



SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone (TC) **WINSTON** formed over the South Pacific Ocean between **Vanuatu** and **Fiji** and moved southwest, strengthening. It passed east of **Tafea Province** (Vanuatu) on 12 Feb, as an intense Tropical Cyclone. Locally heavy rains and winds affected some areas of Fiji and Vanuatu.
- In the morning of **15 Feb**, it was moving north-east, with max. sustained winds of **100-110 km/h**.
- Over the next 24 h it is forecast to pass close to **Ona-i-Liau** and **Vatua islands** (Fiji), roughly keeping its strength. Then it is forecast to continue moving north-east, strengthening and it may start turning west on 18 Feb; however the uncertainty of the forecast track/ intensity is still high.
- On 15-18 Feb, **heavy rains** and **strong winds** may affect the **Lau** group of islands (**Fiji**), especially **Ona-i-Liau** and **Vatua**, as well as some areas of Tonga.

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, Fiji Met. Service, Vanuatu Meteorological Services, WMO, Geohive, Media

SOUTH PACIFIC TROPICAL CYCLONE SEASON

- From **1 Nov** to **30 April**

RECENT TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE AREA

- In January 2016, TC **ULA** affected Tonga, Fiji (especially Lau islands) and Vanuatu with heavy rains and winds. Media reported floods and a number of damaged houses in Fiji and in some areas of Tonga.

Sources: GDACS, Media

RELEVANT TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE AREA (2014 – 2016)

