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- Thirty five years of experience in satellite remote sensing for climate applications, disaster risk reduction and climatology of severe weather phenomena (tropical cyclones, thunderstorms, lighting etc.)
- Department of Satellite Remote Sensing of the Environment, the USSR Academy of Sciences (1980-1994).
- National Climate Centre, Bureau of Meteorology, Melbourne, Australia (1995 -).
- Leader of climate science and adaptation projects of the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (Pacific Climate Change Science Program, Pacific Adaptation Strategy Assistance Program, Pacific Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning Program).

WMO Expert:

Use of Remote Sensing Data for Climate Monitoring; Tropical Cyclone Panel; Weather and Climate Extremes Evaluation.

Academic activity: Adjunct Professor at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University and Swinburne University of Technology.

For lifetime achievements in satellite remote sensing of the environment, in 2011 was elected as an Academician of the Academy of Engineering Sciences, Russian Federation.

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- PCCSP: Web-based information tools to support the use and dissemination of data and analyses
- PASAP / PACCSAP: Web-based information tools to support decision making and assist with risk reduction

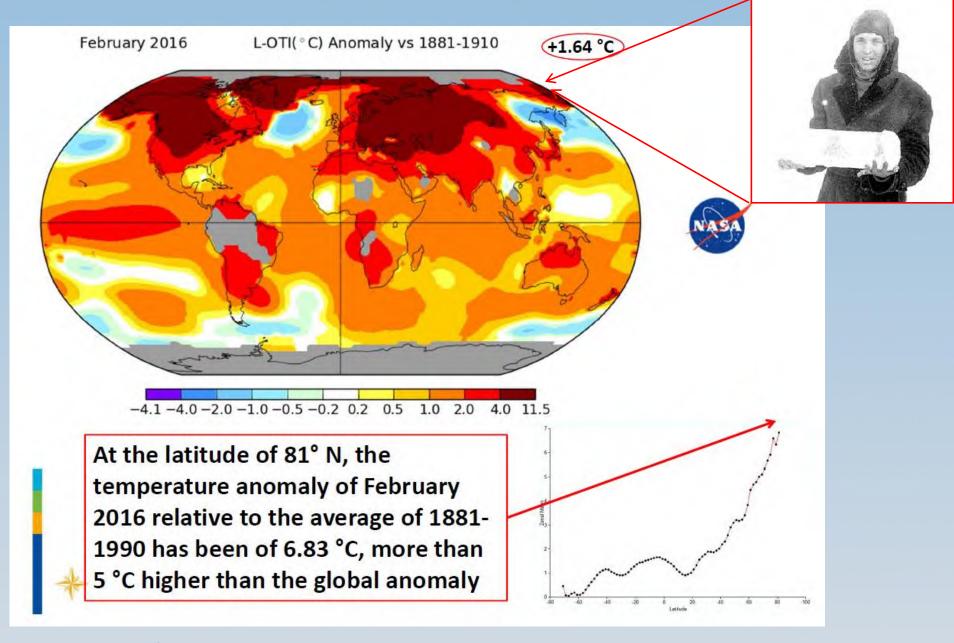


Global Climate Change

- Climate affects us all, but we also affect and change –
 the climate
- Human greenhouse-gas emissions continue to rise resulting in further increase of the temperature of the atmosphere and the ocean.
- •The Earth global atmospheric temperature is already warmer by 1° C compared to the beginning of the XX century.
- •Urgent actions are required to mitigate and adapt to climate change.



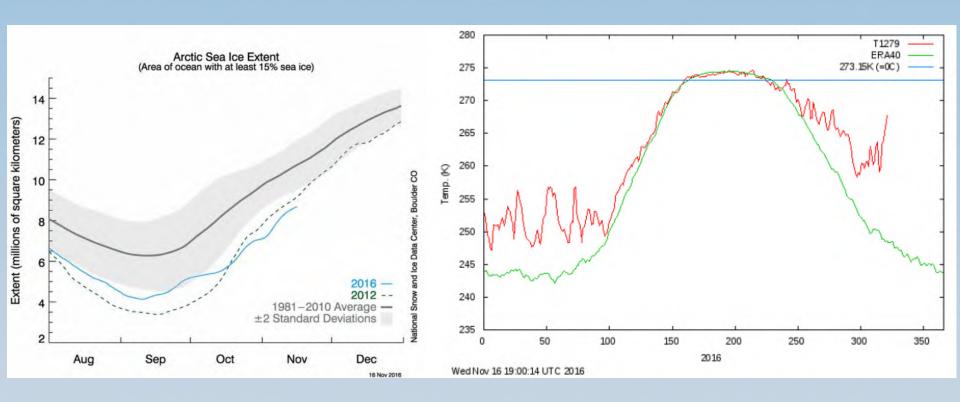




- Credit: Professor Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General
- International Meteorological Day 2016 "Hotter Drier, Wetter. Face the Future"



Warming of the Arctic



Credit:

- Arctic Sea Ice Extent. National Snow and Ice Data Center.
- Daily mean temperatures for the Arctic area north of the 80th northern parallel. Danish Meteorological Institute





- World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) are playing an essential role in building climate-resilient societies.
- Because of past and present emissions, we must prepare for a future with more hot days, warm nights and heatwaves.

Professor Petteri Taalas, WMO SG, Message on the Occasion of World Meteorological Day 2016.

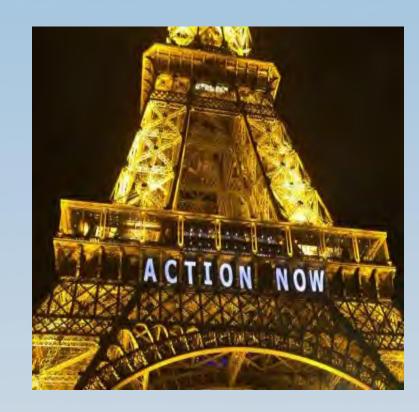


UNFCCC

The WMO community, which consists of NMHSs, meteorological associations, private companies and other organizations, is at the forefront of global efforts to monitor, understand and respond to climate change.

This community contributes to action under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) by:

- Observing the planet.
- Coordinating research.
- Developing Services.



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Climate Services

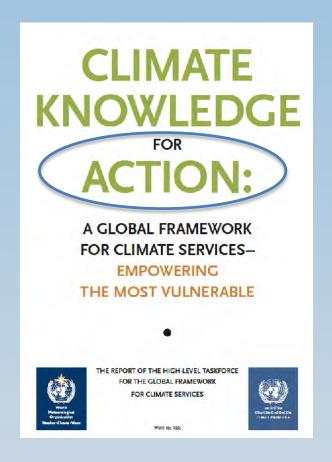
Like weather services, **climate services** use observations and research findings to provide predictions and information for decision-making, but on the scale of seasons to decades.

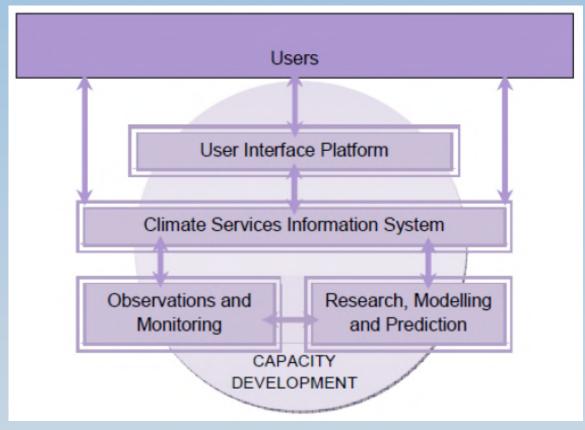
Sophisticated climate services combine climate forecasts with information from other sectors to inform decisions on public health, agriculture, water management, disaster risk and other sectors and priorities.

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Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)





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The Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) is an UN-led initiative headed by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to guide the development and application of science-based climate information and services in support of decision-making.

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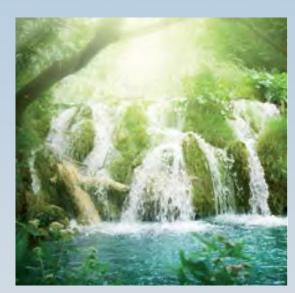




Presently, the GFCS has five priority areas:

- Agriculture & Food Security
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Health
- Water
- Energy

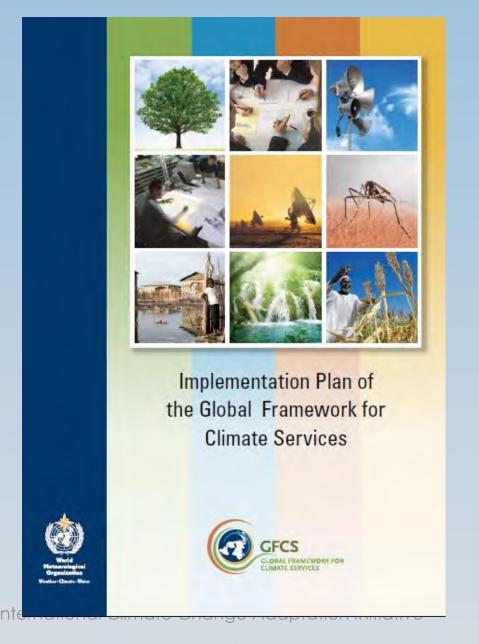






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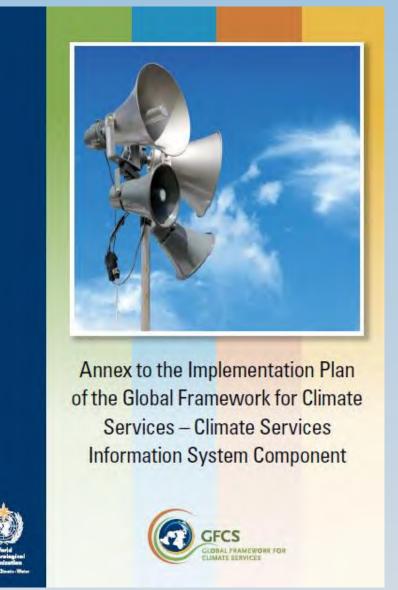


The vision of the GFCS is

"To enable better management of the risks of climate variability and change, through the development and incorporation of sciencebased climate information prediction planning, policy and practice on the global, regional and national scale". Australian Government

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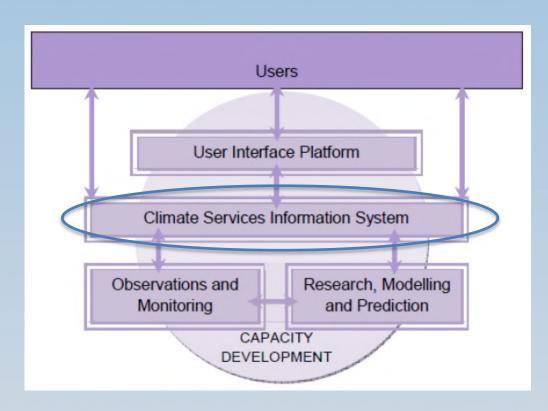
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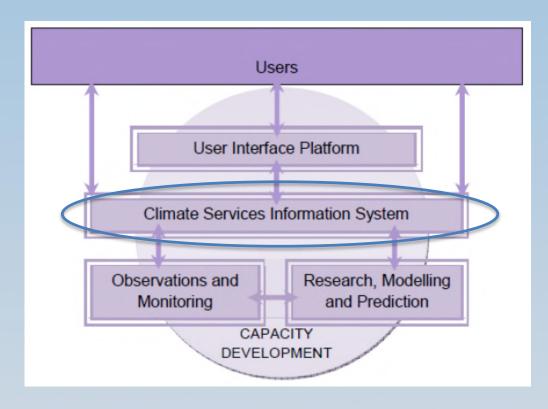
- The CSIS is the component of the GFCS most concerned with the generation and dissemination of climate information.
- It is the 'operational centre' of the GFCS which includes climate data, monitoring, prediction (monthly, seasonal, decadal) and projection (centennial) activities.



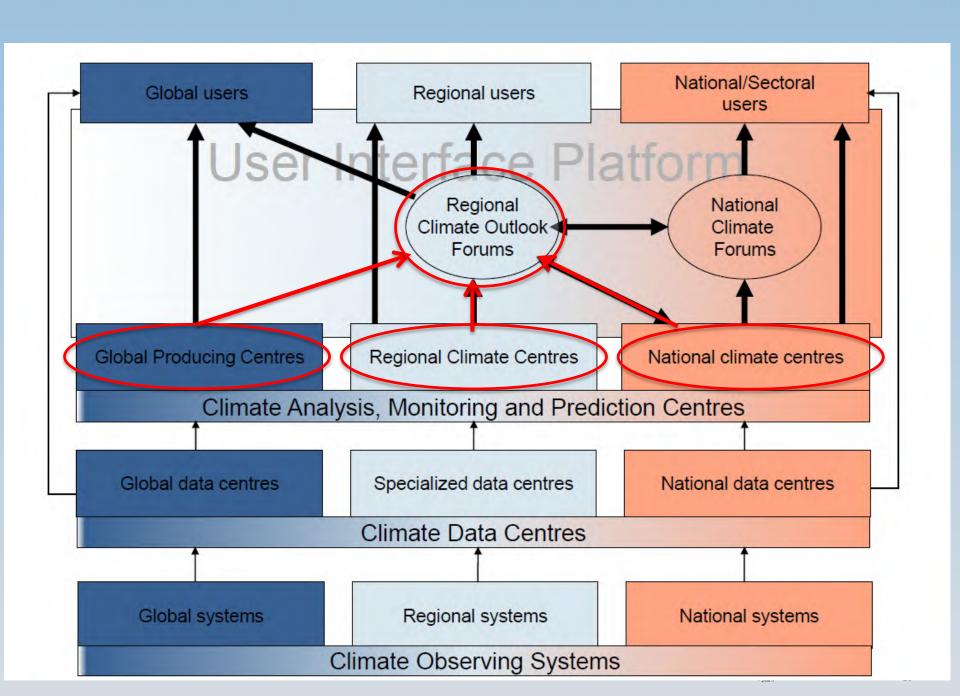


Climate Services Information System (CSIS)

 The CSIS comprises global, regional and national centres and entities that generate / process climate information (observations and predictions), and the exchange of data and products to agreed standards and protocols.







Global Producing Centres for LRFs

- WMO has officially designated 12 GPCLRFs
- WMO Lead Center for Long-Range Forecast Multi-Model Ensemble (LC-LRFMME) jointly coordinated by KMA and CPC/NOAA.
- WMO Lead Center for Standard Verification System of Long-Range Forecasts (LC-SVSLRF) jointly coordinated by BoM and MSC



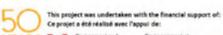
Regional Climate Outlook Forums

WMO RCOFs provide platforms for climate experts and climate information users to:

- Discuss current climate status
- Exchange views on scientific developments in climate prediction
- Develop consensus-based regional climate outlooks that can feed into national climate outlooks produced by NMHSs
- Engage in user-provider dialog

































Regional Statement on the Impacts of the 2015/16 El Niño and 2016/17 Climate and Tropical Cyclone Outlook for the Pacific Islands

Key Messages:

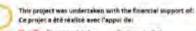
2015/16 El Niño

- The strong El Niño in 2015/16 was similar to previous events in 1997/98 and 1982/83.
- Significant impacts associated with the 2015/16 El Niño were anticipated and experienced across the Pacific Islands region, mainly associated with below normal rainfall and reduced sea level in the southwest Pacific. The central Pacific experienced increased rainfall and elevated sea level.
- These impacts came on the back of "El Niño like" conditions experienced throughout most of the region in 2014.



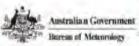






























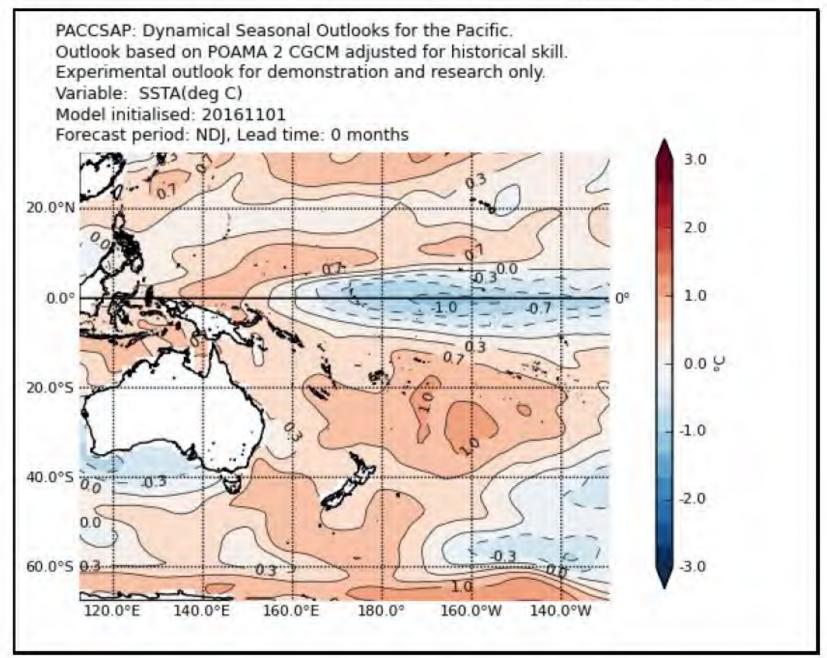




2016/17 Outlook

- For November 2016 to January 2017, weak La Niña to neutral conditions are expected.
- Below normal rainfall is forecast for the central Pacific (moderate-high confidence), and normal or above normal rainfall is possible for the islands in the northwest tropical Pacific and the region from Papua New Guinea southeast to the southern Cook Islands (moderate confidence).
- 8 to 10 named tropical cyclones are expected for the southwest Pacific region for the period November 2016 to April 2017 (this is near the long-term average).
- Typhoon activity for the western north Pacific is expected to be below normal to normal, from October to December 2016.

Sea surface temperature outlook (from Bureau of Meteorology, POAMA model)



Climate Services Toolkit (CST)

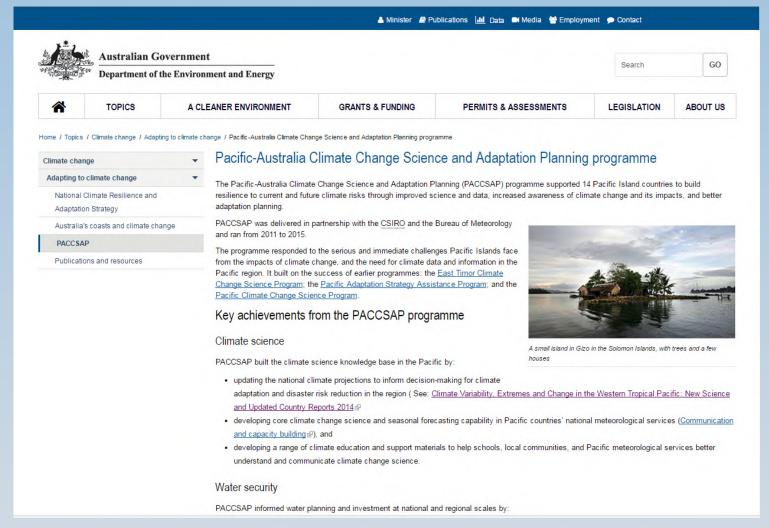
- **CST** is a set of fit-for-purpose **software products** (data portals, analysis and prediction packages) and specifically designed **accompanying training modules.**
- Share new tools, information and methods, and thereby enable all CSIS providers to utilise research advances.
- And in this way to ensure that the information and products developed for and provided to end-users are reliable, consistent (through time and across regions) and of high quality.

Climate Services Toolkit – What could be included?

- Data Management tools, including
 - ✓ Data portal for access to and analysis of observations and GCM outputs
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- Climate analysis tool for diagnostic analyses
- Climate monitoring tools for calculation of anomalies, percentiles, return periods etc.
- Forecasting, downscaling and verification tools, including flexibility to interface to impacts models.
- CST how it was implemented under the ICCAI.



International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative – Pacific Programs



Early warning and preparedness to hydro-meteorological hazards

- •Strengthening climate services in the most vulnerable and least developed countries, including small island developing States and least developed countries in the Asia-Pacific region is a high priority task for GFCS with focus on improving early warning and preparedness of communities to hydrometeorological hazards.
- •Tropical cyclones, floods and droughts are among the most damaging and destructive weather and climate hazards which affect population of countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
- •To assist with improving analysis, monitoring and seasonal prediction of hydro-meteorological hazards in the region, a range of activities have been undertaken through climate science and adaptation programs of the International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (ICCAI).



International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (ICCAI)

- •Australia supports high priority climate change adaptation needs in vulnerable countries in our region.
- •The primary geographic emphasis of the AusAID-DCCEE jointly-managed International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (ICCAI, \$350 M, 2008-2014) is on Australia's neighbouring island countries.
- •The Pacific Climate Change Science Program (PCCSP) and the Pacific Adaptation Strategy Assistance Program (PASAP), 2008–2011, helped 14 Pacific island Countries and East Timor better understand how climate change will impact on them.
- The Pacific Australia Climate Change Science and Adaptation Planning (PACCSAP) Program, 2011-2014, was a continuation of the PASAP and PCCSP, with a focus on **climate extremes**.



Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2012

- •Asia-Pacific is one of the most disaster-prone areas of the world.
- •According to the "Asia-Pacific Disaster Report 2012" prepared by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, "Almost 2 million people were killed in disasters between 1970 and 2011, representing 75 per cent of all disaster fatalities globally.
- •The most frequent hazards in the region are **hydro-meteorological**, which also affect the most people.
- •Since 2000, more than 1,2 billion people have been exposed to hydrometeorological hazards alone, through 1,215 disaster events".



Climate extremes in the Pacific

Little knowledge about current climate of the Pacific Island Countries and climate projections prior to PCCSP research.



Climate extremes have a major impact on Pacific Island countries, and their changes over the coming decades are expected to drive many of the most significant effects of climate change.



Of particular concern are tropical cyclones, hydrometeorological extremes (droughts and floods), sea level extremes and unusually warm ocean temperatures, and their impacts through severe weather, coastal inundation and coral bleaching.



Pacific Islands Partner Countries



Cook Islands

East Timor

Federated States of Micronesia

Fiji

Kiribati

Niue

Palau

Papua New Guinea

Republic of Marshall Islands

Republic of Nauru

Samoa

Solomon Islands

Tonga

Tuvalu

Vanuatu



Floods in the Pacific



Severe flash flooding associated with TC Evan in Samoa in Dec 2012.

- Severe floods frequently affect major infrastructure, transportation, business and property in Pacific Island Countries.
- Often significant flooding is attributed to a tropical cyclone or a tropical depression.
- Typhoon-flood modelling is a high priority Inteller grapplying new wind field model.





Droughts in the Pacific

- On the other side of hydro-meteorological extremes are droughts which also frequently affect islands of the Pacific impacting on the countries' population and the environment (e.g. forest fires => air quality) to a various degrees of severity depending on the drought's length.
- There is general perception amongst Pacific Islanders that the frequency and magnitude of drought has increased, particularly in the last couple of decades.
- This would be of significant concern as agriculture and water storages on most Pacific Islands are particularly sensitive to



Meteorological drought affected Fiji in 2010



800 hectares of forests were destroyed by fire in Samoa in 2011



Droughts in the Pacific

- Rainfall records for 21 countries and territories in the Pacific since 1951 have been examined to identify trends in drought occurrence, duration and magnitude.
- The strength of the relationship between the main climate drivers in the Pacific El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), Interdecadal Pacific Oscillation (IPO) and Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO) and precipitation has been also examined.
- Station scale drought trends are largely positive; however, spatially, trend patterns are largely heterogeneous.
- Drought was found to be longer and more severe south of the SPCZ and north of the ITCZ during the positive phase of the IPO and PDO.

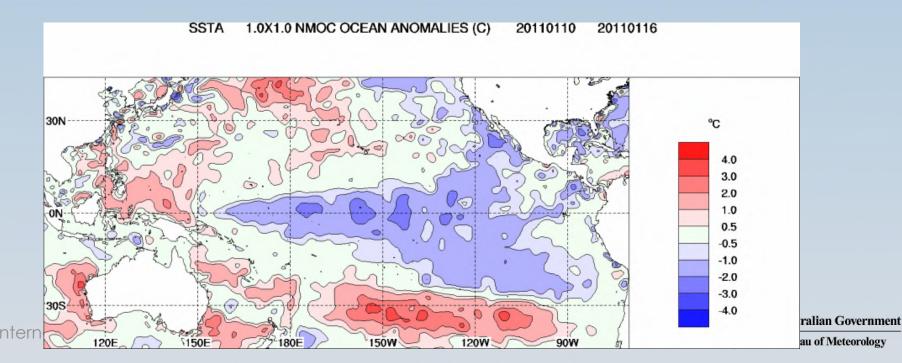
McGree, Schreider and Kuleshov, 2016: *Trends and variability in droughts in the Pacific Islands and northeast Australia*, Journal of Climate http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0332.1

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Droughts in the Pacific

- In extreme cases, droughts affect countries to such an extent that they cause devastating water crisis (e.g. the 2011 drought in Tuvalu).
- This prolonged drought episode was related to a strong La Niña event which affected the region in 2010-11.





The 2011 droughts in Tuvalu

• In 2011, a number of countries and territories in the region, including Samoa, Tokelau and Tonga were affected by La Niña-induced rainfall deficit; however, Tuvalu was particularly seriously impacted.



- On the 28 September 2011, the government of Tuvalu declared a state of emergency due to critically low water supplies.
- Households were rationed to about 40 litres of freshwater a day as some parts of Tuvalu had just a two day supply of water left.
- The situation was critical and the governments of Australia, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea immediately began delivering fresh water supplies and portable desalination plants.

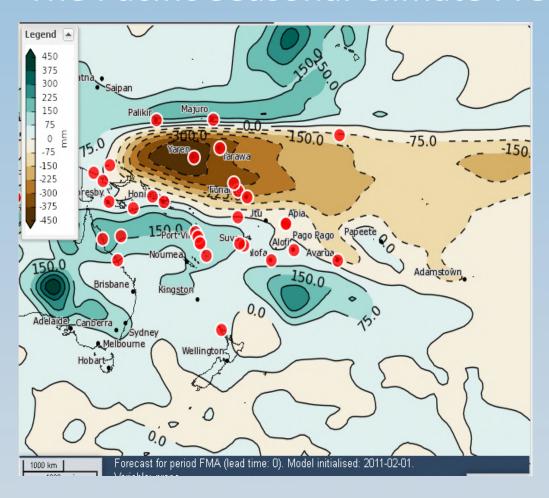




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The Pacific Seasonal Climate Prediction Portal

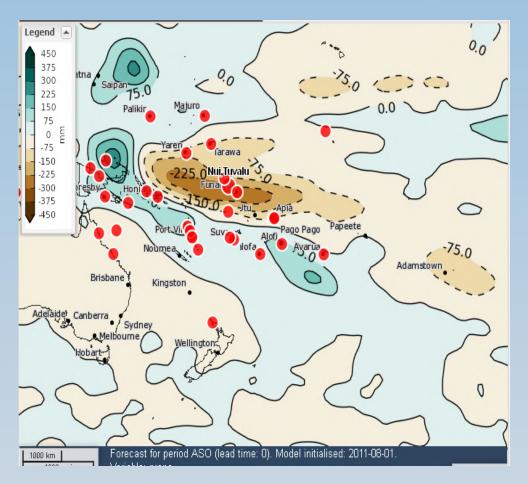


POAMA-based prediction of seasonal rainfall anomalies in the South Pacific region. The seasonal forecasts issued in February 2011 for three-month period FMA.

The POAMA-based seasonal forecast issued in February 2011 for the three-month period February-March-April (FMA) predicted that the rainfall deficit in the area of Tuvalu would continue, with the ensemble mean forecast quantity seasonal rainfall about 225 mm below average.



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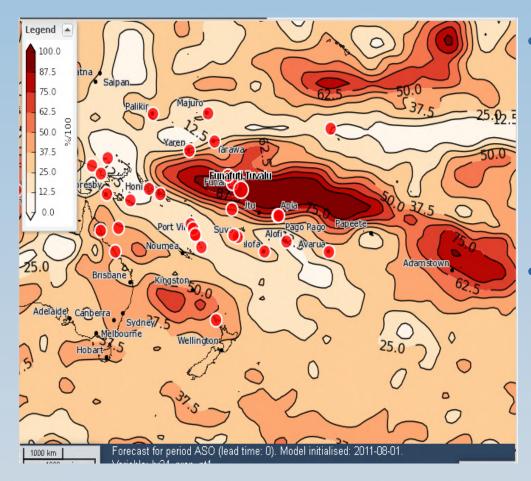


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Subsequent forecasts from POAMA, produced monthly, consistently indicated that rainfall deficits would further continue, e.g. the forecast for August-September-October (ASO), issued in August 2011, predicted a rainfall deficit greater than 225 mm.



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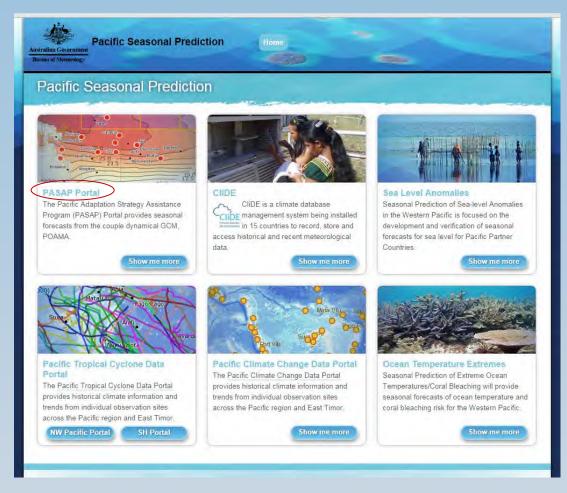


Probability of accumulated rainfall in the lower climatological tercile (more than 87.5% in the region containing Tuvalu) predicted by POAMA for ASO 2011.

- Information available from POAMA from the beginning of 2011 consistently indicated high probability of continuous drought in the region.
- by disaster managers, such information could be used as a trigger for early preventive actions to reduce the impact of water shortages on the local population.



The Pacific Portal



http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/pacific/projects.shtml

A range of web-based information tools have been developed to assist National Meteorological and Hydrological Services of 15 island countries in the Western Pacific with climate change adaptation:

- Climate Data for the Environment (CliDE)
- Pacific climate change data portal
- Seasonal climate prediction portal (currently WMO GPCLRF portal)
- Pacific tropical cyclone data portal
- Sea level anomalies
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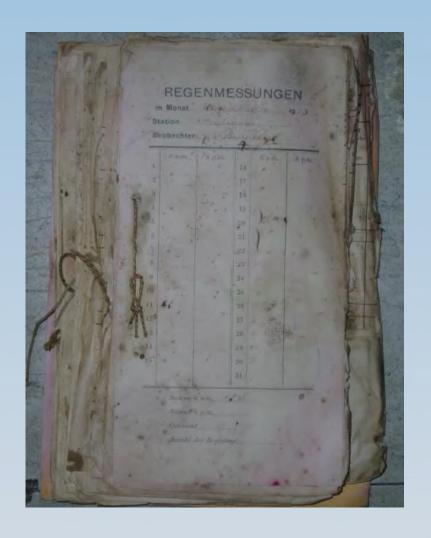
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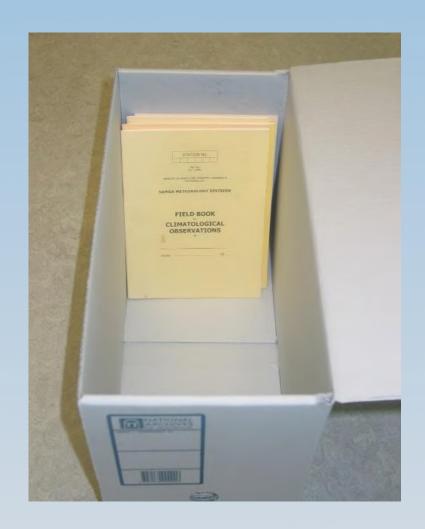
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Data rescue







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500 Year Archive Boxes





Shipment by Sea

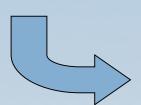


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Data organisation





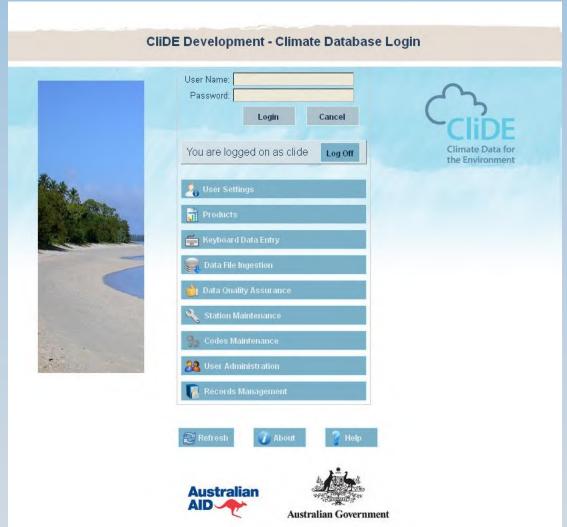
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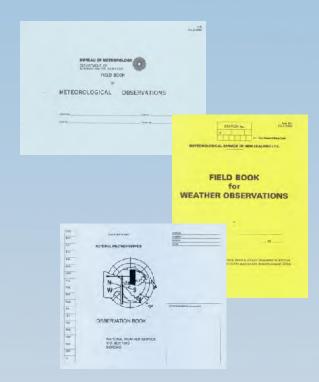
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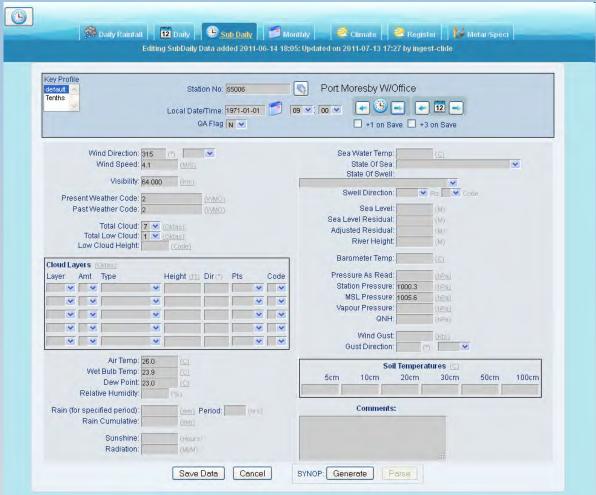


CliDE: Climate Data for the Environment



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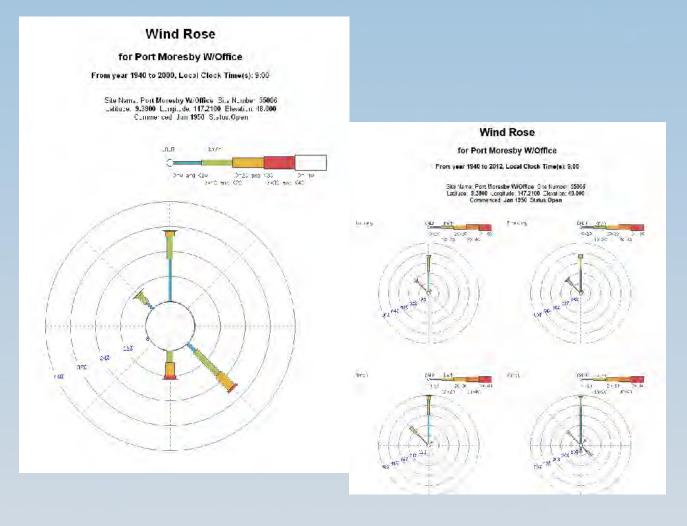






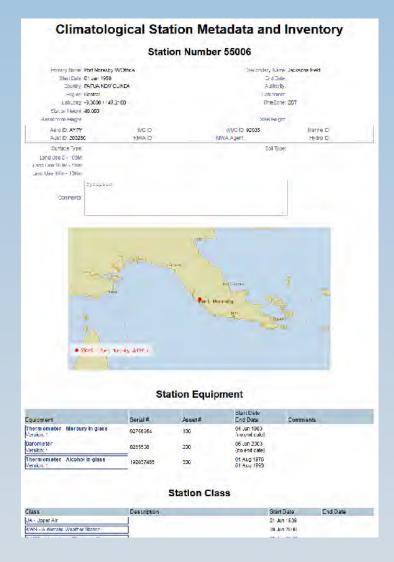
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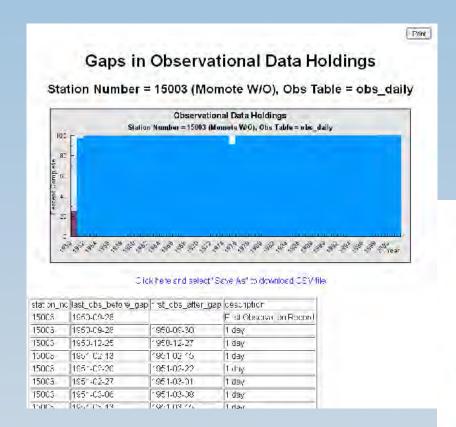


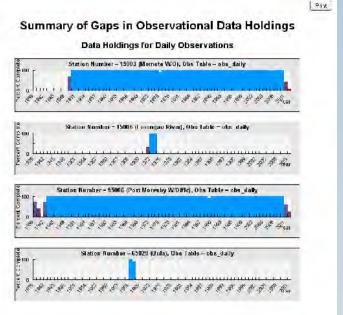
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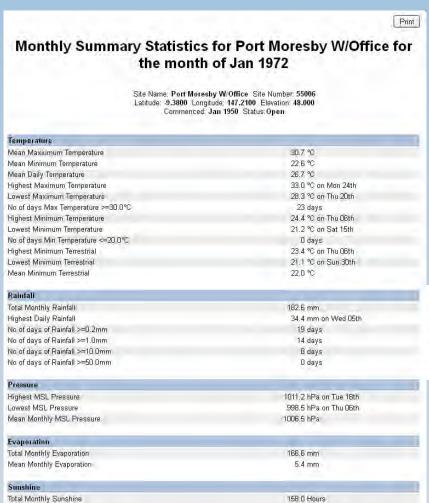
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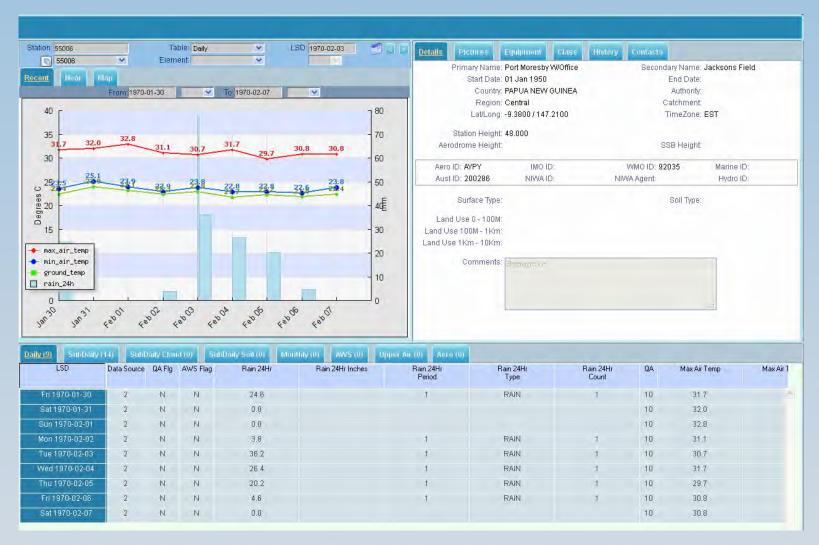
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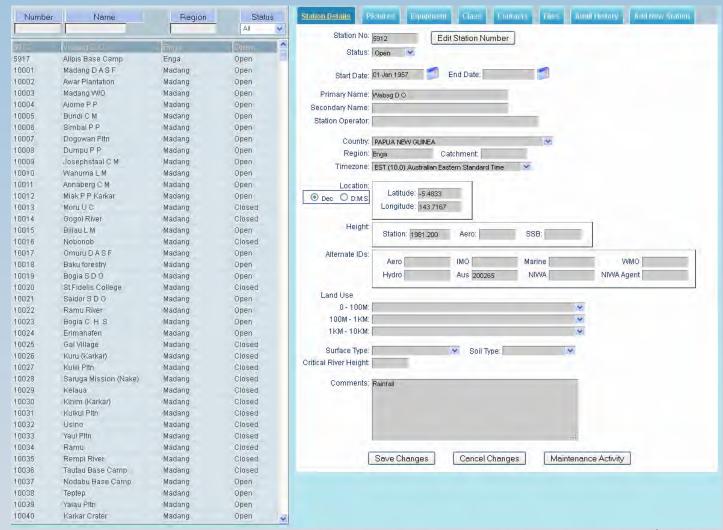
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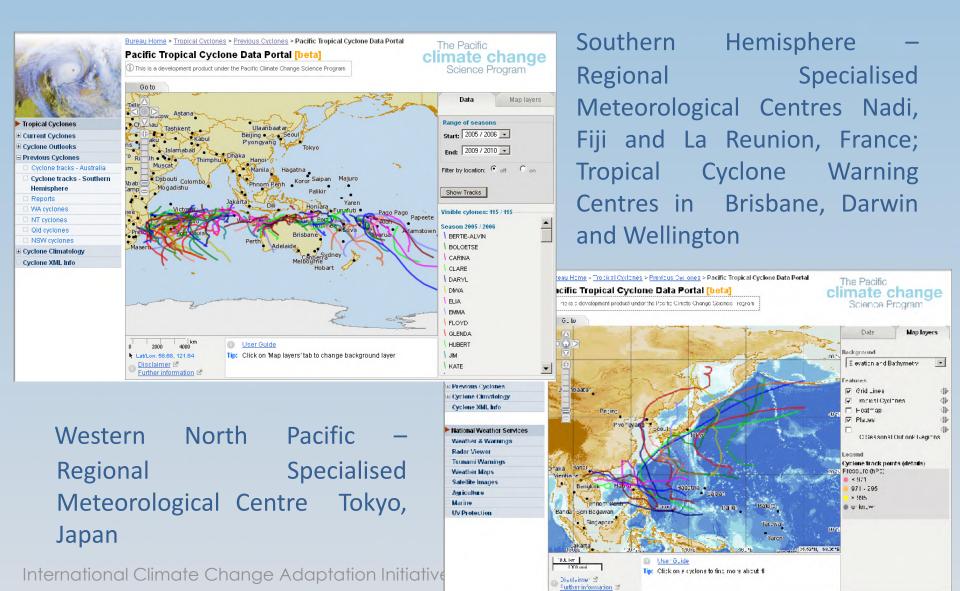


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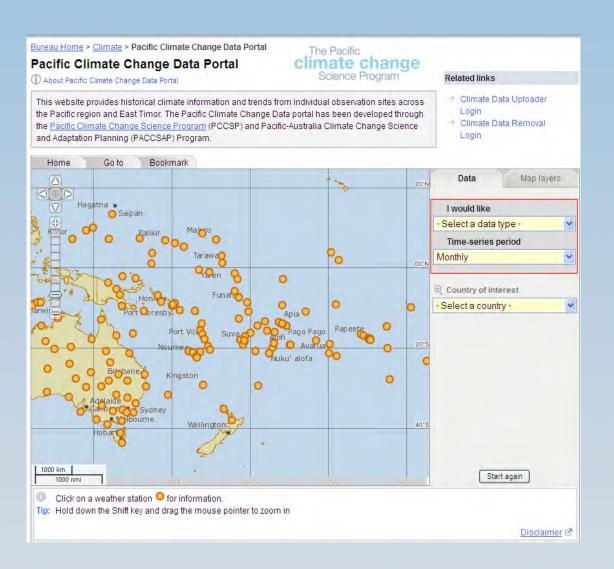
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Tropical Cyclone Data Portal



Pacific Climate Change Data Portal

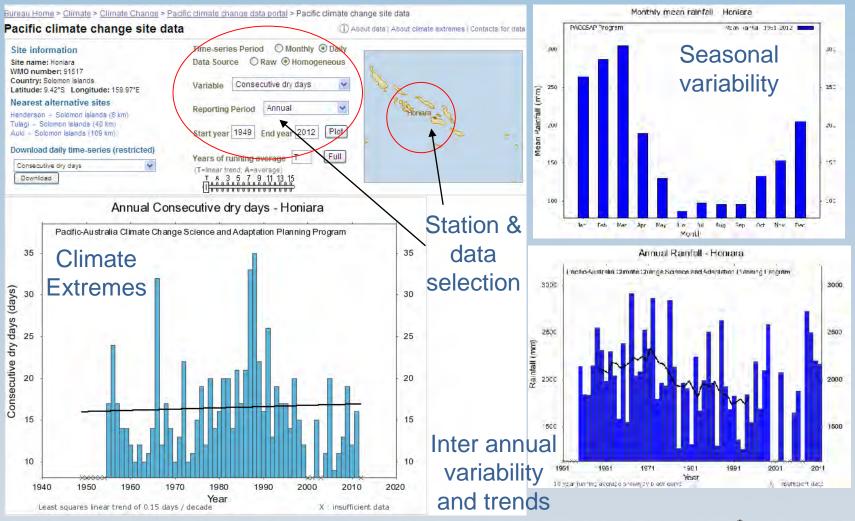


Currently, 92 station records for 23 countries and territories

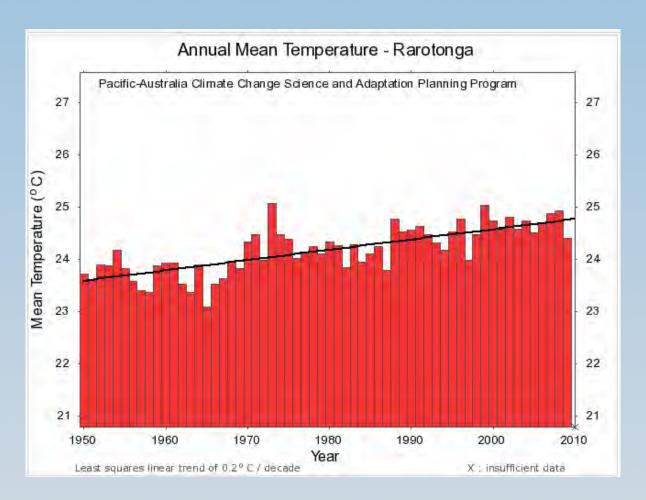
Data uploaded by Partner Countries where possible



Pacific Climate Change Data Portal - Functionality



Pacific Climate Change Data Portal: Temperature trends



- Cook Islands: Mean temperature 1950 2010
- 0.2 ° C / decade



Pacific Climate Change Data Portal: Temperature trends

Country:

- Australia / Cairns
- Cook Islands / Rarotonga
- Fiji / Nadi
- Marshall Islands / Majuro
- New Caledonia / Noumea
- Palau / Koror
- Papua New Guinea / Port Moresby
- Samoa / Apia
- Tonga / Nuku'alofa
- Tuvalu / Funafuti
- Vanuatu / Port Vila

Regional mean temperature trend:

Temperature trend:

- •0.15 ° C / decade (1950 2008)
- •0.2 ° C / decade (1950 2010)
- •0.09 ° C / decade (1950 2015)
- •0.17 ° C / decade (1955 2015)
- •0.15 ° C / decade (1951 2015)
- •0.11 ° C / decade (1951 2015)
- •0.12 ° C / decade (1950 2013)
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- •0.13 ° C / decade (1950 2010)

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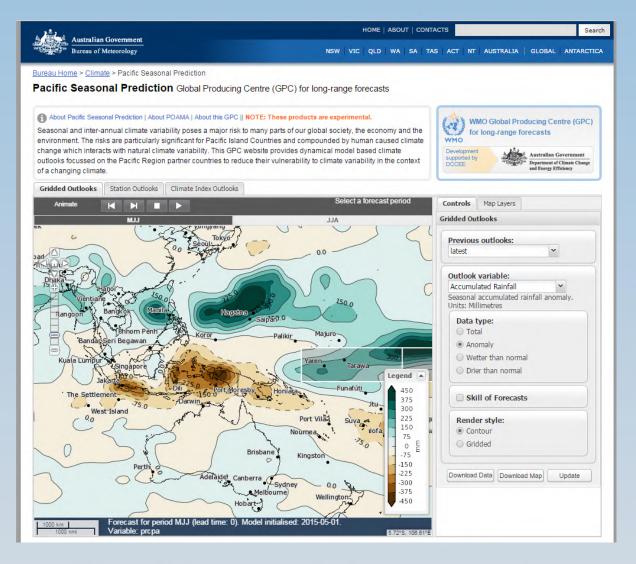


Climate Services Toolkit / The Pacific Portal

- Data Management tools, including
 - ✓ Data portal for access to and analysis of observations and GCM outputs
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WMO GPCLRF Pacific Climate Prediction Portal

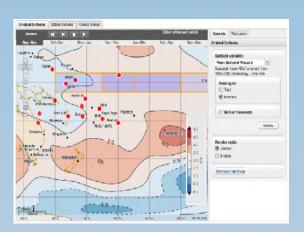


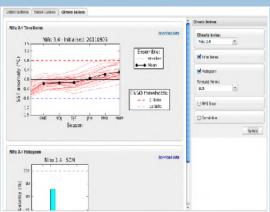
The dynamic climate model-based forecast products are now disseminated to the NMHSs of 15 island countries in the Western Pacific through the WMO GPCLRF Portal.

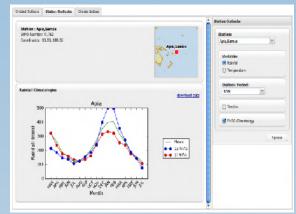
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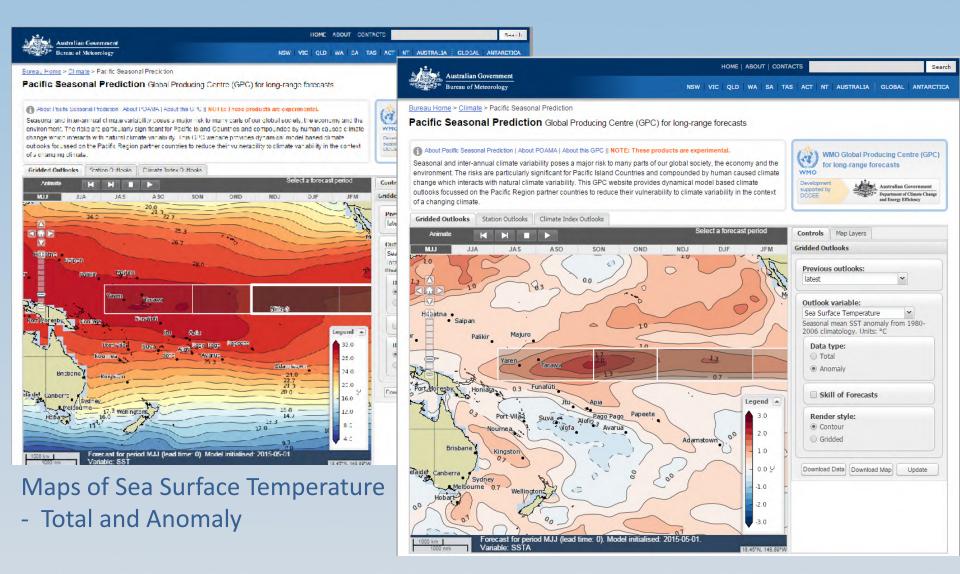


The Portal provides access to outlooks for

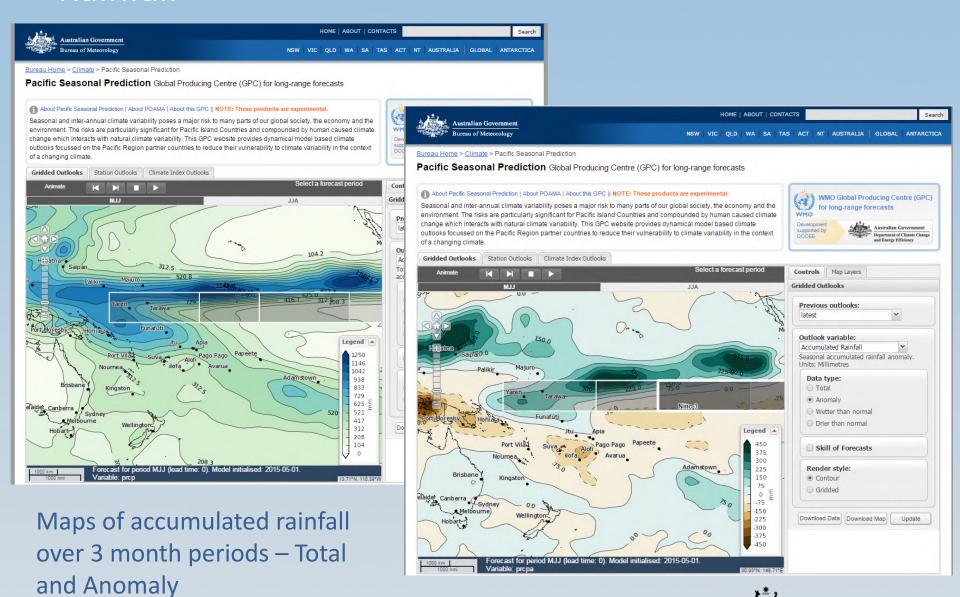
- Broad scale fields (SSTs, rainfall etc.)
- Climate drivers (ENSO)
- Rainfall and temperature tercile probabilities for selected sites
- Hindcast skill scores for all outlooks



Sea Surface Temperature – evolution of ENSO

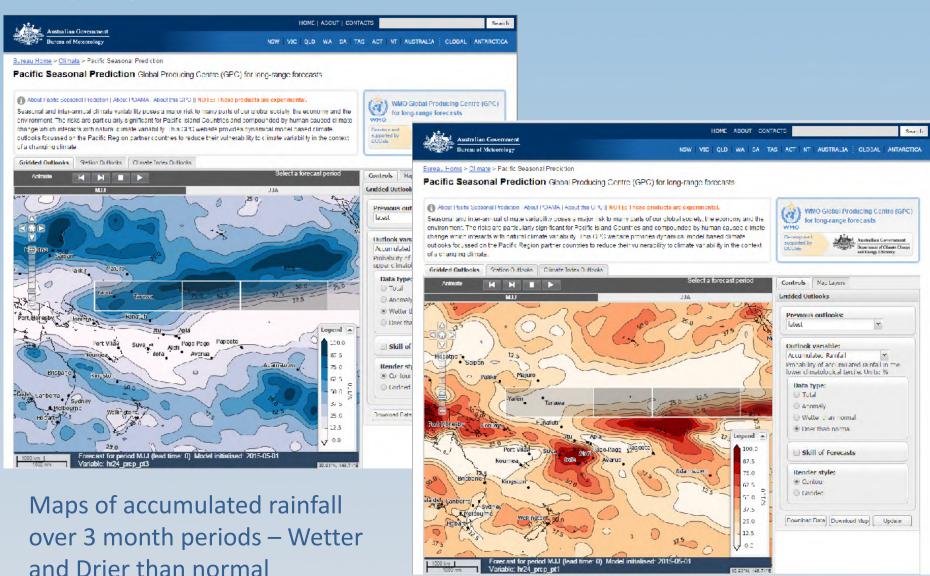


Rainfall

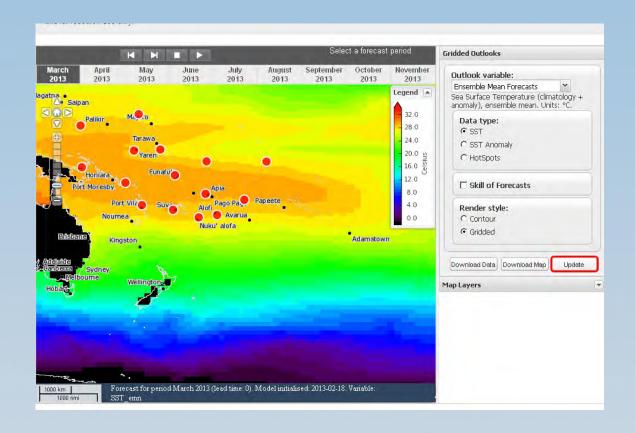




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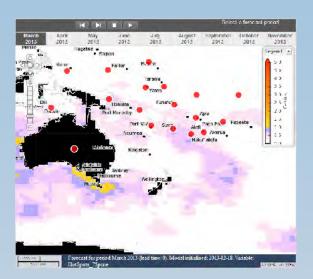


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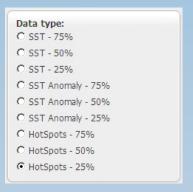


Seasonal prediction of extreme ocean temperatures and associated coral bleaching project provides seasonal forecasts of ocean temperature and coral bleaching risk.

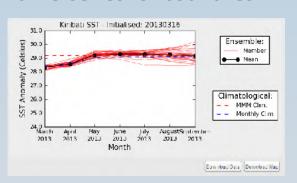
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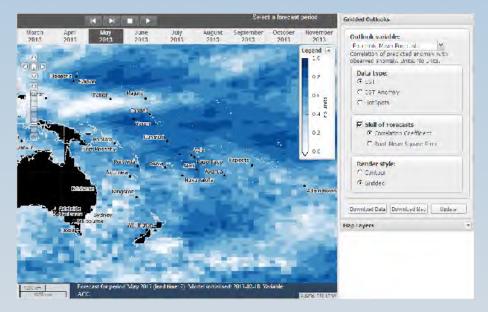
coral risk metrics probabilistic forecasts



time-series for countries

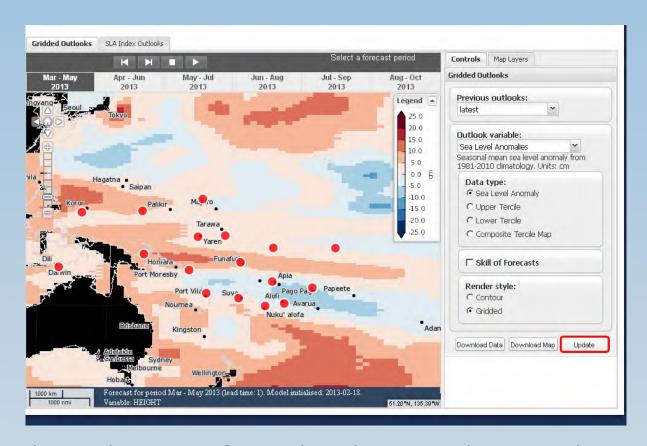


skill scores





Sea Level Seasonal Prediction



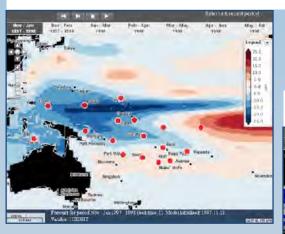
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Australian Government

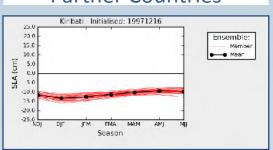
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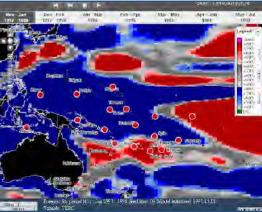
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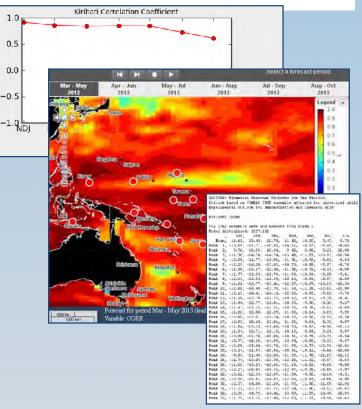
Timeseries for Exclusive Economic Zones of Partner Countries



Tercile predictions



Skill scores for all forecasts Data available in netcdf and text format





Working with people



- Extensive training of the Pacific National Meteorological Services personnel during incountry visits
- Pacific Science Programs numerous workshops



Working for people



VISITING CLIMATOLOGIST: Australian High Commissioner,
Dr Stephen Henningham, welcomes Professor Yuriy Kuleshov to Samoa.
http://www.samoaobserver.ws/public-service/5369-top-aussie-climate-scientist-visits

Samoa Observer, 12 June 2013

"A top of Australian scientist is in Samoa to help the country tackle climate change. Professor Yuriy Kuleshov, from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, is the leader of an international team of scientists developing seasonal climate prediction capability for the Pacific region.

"Climate change is one of the biggest problems faced by humanity," says Professor Kuleshov.

"Urgent adaptation measures to climate change are required to address issues of warming temperatures, rising sea levels and increasing frequency of climate extremes such as floods and droughts."



The tsunami devastated parts of Samoa's coastline on 29 September 2009, claimed 143 lives, ravaged the landscape and changed the way of life for hundreds of families.



Visiting communities of Lepa and Saleapaga villages in Samoa affected by 2009 tsunami.



Summary

- The projected increase in the frequency of weather and climate extremes is one of the expected consequences of the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentration and will likely have even stronger negative impacts on the natural environment and society in the future.
- This should be taken into consideration by decision makers when developing strategies to adapt to the increasing risk of climate extremes.
- Modern science of climate prediction is well developed, with current dynamical climate models being able to provide users with skilful predictions of meteorological variables well in advance.

Summary

- The dynamic climate model-based forecast products are now disseminated through the WMO Global Producing Centres for Long-range Forecasts (WMO GPCLRFs) to the Regional Climate Centres and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services.
- We conclude with confidence that seasonal climate prediction could be an effective solution to provide users (e.g. governments, disaster managers, local communities etc.) with valuable assistance for informed decision making in adaptation to climate variability and change.

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