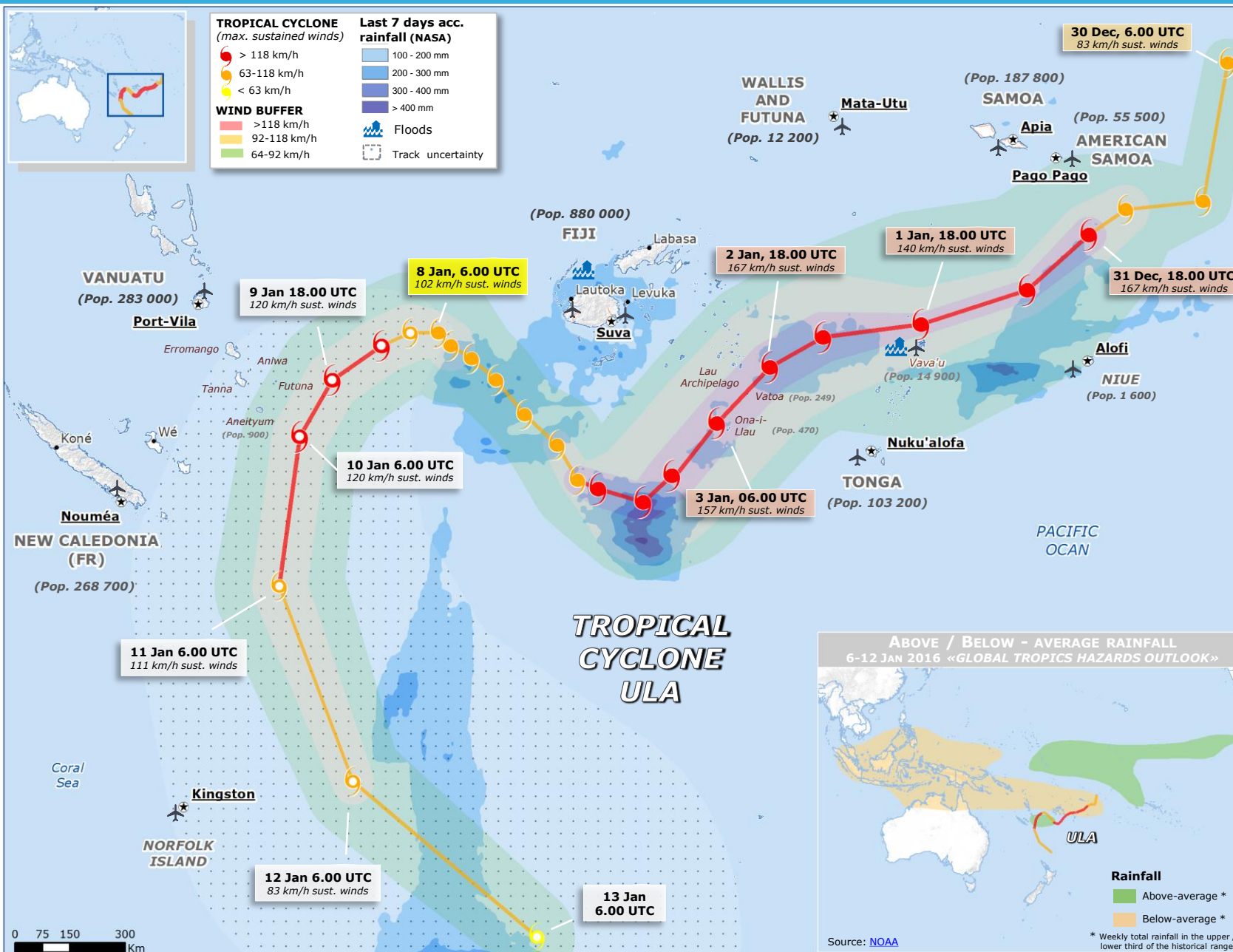


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## South Pacific Ocean – Tropical Cyclone ULA



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### SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone ULA formed over the South Pacific Ocean on 30 December 2015 and moved south-southwest, strengthening. It passed close to Vava'u islands (Tonga) on 1 January 2016, with max. sustained winds of 140 km/h and close to Lau Islands (Fiji) on 2-3 January, with max. sust. winds of 160-170 km/h.
- Heavy rainfall and strong winds affected Fiji and Tonga during its passage. Media reported minor damage and evacuations in Tonga, as well as floods and damage in some areas of Fiji.
- In the morning of 8 January, TC ULA was moving west-southwest, away from Fiji, with max. sustained winds of 100 km/h.
- Over the next 48 h, TC ULA is forecast to move south-west, and its center may pass approx. 100 km south-east of Aneityum (Vanuatu) in the morning of 10 January, with max. sustained winds of 120 km/h. Then it is forecast to continue moving south, over the South Pacific Ocean, weakening and dissipating.
- On 9-10 January, heavy rains and winds may affect central and southern Vanuatu.

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, BOM, UN OCHA, Fiji Meteorological Service, Vanuatu Meteorological Services, WMO, Geohive, Media

### SOUTH PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SEASON

- From 1 Nov to 30 April

### RELEVANT TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE AREA (2014 - 2016)

