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# Polynesia Islands Climate Impacts

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#### CLIMATE EXTREMES FOR THE POLYNESIA ISLANDS IN THE LAST 6 MONT



### **IMPACTS OF HEAVY RAIN** & FLOODING





**New Caledonia** 









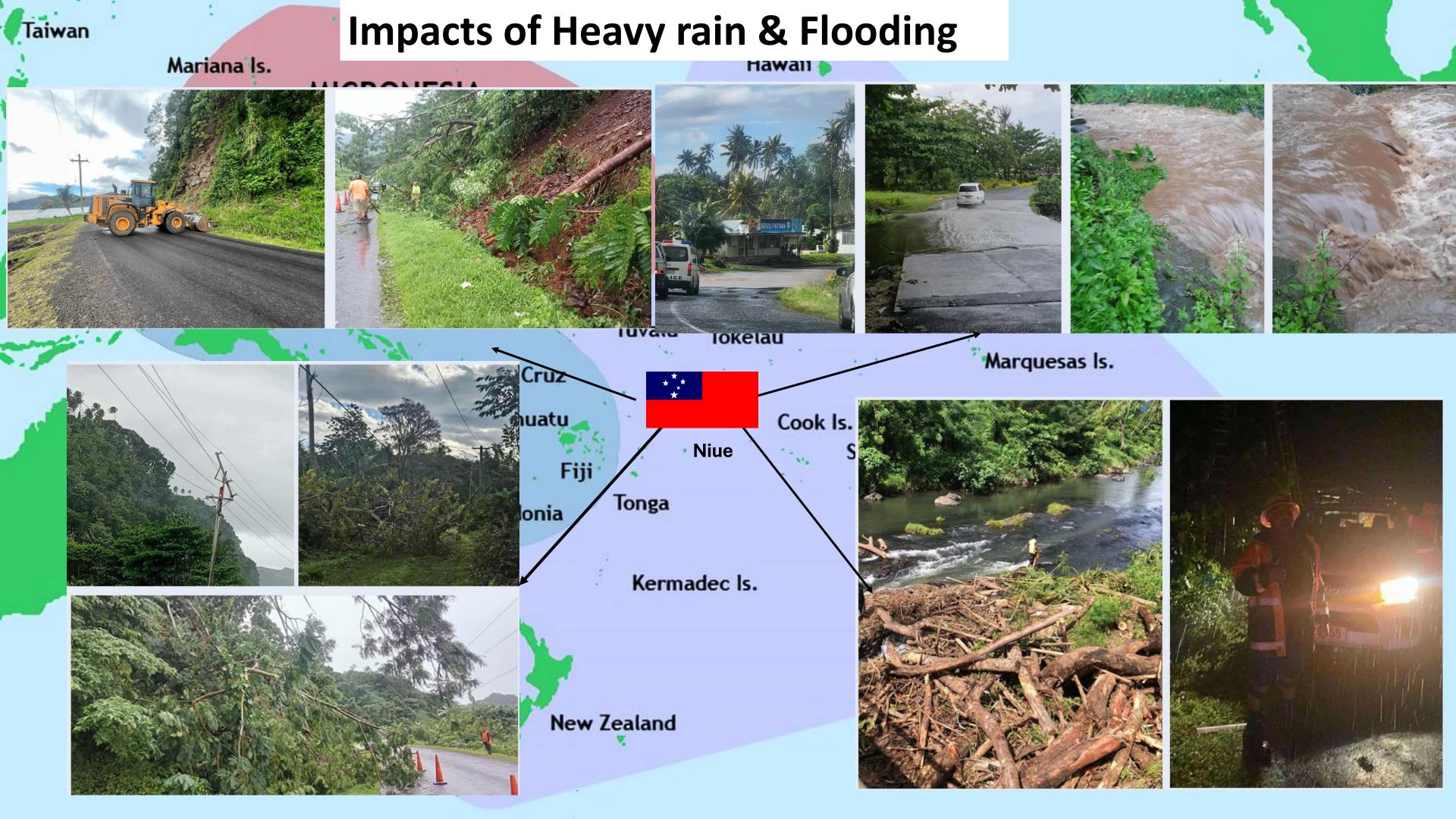
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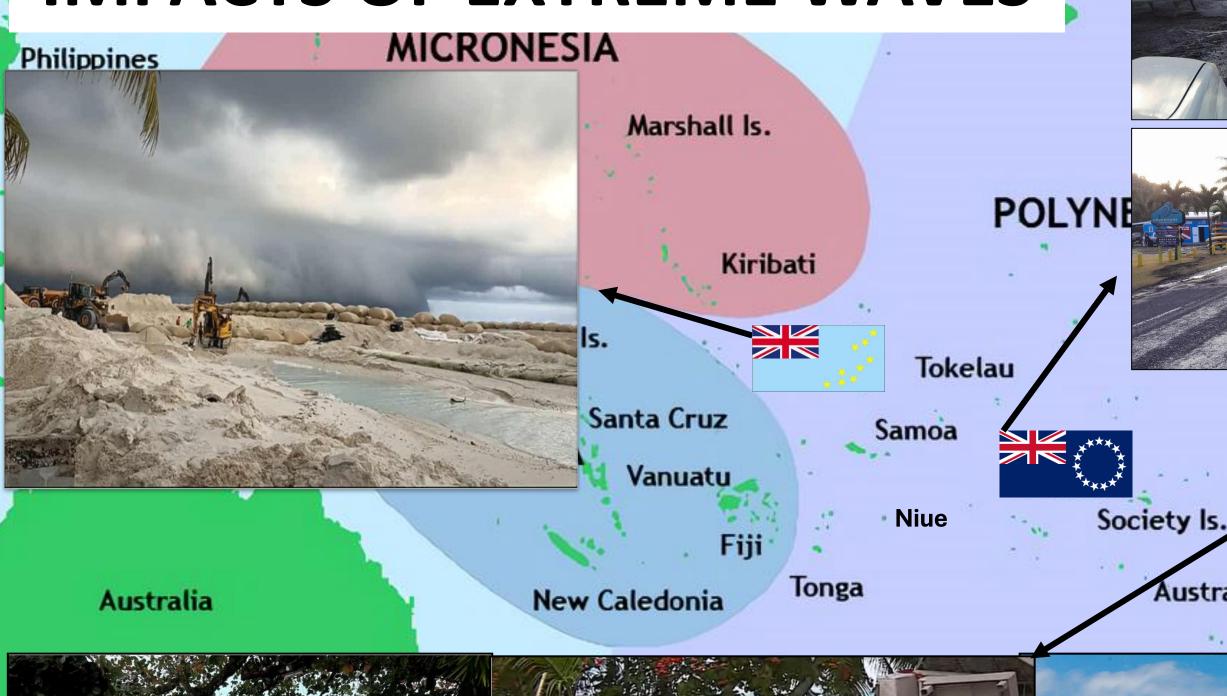


#### Impacts of Drier than normal conditions to drought



Impacts of Strong to gale force winds Taiwan NESIA Marshall Is. **POLYNESI** Kiribati omon Is. Tokelau Santa Cruz Samoa ESIA **Vanuatu** Cook Is. Niue Society Is. Austral Is. New Caledonia **Australia** Kermadec Is. ew Zealand

## IMPACTS OF EXTREME WAVES





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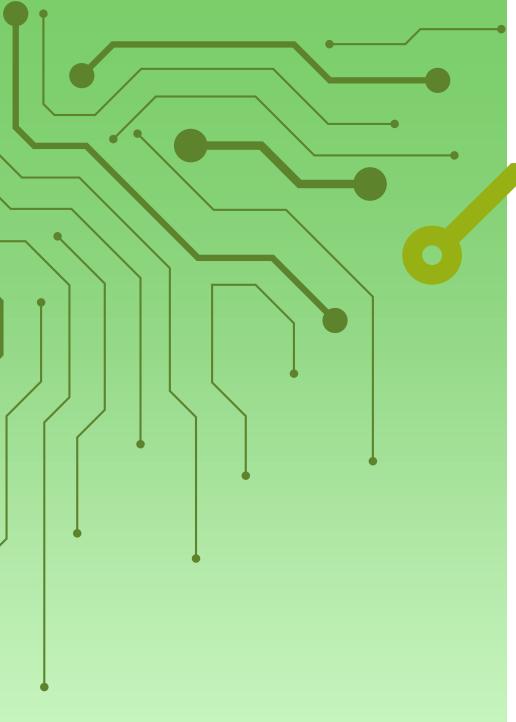






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# Summary

The last six months for the Polynesian islands, the ENSO status was neutral, but were dominated by drier-than-normal conditions, with a few countries even declaring drought. However, rainfall predictions had indicated normal conditions, yet there were observed extended dry spells.

Flooding, strong winds, damaging swells, and coastal inundation were caused by intense low-pressure systems that brought heavy rainfall after a dry spell period. In Samoa, these low-pressure systems dominated their weather patterns from May to September.



# HANK YOU!





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