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Country: Vanuatu

Part 1: Recent climate

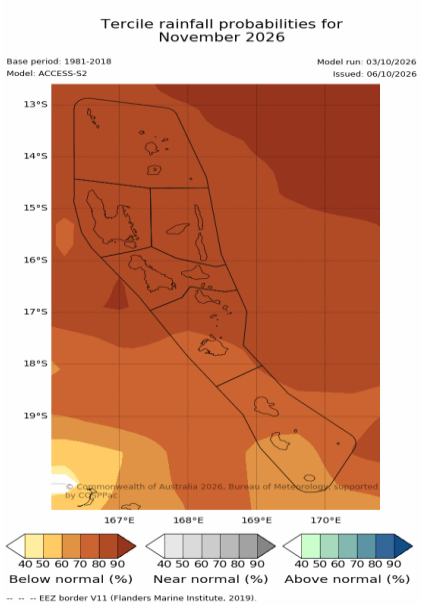
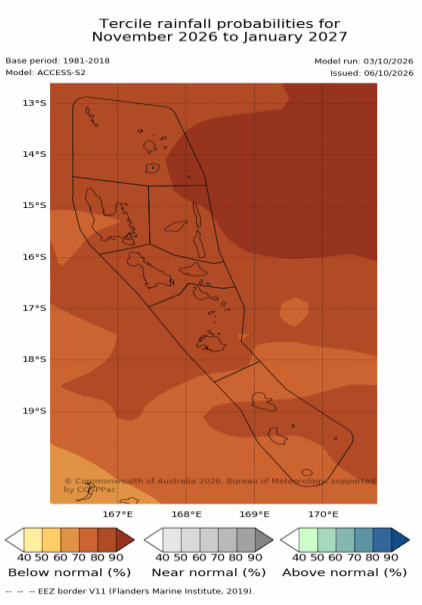
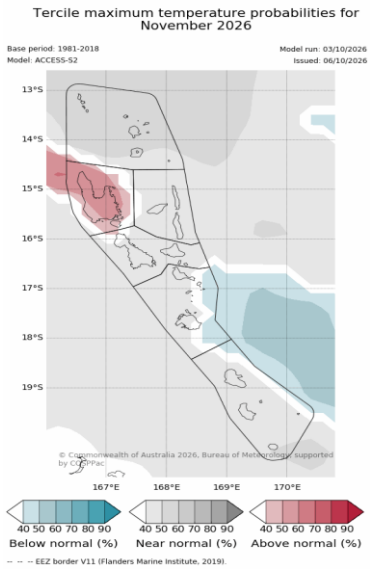
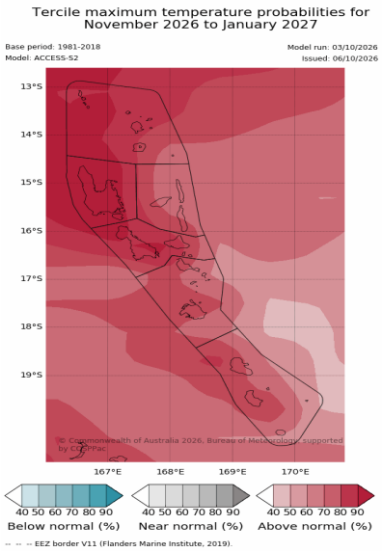
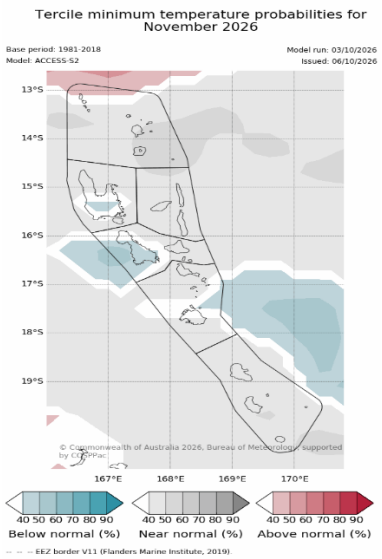
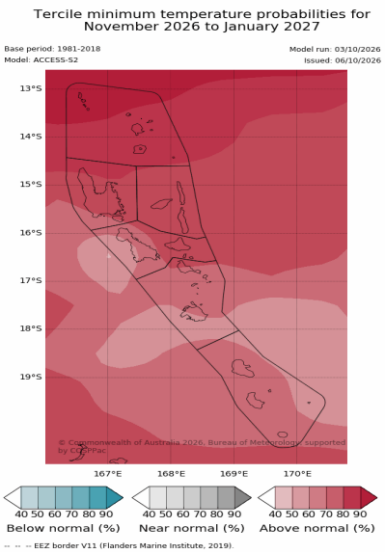
TABLE 1: Monthly Rainfall

Station (include data period)	Jul-2026	Aug-2026	Sept-2026				
			Total (mm)	33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	Rainfall (mm)				
Northern Region							
Sola (1971-2026)	302.4	419.2	111.4	165.3	259.3	216.2	9/54
Pekoa (1971-2026)	39.6	117.5	39.9	63.0	149.6	97.6	14/56
Lamap (1961-2026)							
Southern Region							
Bauerfield (1972-2026)	69.1	98.8	18.7	53.8	109.2	66.6	10/54
Port Vila (1953-2026)	41.0	71.0	12.5	46.5	104.8	74.5	8/72
Whitegrass (1972-2026)	134.5	15.8	1.5	20.4	61.5	31.2	6/54
Aneityum (1952-2026)	322.4	55.0	44.7	61.8	121.0	91.2	19/75

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

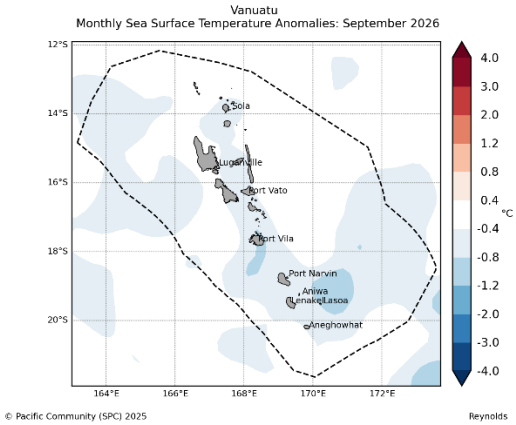
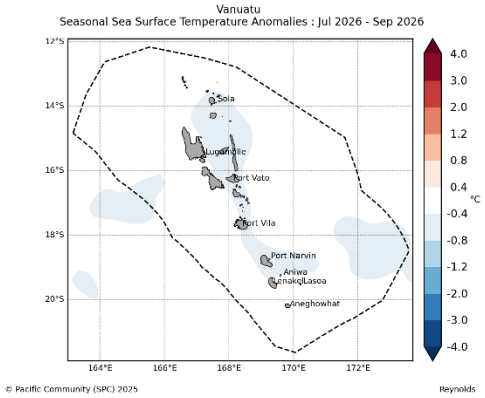
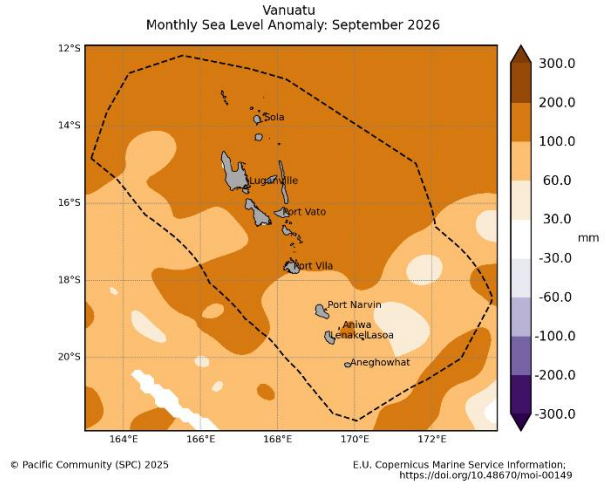
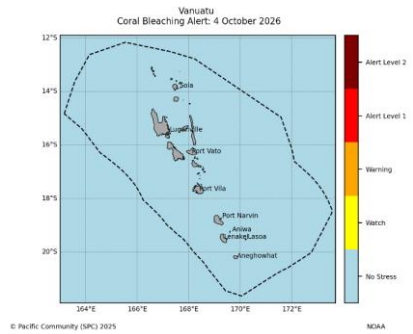
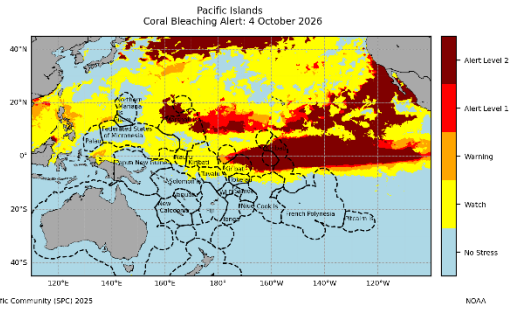
Station	Three-month Total		33%tile	67%tile	Median	Rank
	Rainfall (mm)					
Northern Region						
Sola (1971-2026)	833.0	Above normal	560.8	825.3	634.7	36/52
Pekoa (1971-2026)	197.0	Below normal	219.8	398.8	348.0	17/55
Lamap (1961-2026)						
Southern Region						
Bauerfield (1972-2026)	186.6	Normal	186.2	283.8	239.3	19/54
Port Vila (1953-2026)	124.5	Below normal	189.8	325.3	253.5	10/72
Whitegrass (1972-2026)	151.8	Normal	106.1	177.6	128.5	31/54
Aneityum (1952-2026)	422.1	Above normal	267.1	374.3	334.4	58/75

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

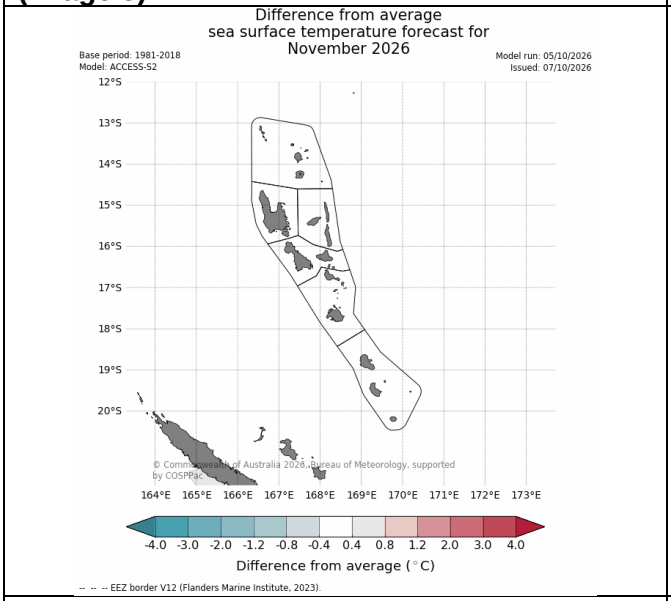
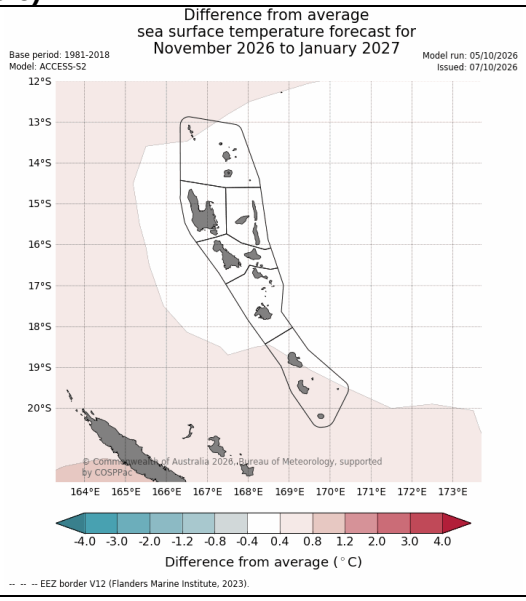
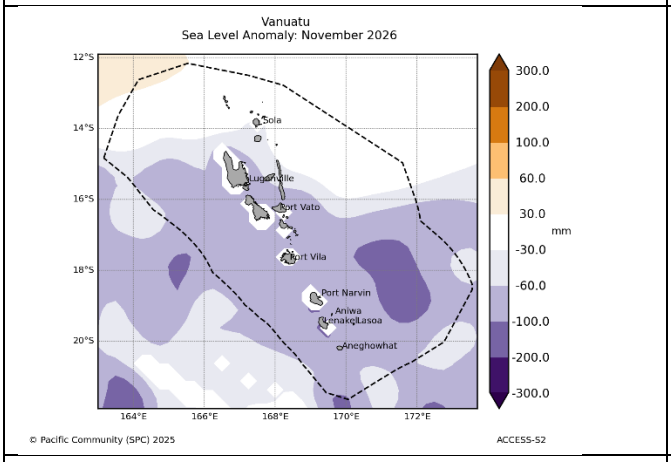
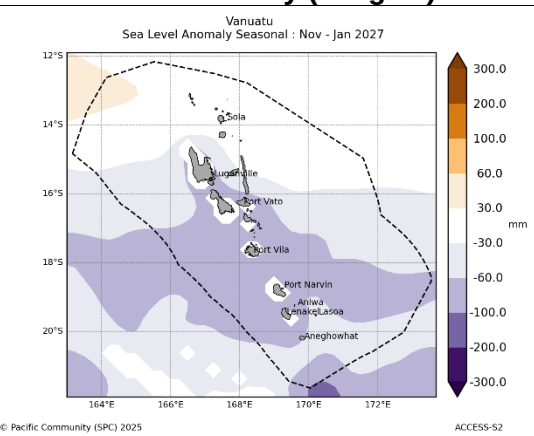
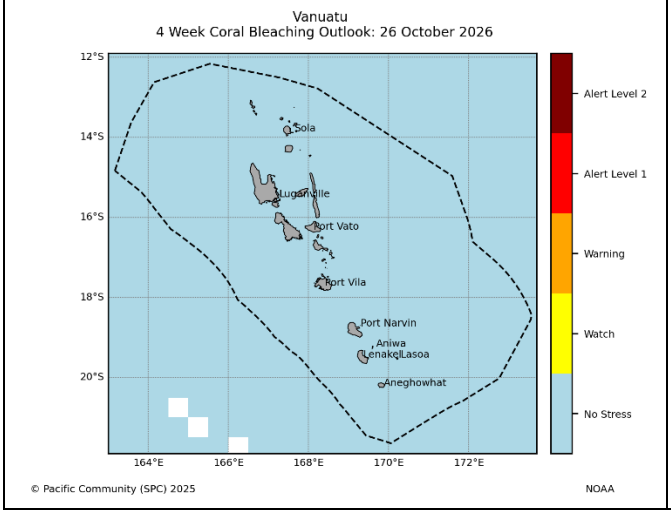
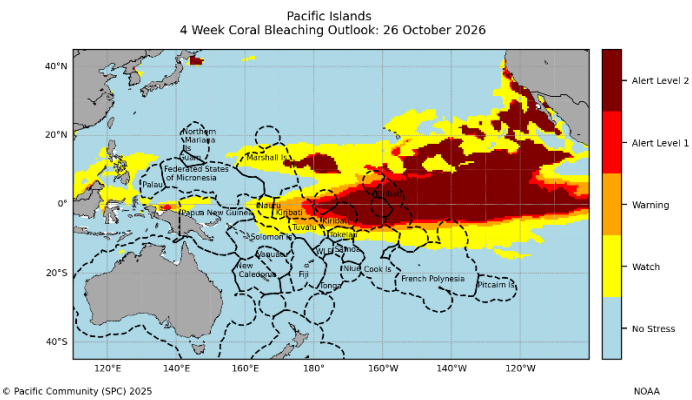
Monthly: November 2026	**Seasonal: November 2026 to January 2027**
Rainfall (Image 1)	**Rainfall (Image 2)**
	
Monthly Maximum temperature (Image 3):	**Seasonal maximum temperature (Image 4):**
	
Monthly minimum temperature (Image 5):	**Seasonal minimum temperature (Image 6):**
	

Part 2: Recent Ocean Observation

Monthly/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 Below normal over all regions. For the past three months, rainfall was above normal over sola and Aneityum, below normal over Pekoa and Port Vila and normal over Whitegrass and Bauerfield.

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 2026 is very likely to be Below normal over the whole country. In all of Vanuatu regions, the outlook shows November's rainfall is very likely to be Below normal.

The rainfall for November 2026 to January 2027 is very likely to be below normal over the whole country. In all regions of Vanuatu, the outlook shows November 2026 to January 2027 rainfall is very likely to be below normal.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during November 2026 are likely to near normal over the whole country.

Maximum and minimum temperatures averaged over November 2026 to January 2027 are very likely to be above normal over the whole country.

Part 2: Recent Ocean summary statement

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

September sea surface temperatures (SSTs) around northern, central and southern regions were 0.4-0.8°C below normal.

Averaged over July to September 2026, sea surface temperatures around all regions were 0.4 to 0.8°C below normal.

September sea levels around Vanuatu were 100-200 mm above normal.

A coral bleaching No stress status is/are currently in effect for all regions as of 04 October.

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

Ocean Variable statement

November 2026 sea surface temperatures around all regions are predicted to be –0.4 to 0.4°C near normal.

Averaged over November 2026 to January 2027, sea surface temperatures around northern and central region are predicted to be –0.4 to 0.4°C near normal while southern region with 0.4 to 0.8°C above normal.

November 2026 sea levels around all regions are predicted to be 30 to 60 mm below normal.

Averaged over November 2026 to January 2027, sea levels around Vanuatu are predicted to be 30-100 mm below normal.

Coral Bleaching outlook indicates no stress status for the next 12 weeks.

In brief for Teleconference

- Rainfall was below normal for September and July to September 2026, except Sola and Aneityum where rainfall was above normal for the three months Jul-Sept.
- The rainfall outlook generally indicates below average is most likely in November 2026 and for total rainfall over November 2026 to January 2027.
- SSTs were below normal for September and July to September 2026. The outlook shows near normal SSTs for the next one and three months.
- Sea levels were above normal for September. Below normal sea levels are predicted for November and November 2026 to January 2027.
- Coral bleaching outlook indicates no stress.

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

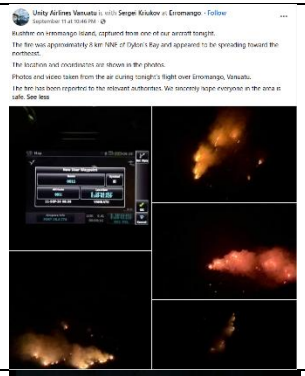
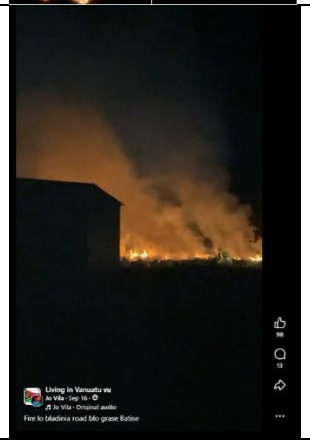
Product	***Stakeholder***	***Total Number of Participants***	***Number of Male***	***Number of Female***	***Disability***	***Age group***	***Comments (If there are comments from you Stakeholders)***
El Nino update	General public	150				18+	
EAR Watch	General public	38				18+	
Monthly Climate Briefing	CCC, world vision, VCCRP, NDMO, climate champions	14					
Ocean Outlook	General public	42				18+	
Climate data request							
Outreach programs	NUV	40+			None	20-25	
	Total	284+					

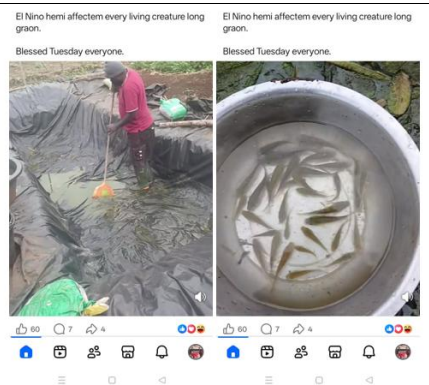
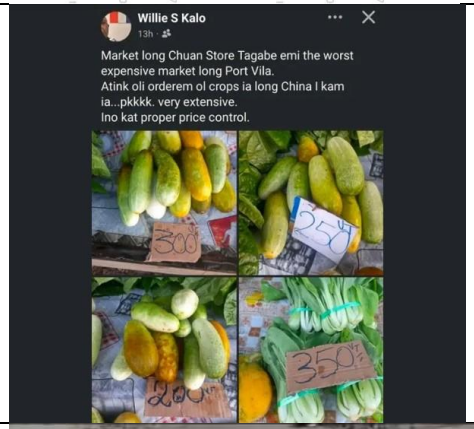
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Agriculture sector	Yes	Yes
Disaster Risk Reduction sector	Yes	Yes
Energy sector	Yes	No
Health sector	Yes	No
Water sector	Yes	No
Fisheries and Aquaculture sector	Yes	Yes
Tourism sector	Yes	Yes
Maritime sector	Yes	No
Research & education sector	Yes	No
Women's [] organisations	Yes	Yes
National disability organisations	Yes	No
Community based organisations (e.g. councils)	Yes	No
Products offered in local dialects/ languages	Yes	Yes

Table 4: Impacts of Severe weather and climate events

Country: Vanuatu

ENSO Phase: El Nino

Synoptic Situation	Date	Type of Hazard	Impacts	Image	Latitude	Longitude	Sectors affected	No. of Deaths
Less rainfall	September 2026	Drought	Bush fire		Erromango		Agriculture	None
Less rainfall	September 2026	Drought	Bush fire		Port Vila			**None**

Less rainfall	September	Drought	Drying fish bond				**Fisheries**	**None**
Less rainfall	September	Drought	Impact on local market prices		Port Vila		Agriculture	**None**
Less rainfall and ass fall	September		Water outage		Ambae		Education /health/agriculture	**None**

Less rainfall	September 2026	Drought	Water shortage		Eatas school(port vila)		Education/health	**None**
Less rainfall	September	Drought	Watershortage		Etas area		Heath/agriculture	**None**
Heavy rainfall	October	Hydrometeorological hazard	Flooding					**None**