



Tuvalu Ocean Outlook



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Summary

- The SSTs in most of the Tuvalu Waters are likely to be near-normal
- The Fisheries Convergence Zone continues to lie to the west of the group.
- The Coral bleaching is at No Stress for all Tuvalu Waters
- Sea level is predicted to be higher than normal from August to October across most of Tuvalu Waters

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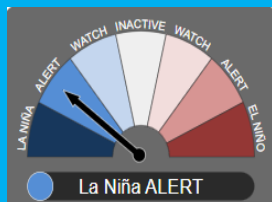
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Issue Outline:

- Ocean Summary
- Ocean Temperature
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Climate Status:

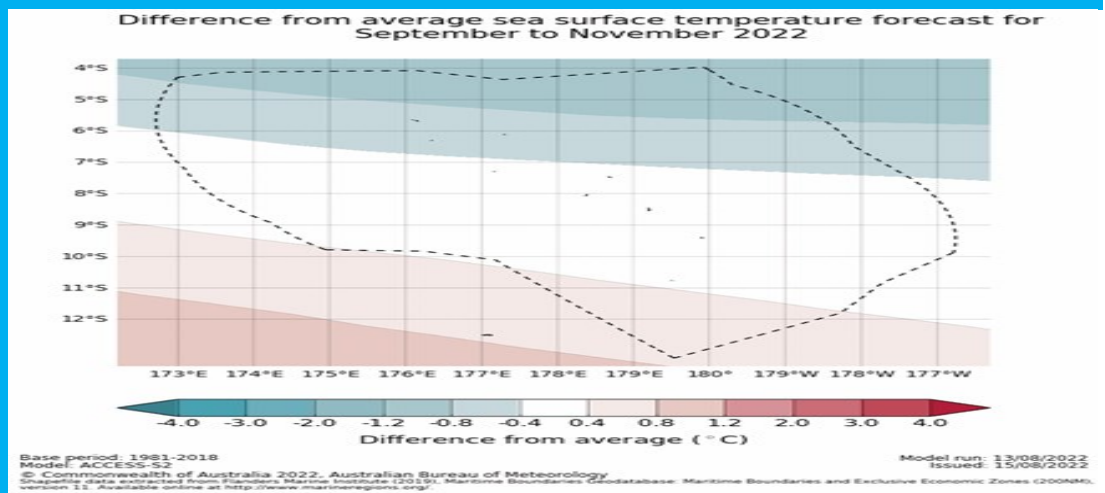


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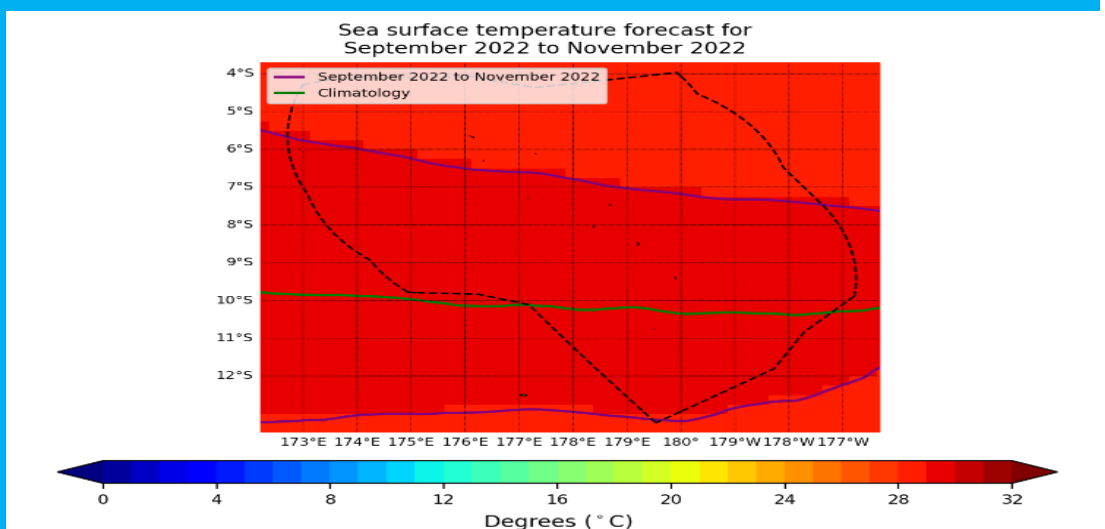
- Pacific Ocean Portal
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- Bureau of Meteorology-
ENSO Wrap-up:
<http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/>
- WMO GPSC(Global Produce Center) for Long-Range Forecasts
- ACCESS-S Clide
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Sea Surface Temperature Forecast Anomaly



Seasonal sea-surface temperature outlooks indicate **below normal** for the northern group, and **near-normal** for the central and southern groups of Tuvalu

Sea Surface temperature forecast with Fisheries Convergence Zone



Fisheries Convergence Zone (FCZ) is predicted to lie to the north of the central islands in the next three months. ¹Fisheries Convergence Zone is where cold and warm water meet, and are rich in nutrients, attracting lots of fish.

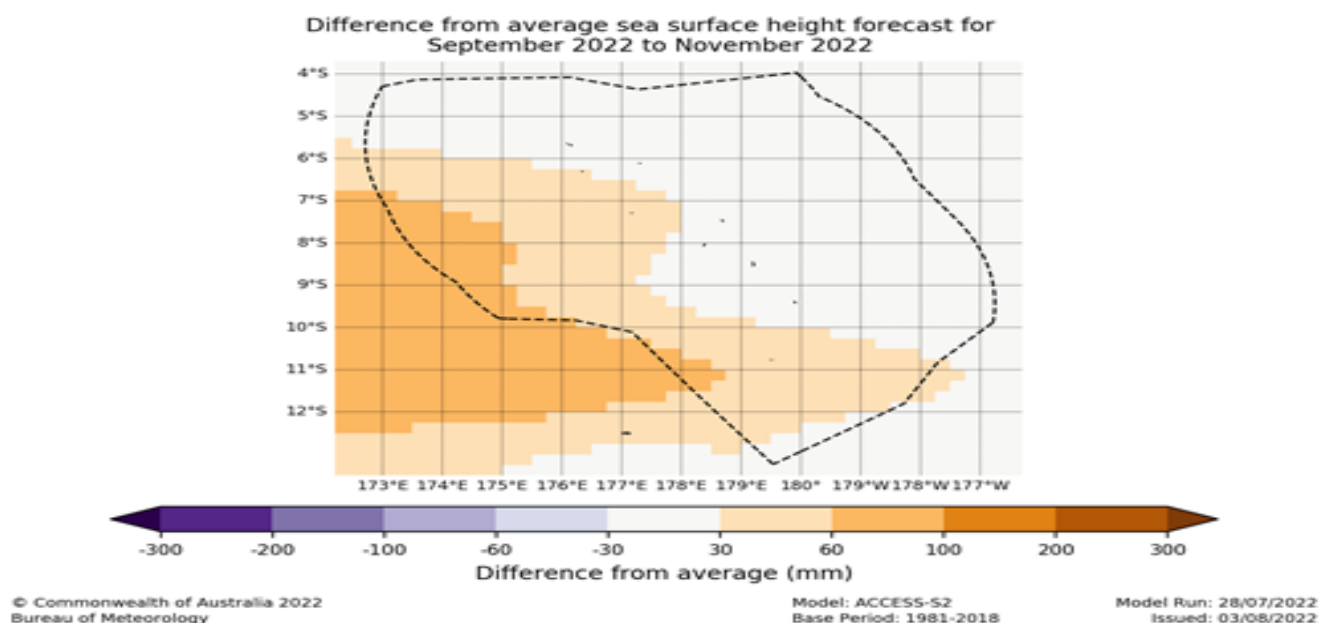
¹ Fisheries Convergence Zone is different from South Pacific Convergence Zone.

12 Weeks Coral Bleaching Outlook: 06 November 2022



The 12 weeks coral bleaching outlook is at **No Stress Level** for Tuvalu Waters.

Seasonal Sea Level Forecast



The sea level forecast for September to November 2022 reveals near normal to above normal further west to the southern part of EEZ. This forecast is based on the combined long-term effects of temperatures, salinity and wind on the water levels and not related to astronomical tide and weather phenomena

Highest and Lowest Tide from September 2022 to November 2022

Date	Time(LT)	Tide Level(m)
10-09-22	04:39	3.10
10-09-22	10:58	0.98
09-10-22	10:29	1.08
26-10-22	17:15	3.04
24-11-22	16:58	3.10
24-11-22	23:23	1.10

The highest (spring tide) and lowest tides for September —November are listed in the table on the left.

The predicted tide levels may be different from the observed tide levels due to weather phenomenon such as low/high pressure systems; South Pacific Convergence Zone(SPCZ); El Nino Southern Oscillation(ENSO) - El Nino/La Nina.

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