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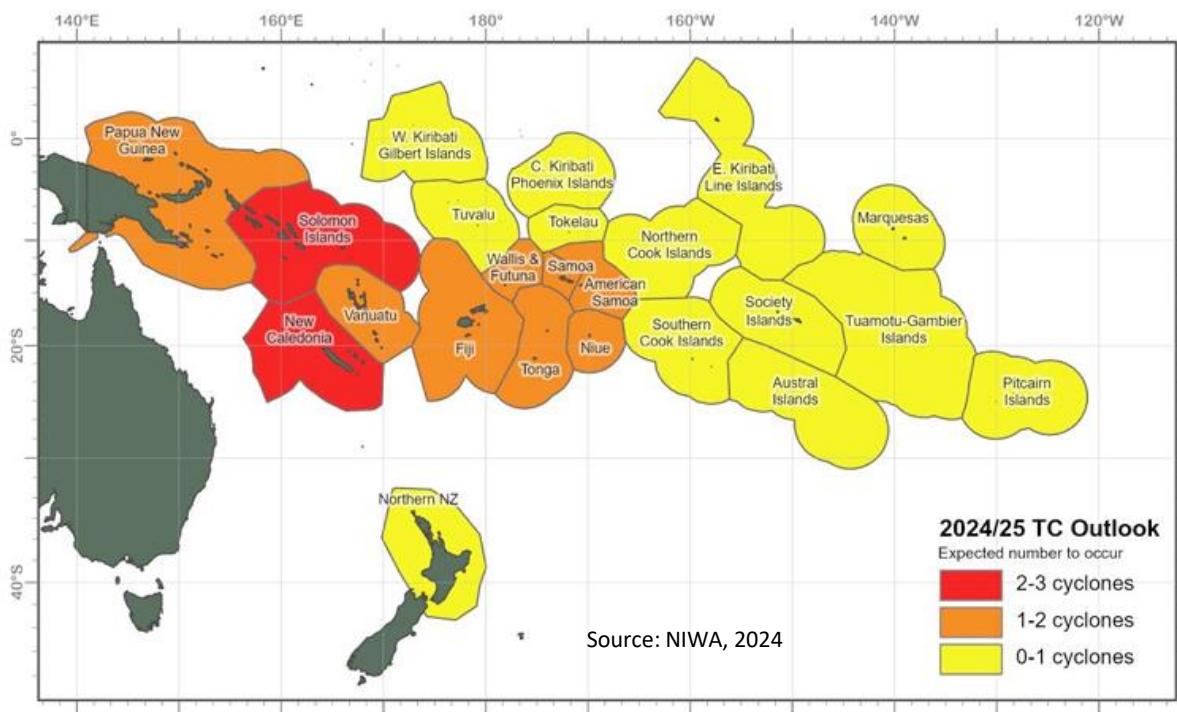
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### NIUE TO EXPECT A NORMAL TO REDUCED TROPICAL CYCLONE RISK FOR THE SEASON 2024-2025

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According to NIWA, the South West Pacific region is expected to be affected by 6 to 10 cyclones. The region may expect between 3 to 4 severe cyclones reaching Category 3 or higher and might occur anywhere across the region. It is essential for communities to remain prepared at all times.

The number of tropical cyclones occurring in Niue's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) varies considerably from one year to the next and this variability is influenced by the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO). The Australian Bureau of Meteorology's model suggests ENSO remain neutral thresholds throughout the forecast period to February and March 2025. If a La Niña were to develop, it is likely to be relatively weak and short-lived.

"Although, Niue is predicted to be at low risk for this cyclone season 2024-2025, we still need to take precautionary measures as enhanced low-pressure systems can become very active with associated storm surges, gale force winds and heavy rainfall", says Director Rossy Mitiepo."

Continue to take heed of the advice by the Niue Meteorological Service on TC warnings and ensure thorough understanding of the magnitude of wind strengths and gale force winds, damaging heavy swells impacting on human lives, the environment, sectors and communities.

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**ENSO remains neutral**

