

Tuvalu Ocean Outlook



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Summary

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- The SSTs in most of the Tuvalu Waters are likely to be near-normal
- The Fisheries Convergence Zone continues to lies 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

Issue Outline:

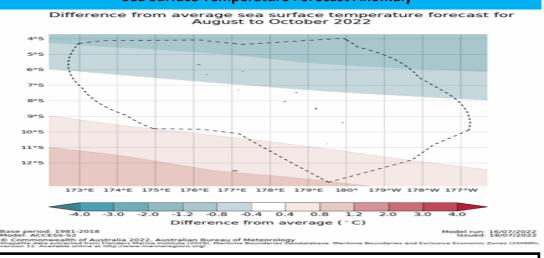
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Climate Status:



ENSO Update

Sea Surface Temperature Forecast Anomaly

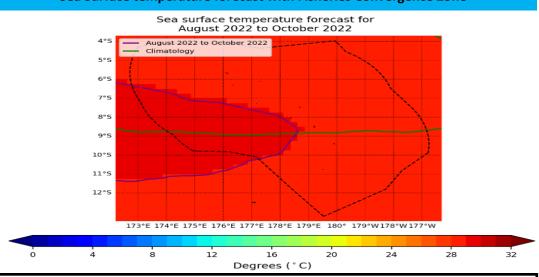


Seasonal sea-surface temperature outlooks indicate **below normal** for the northern group, and **near-normal** for the central and southern groups of Tuvalu

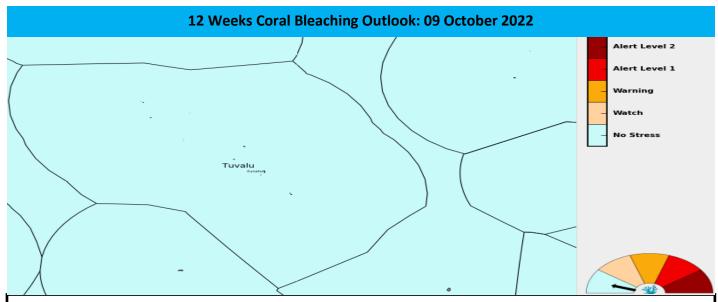
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- Pacific Ocean Portal oceanportal.spc.int
- Bureau of Meteorology-ENSO Wrap-up: http://www.bom.gov.au/ climate/enso/
- WMO GPSC(Global Produce Center) for Long-Range Forecasts
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Sea Surface temperature forecast with Fisheries Convergence Zone

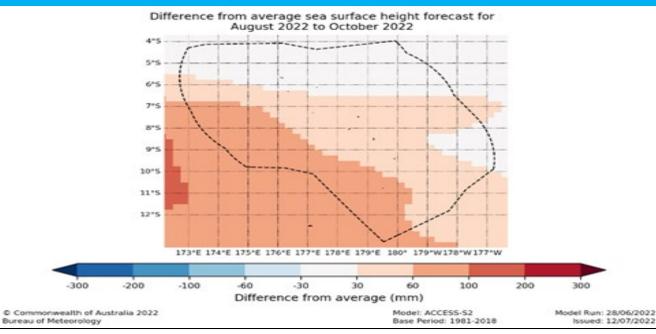


Fisheries Convergence Zone (FCZ) is predicted to lies to the western of the group in the next three months. ¹Fisheries Convergence Zone is where cold and warm water meet, and are rich in nutrients, attracting lots of fish.



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

Seasonal Sea Level Forecast



The sea level forecast for August to October 2022 shows **normal** conditions across northern boundaries, with **higher than normal** conditions for the rest of the group. 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 August
2022 to October 2022

Date Time(LT) Tide Level(m) 14-08-22 11:36 0.99 15-08-22 05:57 3.08 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

The highest (spring tide) and lowest tides for August —October 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.

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