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Issue Outline

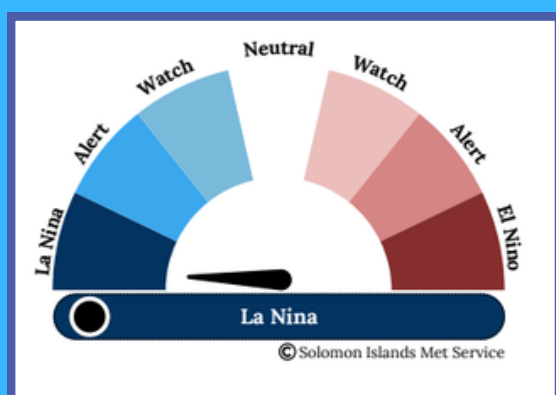
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Coral Bleaching
- Convergence Zone
- Sea Level Prediction

Ocean Summary:

Higher than usual Sea Surface Temperature (SST) persist.
 Coral bleaching is at **Alert level 1**- coral bleaching possible.
 Convergence zone lies right in the middle of the country's water.
 Normal to higher than usual Sea Surface Heights (SSHs) is predicted for most of the country.

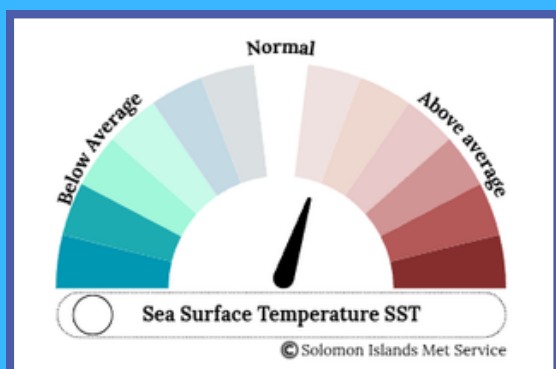
Climate Update

ENSO Outlook



La Nina is close to its end

SST

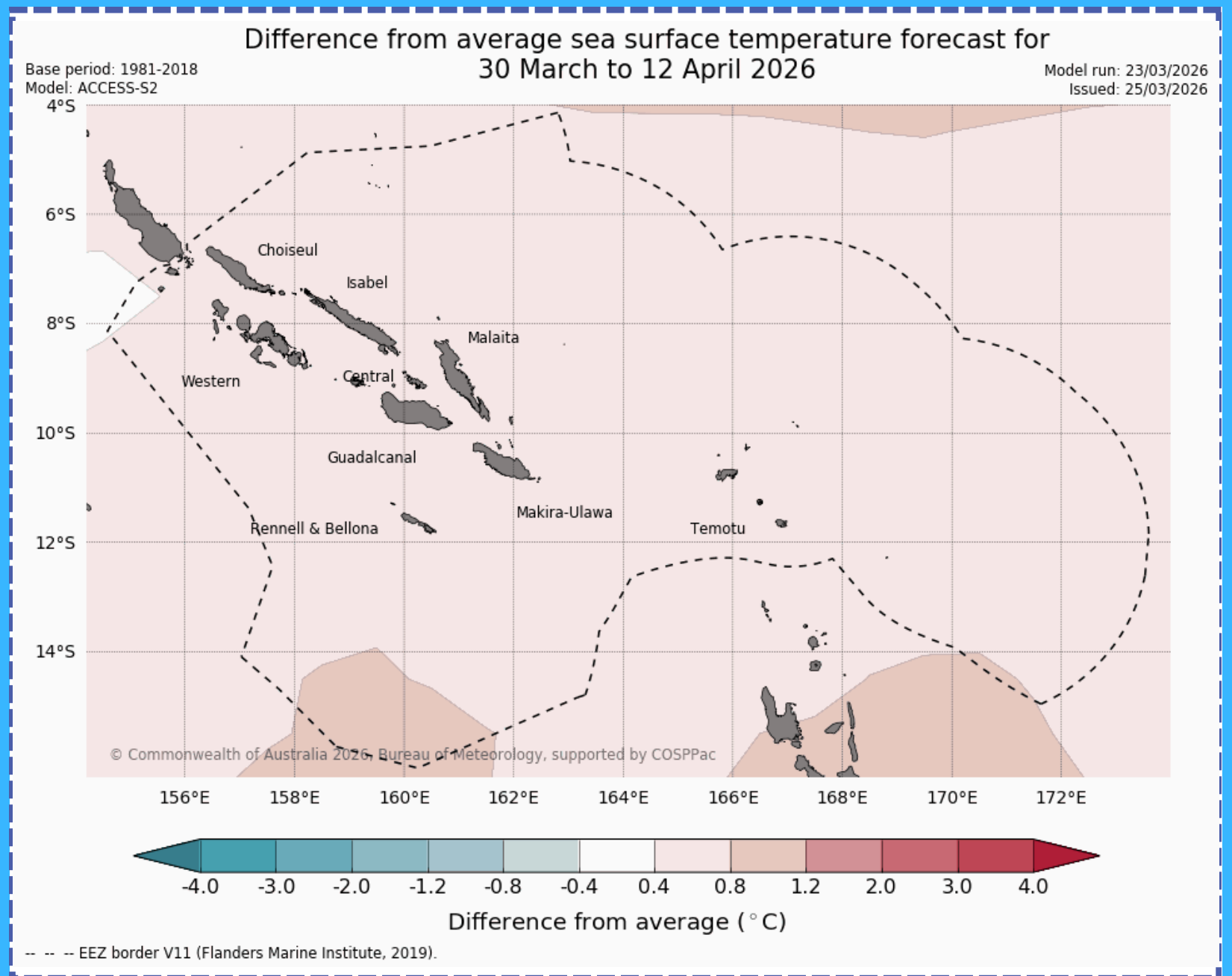


0.4°C above average SST

1 Sea Surface Temperature Outlook (SST):

The upcoming 2-weeks starting 30 March to 12 April 2026 predicts 0.4°C hotter than usual Sea Surface Temperature for most parts of the Country.

This outlook suggested possibilities of more tuna stocks and catches in our waters despite of the minimal effects of SSTs that might posed on the environment, breeding and feeding grounds.



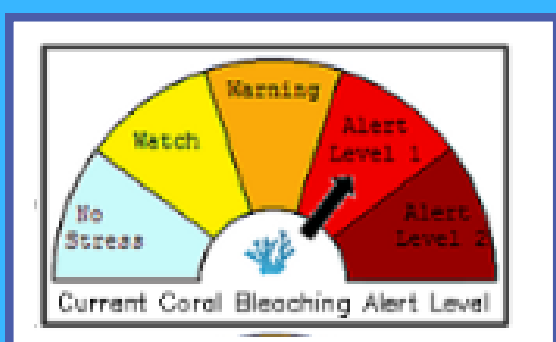
2 Coral Bleaching Outlook:

Coral Bleaching is current at **“Alert Level 1”**.

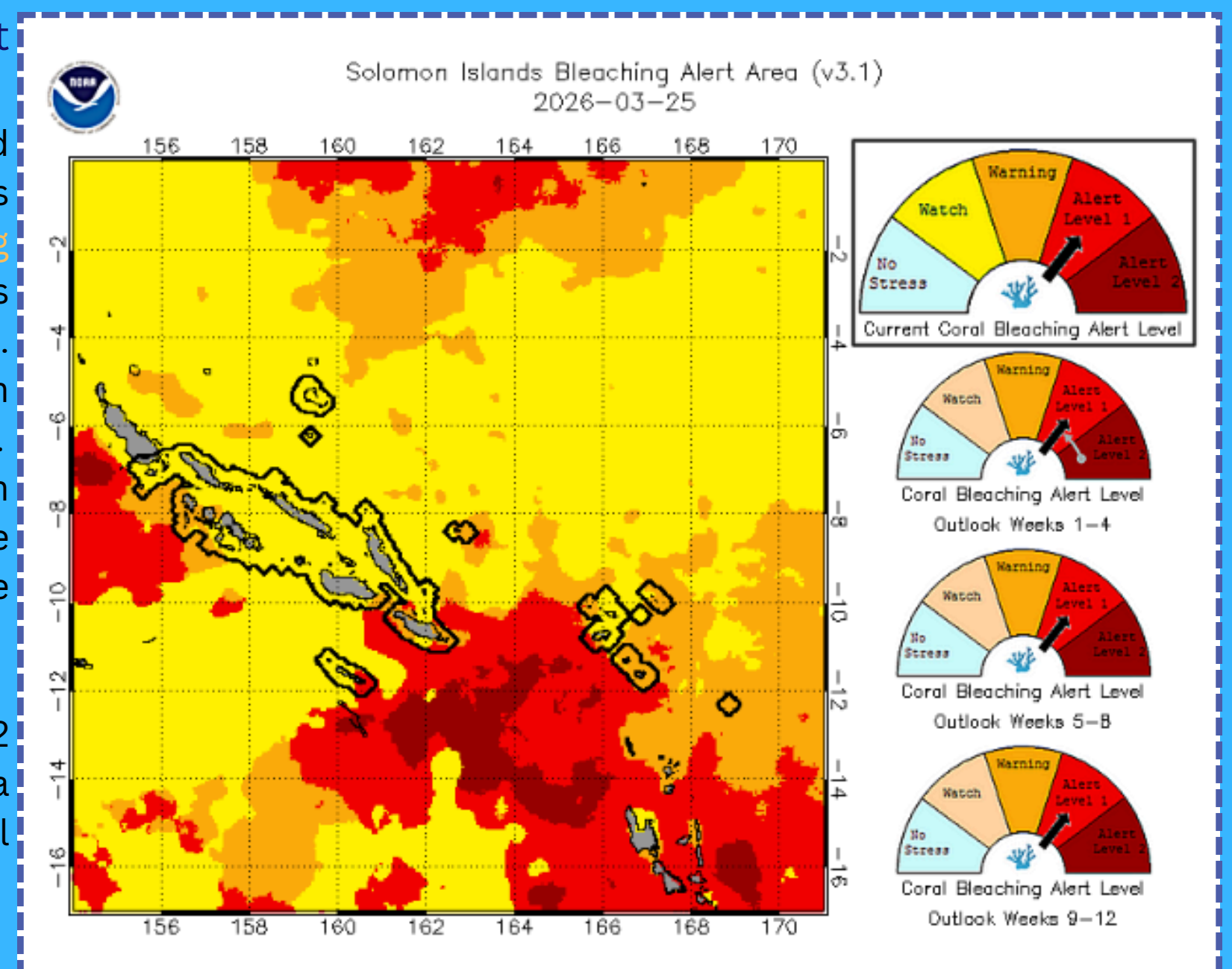
The **Alert Level 1** is predicted for Makira, Bellona and parts Rennell and Temotu. **Warning** alert level has shown for parts of Temotu and Western Islands. However, most of our main islands have shown **Watch level**. That corals of the islands with **Alert level 1** are expected to be under heat stress and possible bleaching.

The Outlook for the next 1-12 weeks shows **Alert level 1**, a possibility of significant coral bleaching in the coming season.

Coral Bleaching



Bleaching possible



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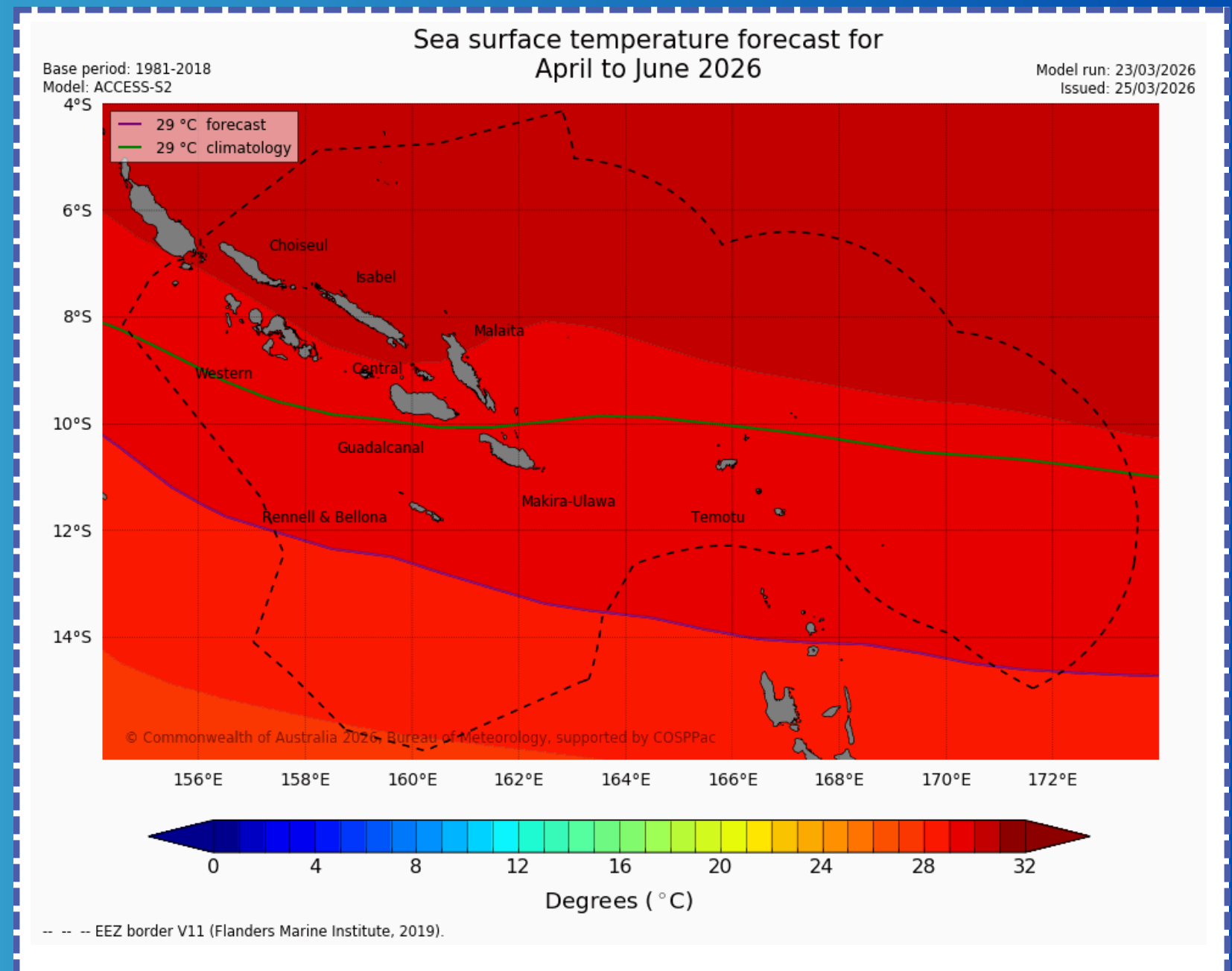
Convergence Zone:

April– June 2026:

The fishing hotspot (convergence zone) for tuna and other pelagic fish for the coming 3-months lies in the middle of the country's water.

Tuna and other pelagic fish tend to be attracted by convergence zones, so positioning in the middle waters could mean more fish and tuna catches are expected for fisheries local fishermen.

Potentials for fishers to spend less costs, time and efforts to make bigger catches which can boost national economy, local food security, income and livelihood.



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Sea Level Prediction:

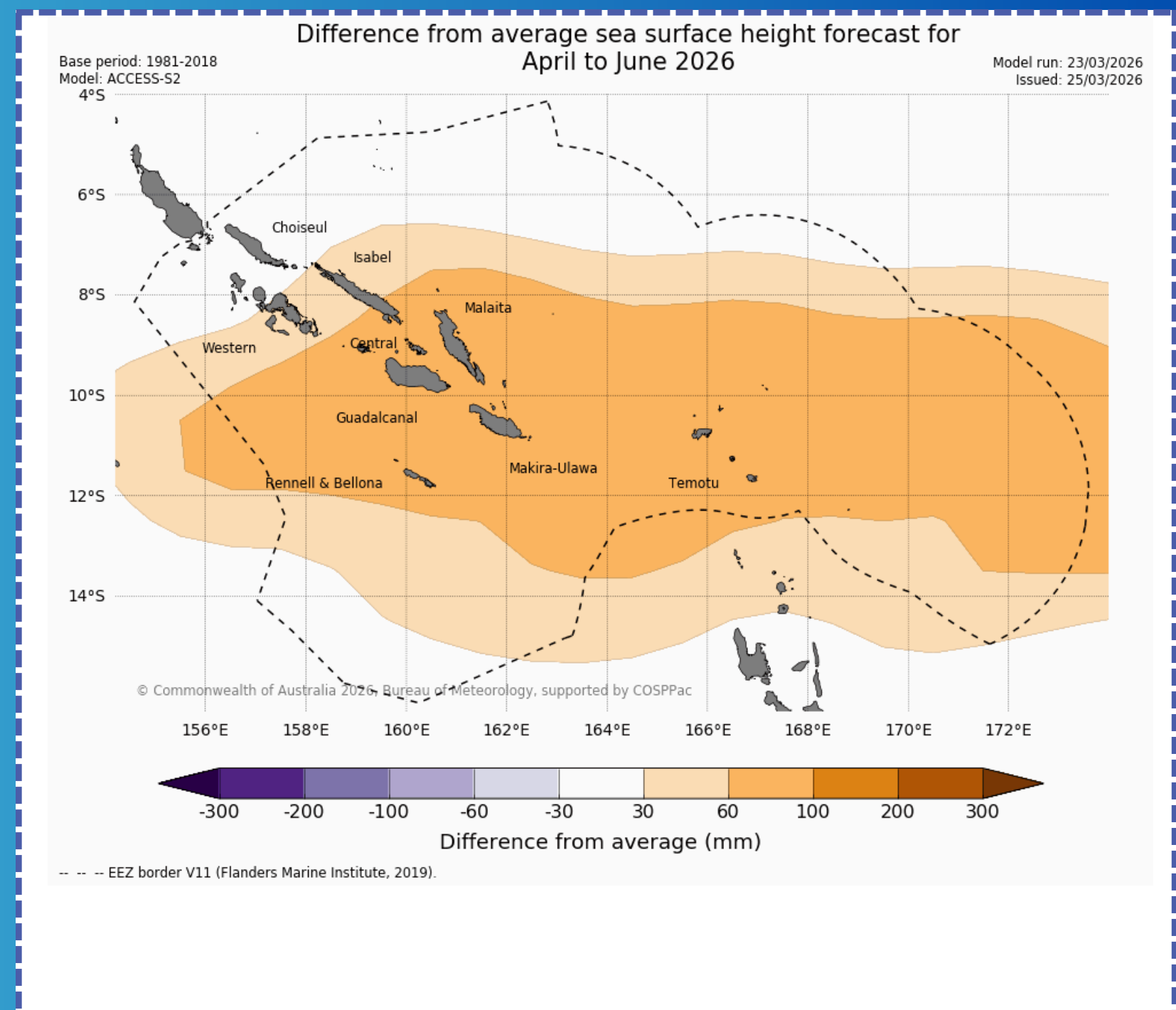
April – June 2026:

The coming 3 months is expected to have above average sea surface heights (SSHs) of 30-100mm for most waters of the country.

Eastern and central regions of the country shown 100mm sea levels, western region including parts of Isabel predicted 60mm sea level height whilst much of Choiseul waters predicted normal sea level.

These predictions shown 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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