

# Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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## wet days and wet spells outlooks

December 2016 to February 2017

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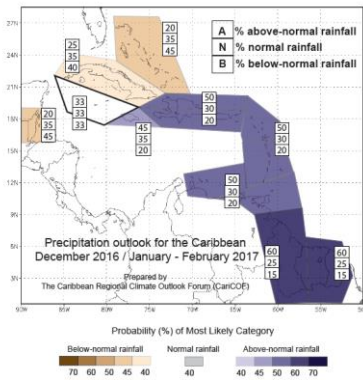
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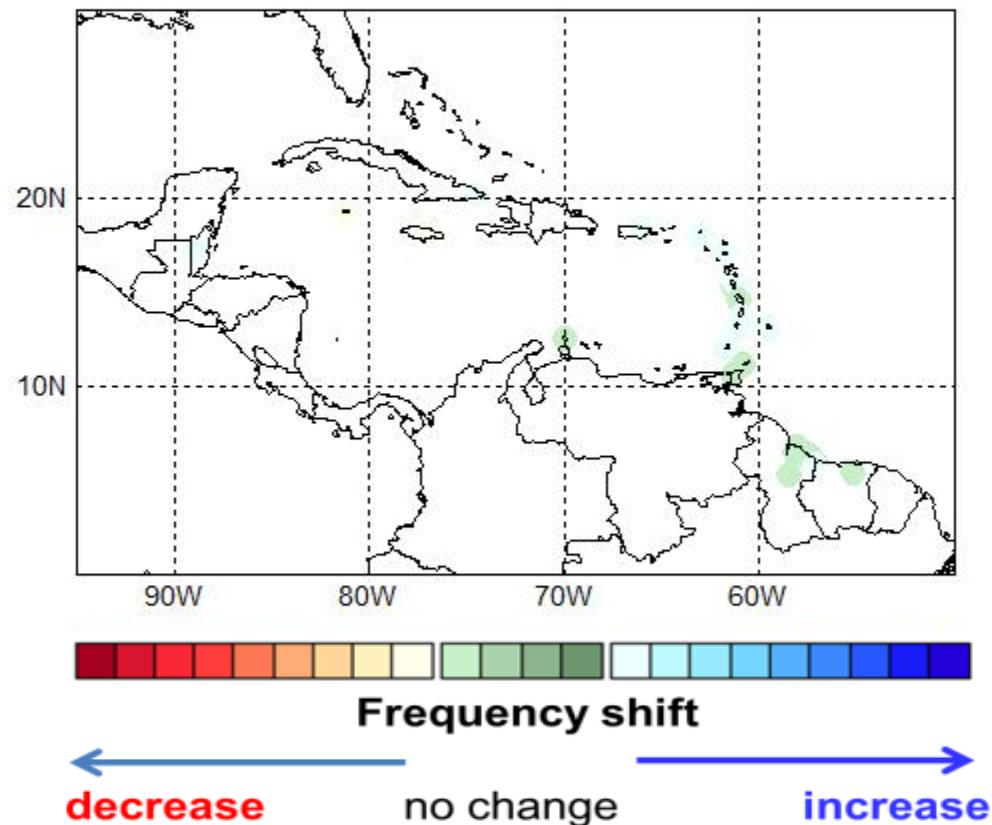


# Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: December 2016 to February 2017



DJF 2016-'17 frequency of wet days



**USUALLY:** Across the region during November-December-January, about 25 to 45 days out of a total of 90 days are wet days.

**FORECAST:** DJF rainfall is likely to be above- to normal in much of the region, By contrast, below- to normal is forecast for Bahamas, Belize and Cuba. We forecast no change from the usual amount of wet days (*low confidence*).

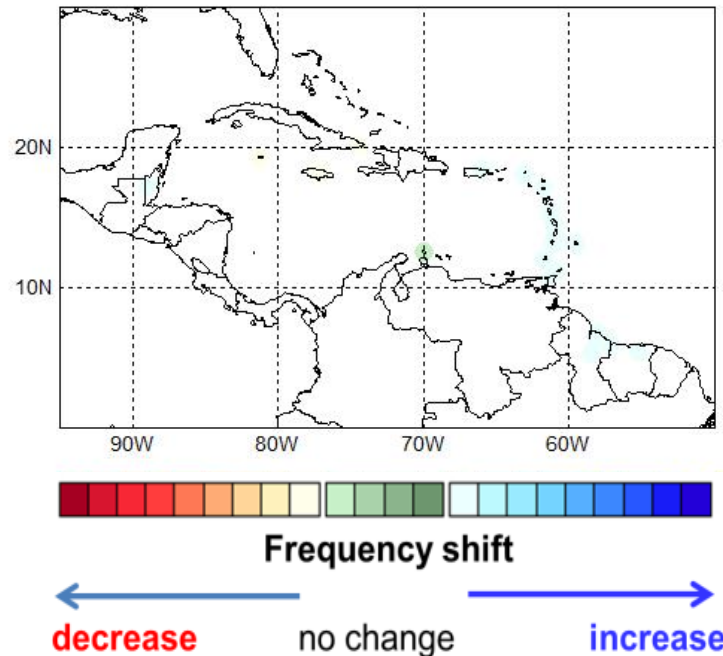
## IMPLICATION:

- Disruptions of outdoor activities by rainfall will become fewer as the months progress.
- Surface dryness will increase faster in the extreme north and west of the region than elsewhere.

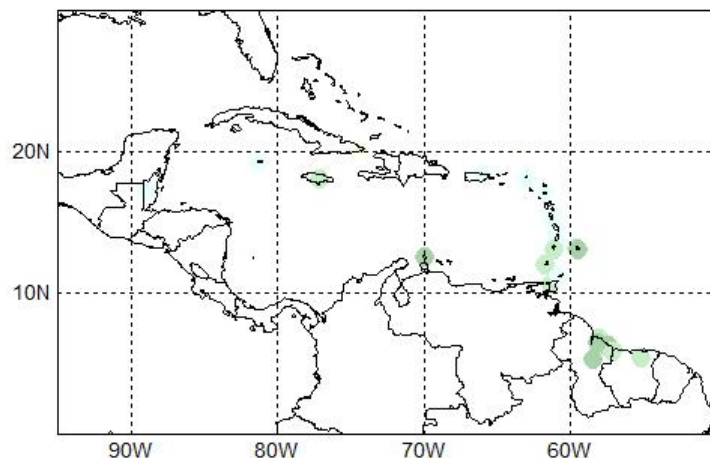
# Wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: December 2016 to February 2017

DJF 2016-'17 frequency of 7-day wet spells



DJF 2016-'17 frequency of 7-day very wet spells

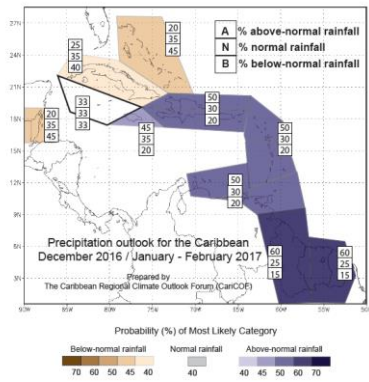


**USUALLY:** Roughly 1 to 3 wet spells (ABC Islands: 2 to 6; coastal Guianas: 1 to 5) occur from December to February, of which up to 2 are very wet (ABC Islands: up to 4; coastal Guianas: up to 3).

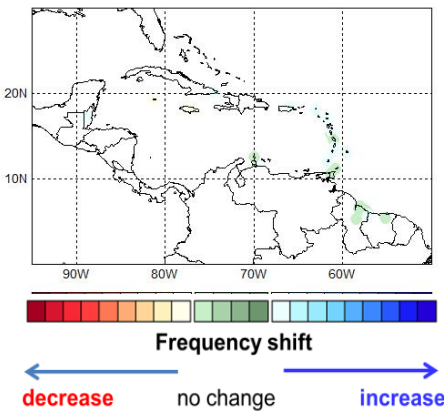
**FORECAST:** DJF rainfall is likely to be above-normal in much of the region, By contrast, below- to normal is forecast for Bahamas, Belize and Cuba. We forecast no change from the usual amount of wet days or wet spells (*low confidence*), or very wet spells (*low to medium confidence*).

## IMPLICATION:

- Recharge of large water reservoirs by rainfall to slow down by end of year.
- Depletion of large reservoirs during dry season likely slower than usual.

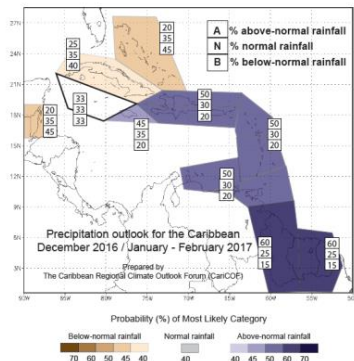


DJF2016/17 Wet Days Frequency Shifts



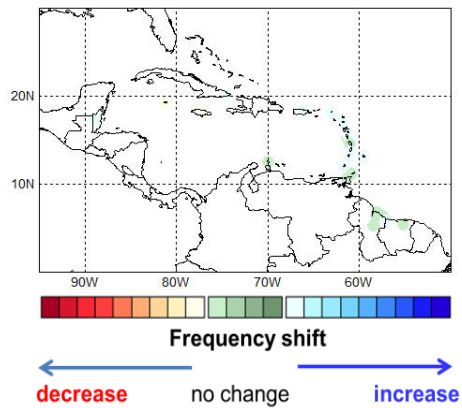
# Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

## Forecast for: December 2016 to February 2017

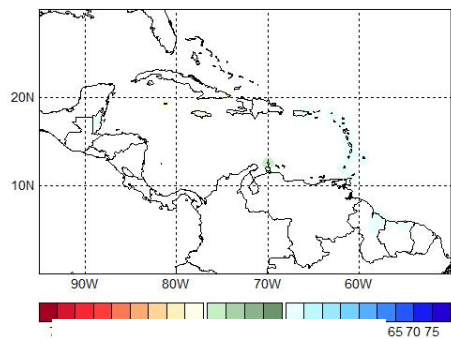


### DJF 2016-'17 frequency of *extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells*

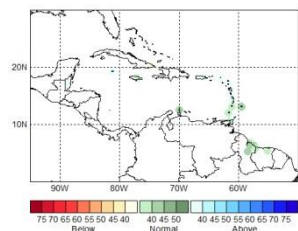
DJF2016/17 Wet Days Frequency Shifts



DJF 2016/17 7 Days Wet Spells Frequency Shifts



DJF 2016/17 7-day Very Wet Spell Frequency Shifts



**USUALLY:** Up to 1 extreme wet spells can occur from December to February, except in coastal Guianas (up to 2) which are in their short wet season.

**FORECAST:** DJF rainfall is likely to be above- to normal in much of the region, By contrast, below- to normal is forecast for Bahamas, Belize and Cuba. We forecast no change from the usual amount of wet days or wet spells (*low confidence*), or very wet spells (*low to medium confidence*). Apart from the coastal Guianas, we forecast low chances for extreme wet spells beyond December (*high confid.*).

**IMPLICATION:** Flash flood potential mostly disappearing by end of year, except in Guianas.



December 2016 to February 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)	
	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast
Antigua (VC Bird)	23-40	23-40	1.3-2.6	1.2-3.4	0.3-1.4	0.3-1.4	0-0	0-0
Aruba (Beatrix)	12-36	13-36	2.1-6.4	2.6-6.7	0.3-3.6	0.9-3.3	0-1	0-0.4
Barbados (CIMH)	21-44	23-43	0.9-2.5	0.9-2.5	0-1.3	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
Barbados (GAIA)	22-43	23-42	0.7-3	0.9-3.3	0-1.4	0.3-1.2	0-0	0-0
Belize (C. Farm)	21-41	20-39	1.3-3.7	1.1-4	0.4-1.7	0.3-1.7	0-1	0-0
Cayman	11-22	11-24	0.4-2.1	0.3-2.5	0-1	0-1.1	0-0	0-0
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	12-22	12-24	1.6-4	1.5-4.5	0.5-2.1	0.6-2.1	0-0	0-0
Dominica (Canefield)	36-54	35-53	0.8-3.9	0.5-3.7	0-1.5	0-1.4	0-0	0-0
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	48-62	45-64	0.8-3	0.7-3.3	0-1.3	0-1.3	0-0	0-0
Grenada (MBIA)	20-39	19-42	0.7-3.9	0.8-3.7	0-2.1	0-1.8	0-1.1	0-0.8
Guyana_73	15-35	17-31	0.9-5.4	1.2-5.2	0.4-3.9	0.6-3	0-2	0-1.5
Guyana (Albion)	25-51	29-50	1.3-6	1.7-5.5	0.4-3.4	0.7-2.9	0-1.9	0-1.3
Guyana (Blairmont)	33-53	32-55	1.1-5.6	1.5-5.3	0.4-3.2	0.8-2.7	0-2	0-1.5
Guyana (Enmore)	27-51	30-49	1.3-4.9	1.8-5	0.4-4	0.8-3.6	0-1	0-1.1
Guyana (Georgetown)	33-59	36-56	0.7-5.5	1.1-5.8	0-4.4	0.5-3.4	0-2	0-2.1
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	31-54	32-53	0.9-5.3	1.5-5	0.7-3.9	0.8-2.9	0-2	0-1.5
Guyana (Skeldon)	27-48	29-48	1.2-4.8	1.4-4.7	0.4-2.6	0.6-2.3	0-2.1	0-0.9
Guyana (Timehri)	38-64	40-60	1.3-5	1.6-5	0.4-3.1	0.7-2.7	0-1.3	0-1.5
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	17-25	14-26	0.4-2.6	0.3-2.4	0-1.7	0-1.4	0-0	0-0
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	43-59	42-60	0.9-3	1.1-3.1	0-1.3	0-1.1	0-0	0-0
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	30-46	31-46	1.3-3.6	1.6-3.8	0.4-1.4	0.5-1.6	0-1	0-0.9
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	29-47	30-47	0.9-2.7	1-2.9	0-1.3	0.2-1.2	0-0.2	0-0
St. Maarten (TNCM)	29-47	29-48	1.6-4.4	1.4-4.9	0-2.1	0-2.1	0-1	0-1
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	42-60	41-60	0.9-3	1-3.1	0-1.8	0.4-1.6	0-0	0-0
Suriname (Zanderij)	42-55	41-55	1.6-3.9	1.8-4	0.4-2.3	0.7-2.2	0-1	0-1.1
Tobago (ANR Robinson)	26-41	27-41	0-2.7	0-2.6	0-1.3	0-1.3	0-1	0-0
Trinidad (Piarco)	23-38	23-40	0.7-3.4	0.9-3.8	0-2.1	0-1.8	0-1	0-0.9

dark blue an increase, brown is a decrease in frequency, grey none are expected