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FIJI CLIMATE OUTLOOK

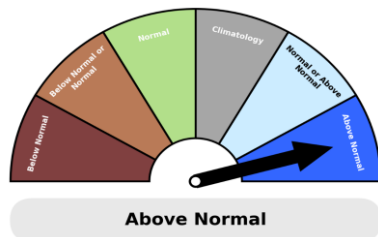
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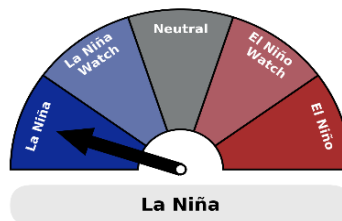
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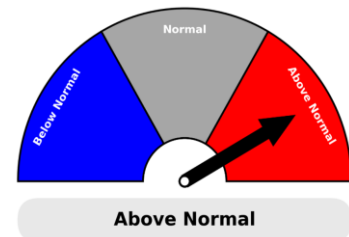
HIGHLIGHTS



Rainfall Outlook



ENSO Outlook

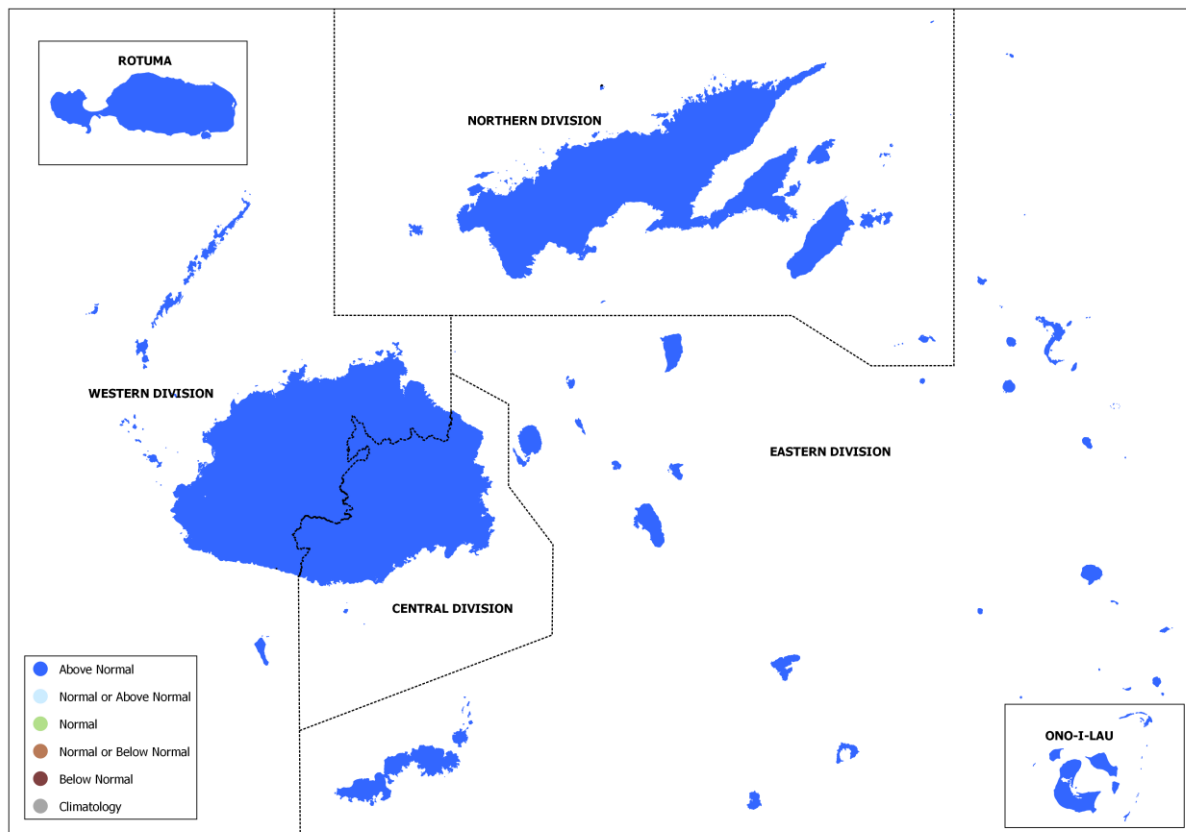


Air Temperature

- Rainfall during January 2023 is likely to be *above normal* across the country.
- For January to March 2023 season, *above normal* rainfall is likely across the country.
- During April to June 2023 season, *above normal* rainfall is favored for the Western, Central and Northern Divisions, while *near normal* or *above normal* rainfall is favored for the Eastern Division, and there is little guidance for Rotuma with almost equal chances of *below normal*, *near normal* and *above normal* rainfall.
- The air temperatures are likely to be *above normal* across the country during January 2023, and as well as January to March 2023 season.
- A weak La Niña event continues to persist in the tropical Pacific Ocean.
- Climate models on average suggest a return to ENSO-neutral conditions during January to March 2023.
- Fiji usually experiences above normal rainfall during a La Niña event, which can lead to flooding especially during the wet season from November to April.

RAINFALL OUTLOOK

JANUARY 2023



Western Division: *Above normal* rainfall

Central Division: *Above normal* rainfall

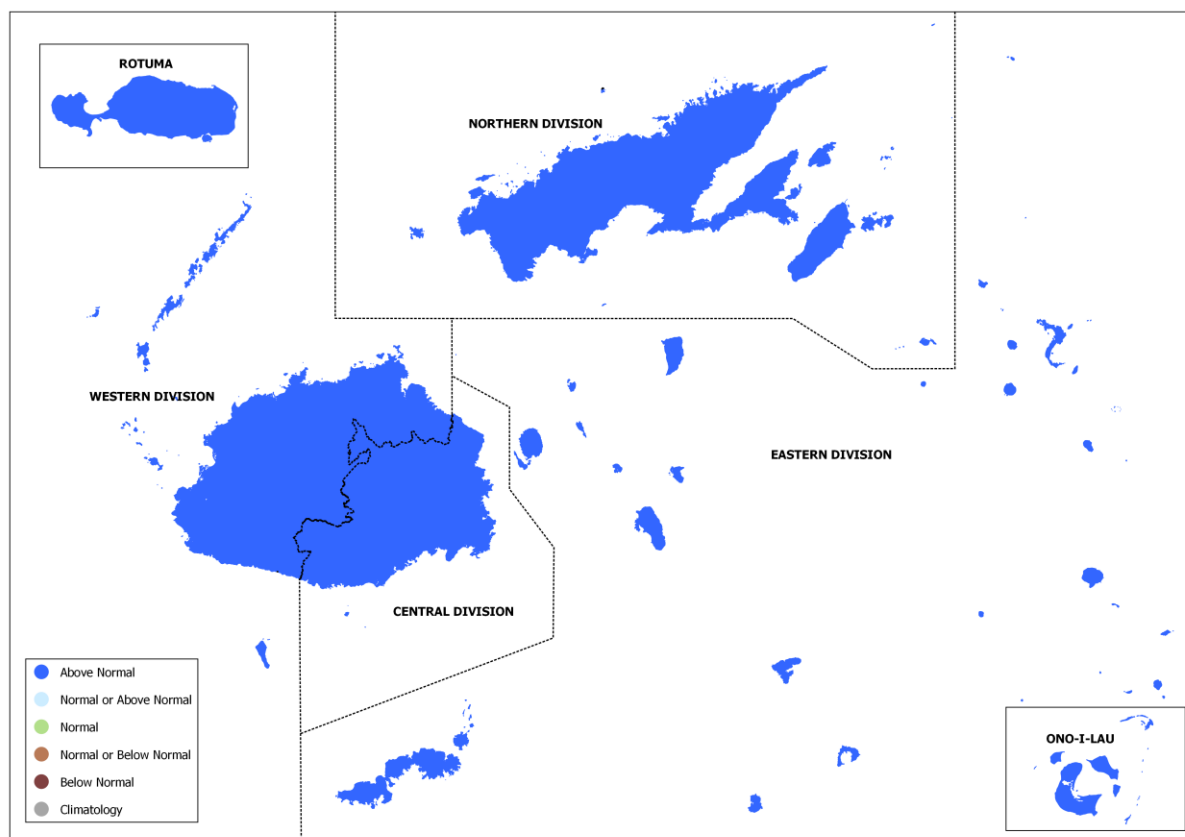
Northern Division: *Above normal* rainfall

Eastern Division: *Above normal* rainfall

Rotuma: *Above normal* rainfall

RAINFALL OUTLOOK

JANUARY TO MARCH 2023



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Central Division: *Above normal* rainfall

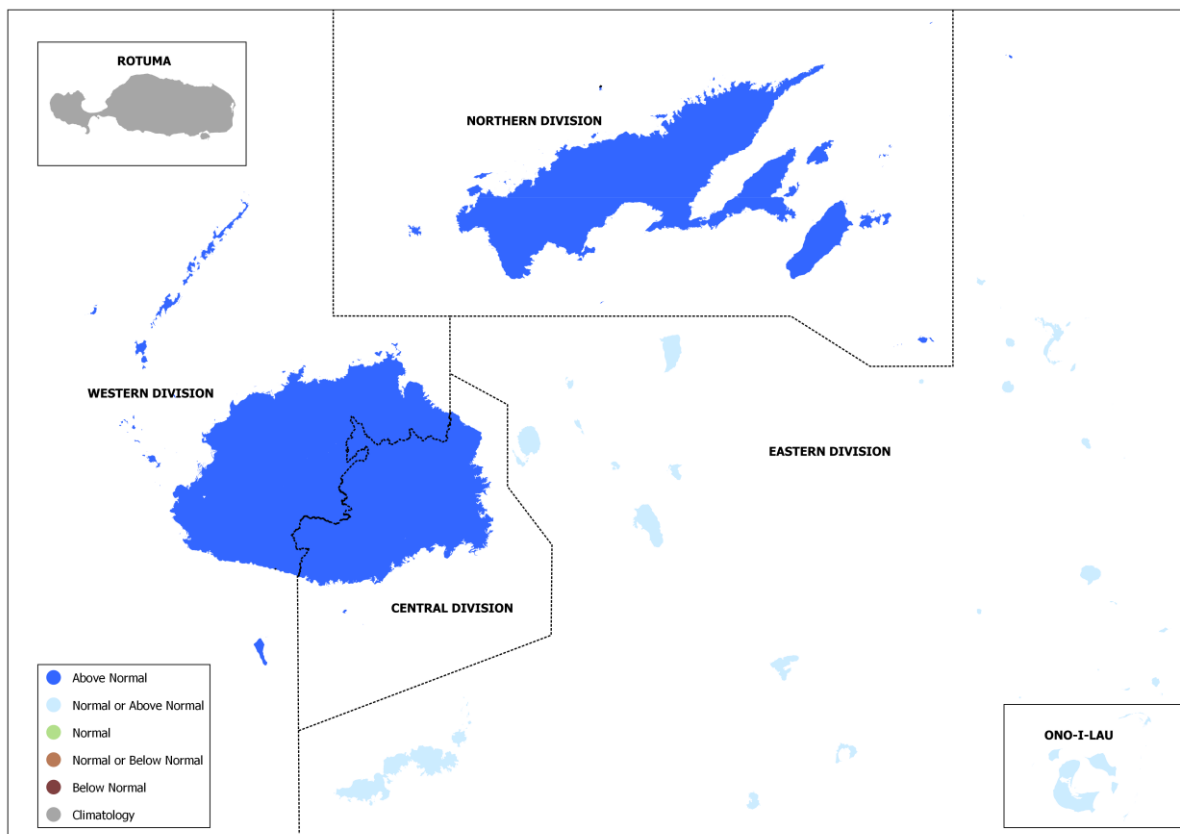
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Rotuma: *Above normal* rainfall

RAINFALL OUTLOOK

APRIL TO JUNE 2023



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Central Division: *Above normal* rainfall

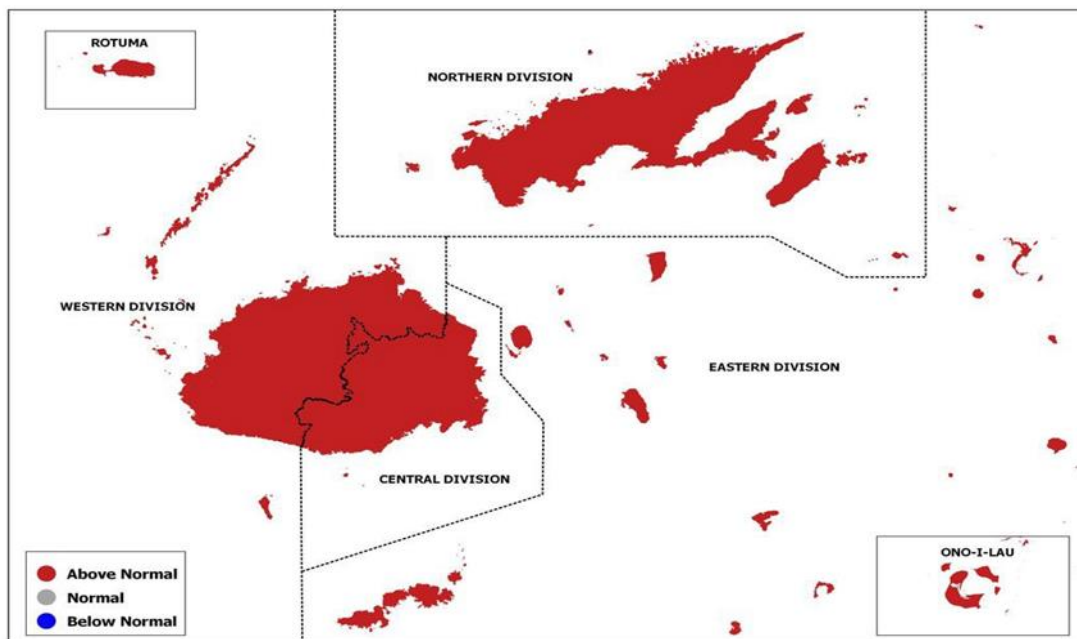
Northern Division: *Above normal* rainfall

Eastern Division: *Normal or above normal* rainfall

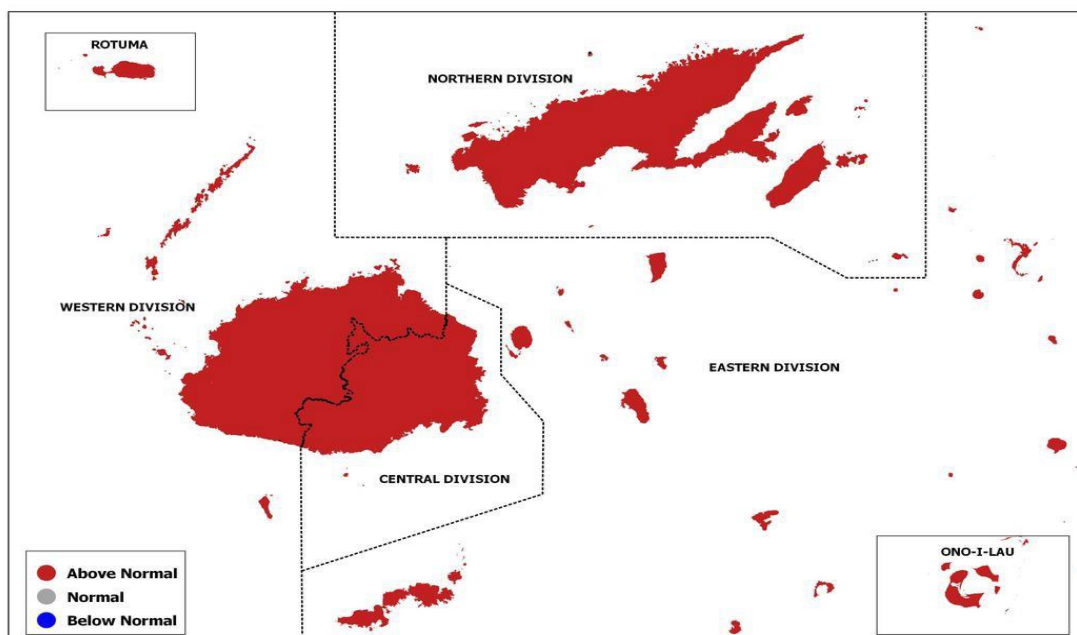
Rotuma: Almost equal chances of *below normal*, *normal* and *above normal* rainfall

AIR TEMPERATURE OUTLOOKS

JANUARY 2023

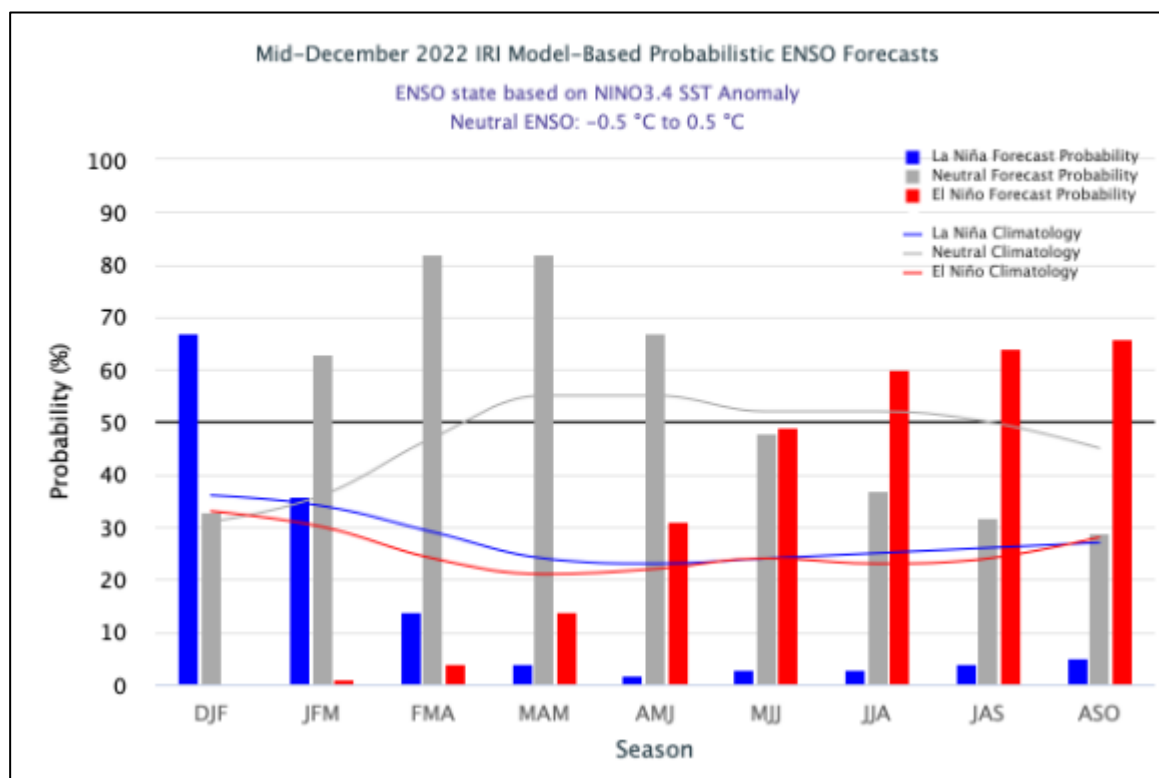


JANUARY TO MARCH 2023



Above normal air temperatures are likely over the Fiji Group during January 2023, and as well as the January to March 2023 season.

EL-NIÑO SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO)



Source: [International Research Institute for Climate and Society](#)

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