

RNZ Pacific Cyclone Watch Service activated

2:00 pm on 1 November 2025

Many remote communities in Pacific island countries rely on shortwave radio. Photo: RNZI

The South Pacific cyclone season officially starts today, 1 November and will run through to April 2026.

Meteorologists are predicting five to nine cyclones [for the southwest](#) Pacific in this season.

RNZ Pacific's Cyclone Watch Service has become an important communications lifeline for Pacific nations and territories over the years, who are affected by the ever-increasing number of tropical cyclones in the Region.

The Cyclone Watch Service operates during the cyclone season in the South Pacific which is November through to the end of April. Once cyclone alerts are issued, RNZ Pacific will broadcast hourly updates of these bulletins, and whenever the situation changes.

Our information comes from Meteorological Services in the region. We also attempt to get damage reports from local government authorities and non-governmental agencies who are active in the field, as well people on the ground, who have been affected by the Cyclone.

RNZ Pacific broadcasts official vital weather updates and information via our shortwave transmitter. When local power grids and transmission facilities have been rendered inoperable by a cyclone, our broadcasts may be the only updates that people in the Island nations and territories can receive.

Here are the updated the on-air frequencies for the RNZ Pacific Cyclone Watch Service for the 2025-2026 cyclone season.

UTC	NZDT	Freq kHz	Primary Target
1259 - 1650	0159 - 0550	7390	Pacific
1651 - 1858	0551 - 0758	9700	Pacific
1859 - 2058	0759 - 0958	15720	Pacific
2059 - 0558	0959 - 1858	17675	Pacific
0559 - 1258	1859 - 0158	13755	Pacific

Photo: RNZ Pacific

We will do our best to keep people informed of all-weather updates, both on-air and online.

You can also follow us on our [RNZ Pacific Facebook page](#) for updates.