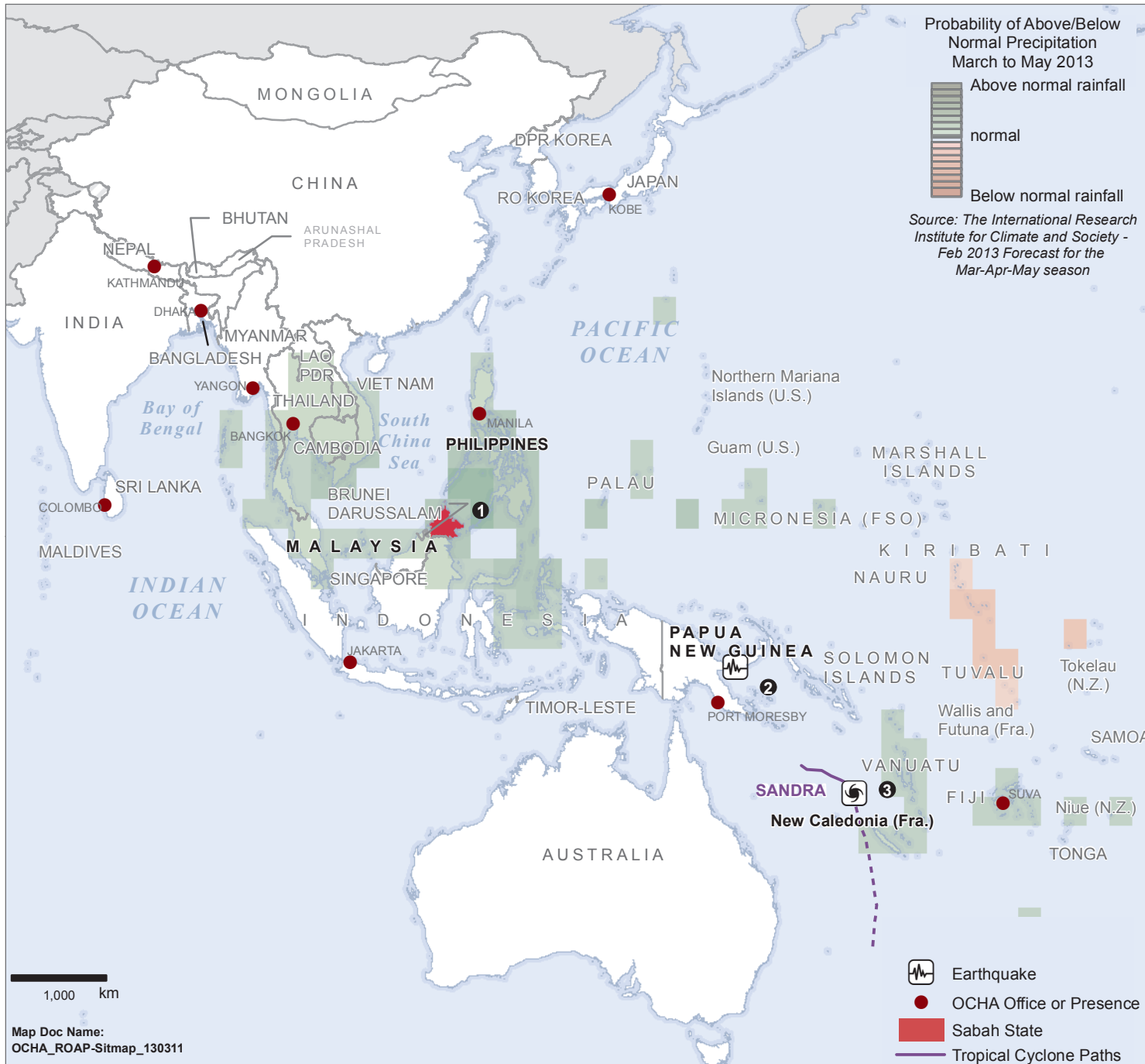


ASIA-PACIFIC REGION 5 - 11 Mar, 2013

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1. Malaysia/Philippines - Since 9 Feb, about 200 members of the Royal Sulu Army, an armed Islamic group from the southern Philippines, have occupied the Sabah region in Malaysia. They want Malaysia to recognize it as the rightful owner of Sabah, and to renegotiate the terms of the 1963 lease. While a Malaysian military exercise continues in the area, the Filipino Regional Human Rights Commission reported that 1,416 have arrived to the Philippines from Sabah between 2 and 8 March. In the Southern Philippines, the Government distributed food and provided shelter. In Malaysia, the Government and Red Crescent provided food.
Source: OCHA, Media

2. Papua Guinea - A 6.5M earthquake struck off shore close to Morobe province on 11 Mar. Preliminary information implies there was no serious damage or casualties, however the authorities are still assessing the situation.
Source: OCHA, USGS, PDC

3. New Caledonia - Tropical Cycone Sandra is expected to pass west of New Caledonia on 12 Mar as a Category 2 cyclone, weakening to a Tropical storm by 13 Mar.
Source: PDC

Precipitation Forecast - The latest forecast predicts a slightly higher than average chance for greater than normal precipitation in across much of SE Asia and Melanesia. Lower than average rainfall is predicted for most of Kiribati and Tuvalu.
Source: IRI

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