

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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wet days and wet spells outlooks

March to May 2018

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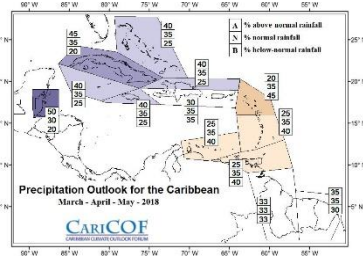
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Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: March to May 2018



MAM 2018
Frequency of wet days



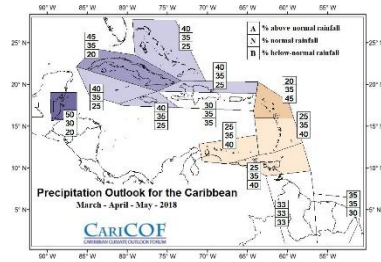
USUALLY: Out of 90 days in Mar-Apr-May, there are about 15 to 30 wet days in low lying, 30-50 in mountainous locations (ABC Islands: 1-10; coastal Guianas: 30-50).

FORECAST: MAM rainfall is likely to be above- to normal in the Bahamas and most of the Greater Antilles, but below- to normal in the ABC Islands and the Lesser Antilles. The forecast indicates either the usual or slightly more wet days (*low confidence*).

IMPLICATION:

- Surface dryness increasing the usual way along the dry season.
- Rainfall disruptions of outdoor activities to become more frequent from April onwards in the Greater Antilles and the Guianas, and from May in the Lesser Antilles.

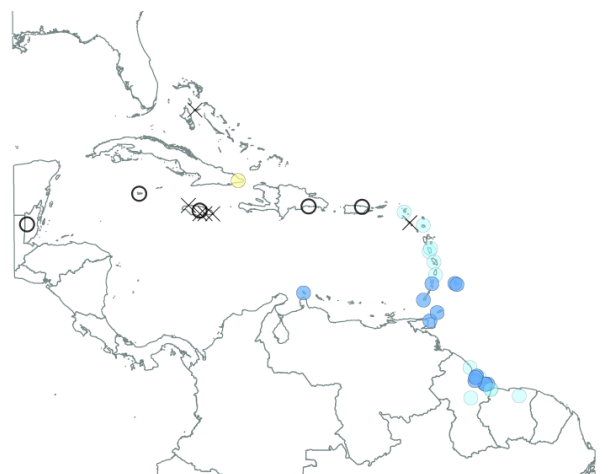
Precipitation outlook



MAM 2018 frequency of 7-day wet spells



MAM 2018 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



Wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: March to May 2018

USUALLY: Up to 3 wet spells (coastal Guianas: up to 5) occur from Mar to May, with up to 2 of them ending up very wet (coastal Guianas: up to 3).

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IMPLICATION:

- Usual depletion rates of large water reservoirs for the dry season.
- Some flood potential in Guianas associated with a high number of very wet spells.

Wet days outlook



Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

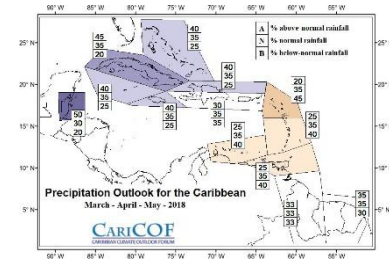
Forecast for: March to May 2018

USUALLY: : Up to 1 extreme wet spell occurs from March to May. Virtually none in most other places.

FORECAST: MAM rainfall is likely to be above- to normal in the Bahamas and most of the Greater Antilles, but below- to normal in the Lesser Antilles. The forecast indicates either the usual or slightly more wet days and wet spells (*low confidence*) and a higher than usual number of very wet spells from St Maarten southward (*low to medium confid.*). Little changes in number of extreme wet spells are forecast in most places, except for an increase in the Guianas (*low confidence*).

IMPLICATION: Flash flood potential is becoming a concern after March, and especially in May in the Greater Antilles.

Precipitation outlook

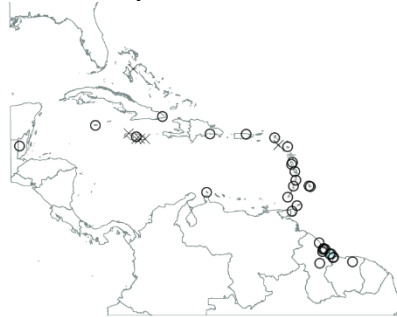


MAM 2018 frequency of extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells

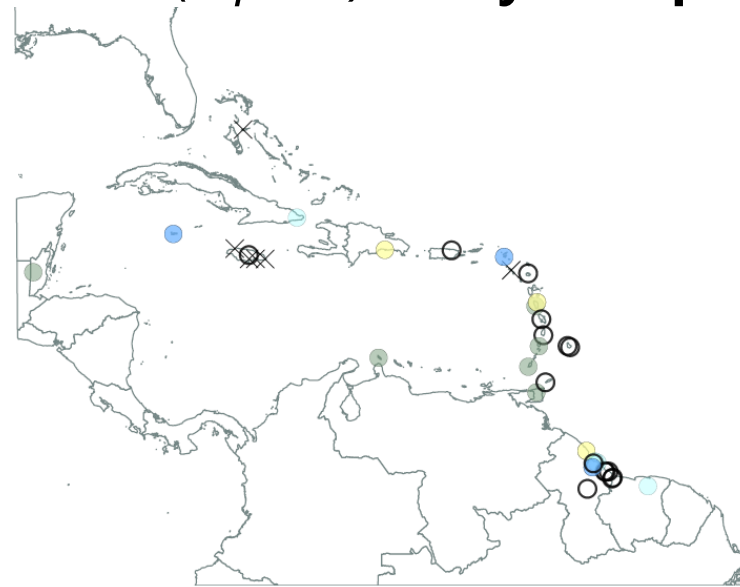
Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



Very wet spells outlook



March to May 2018

	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)	
	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast
	Antigua (VC Bird)	17-29	15-33	1.2-3.9	1.5-2.8	0.4-2.4	0.4-2.4	0-1
Aruba (Beatrix)	2-9	2-12	0.4-1.3	0.7-2.9	0-0.9	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
Barbados (CIMH)	14-28	14-32	0.4-2.2	0.7-1.9	0-1.6	0-1.8	0-0.9	0-0.3
Barbados (GAIA)	15-29	15-33	0.4-2.4	0.9-2.3	0-1.6	0.3-1.8	0-1	0-0.4
Belize (C. Farm)	10-22	9-21	0.4-1.9	0.5-1.7	0-1.3	0-1.3	0-0	0-0
Cayman	9-22	9-23	0.9-2.4	0.4-1.5	0.4-1.7	0.4-1.8	0-1	0-1.3
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	8-20	7-21	1.3-3.9	1.7-2.9	0.4-1.7	0.4-2	0-1	0-1.2
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)	13-26	13-28	1.2-3.7	1.3-2.8	0.4-2.2	0.6-2.7	0-1	0-0.4
Dominica (Canefield)	22-35	22-38	0-2	0.5-2.4	0-1.4	0-1.4	0-0	0-0
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	36-60	35-62	1.3-3.4	1.3-3.2	0-2	0.2-2.3	0-1.7	0-1
Grenada (MBIA)	10-26	9-29	0-1.4	0.3-2	0-0.9	0-1.4	0-0	0-0
Guyana_73	19-34	19-33	1.7-5.7	2.2-5	0.9-2.9	1-3.5	0-1	0-1.6
Guyana (Albion)	27-45	27-45	1.7-4.3	1.6-3.9	0.9-2.8	1.1-2.9	0-1	0-1.5
Guyana (Blairmont)	31-48	30-51	1.9-4.8	1.7-4.3	0.9-3	1-3.6	0-1	0-1.5
Guyana (Enmore)	31-44	29-46	1.7-4.7	1.7-3.6	0.9-2.6	0.9-3.1	0-1.1	0-1.8
Guyana (Georgetown)	34-50	30-50	1.3-4.2	1.5-4	0.9-2.1	1.1-2.8	0-1	0-1.3
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	33-48	29-51	1.7-4.7	1.7-4.4	0.9-3	1.1-3.3	0-1	0-1.3
Guyana (Skeldon)	33-50	31-50	1.8-5.1	2-5	0.9-3	1.1-3.6	0-1	0-0.9
Guyana (Timehri)	35-55	34-54	1.7-4.8	1.5-4.3	0.4-2.6	0.9-3.1	0-1.9	0-2
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	20-33	19-33	2.1-4.3	1.2-2.9	0.8-2.7	0.6-3	0-1	0-1.4
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	28-47	27-51	0.9-2.7	1-2.3	0.4-1.4	0.4-1.7	0-0	0-0
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	25-38	23-39	0.9-3.8	1.3-2.7	0.8-2.6	0.7-2.9	0-1.3	0-1.6
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	21-39	19-40	0.4-2.7	1.1-2.7	0-1.6	0.1-1.7	0-0.9	0-0.8
St. Maarten (TNM)	21-33	20-37	0.9-3	1.2-3.7	0.4-1.5	0.5-1.8	0-0.9	0-0.3
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	31-53	27-56	0.4-2.7	0.9-3.1	0-1.4	0-1.5	0-0.1	0-0.2
Suriname (Zanderij)	47-60	45-62	2.5-5.7	2.2-5.7	1.6-3.3	1.2-4.1	0-1.9	0-2.2
Tobago (ANR Robinson)	14-31	13-33	0-1.7	0.3-1.3	0-0.9	0-1	0-0	0-0
Trinidad (Piarco)	12-32	12-33	0.3-2.6	0.6-2.7	0-1.3	0-1.6	0-0.7	0-0

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