

## Tropical Cyclone Outlook for Fiji

### **Highlights:**

1. Two to three total number of cyclones are likely to pass through Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone during the 2022-23 tropical cyclone season.
2. One to two cyclones are likely to reach severe category (Category 3-5) during the season.
3. Most of the past cyclones during La Niña TC seasons have approached the Fiji Group from the north-west quadrant. Therefore, there will be elevated risks for the Western Division this season.
4. With the recent re-establishment of a La Niña event and chances of it to continue until year end, there is high chance of receiving above average rainfall, which may lead to flooding across the Fiji Group, during the TC Season.

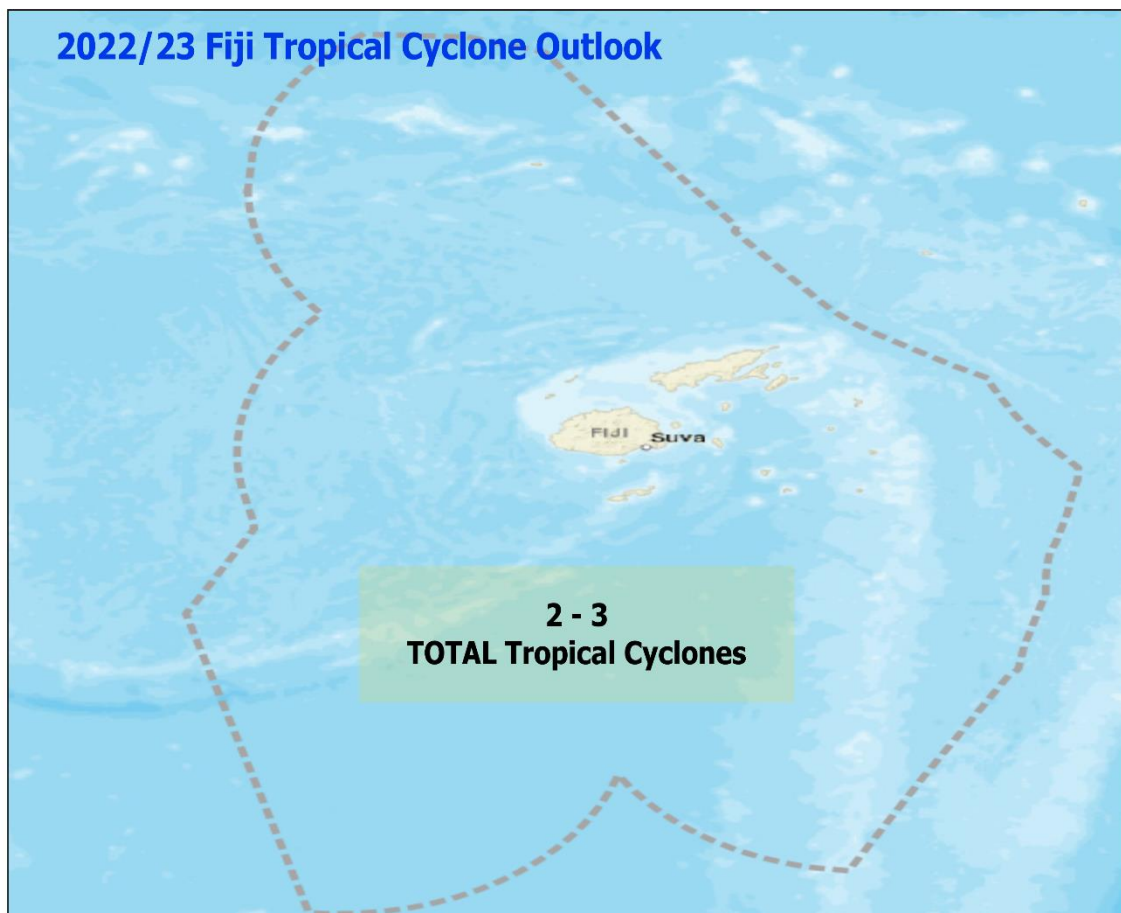
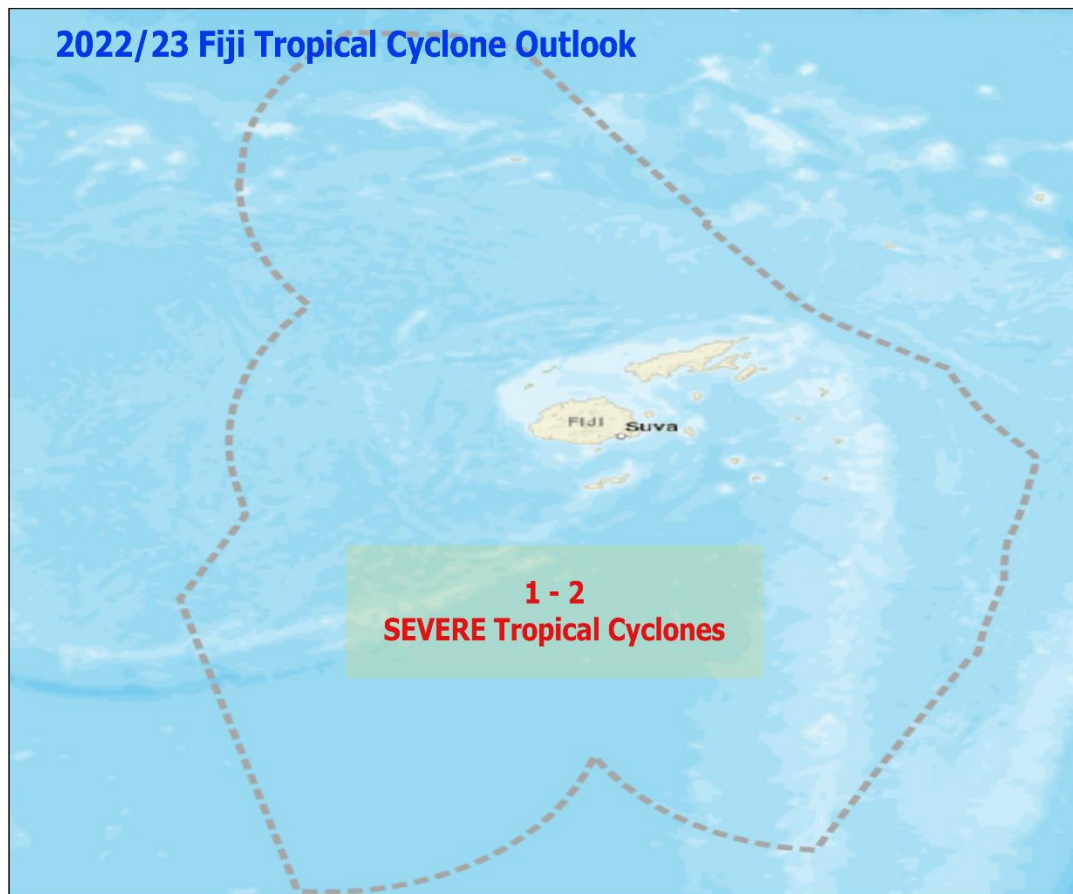


Figure 1: Total number of tropical cyclones forecasted for the Fiji region.



*Figure 2. Above map illustrates the number of Severe Tropical cyclones forecasted for the Fiji region*

While the tropical cyclone season is between November to April, occasionally cyclones have formed in the region in October and May and rarely in September and June. Therefore, an out of season tropical cyclone activity cannot be ruled out.

Tropical disturbances or depressions that do not attain TC intensity or low-pressure systems that are a result of decaying cyclone, can still cause widespread rainfall and potential flooding.

All communities should remain alert and prepared throughout the 2022/23 TC Season and please do take heed of any TC warnings and advisories, to mitigate the impact on life and properties.

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