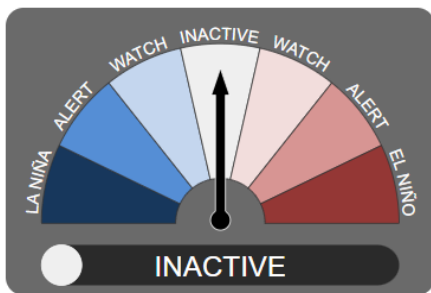


May Climate Bulletin for Tourism

A monthly bulletin issued by the Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo-hazards Department that provides concise one-month outlook on climatic conditions over Vanuatu that local tourism operators and tourists can use for better decision-making.



El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

ENSO status is now in Neutral. Rainfall and temperatures are neither enhanced nor diminished during the Neutral phase.

Status blong ENSO i stap naolia long La Niña. Renfol mo tempereja oli no develop mo oli no go daon long taem blong Nutrol pat.

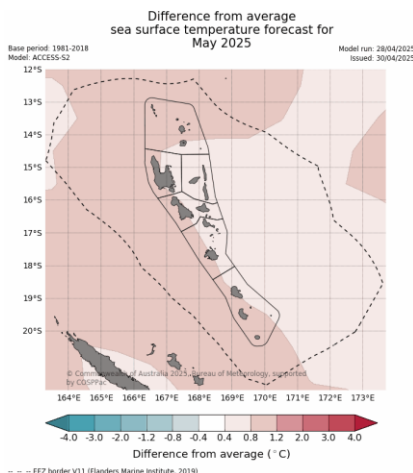
ENSO est désormais en phase de veille du phénomène La Niña. Les précipitations et les températures ne sont ni augmentées ni diminuées pendant la phase neutre.

Sea Surface Temperature Forecast

Sea surface temperature is expected to be at least 0.4-0.8°C for the whole country, and up to 1.2°C warmer along the western islands.

Tempereja long seves blong solwota I save kasem 0.4 – 0.8°C lo ful kaontri, mo kasem 1.2 °C wom lo olgeta westen islands.

La température de surface de la mer devrait être supérieure d'au moins 0,4 à 0,8°C pour l'ensemble du pays, et jusqu'à 1,2°C le long des îles occidentales.

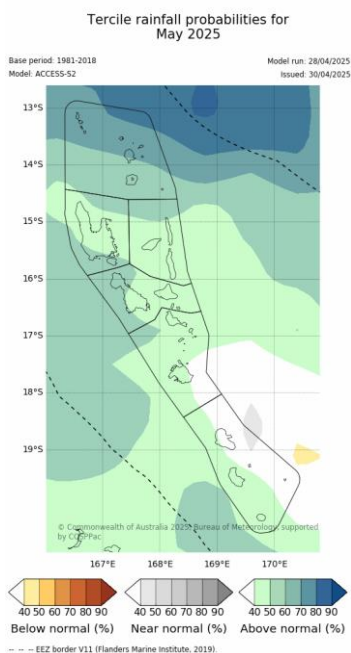


Rainfall Outlook

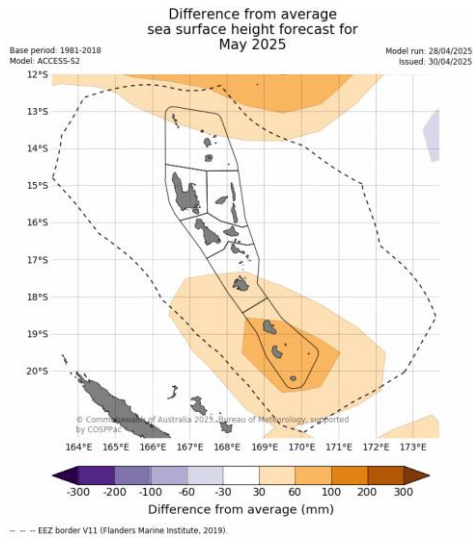
Rainfall is predicted to be above normal over the whole country, particularly in Torba province in the north.

Renfol bae I save bitim nomol lo ful kaontri, wetem Torba provins long north.

Les précipitations devraient être supérieures à la normale sur l'ensemble du pays, en particulier dans la province de Torba, au nord.



Sea Level Forecast

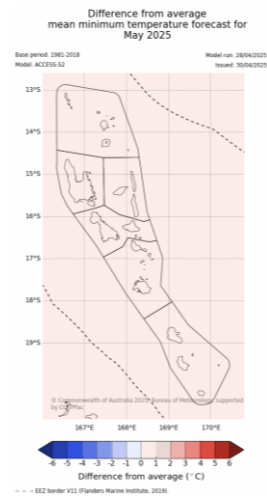
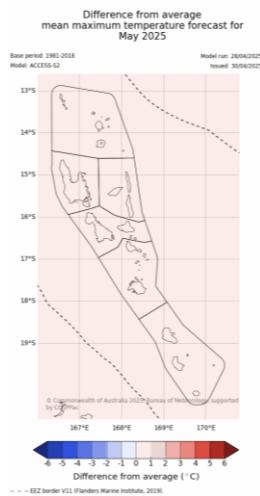


Most of the country is expected to have near normal sea level heights this month apart from Tafea province which is expected to be 60-100cm higher and Shefa island at 30-60cm higher.

Bambae level blong hait blong solwota long ful kaontri i stap kolosap long nomol lo manis ia except long Tafea provins wei save kasem 60-100cm mo lo Shefa save kasem 30 – 60cm high.

La plupart du pays devrait connaître des hauteurs de mer proches de la normale ce mois-ci, à l'exception de la province de Tafea qui devrait être 60-100 cm plus élevée et de l'île de Shefa qui devrait être 30-60 cm plus élevée.

Maximum and Minimum Temperature Outlook



Above average (1°C) day-time temperatures are expected across the country this month.

- Tempereja long dei taem bae i stap antap long averej (1°C) raon long kaontri long manis ia.
- Des températures diurnes supérieures à la moyenne (1°C) sont attendues dans tout le pays ce mois-ci.

Above average (1-2°C) night-time temperatures are expected across the country this month.

- Tempereja long naet taem bae i stap antap long averej (1-2°C) raon long kaontri long manis ia.
- Des températures nocturnes supérieures à la moyenne (1-2°C) sont attendues dans tout le pays ce mois-ci.

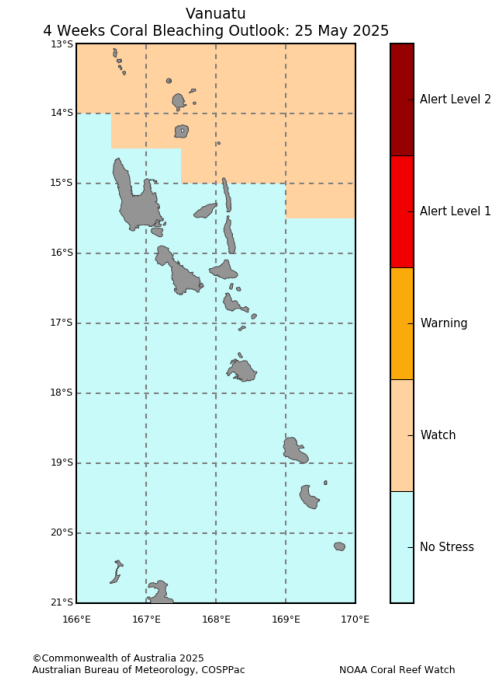
Tide Outlook for May

Port Vila Harbour					
Lowest Tide	Date	Time (VUT)	Highest Tide	Date	Time (VUT)
0.06m	28 May	12:42pm	1.53m	27 May	4:52am

Luganville Harbour					
Lowest Tide	Date	Time (VUT)	Highest Tide	Date	Time (VUT)
0.09m	28 May	11:55am	1.83m	27 May	4:09am

Moon Phases for May

Fes Kwata	Ful Moon	Las Kwata	Niu Moon
5 May	13 May	20 May	27 May



Coral Bleaching Outlook

Most of the country is at a No Stress level, with Torba province put on Watch.

Full kaontri I stap long No Stress level blong korel bleaching (saens blong korel I wik or I ded) ekcept long Torba provins long Watj

La majeure partie du pays est au niveau « No Stress », la province de Torba étant placée en veille.

Volcanic Alert Level



Vanuatu Volcanic Activity Summary	
Volcanoes	Current Alert Level
Yasur (Tanna)	2
Lopevi (Lopevi)	2
Benbow and Marum (Ambrym)	2
Manaro Voui (Ambae)	2
Mount Garek (Gaua)	2
Suretamatai (Vanua Lava)	1
East Epi	1

Title	Level of Alert
Very Large Eruption	5
Moderate Eruption	4
Minor Eruption	3
Major Unrest	2
Signs of Volcanic Unrest	1
Normal	0

For the latest Volcanic Alert Bulletin, visit:
<https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/vmgd/index.php/geohazards/volcano/volcano-info/current-volcanic-activity>

Bulletin Highlights for May 2025			
ENSO:	Neutral	Max Temp:	↑
SST:	↑	Min Temp:	↑
Rainfall:	↑	Coral Bleaching:	↓
Sea Level:	↑	Volcanos:	–

			Recommended Actions	
			Tourism Operators	Tourists
Climate Variable	Rainfall	Below normal	Use water wisely (e.g., watering lawn/ gardens during cool morning/ evening hours) Provide tourists with resource on water saving behaviour Heavily mulch flower beds to reduce evaporation Desalination plants Avoid use of fire	Use water wisely (use water taps responsibly, reduce shower times) Travel with reusable water bottle and filter Support eco-tourism initiatives with a water conservation focus Participate in activities with less reliance on water (e.g., go bush hiking instead of swimming)
		Above normal	Save enough water for consumption Increase water activities Increase shelter to accommodate rain day activities	Participate in indoor activities Participate in water-based activities
	Temperature	Above normal	Build low huts near beaches to cool off Encourage sun safe behaviour for tourists (sunscreen, staying in shade, etc.) Do not remove branches from trees nearby Heavily mulch flower beds Provide shade tents and cooling stations Use structural or mechanical aid (e.g., umbrellas or wind breaks) Avoid areas of unfavourable weather conditions (e.g., move from sun to shade)	Apply SPF30+ sunscreen every 2 hours Adjust outdoor activities to avoid thermal stress Stay in the shade where possible Keep hydrated Reduce excess movement Wear a shirt, hat, and sunglasses
		Above normal	Reduce stormwater and fertilizer runoff Avoid using herbicides and pesticides Work with government to move towards renewable energy For operators nearby coral, provide extensive education to tourists on how to avoid damaging coral reefs When anchoring boats, avoid anchoring near places with coral reefs Tour boats to avoid releasing grey-water discharge or other water pollutants that can be damaging to marine environment	Do not litter in the marine environment If participating in snorkelling or other water activities nearby coral reefs, take care to not damage coral reefs by stepping on, hitting, or touching corals Ensure sunscreen you use is safe for marine life

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