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Issue Outline

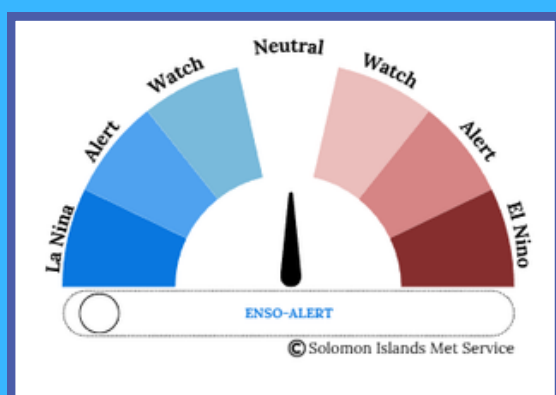
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Coral Bleaching
- Convergence Zone
- Sea Level Prediction

Ocean Summary:

Higher than usual Sea Surface Temperature (SST) persist.
 Coral bleaching is at **Watch Level**-corals at risk, bleaching possible.
 Convergence zone still lies within the country's water.
 Normal to higher than usual Sea Surface Heights (SSHs) predicted for most of the country.

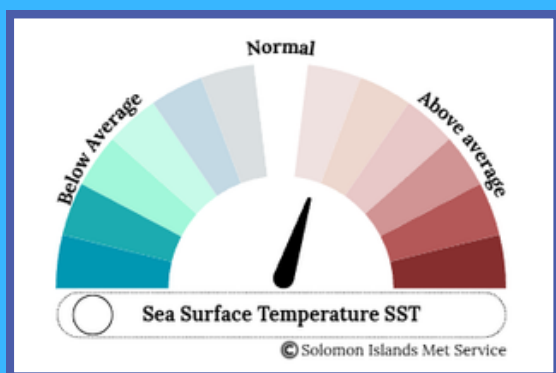
Climate Update

ENSO Outlook



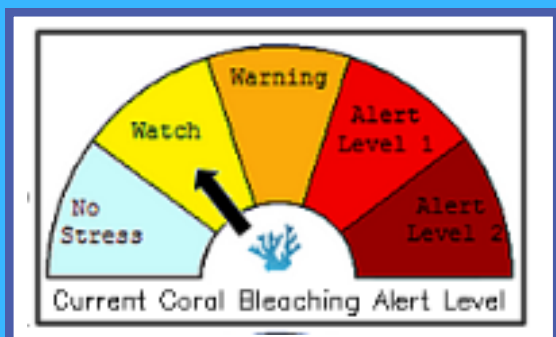
El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is currently neutral

SST



0.4-0.8°C above average SST

Coral Bleaching

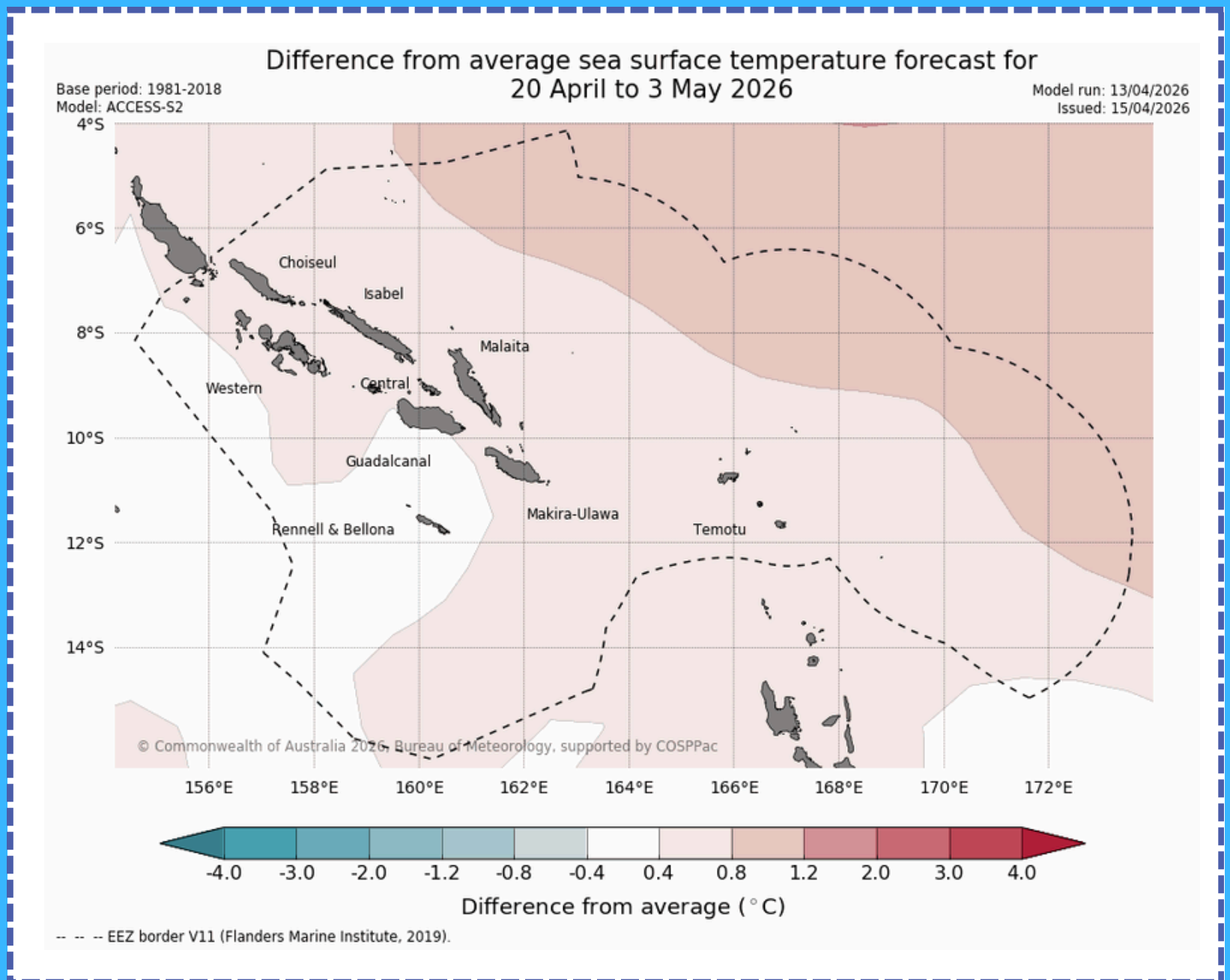


Bleaching possible

1 Sea Surface Temperature Outlook (SST):

The upcoming fortnight starting 20 April to 3 May 2026 predicts 0.4°C to 0.8°C hotter than usual Sea Surface Temperature for most parts of the Country.

This outlook suggests possibilities of more tuna stocks and catches and favour good breeding and feeding grounds.

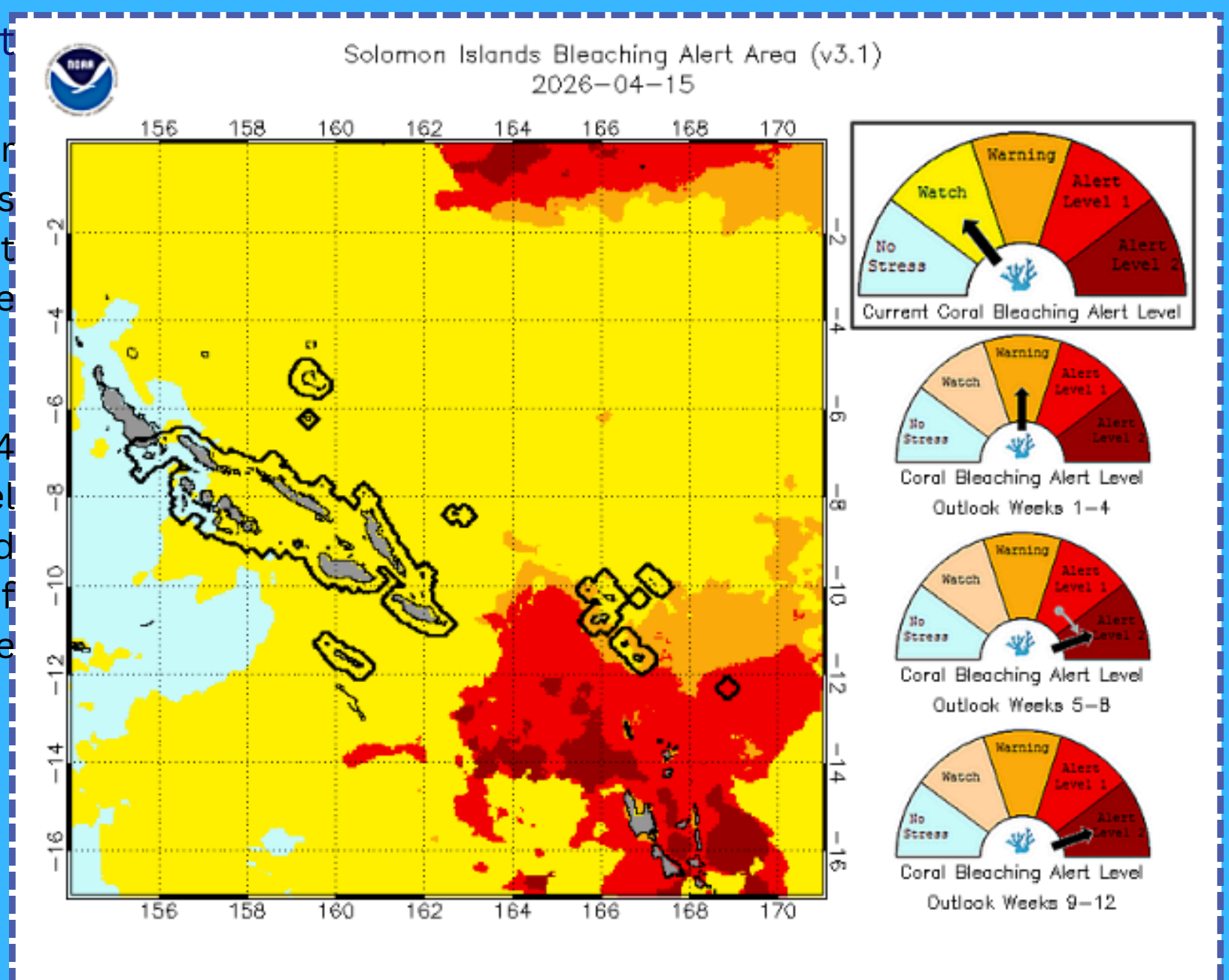


2 Coral Bleaching Outlook:

Coral Bleaching is current at "Watch".

Watch Level is predicted for most most of our main islands except for parts of Temotu that expriencing Warning level as the warning is from south of it.

The Outlook for the next 1-4 weeks predicted Warning Level whilst 5-12 weeks favoured **Alert level 1**, a possibility of significant coral bleaching in the coming season.



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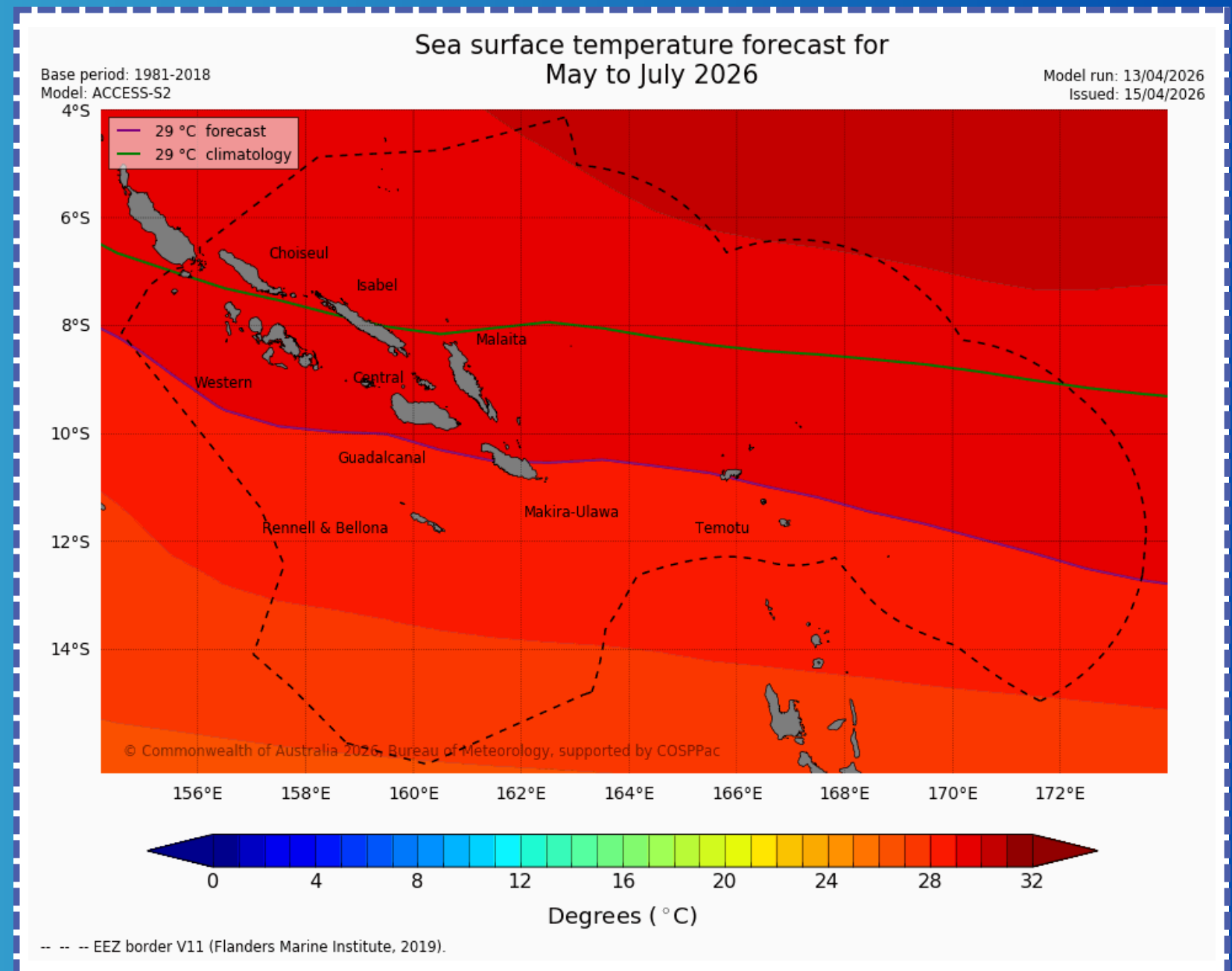
Convergence Zone:

May– July 2026:

The fishing hotspot (convergence zone) for tuna and other pelagic fish for the coming 3-months still lies within the country's water

More tuna stocks and catches are expected for local fishermen commercial fisheries.

Potentials for them to spend less time, costs and efforts to make bigger catches that boost economy, food security, income and livelihood.



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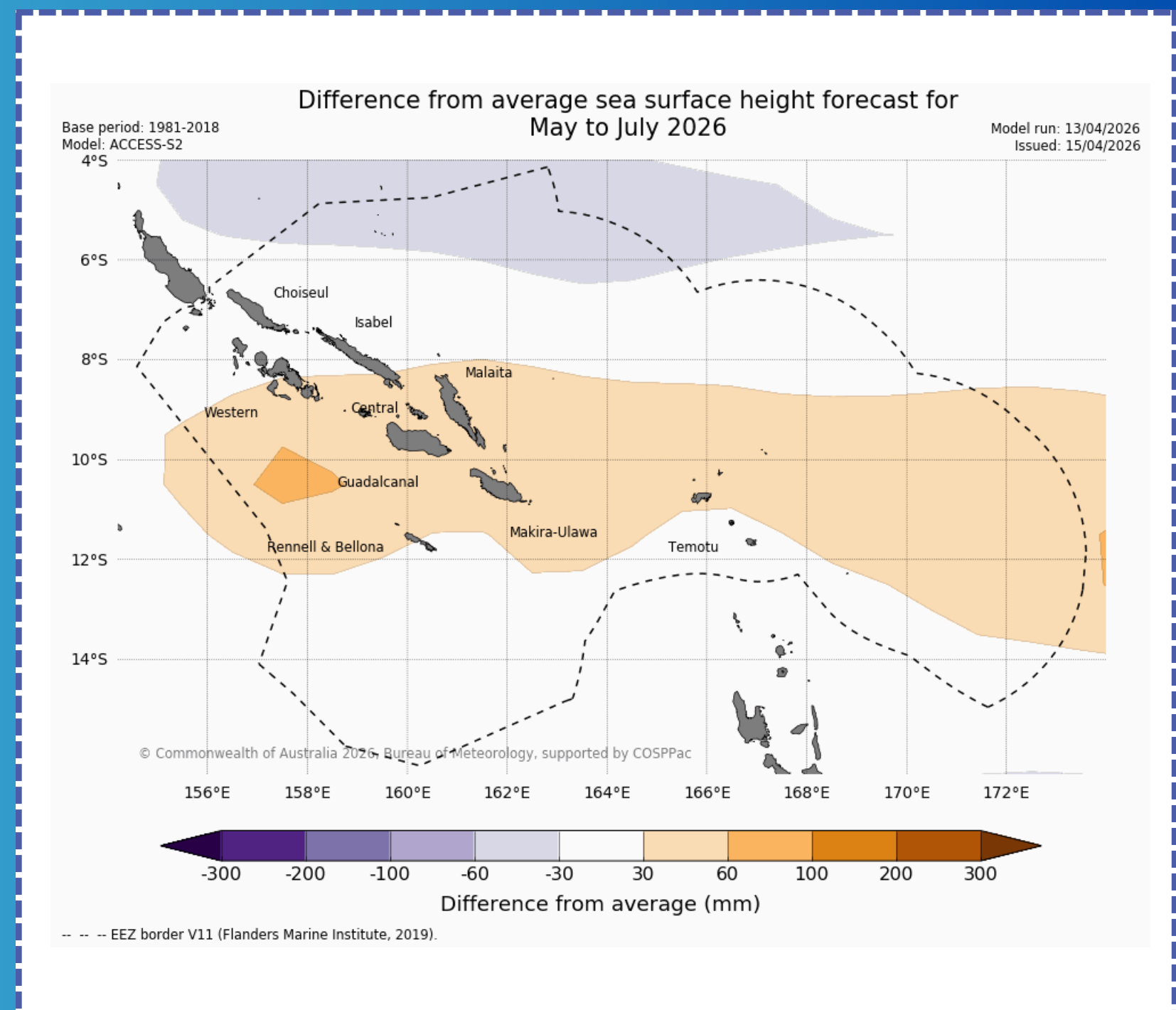
Sea Level Prediction:

May– July 2026:

The coming 3 months is expected to have above average sea surface heights (SSHs) of 30-60mm for most waters of the country.

This prediction favours likelihoods of higher high tides, lower low tides, increased wave energy, coastal erosion and potentials for more frequent coastal flooding in our coastlines.

Locals are advised to take precautionary measures at all times to avoid loss of lives and properties at sea.



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