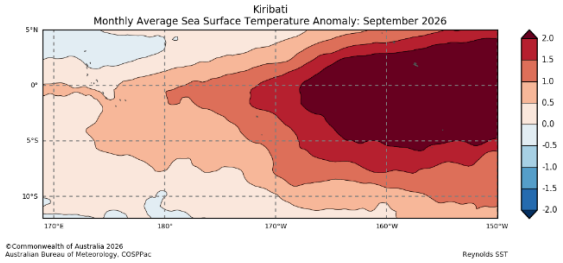
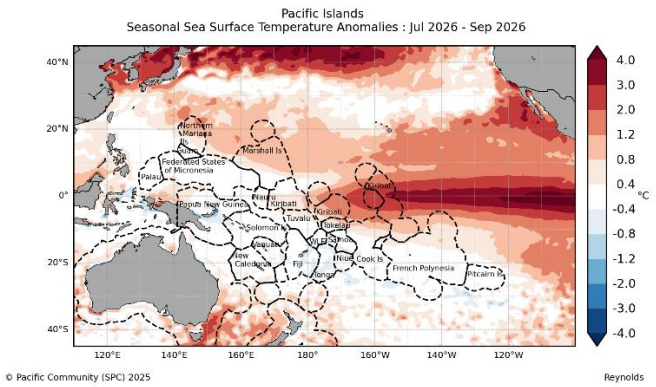
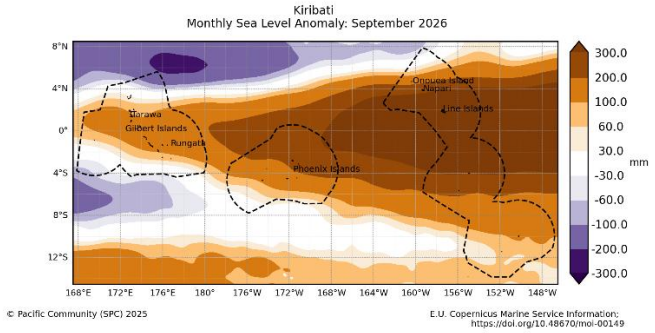
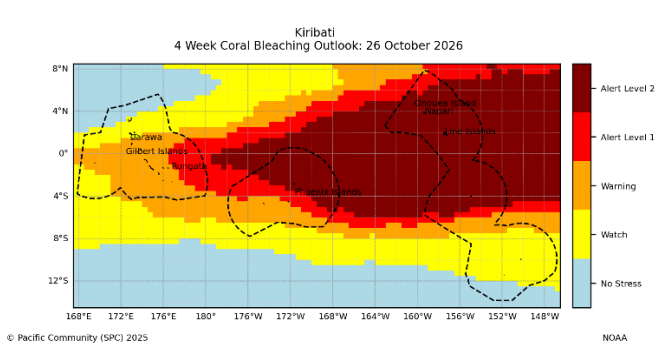
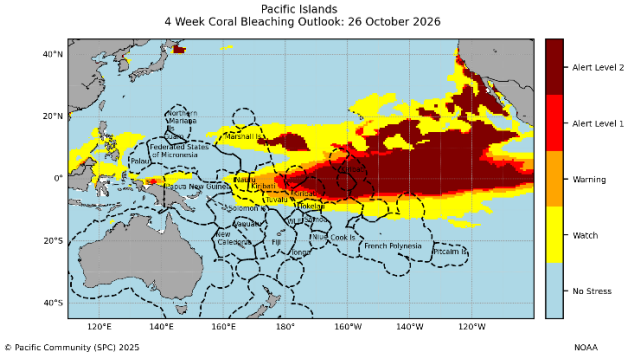
TABLE 2: Three-month Total Rainfall for July to September 2026

Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Beru (1932-2026)	660.2	Above normal	134.3	306.6	189.0	61/68
Butaritari (1931-2026)	965.6	Above normal	502.4	736.8	625.3	**81/89**
Kanton (1937-2026)	509.6	Above normal	157.4	242.0	181.9	**62/66**
Kiritimati (1921-2026)	1080.8	Above normal	52.3	111.6	84.1	**100/101**
Tarawa (1950-2026)	633.5	Above normal	212.9	541.0	332.5	60/79

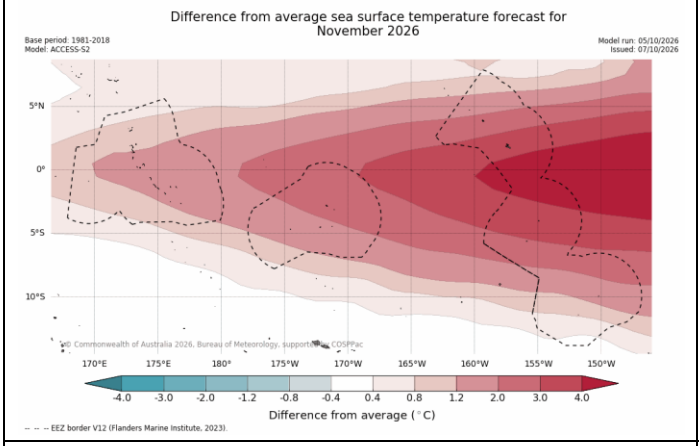
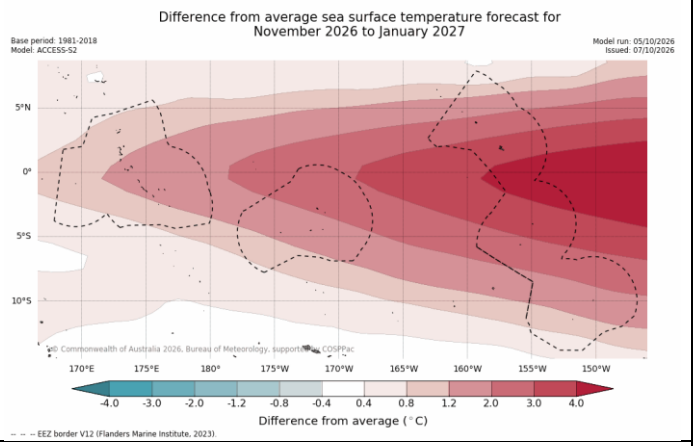
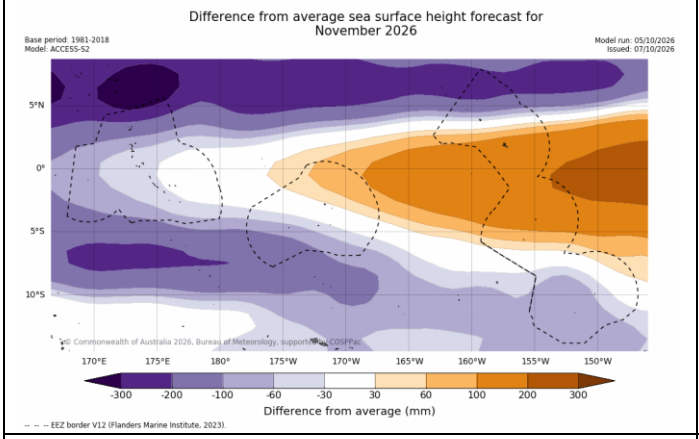
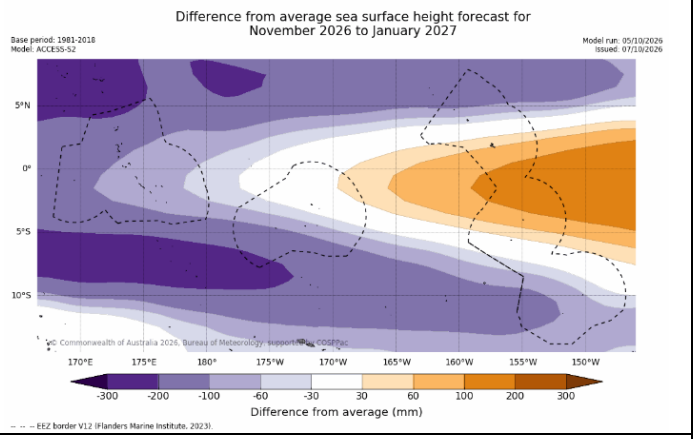
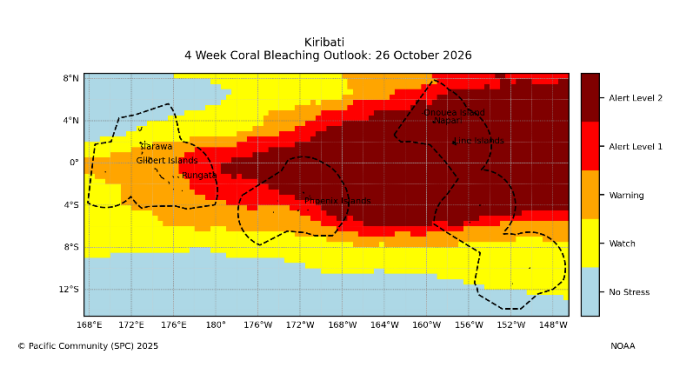
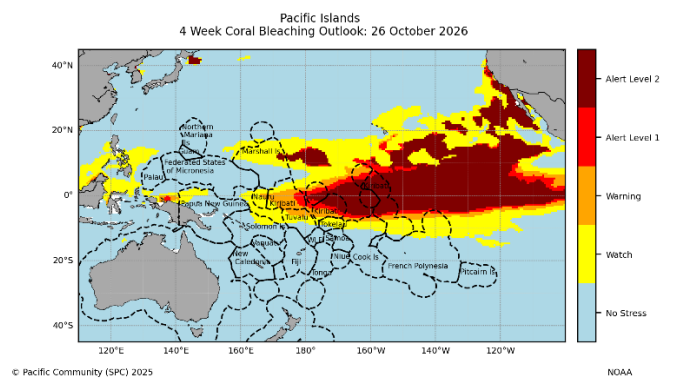
Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for November and November 2026 to January 2027

Monthly: November 2026	Seasonal: November 2026 to January 2027
Rainfall (Image 1)	**Rainfall (Image 2)**
	
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	**Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):**
	
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	**Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):**
	

Part 2: Recent Ocean Observationonthly/Three months: September and July to September 2026

Monthly: September 2026	Last three months: July to September 2026
Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 1):	**Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly (Image 4):**
	
Sea level anomaly (Image 2):	
	
National daily coral bleaching alert (Image 3):	**Pacific daily coral bleaching alert (Image 5):**
	

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for November and November 2026 to January 2027

Monthly: November 2026	**Seasonal: November 2026 to January 2027**
Monthly sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 5):	**Seasonal sea surface temperature anomaly (Image 6):**
	
Monthly sea level anomaly (Image 7):	**Seasonal sea level anomaly (Image 8):**
	
National 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 9):	**Pacific 4-week Coral Bleaching Outlook (Image 10):**
	

Summary Statement

Monthly and last three months: September/July to September 2026 statement

The rainfall for September was above normal over all stations. Kiritimati recorded its 2nd wettest while Beru recorded its 7th September on record. Butaritari and Kanton recorded their 6th wettest September on record.

For the past three months, rainfall was above normal over all the. Kiritimati recorded its 2nd wettest on record while Kanton recorded its 5th wettest on record for July to September. Butaritari recorded its -9th wettest on record for July to September period.

Part 1i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for November and November 2026 to January 2027

Monthly/Seasonal rainfall and temperature Outlook statements

The rainfall for November and November to January 2026 are very likely to be above normal over Kiribati. However, in some parts of the northern Gilbert, the outlook shows November's rainfall is likely to be near-normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during November and January to November 2026 are very likely to be above normal across Kiribati.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

Monthly and last three months: September/July to September 2026

September and averaged July to September sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around Kiribati were 0.5 to 2.0°C above normal.

September sea levels around Kiribati were 60.0 to 300mm above normal.

A coral bleaching Watch to Alert Level 2 status are currently in effect for Kiribati as of 26th October 2026.

Part 2i. Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks for November and November 2026 to January 2027

Ocean Variable statement

November and averaged over November 2026 to January 2027 sea surface temperatures around Kiribati are predicted to be 0.4 to 4.0°C above normal.

November and averaged over November to January 2027 sea levels around the central Line and northern Phoenix are predicted to be 30 to 200mm above normal. The Gilbert islands and some parts of the Line and Phoenix are expecting a decrease in sea levels of 30 to 100mm.

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates Watch to Alert Level 2 status for the next 12 weeks.

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was above normal for September and July to September 2026.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates normal to above normal most likely in November 2026 and November 2026 to January 2027.
- SSTs were above normal for September and July to September 2026. The outlook shows above normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for September. Near-normal to Above normal sea levels are predicted for November and November 2026 to January 2027.
- Coral bleaching watch to alert level 2 is expected over the Kiribati region.

TABLE 3: Stakeholder Engagement – Evaluations of how effective NMS engage with stakeholders (September 2026)

Product	*Stakeholder*	*Total Number of Participants*	*Number of Male*	*Number of Female*	*Disability*	*Age group*	*Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)*
Climate Bulletin	Government and Non-Government Organisations And Public subscribed to the products	160	71	89	1		
EAR Watch	Drought Committee members.	62	35	27	0		
Agromet Bulletin	Offshore and Coastal Fisheries	4	3	1	0		
Briefing Note on ocean parameters	Agriculture and Livestock Division (ALD)	4	1	3	0		
Ocean Outlook	Government and Non-Government Organisations and Public subscribed to the products.	160	71	89	1		
?Climate data request	Government Ministries and projects.	7	6	1	0		
NCOF Kiritimati	Government and NGOs,	30	13	17	0		  
	Total						

Stakeholder category	Do your products reach this group? (Y/N)	Tailored product? (Y/N)
Agriculture sector	Y	Y
Disaster Risk Reduction sector	Y	N
Energy sector	Y	N
Health sector	Y	N
Water sector	Y	N

Fisheries and Aquaculture sector	Y	Y
Tourism sector	Y	N
Maritime sector	Y	N
Research & education sector	Y	Y
Women's [] organisations	Y	N
National disability organisations	Y	N
Community based organisations (e.g. councils)	Y	N
Products offered in local dialects/ languages	Y	N

Table 4: Impacts of Severe weather and climate events

Country: Kiribati

ENSO Phase: El Nino

Synoptic Situation	Date	Type of Hazard	Impacts	Image	Latitude	Longitude	Sectors affected	No. of Deaths
Hurricane Lowell	9th September 2026	Strong winds, heavy rainfall Butaritari island	Kava Bar fallen		Butaritari Island		House, Road, Power Utilities.	0
	10th September 2026	Strong winds and heavy rainfall Makin island	Flooding		Makin Island			
	6th September 2026	Strong winds, Storm surges, heavy rainfall	Coastal inundation, flooding		Tarawa			