

Heat Outlook for July to December 2020

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Frequent excessive heat from August to October

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How hot will the next three to six months be?

Night time

Day time

FORECAST:

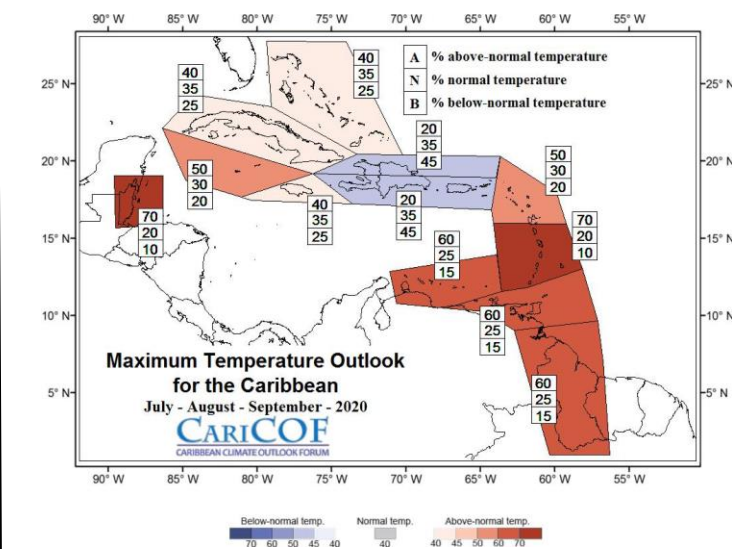
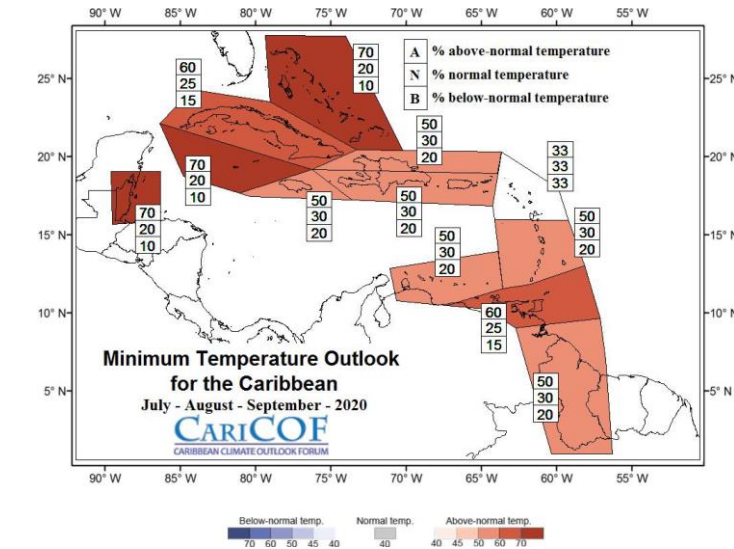
1. Warmer than usual nighttime conditions forecast for most areas through the rest of 2020.
2. At least as warm as usual daytime conditions expected from July to Sept. (except Hispaniola and US C'bean Territories), and from Oct. to Dec. in ABC Islands, Jamaica, Lesser Antilles and Guyana.

IMPLICATIONS:

- Heat stress in the vulnerable population & small livestock through September (Bahamas and Greater Antilles) or October (rest of the region)
- Higher than usual temperatures & humidity means higher cooling need until October, particularly at night, but also during the day in most places.

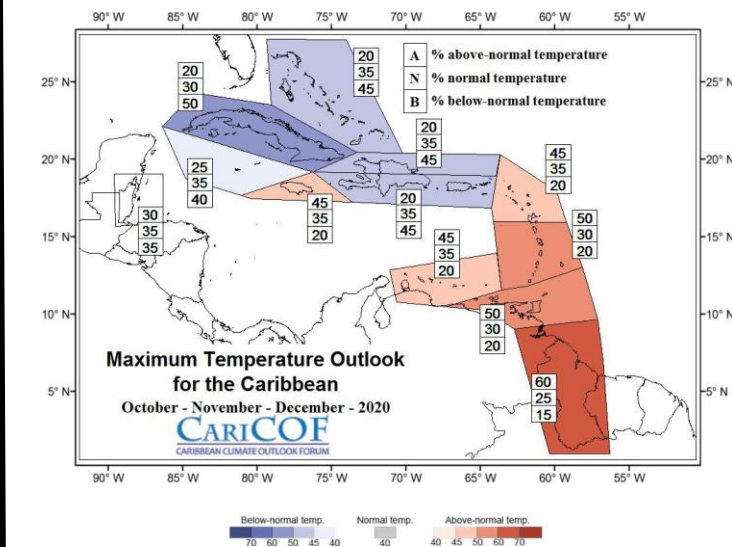
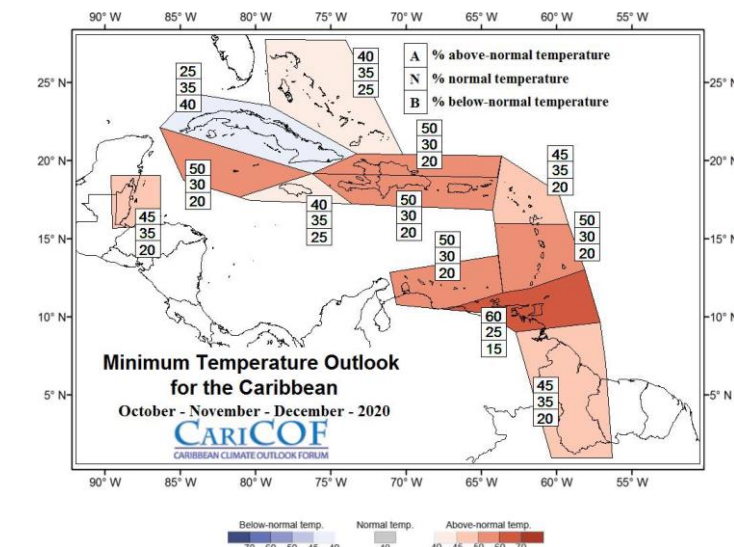
Jul-Aug-Sep 2020

Oct-Nov-Dec 2020

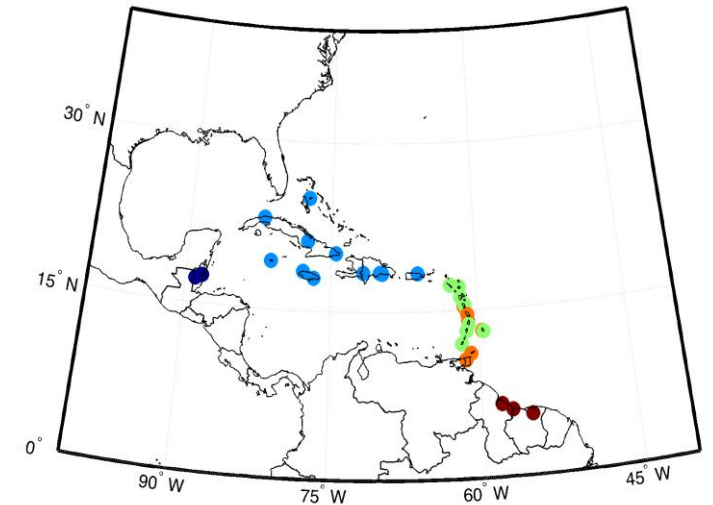
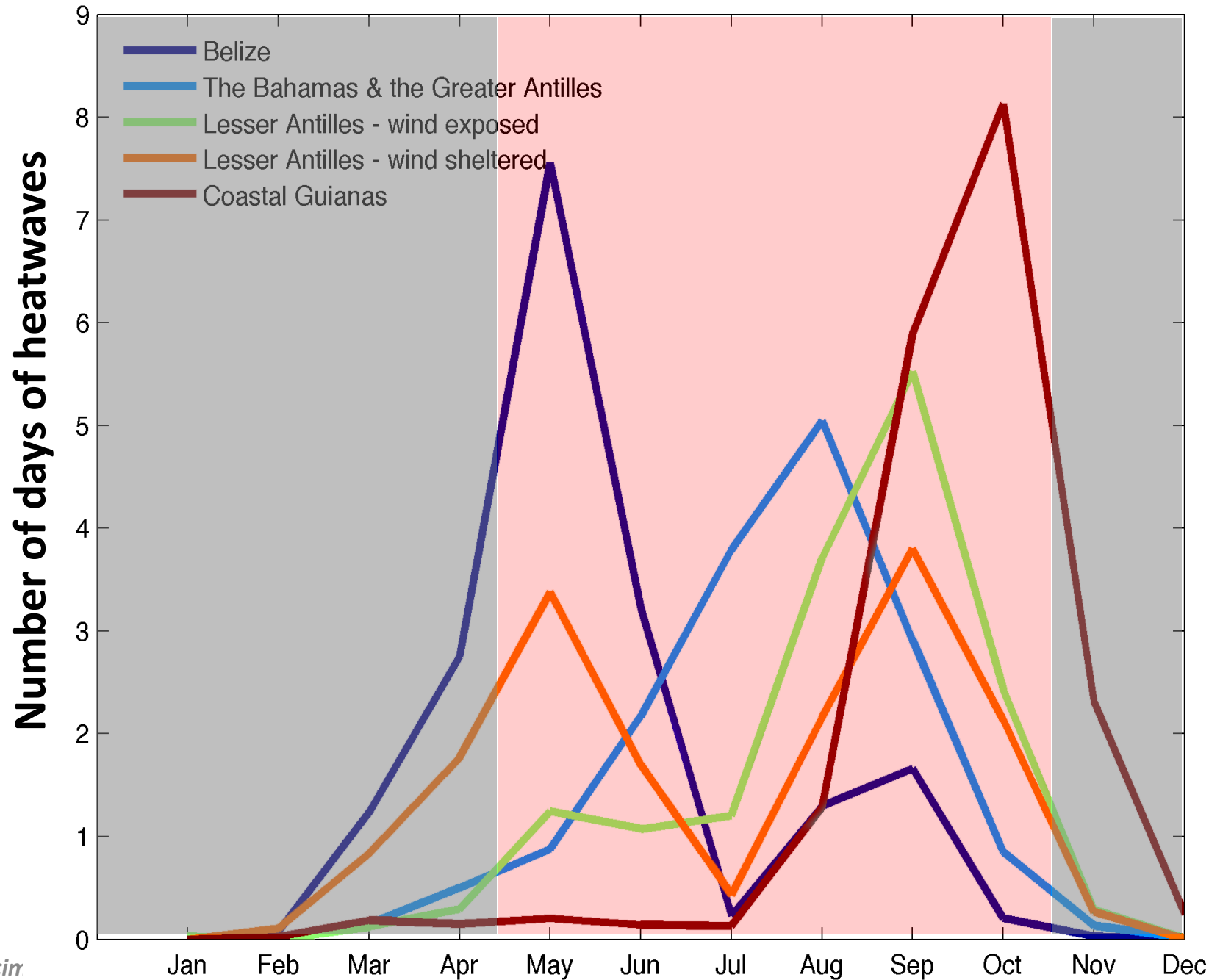


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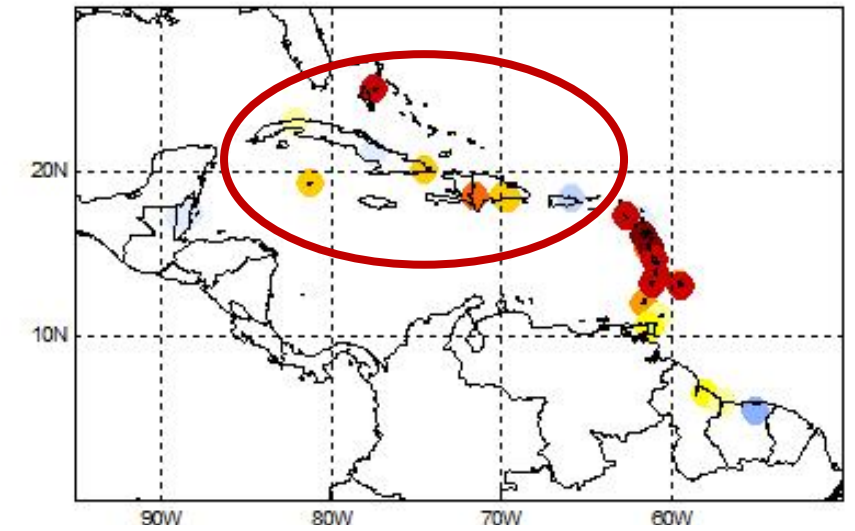
HEATWAVES: SEASONALITY



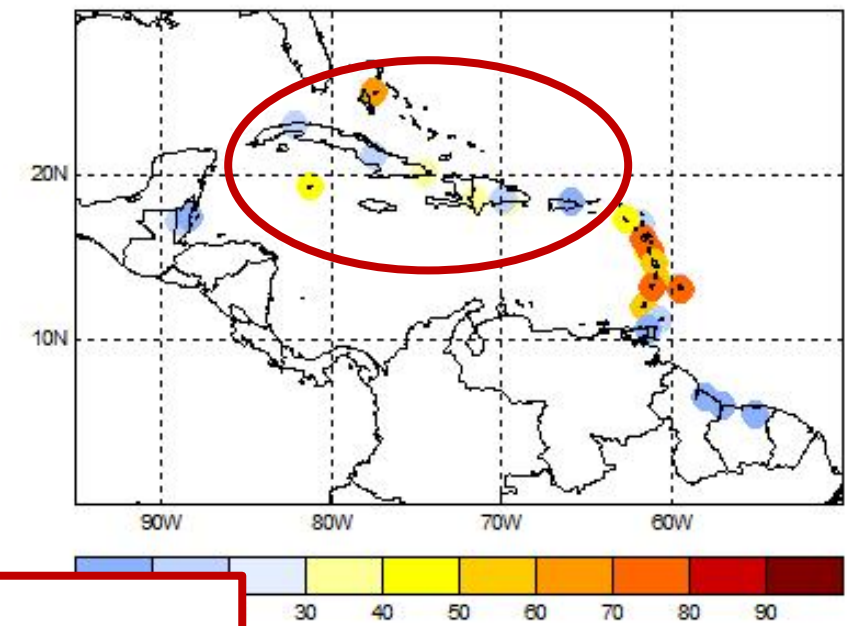
**A CARIBBEAN
HEAT SEASON:
May to Oct.**

What does the peak of the **heat season** look like in **The Bahamas** and the **Greater Antilles**, i.e. July to September?

Prob at least 14 heatwave days between Jul. & Sep. 2020

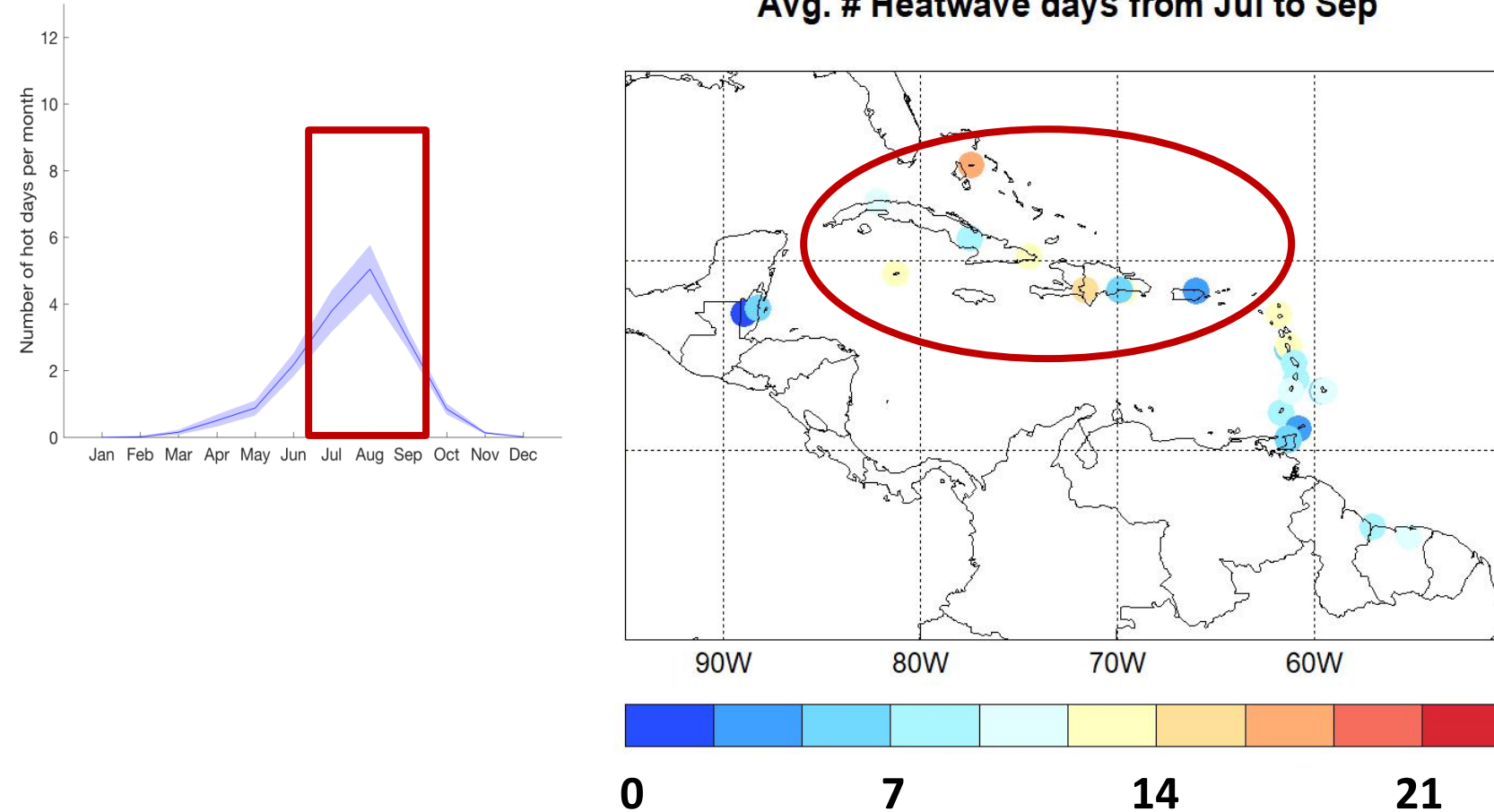


Prob at least 30 heatwave days between Jul. & Sep. 2020



The Bahamas & the Greater Antilles

Avg. # Heatwave days from Jul to Sep



USUALLY: around 10-15 heatwave days over 3 months.

FORECAST: generally over 30% chance for at least 14 heatwave days, and over 50% chance for at least 30 in the Bahamas.

How many heatwave days from July till September 2020?

USUALLY:

- 1) In most years, 10-15 heatwave days in the Bahamas and the Greater Antilles, where July to September forms the peak of the heat season, as well as, in the Leeward Islands.
- 2) In much of the rest of the region, less than 10 heatwave days are the norm.

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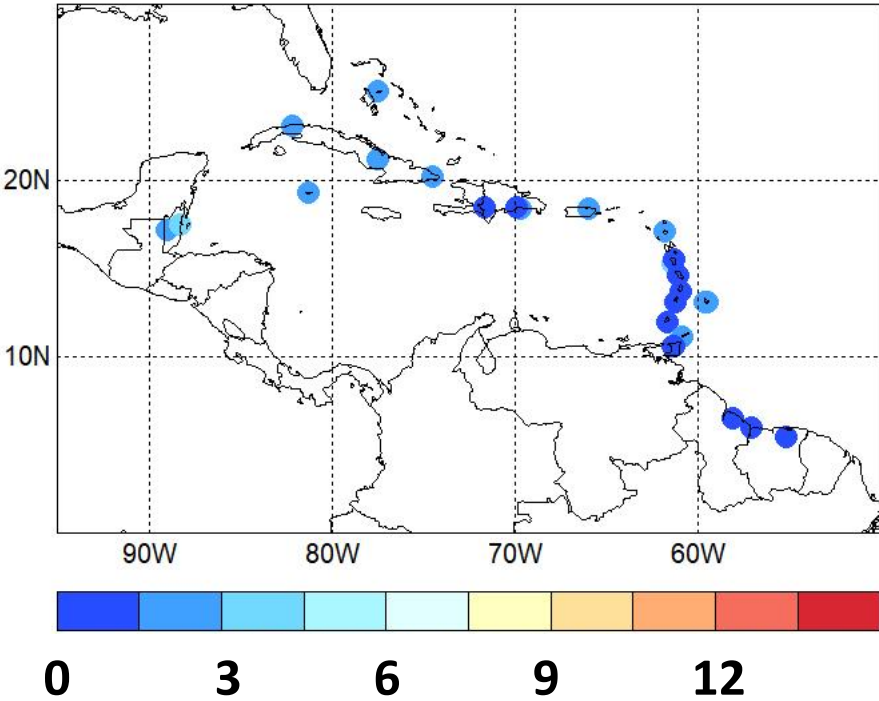
- The number of heatwave days is expected to be much higher to what we usually get in the Bahamas and the Lesser Antilles during July to September 2020.
- Note that areas with more abundant rainfall than usual will see daytime temperatures and the frequency of heatwaves tempered.

IMPLICATIONS:

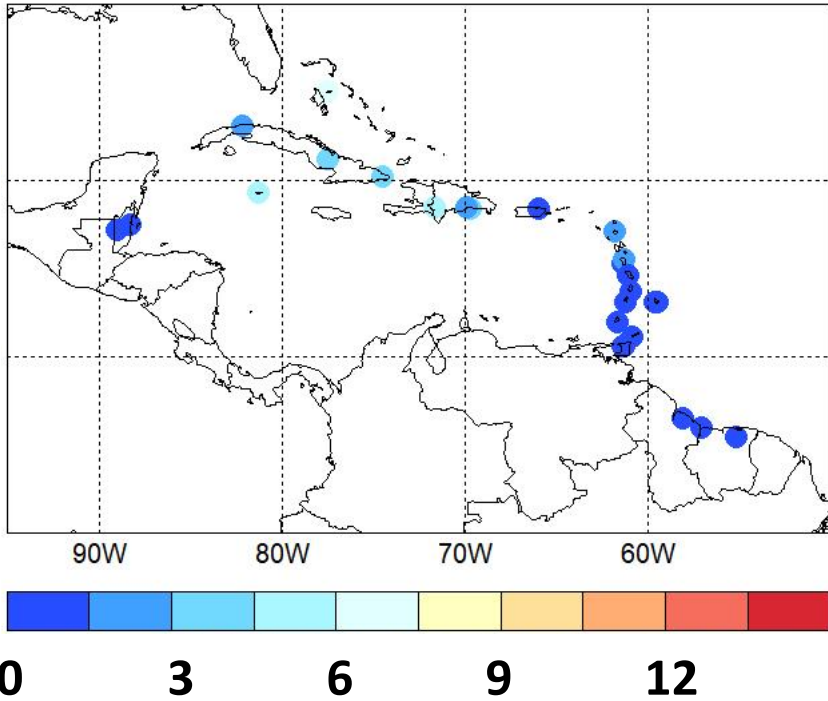
- In the event of heatwaves, of which more than 5 can occur (especially during dry spells), heat stress in human populations or livestock will sharply increase.
- Heat stress at the peak of the heat season on par with hottest years in the Bahamas and Lesser Antilles (e.g. 2016).

Historically, how many heatwave days on average per month?

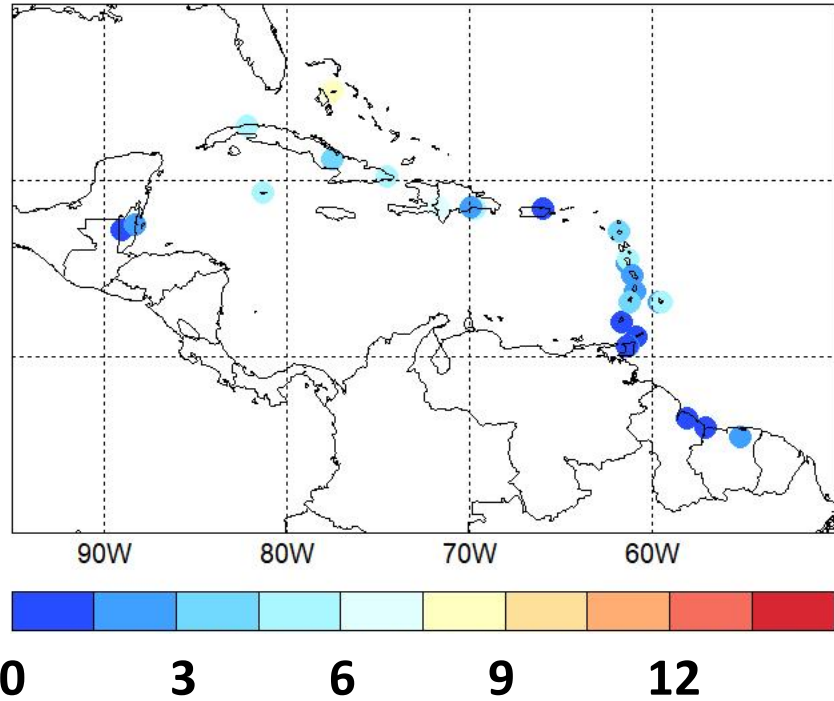
Avg. # heatwave days in June



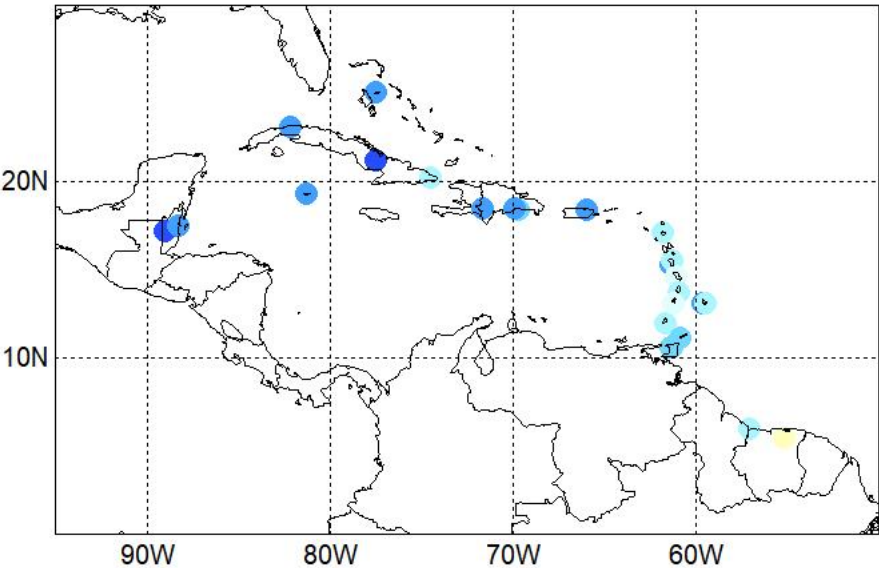
Avg. # of heatwave days in July



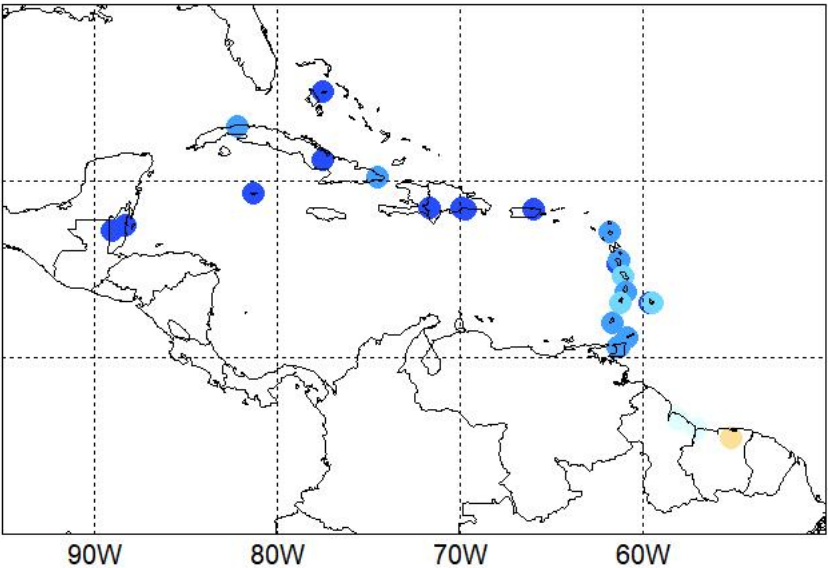
Avg. # heatwave days in August



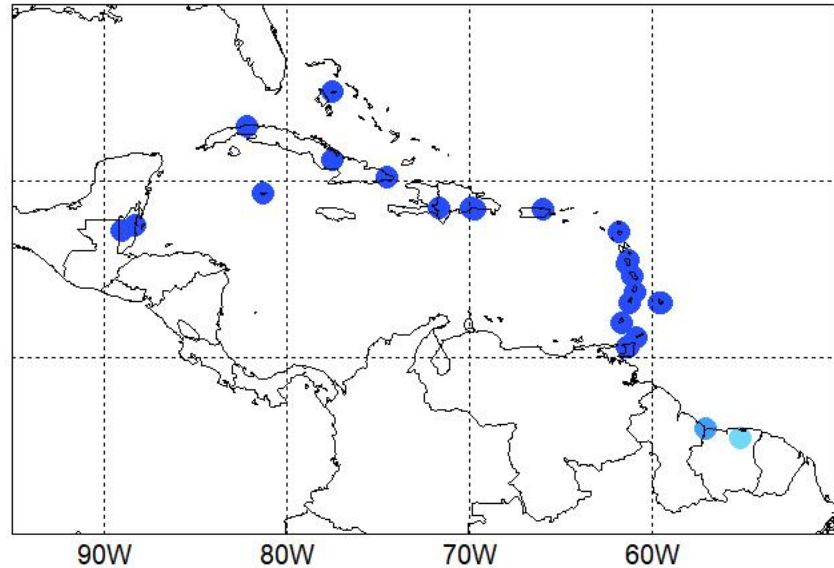
Avg. # heatwave days in September



Avg. # heatwave days in October

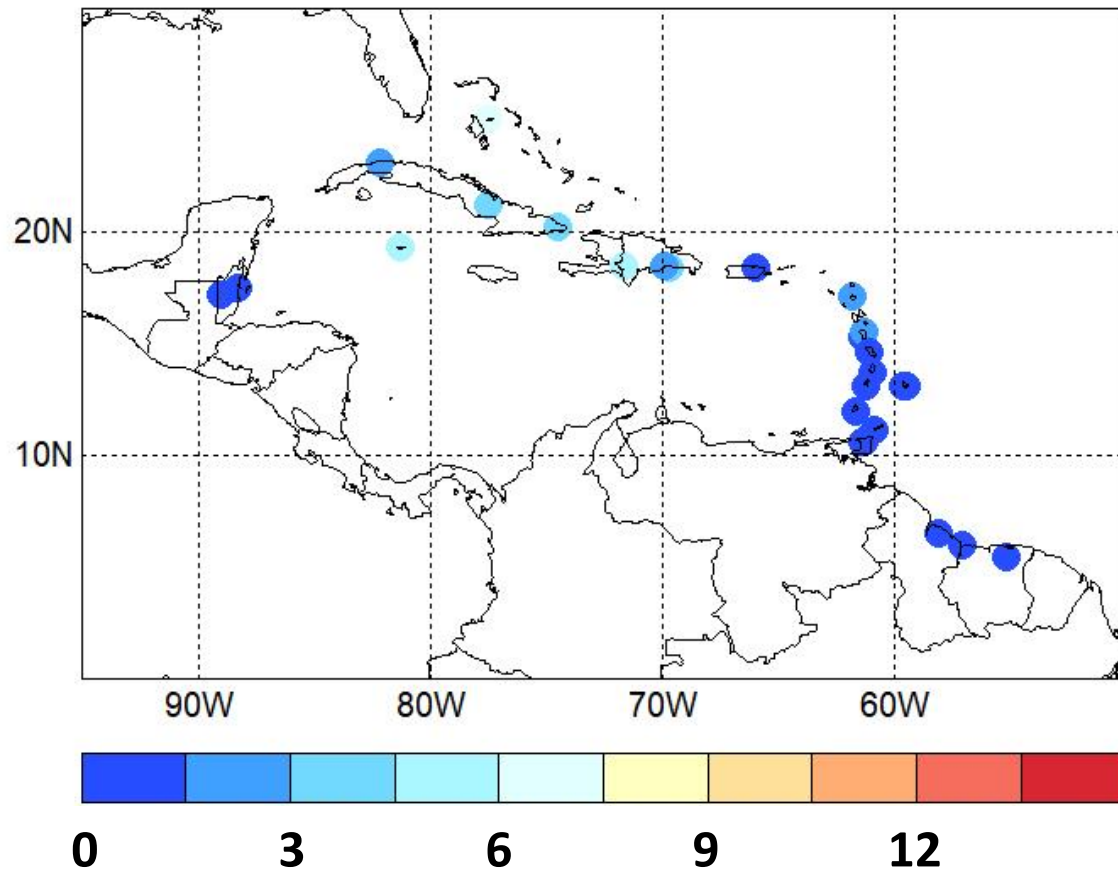


Avg. # heatwave days in November

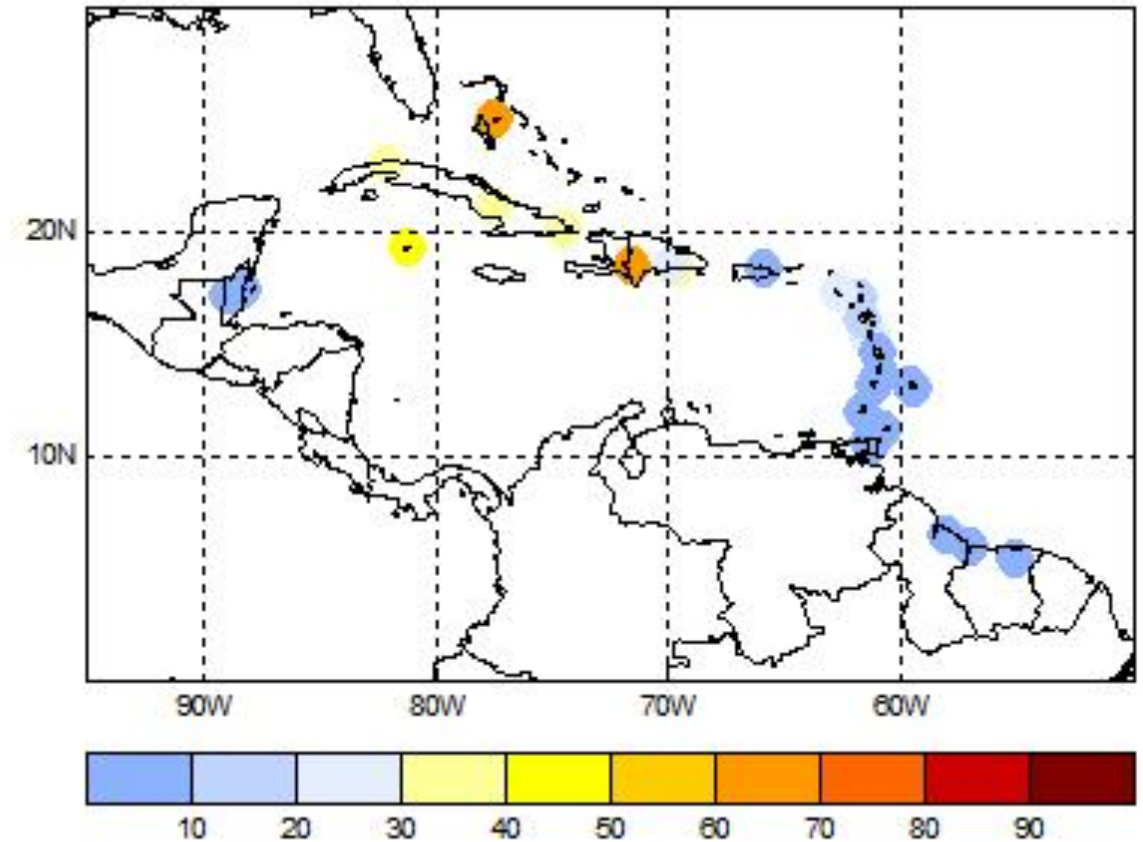


How many heatwave days to expect in July 2020?

Avg. # of heatwave days in July



Prob. at least 3 heatwave days in July 2020



USUALLY: up to 6 heatwave days in the Bahamas & Greater Antilles.
FORECAST: over 40% chance that there will be 3 or more heatwave days in July 2020 in this area.



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