



Drought Information Statement for Micronesia

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- This product will be updated July 11, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions change significantly.
 - Please see all currently available products at <https://drought.gov/drought-information-statements>.
 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/gum/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
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- Extreme Drought (D3) now across Saipan; Severe Drought (D2) persists for Rota; Moderate Drought (D1) for Guam and Tinian.
 - Extreme Drought (D3) persists across Wotje and Utirik; Severe Drought (D2) across Jaluit; Moderate Drought (D1) persists across Kwajalein and Ailinglapalap in the RMI
 - Extreme Drought (D3) persists across Pingelap in Pohnpei State
 - A dry pattern will persist across northern RMI the next couple weeks



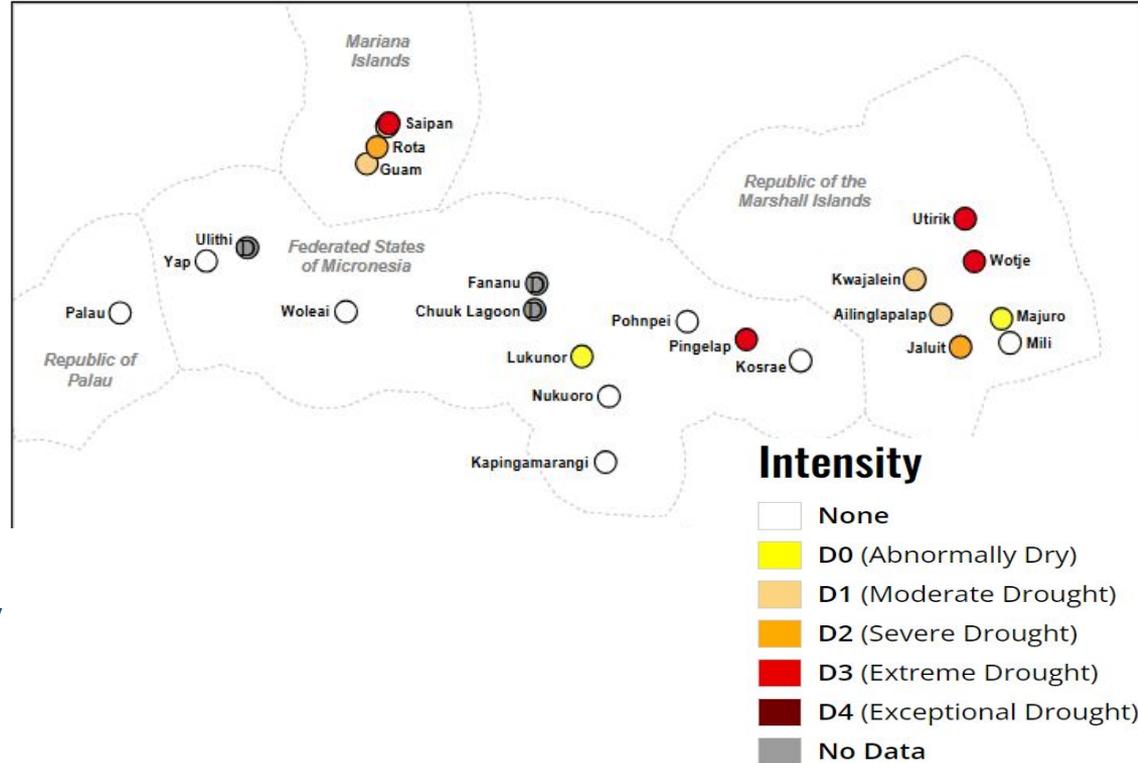


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Micronesia and the rest of the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands

• Drought Intensity:

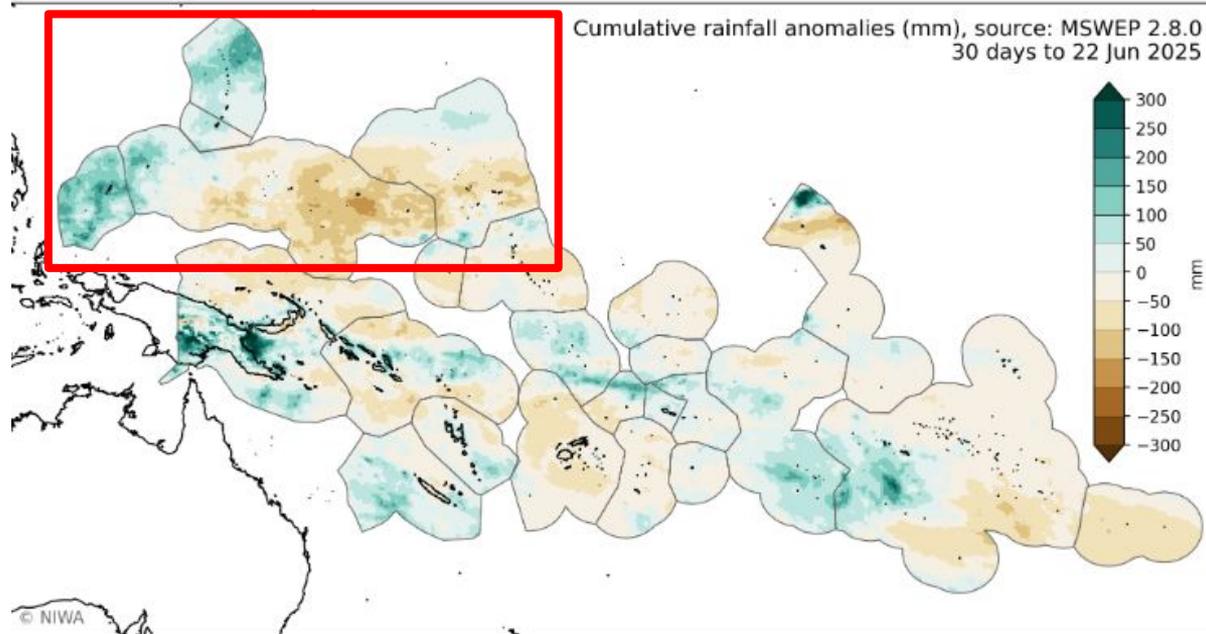
- **D3 (Extreme Drought):**
 - Marianas: Saipan
 - Pohnpei State: Pingelap
 - Marshall Islands: Wotje, Utirik & nearby islands/atolls.
- **D2 (Severe Drought):**
 - Marianas: Rota
 - Marshall Islands: Jaluit
- **D1 (Moderate Drought):**
 - Marianas: Tinian, Guam
 - Marshall Islands: Kwajalein, Ailinglapalap & nearby islands/atolls
- **D0 (Abnormally Dry):**
 - Chuuk State: Lukunor & nearby islands/atolls
 - Marshall Islands: Majuro





Rainfall During the Last 30 Days

- Patchy showers have been making their way across Guam and Rota, but remained more dry over Saipan. A dry pattern also continued across the northern Marshall Islands, especially for the islands north of Majuro Atoll, where drought conditions continue to worsen.
- Rainfall across the FSM remains mixed. Recent trade-wind convergence and showers has brought rain to many of the islands in Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae, but some islands, such as Pingelap in Pohnpei State continue to remain drier, while Lukunor in Chuuk State has become abnormally dry. Across Yap State, a wettern pattern was supported by the NET/Monsoon Trough along with embedded disturbances.
- ROP remains wetter than normal due to influences of the NET, cycles of the monsoon trough and generally unsettled weather pattern bringing heavier showers



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Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- None reported at this time. **Any reports from the northern RMI would be beneficial in monitoring local water catchments and gauging impacts of extreme drought on Wotje, Utirik & and nearby islands/atolls.**

Agricultural Impacts

- Vegetation on plantations are turning green on Guam, but with little improvement at Saipan. Wetter conditions are expected later this week through the weekend, with a potential for heavy rainfall across the Marianas. This could bring some relief to Rota, Saipan and Tinian.

Fire Hazard Impacts

- None reported at this time on Guam, due to significant rainfall over the past few weeks. Vegetation continues to dry over Saipan, keeping the wildfire threat high. The Guam Fire Danger remains moderate. Ground reports are very welcome.

Mitigation Actions

- Monitor water levels closely. Islands or atolls with a shallow water lens, or rely on water catchments, are sensitive to quick onsets of drought. Follow any water conservation procedures that are shared by local authorities.

Preparedness Actions

- Residents should report any agricultural and hydrologic impacts to local DCOs and WSOs, particularly during prolonged periods of drier weather. **Reports from the islands are critical for decision-making and government responses.**





Drought Outlook

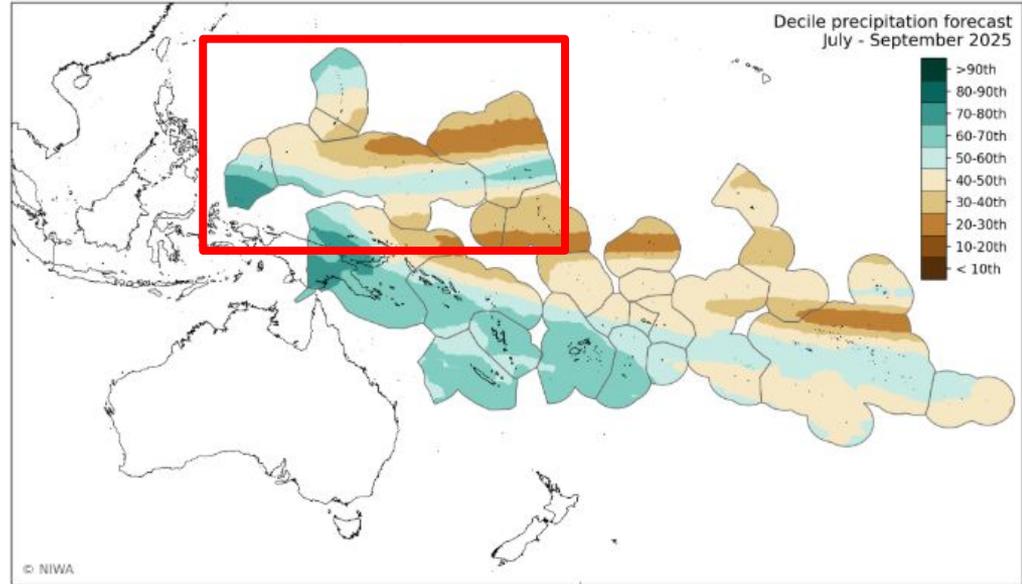
The latest El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) outlook can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

Short-term (1-3 Week Outlook)

- A drier pattern will linger across the FSM for areas generally north of Chuuk and Pohnpei, and across the northern Marshall Islands, especially for islands north of Kwajalein. A wetter pattern will persist for islands near and west of Palau, currently with a convective trade pattern in place. Gentle to moderate trades will bring mostly just isolated showers over the Marianas.
- Through July, drier conditions are expected to develop along the Equator west of 170E. See [CPC - Global Tropics Hazards Outlook](#) for more info.

Seasonal (3 Month Outlook)

- ENSO-neutral conditions continue across the Pacific and are favored through the N. Hemisphere summer.
- The long-term trend favors near to above normal rainfall near Palau while drier conditions with near to below normal rainfall are predicted elsewhere, especially north of 7N.
- These trends are typical, but not guaranteed.



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