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Heat Outlook for July to December 2019

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Excessive heat between August and October

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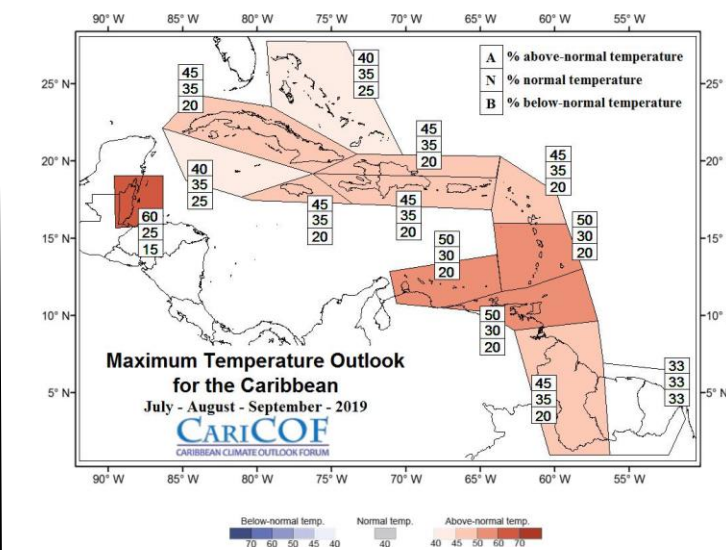
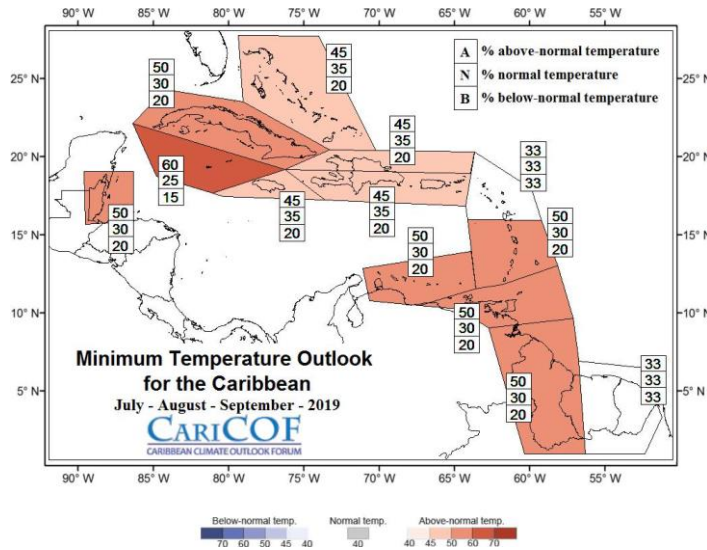
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How hot will the next three to six months be?

Night time

Day time



Milder

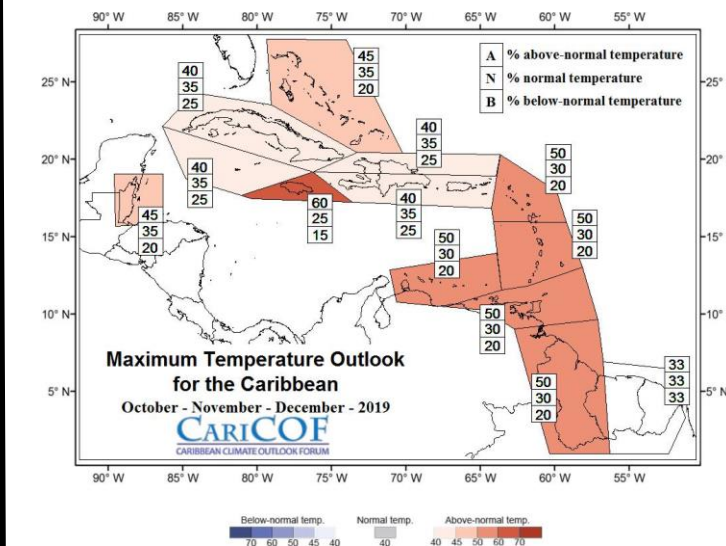
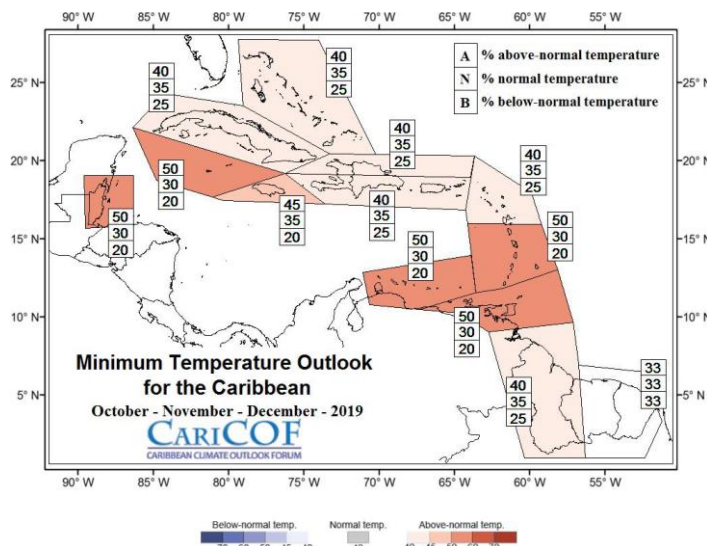
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USUALLY:

- The Caribbean heat season runs from May till October.
- In most years, August (in the Bahamas and much of the Greater Antilles) or September (elsewhere) are the hottest months and form the peak of the heat season.

FORECAST:

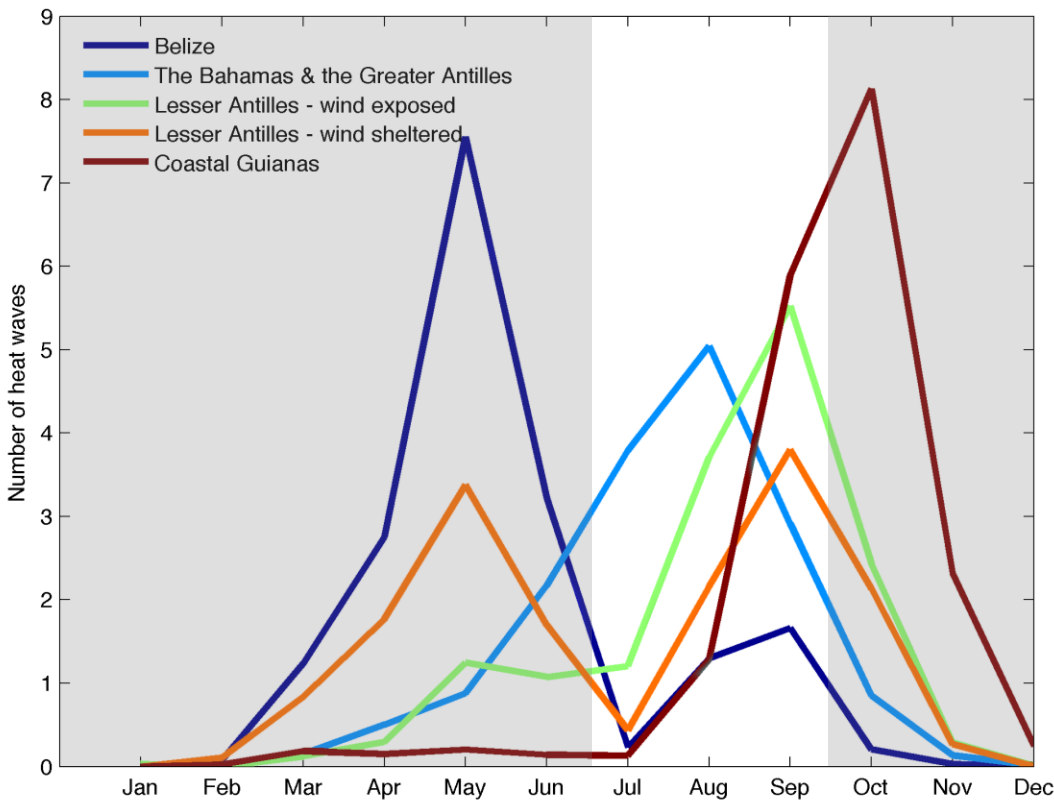
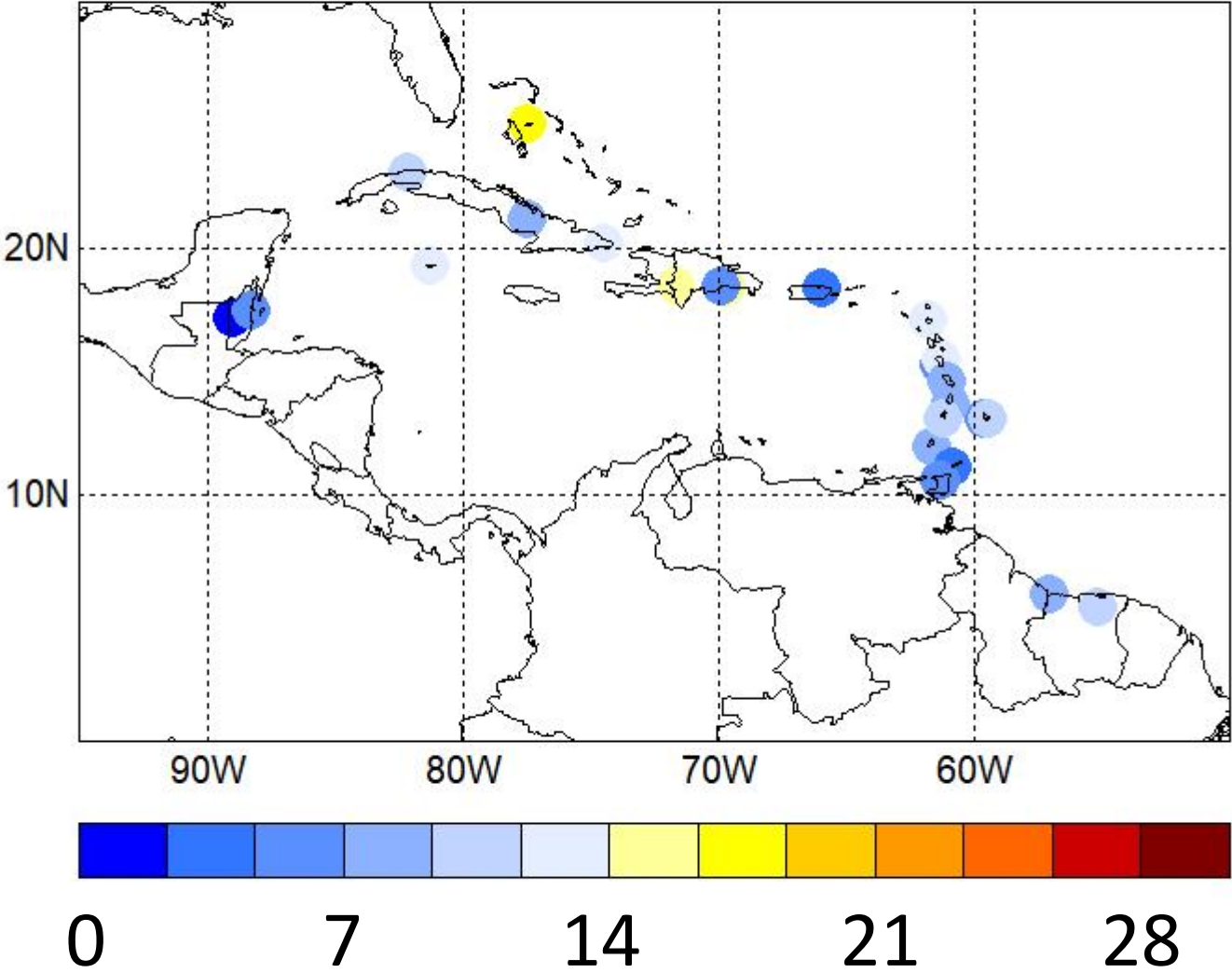
1. The forecast suggests temperatures to be at least as warm as usual between July and December.
2. As such, it is expected that the heat season will be significantly hotter than in the past two years, with potentially dangerous heat exposure during dry spells between August and October.

Jul-Aug-Sep 2019

Oct-Nov-Dec 2019

How many heatwave days do we historically get on average?

From July to September

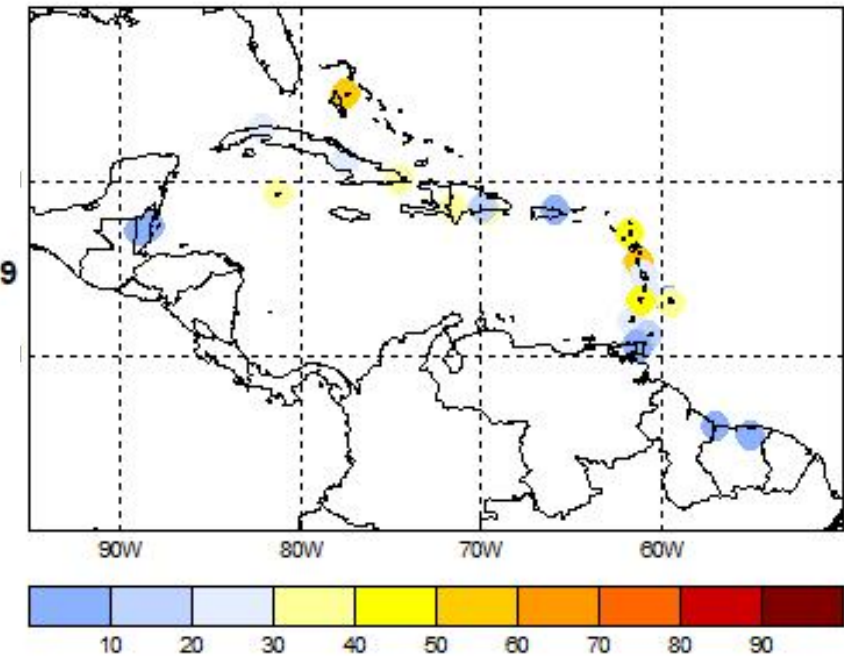


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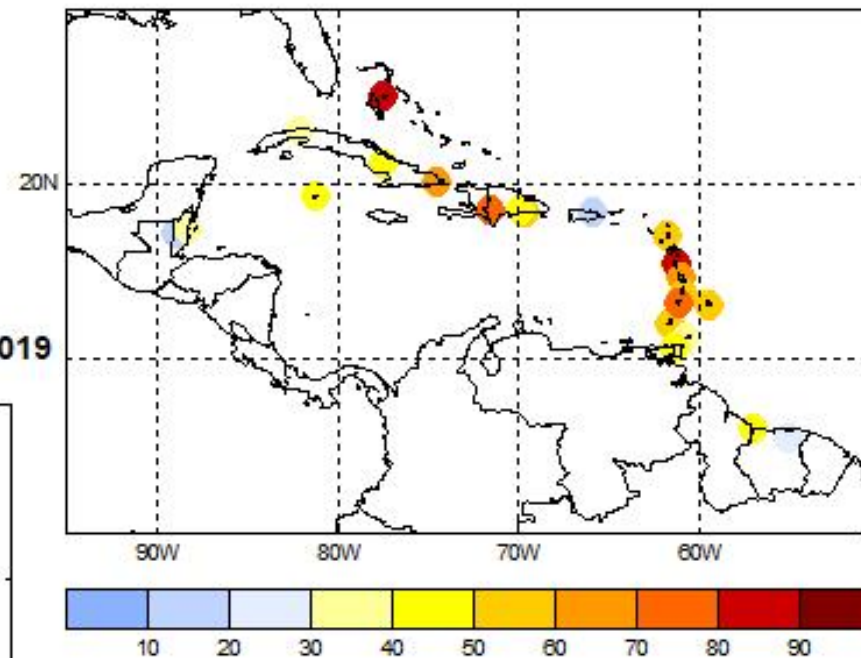
- In most years, **at least 7 heatwave days are counted from July to September** throughout most areas in the Caribbean, with the exception of Belize, Trinidad, and in cool highland areas.
- In September, (i.e. during the **peak of the Caribbean heat season**) all stations can record heatwaves.

What's the chance of having at least ... heatwave days from July to September 2019?

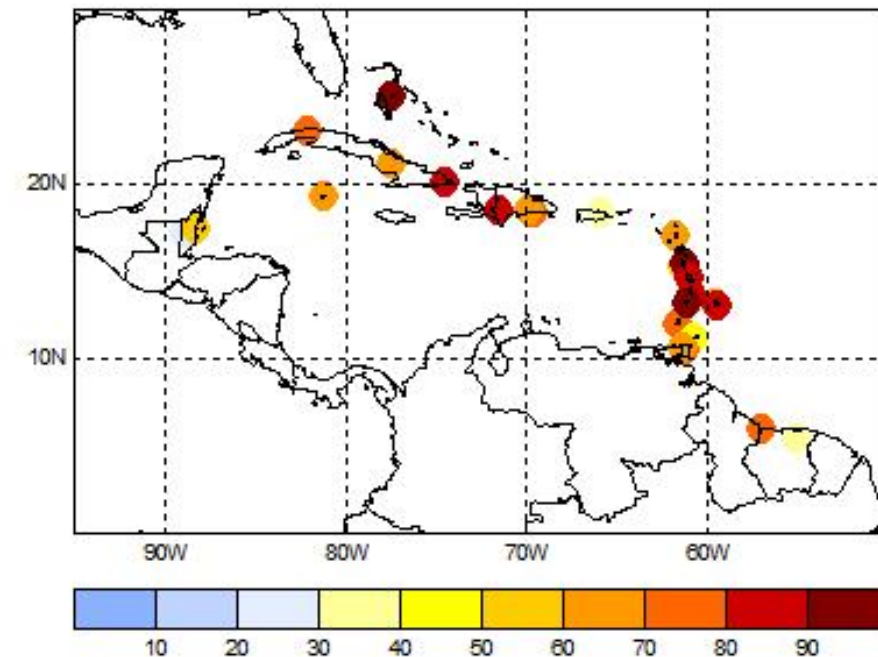
Prob. at least 30 heatwave days between Jul & Sep 2019



Prob. at least 14 heatwave days between Jul & Sep 2019



Prob. at least 7 heatwave days between Jul & Sep 2019

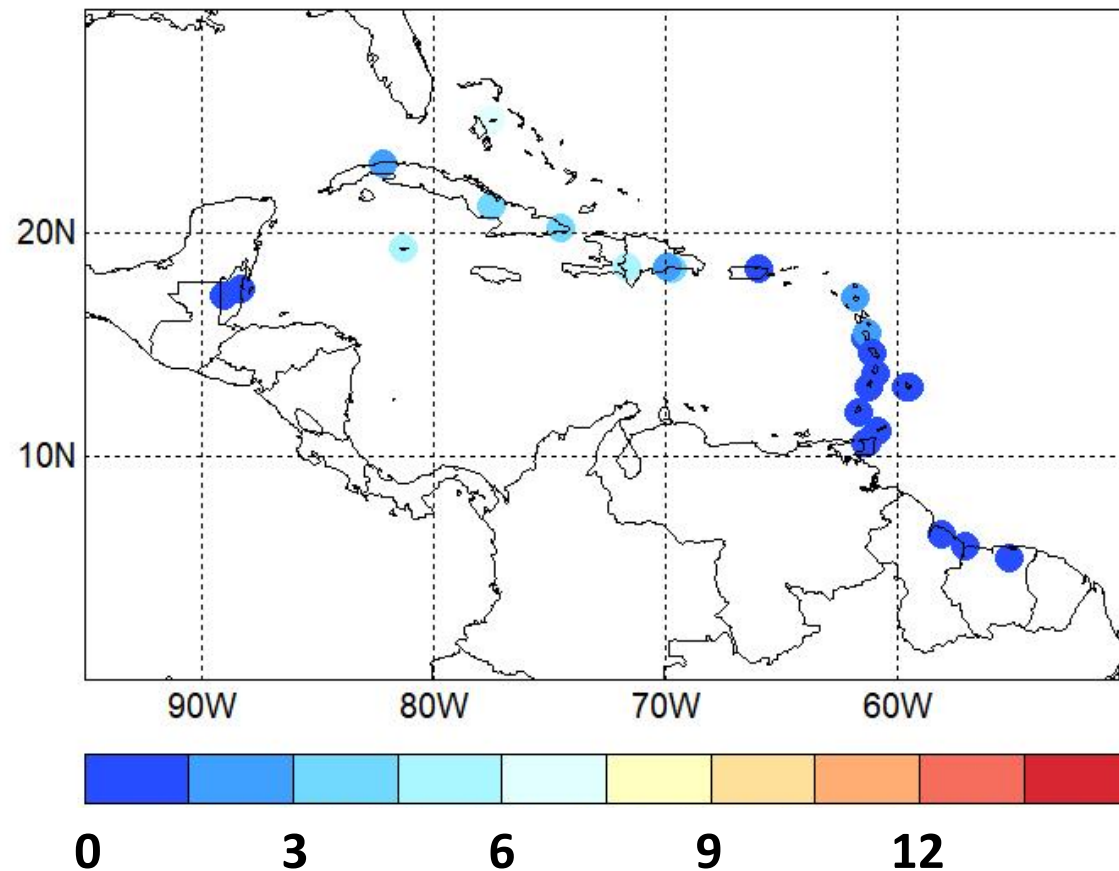


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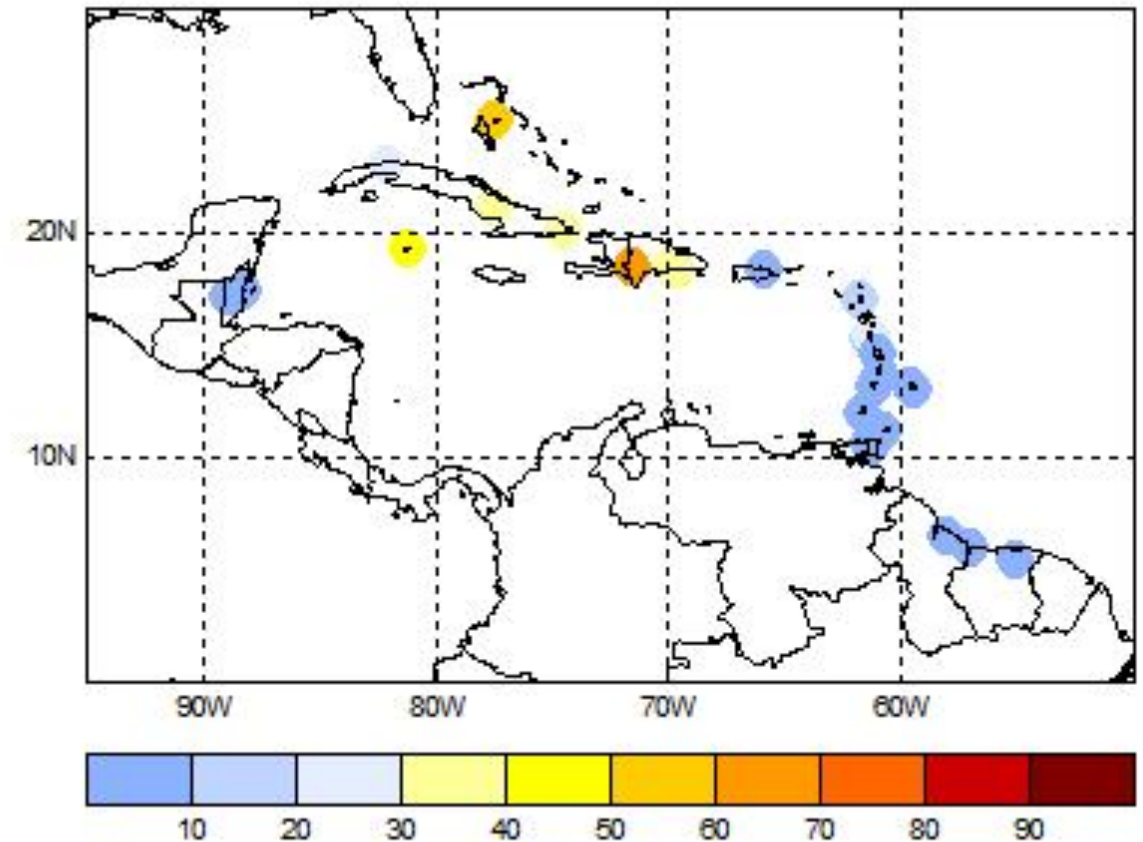
- At least 50% chance that there will be **at least 7 heatwave days** from July to September 2019 across most locations.
- Several locations will likely record 14 heatwave days or more, especially the NW Bahamas and areas experiencing drought.

How many heatwave days to expect in July 2019?

Avg. # of heatwave days in July



Prob. at least 3 heatwave days in July 2019



USUALLY: up to 6 heatwave days in the Bahamas & Greater Antilles.

FORECAST: 40-70% chance of 3 or more heatwave days in July this year in this area.

How will heat affect the Caribbean until December 2019?

FORECAST:

1. The **forecast suggests temperatures to be at least as warm as usual** between July and December 2019.
2. The heat season will likely be significantly hotter than in the past two years, with potentially dangerous heat exposure during dry spells between August and October.
3. At least 50% chance that there will be at least 7 heatwave days from July to September 2019 across most locations; several locations will likely record 14 heatwave days or more, especially the NW Bahamas and areas experiencing drought.
4. 40-70% chance of 3 or more heatwave days in July this year in this area.

IMPLICATIONS:

- **Heat stress in the vulnerable population & small livestock until October (or November in the Guianas), and likely to a greater extent than in the past two years.**
- **By consequence, cooling needs until October will be substantially increased.**
- **The occurrence of heatwaves will (at times) further increase heat stress in human populations or livestock.**



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