

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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Wet days and Wet spells Outlooks May to July 2018

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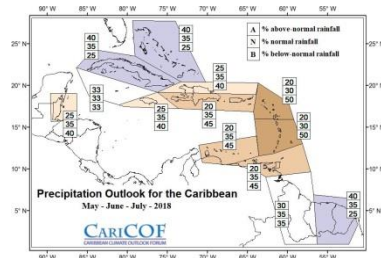
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Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: May to July 2018



MJJ 2018
Frequency of wet days



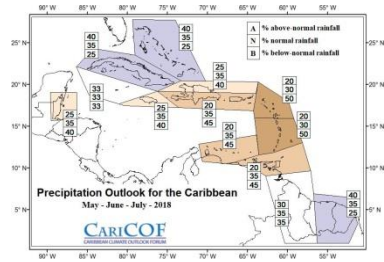
USUALLY: During May-June-July, about 25 to 40 days out of a total of 92 days are wet days in relatively flat areas in the islands, and 45 to 65 in mountainous areas and in coastal Guianas (ABC Islands: 5-15).

FORECAST: MJJ rainfall is likely to be above- to normal in the Bahamas, Cuba and eastern Guianas, but below- to normal in the ABC Islands, Belize, and most of the Antilles. **The forecast indicates fewer wet days than usual** (*medium confidence*).

IMPLICATIONS:

- Possible delay in the onset of the wet season in much of the islands.
- Surface wetness increasing slower than usual in the early wet season.
- Increasing frequency of rainfall disruptions of outdoor activities into the wet season.

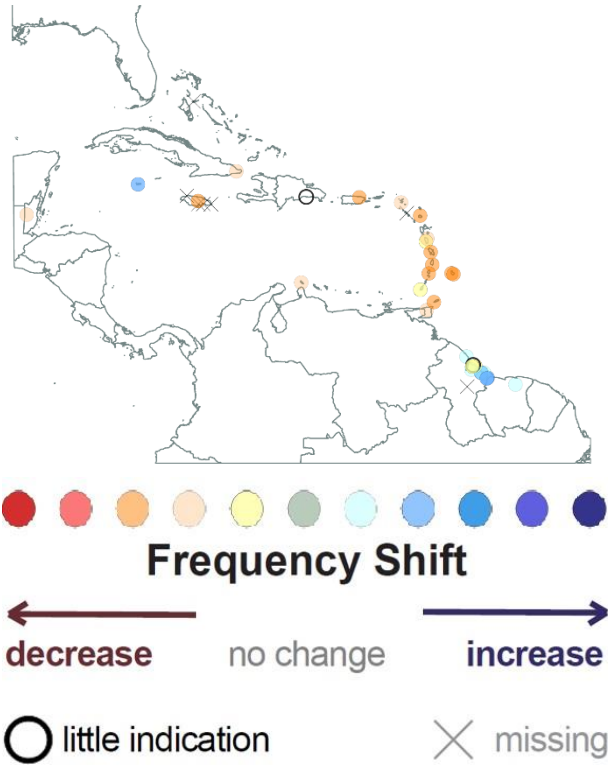
Precipitation outlook



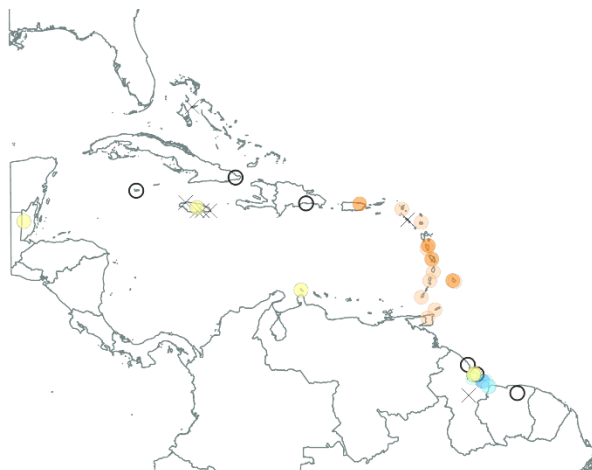
Wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: May to July 2018

MJJ 2018 frequency of 7-day wet spells



MJJ 2018 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



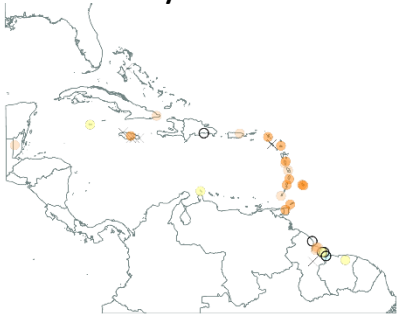
USUALLY: 1 to 5 wet spells (coastal Guianas: 4 to 7) occur from May to July, with 2 or 3 of them ending up very wet (ABC Islands: up to 1; coastal Guianas: 1 to 5).

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IMPLICATIONS:

- Recharge rates of large water reservoirs associated with the wet season potentially slower than usual.
- Flooding potential in Guianas in May & June associated with many very wet spells.

Wet days outlook



Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: May to July 2018

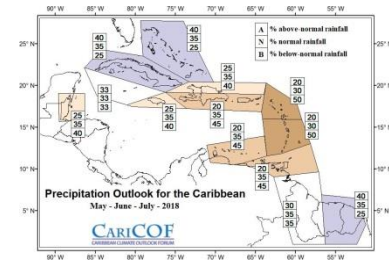
USUALLY: Up to 1 extreme wet spell occur between May to July (Guianas: up to 2).

FORECAST: MJJ rainfall is likely to be above-normal in the Bahamas, Cuba and eastern Guianas, but below-normal in the ABC Islands, Belize, and most of the Antilles. The forecast indicates fewer wet days, wet spells and very wet spells for much of the islands (*mid confidence*), as well as extreme wet spells in Barbados, Martinique and St. Lucia (*low to medium confid.*).

By contrast, an increase in the number of extreme wet spells is forecast in Aruba, Belize, parts of the Greater Antilles and the northern Leewards (*low to medium confid.*).

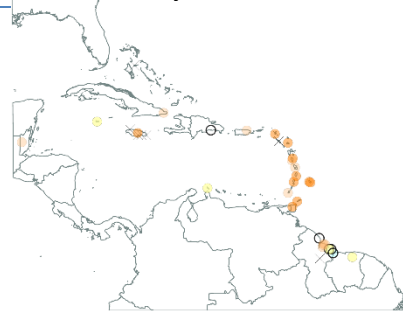
IMPLICATION: Flash flood potential is becoming a concern across the region, especially in Belize, Jamaica and St. Maarten.

Precipitation outlook

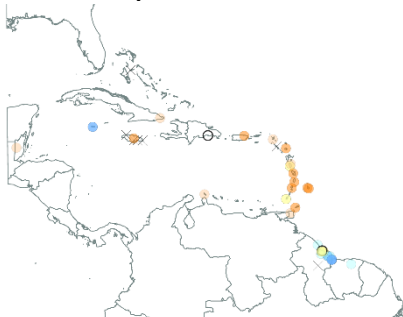


MJJ 2018 frequency of extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells

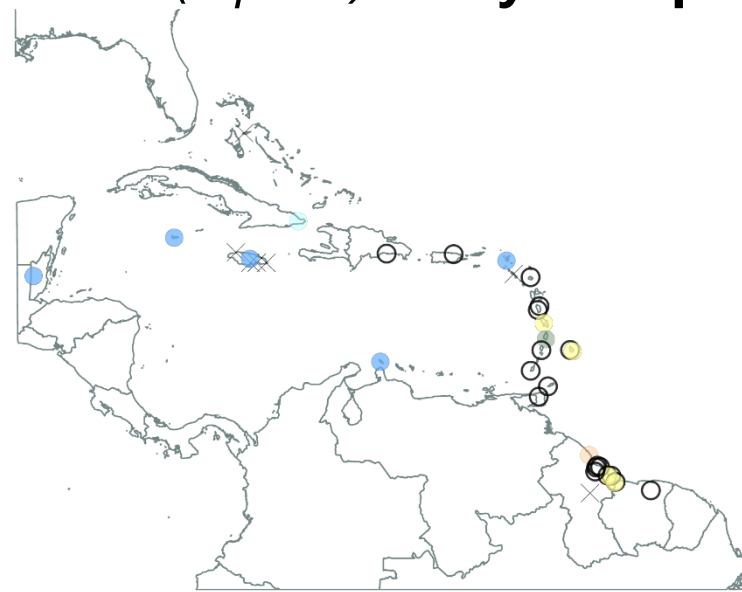
Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



Very wet spells outlook



May to July 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)	20-38	19-33	1.6-4.6	1-3.6	0.7-2.9	0.3-2.2	0-1
Aruba (Beatrix)	6-13	5-12	0.7-2.6	0.2-2.4	0.2-1.4	0-1.3	0-1	0-0.8
Barbados (CIMH)	24-42	21-37	1.7-4.9	1-3.9	0.6-2.1	0.2-1.9	0-1	0-0
Barbados (GAIA)	26-44	23-38	2.4-4.3	1.4-3.8	0.6-2.2	0.2-1.9	0-1	0-1.1
Belize (C. Farm)	28-40	26-39	2.7-5.1	1.7-4.7	1.6-2.8	1-2.9	0-1	0-1.5
Cayman	24-36	22-36	3.2-5.3	2.8-6.7	1.6-3.2	1.2-3.5	0-1	0-1.5
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	8-18	6-16	1.7-3.4	0.7-3.5	0.7-2.1	0.1-2.2	0-1	0-1.3
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)	18-30	17-29	2.5-4.3	1.5-4.5	0.4-3.1	0.3-3.5	0-1	0-0.7
Dominica (Canefield)	35-59	34-55	2.6-5.2	1.8-5.5	1.2-3.1	0.5-2.7	0-0.9	0-0.5
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	45-66	41-63	2.2-4.7	1.3-4.3	0.7-2.3	0.4-2.1	0-1.2	0-0.9
Grenada (MBIA)	30-46	28-42	2.4-4.8	1.7-5.4	1-2.6	0.4-2.5	0-1	0-1.2
Guyana_73	30-41	29-44	4.4-6.9	4-7.7	2.2-3.4	1.3-4.6	0-1	0-1.6
Guyana (Albion)	44-57	43-59	3.9-7.2	3.6-8.3	2.6-3.7	1.8-4.6	0-1.3	0-1.7
Guyana (Blairmont)	50-67	49-66	4.2-7.4	4.4-9	2.1-4.6	1.9-5.7	0-1.9	0-2.1
Guyana (Charity)	40-64	35-68	4.6-6.7	2.5-9.1	1.8-3.8	0.9-4.1	0-1	0-0.1
Guyana (Enmore)	48-63	44-62	4-6.9	2.6-7.5	1.4-4.1	0.9-4.3	0-1.3	0-1.5
Guyana (Georgetown)	55-68	51-68	4.1-7.2	3.3-7.2	1.7-3.8	1.1-4.2	0-1	0-1.3
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	50-65	47-64	4.5-7.3	3.9-8.3	2.3-4.6	1.9-4.9	0-1.6	0-1.5
Guyana (Skeldon)	49-63	46-63	4.6-7.3	4-8.1	2.3-4.3	1.7-5.1	0-1.8	0-1.4
Guyana (Timehri)	56-71	54-72	4.4-7.3	3.6-7.2	2.2-4.2	1.5-4.6	0-2	0-2.2
Guyana_Wales	56-68	53-68	4.5-7.3	3.2-7.9	1.5-4.3	1-4.7	0-2.1	0-2.2
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	25-40	21-37	3-5.3	1.8-5.2	1.6-3	1-3	0-1.9	0-2
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	42-58	38-56	2.6-5	1.6-4.4	1-2.7	0.4-2	0-1	0-0.2
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	29-46	26-44	2.5-5.3	1.5-4.9	1.1-3.5	0.8-2.6	0-1.2	0-1.4
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	30-51	30-46	2.1-5	1.4-4.2	0.6-2.4	0.3-2.1	0-0.9	0-0.1
St. Maarten (TNM)	24-39	20-36	1.6-3.9	0.8-3.5	0.6-2.8	0.1-2.1	0-1	0-1.2
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	44-64	40-59	2.5-5.1	1.2-4.5	1-2.5	0.3-2.1	0-1	0-1.2
Suriname (Zanderij)	58-70	55-71	4.7-6.6	3.6-8	2.2-4	1.6-4.6	0-2	0-2
Tobago (ANR Robinson)	41-56	38-54	3.8-5.9	2.6-5.5	1.5-2.8	1.2-2.7	0-1	0-1.1
Trinidad (Piarco)	33-46	29-43	2.6-4.7	1.3-4.5	1.1-2.8	0.5-2.9	0-1	0-0.8

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



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