

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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wet days and wet spells outlooks

May to July 2017

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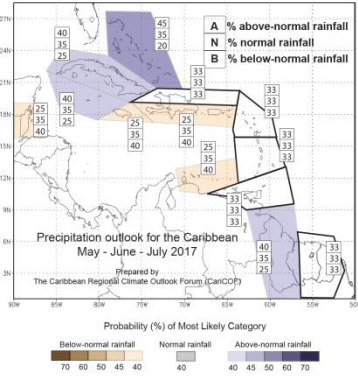
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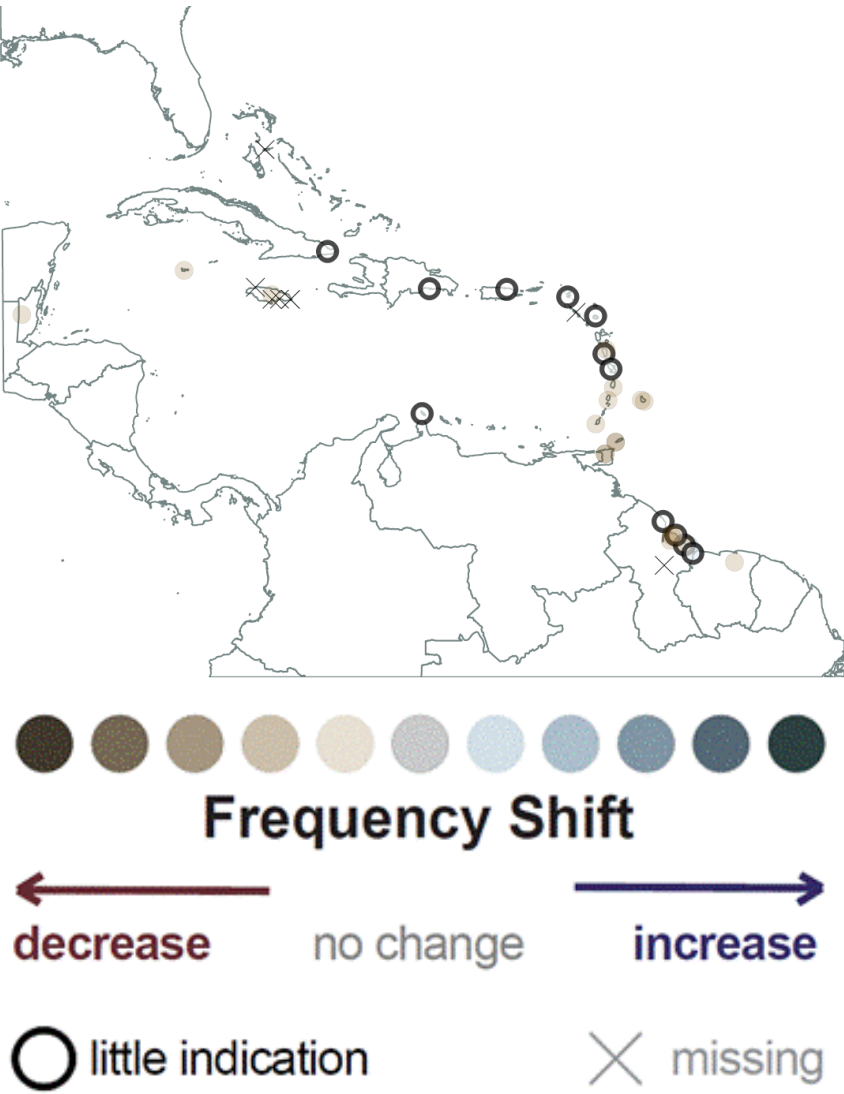
Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: May to July 2017



MJJ 2017

Frequency of wet days

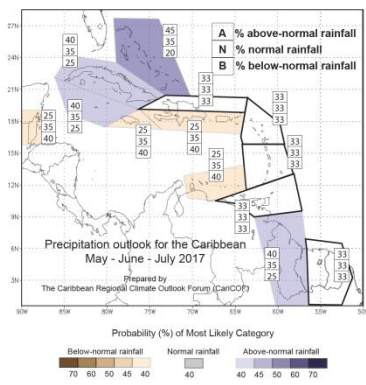


USUALLY: During May-June-July, about 25 to 40 days out of a total of 92 days are wet days in relatively flat areas in the islands, and 45 to 65 in mountainous areas and in coastal Guianas (ABC Islands: 5-15).

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- IMPLICATION:**
- Disruptions of outdoor activities on several occasions.
 - Increasing surface wetness improves environmental conditions for mosquitoes and moisture related pests.

Precipitation outlook



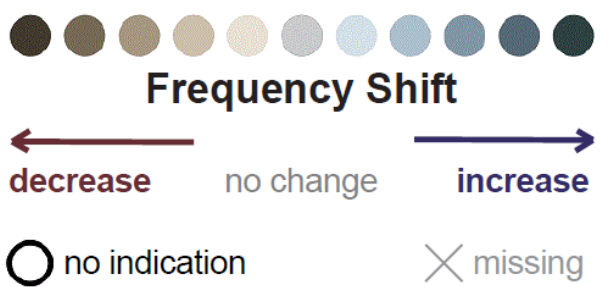
Wet days outlook



Wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: May to July 2017

MJJ 2017 frequency of 7-day wet spells



MJJ 2017 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



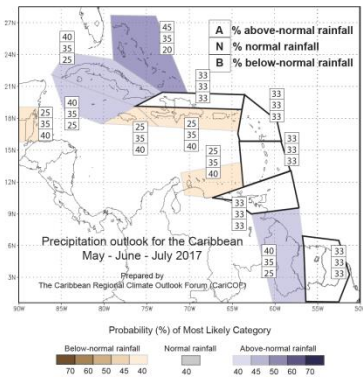
USUALLY: 1 to 5 wet spells (coastal Guianas: 4 to 7) occur from May to July, with 2 or 3 of them ending up very wet (ABC Islands: up to 1; coastal Guianas: 1 to 5).

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IMPLICATION:

- Recharge of large water reservoirs associated with wet season.

Precipitation outlook



Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



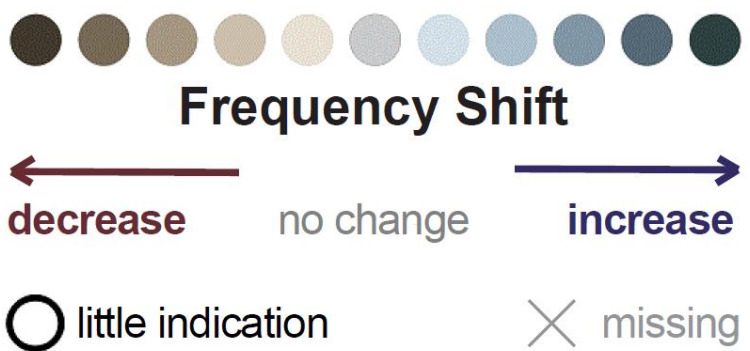
Very wet spells outlook



Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: May to July 2017

MJJ 2017 frequency of extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells



USUALLY: Up to 1 extreme wet spell occur between May to July (Guianas: up to 2).

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IMPLICATION: Flash flood potential is becoming a concern.

May to July 2017	No. of wet days		No. of 7-day wet spells (20% wettest)		No. of 7-day very wet spells (10% wettest)		No. of 3-day extremely wet spells (1% wettest)		brown is a decrease in frequency, dark blue an increase, grey none are expected
	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	
Antigua (VC Bird)	20-38	21-37	1.3-4.7	1.6-4.8	0.4-3	0.6-2.9	0-1	0-0.8	
Aruba (Beatrix)	6-13	5-13	0.4-2.6	0.5-2.9	0-1.3	0.2-1.5	0-1	0-0.6	
Barbados (CIMH)	24-42	24-40	1.3-5.1	1.6-5.2	0.4-2.2	0.8-2.5	0-1	0-0.1	
Barbados (GAIA)	26-44	25-41	2.1-4.3	1.9-4.8	0.4-2.1	0.6-2.6	0-1	0-1.2	
Belize (C. Farm)	28-40	27-40	2.1-5.1	2.2-5.6	1.3-3	1.1-3.1	0-1	0-1.6	
Cayman	24-36	22-36	3-5.4	2.9-6.7	1.3-3.4	1.2-3.5	0-1	0-1.4	
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	8-18	7-17	1.3-3.4	0.6-3.5	0.4-2.1	0.1-2	0-1	0-1.2	
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)		20-33		1.9-5.5		0.6-4.3		0-0.6	
Dominica (Canefield)	35-60	36-59	2.1-5.2	2.7-7.2	1.1-3.4	1.3-3.4	0-1.1	0-0.9	
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	46-66	44-67	1.7-4.7	2.1-6	0.5-2.2	0.8-2.8	0-1	0-1.1	
Grenada (MBIA)	30-48	29-44	2.1-4.8	2-5.8	0.9-2.6	0.9-3.2	0-1	0-1.4	
Guyana_73	30-42	30-44	3.9-6.9	3.8-7.2	1.7-3.4	1.3-4.4	0-1	0-1.7	
Guyana (Albion)	44-57	45-61	3.9-7.2	3.4-7.6	2.1-3.9	1.7-4.4	0-1	0-1.8	
Guyana (Blairmont)	50-67	49-67	3.4-7.3	4-8.3	1.3-4.7	1.7-5	0-2	0-2.1	
Guyana (Charity)	40-64	36-71	3.9-6.8	2.6-8.9	1.3-4	1.3-4.1	0-1	0-0.2	
Guyana (Enmore)	48-63	46-65	3.4-6.9	2.9-8	0.9-4.3	1-4.5	0-1.1	0-1.5	
Guyana (Georgetown)	55-68	52-69	3.4-7.3	4-8.3	1.3-3.9	1.5-4.7	0-1	0-1.3	
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	50-65	48-65	3.9-7.3	4-8.3	1.7-4.7	1.8-4.5	0-1.5	0-1.6	
Guyana (Skeldon)	49-62	47-64	3.9-7.3	3.6-7.2	1.7-4.3	1.5-4.6	0-2	0-1.5	
Guyana (Timehri)	56-71	55-73	3.9-7.3	3.9-7.6	1.7-4.3	1.5-4.6	0-2	0-2.2	
Guyana (Wales)	56-68	54-70	3.9-7.3	4-9.1	0.9-4.3	1.3-5.2	0-2.1	0-2.3	
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	25-41	23-40	2.6-5.6	2.4-6.3	1.3-3	1.2-3.3	0-2	0-1.9	
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	42-59	40-58	2.1-5.1	2.3-5.6	0.9-3	0.9-2.8	0-1	0-0.5	
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	29-47	28-47	2.1-5.6	2-5.9	0.9-3.9	1.2-3.5	0-1	0-1.4	
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	30-51	32-49	1.7-5.1	2-5.5	0.4-2.6	0.7-2.7	0-1	0-0.1	
St. Maarten (TNCM)	24-38	22-39	1.3-3.9	1.6-4.9	0.4-3	0.5-2.7	0-1	0-1.1	
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	44-65	42-62	2.1-5.1	1.5-5	0.9-2.6	0.7-2.8	0-1	0-1.2	
Suriname (Zanderij)	58-70	55-72	4.3-6.6	3.7-8.1	1.7-3.9	1.7-4.8	0-2	0-2	
Tobago (ANR Robinson)	41-56	38-55	3.4-6	2.8-5.8	1.3-3	1.5-3.2	0-1	0-1.2	
Trinidad (Piarco)	32-45	30-45	2.1-4.7	1.9-5.6	0.9-3	0.9-3.7	0-1	0-1.1	