

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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wet days and wet spells outlooks July to September 2017

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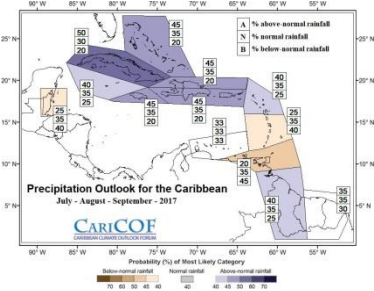
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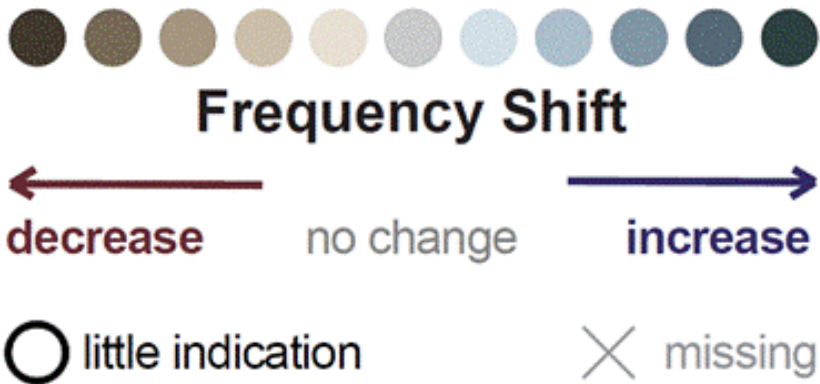
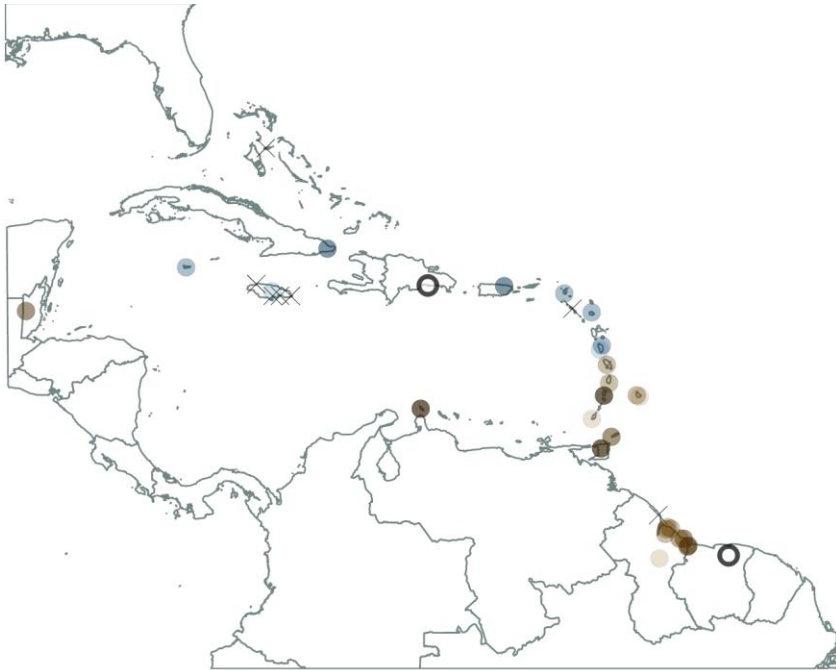


Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: July to September 2017



JAS 2017
Frequency of wet days



USUALLY: Out of 92 days in Jul-Aug-Sep, there are about 35 to 50 wet days (50 to 65 in mountainous areas; ABC Islands: 5-15).

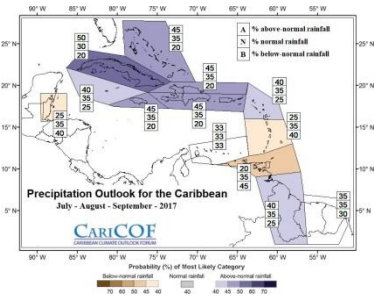
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IMPLICATION:

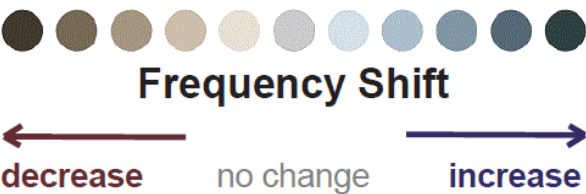
- Frequent rainfall disruptions of outdoor activities.
- Surface wetness makes environmental conditions more conducive to mosquito breeding and moisture related pests.

Wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: July to September 2017



JAS 2017 frequency of 7-day wet spells



JAS 2017 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



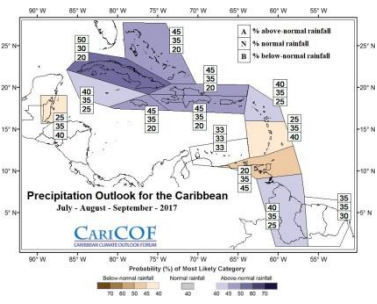
USUALLY: Between 2 and 6 wet spells (ABC Islands: 1 to 4) occur from July to September, with 1 to 3 of them ending up very wet (ABC Islands: up to 2).

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IMPLICATION:

- Recharge of large water reservoirs associated with wet season.

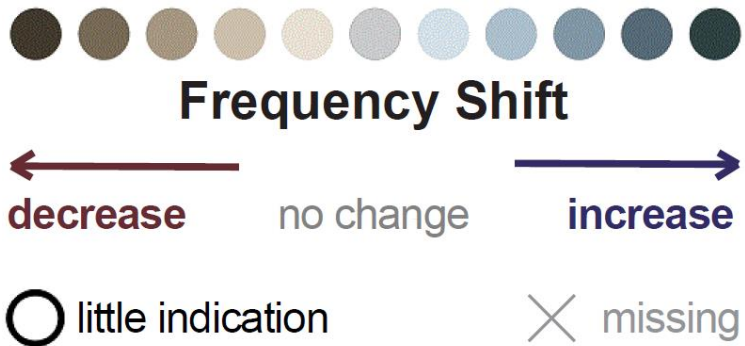
Precipitation outlook



Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: July to September 2017

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



Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



Very wet spells outlook



USUALLY: Up to 1 or 2 extreme wet spell occur between July to September (ABC Islands: up to 1).

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IMPLICATION: Flash flood potential is a concern throughout the region.

July to September 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)	29-42	31-46	2.6-5.1	2.7-5.6	0.9-3	1-3.6	0-1	0-1.3	
Aruba (Beatrix)	6-17	3-15	1.3-3.9	1-4.6	0.4-2.1	0.4-2.4	0-1	0-0.4	
Barbados (CIMH)	37-49	34-49	3.4-6.4	3.6-7	1.3-3.4	1.6-3.8	0-1	0-1.3	
Barbados (GAIA)	39-49	37-50	3.9-6.4	3.9-6.8	1.7-3.9	1.3-3.9	0-1	0-1.5	
Belize (C. Farm)	36-49	30-47	2.7-5.6	2.9-6	1.3-3.4	1.3-3.6	0-1.1	0-1.5	
Cayman	31-46	29-50	3.4-6.4	3.5-7.2	1.3-3.4	1.3-4	0-1	0-1.1	
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	10-18	12-23	1.3-3.9	1.3-4.4	0.4-1.7	0.3-1.8	0-1	0-0.4	
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)		23-38		2.9-5.7		1.4-3.6		0-1.3	
Dominica (Canefield)	52-65	50-66	3.7-7.4	3.8-8.1	1.8-5.5	1.5-5.4	0-2.5	0-2.3	
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	56-69	57-74	3-6.9	2.8-7.2	0.9-3.4	0.9-4	0-1	0-1.1	
Grenada (MBIA)	39-48	35-51	3.9-6.4	3.3-6.5	1.7-3.8	1.3-4.2	0-2	0-1.6	
Guyana_73	17-26	14-25	1.7-3.9	1.4-4.8	0.4-2.6	0.6-2.7	0-0.2	0-0	
Guyana (Albion)	26-42	21-39	2.1-4.7	2.4-5.5	0.9-3	0.9-2.9	0-1	0-0.8	
Guyana (Blairmont)	33-46	29-44	2.1-5.1	2.1-5.8	0.9-2.6	0.9-3	0-1	0-0.9	
Guyana (Enmore)	28-42	22-42	1.7-4.3	1.8-5.1	0.4-2.7	0.6-3	0-1	0-0.8	
Guyana (Georgetown)	35-51	29-50	1.7-4.3	1.7-4.7	0.4-2.6	0.6-2.5	0-1	0-0.3	
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	34-51	30-55	1.8-5.4	1.7-6.1	0.9-2.6	0.7-3.1	0-1	0-1.4	
Guyana (Skeldon)	31-44	29-43	1.7-5.1	2-5.3	0.9-2.6	0.8-2.9	0-1	0-0.8	
Guyana (Timehri)	31-38	28-38	2.1-3.9	1.8-4.4	0.9-2.6	0.7-2.8	0-1	0-1.3	
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	45-58	41-57	2.1-4.7	2.3-5.3	0.9-2.6	0.9-2.7	0-1	0-0.4	
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	38-52	36-51	2.1-4.3	2.1-5	0.9-2.6	0.7-2.7	0-1	0-0.5	
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	28-42	29-46	2.6-5.6	2.7-6.1	0.9-3	1.1-3.6	0-2	0-1.6	
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	52-64	49-63	3.9-7.3	3.7-7.1	1.7-3.9	1.4-4.1	0-1	0-1.6	
St. Maarten (TNCM)	36-50	37-58	3-5.6	2.7-6.3	0.9-3.4	1-3.7	0-1	0-1.3	
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	44-59	40-57	3.4-5.6	3.4-6.6	1.7-3.4	1.3-4	0-1	0-1.6	
Suriname (Zanderij)	32-49	32-54	2.1-5.6	2.3-5.8	0.9-3	0.8-3.2	0-1	0-1	
Tobago (ANR Robinson)	56-65	48-62	3.4-5.6	3.3-5.9	1.3-3.4	1.3-3.6	0-1.1	0-1.4	
Trinidad (Piarco)	36-51	34-53	1.7-3.4	1.9-3.9	0.9-1.7	0.6-2	0-1	0-1.2	



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