

Heat Outlook for July 2020 to January 2021

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Frequent excessive heat from August to October

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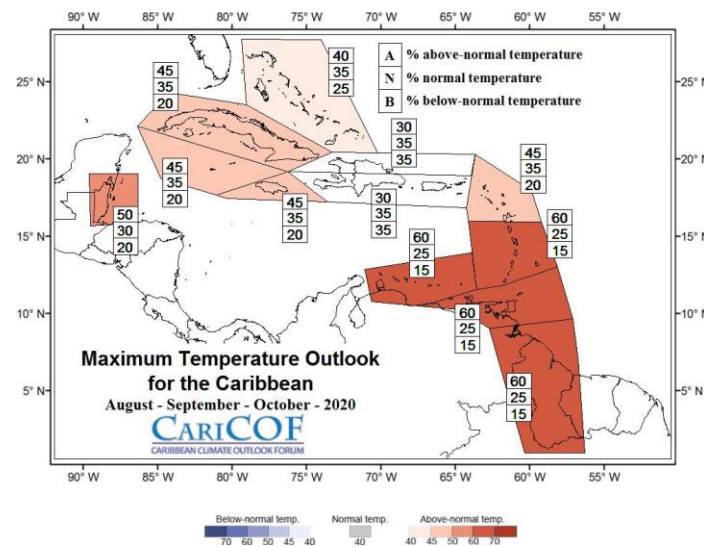
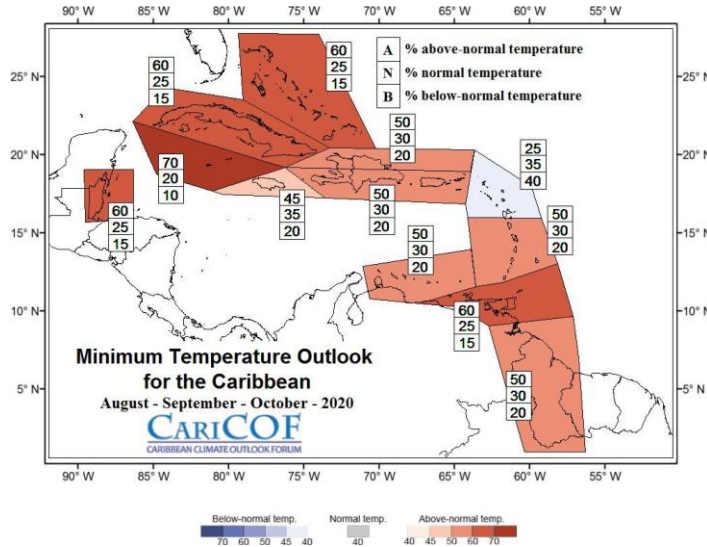
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How hot will the next three to six months be?

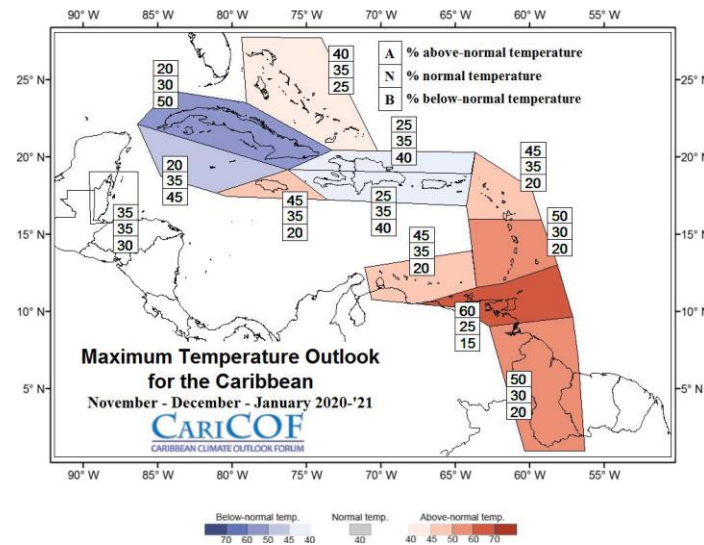
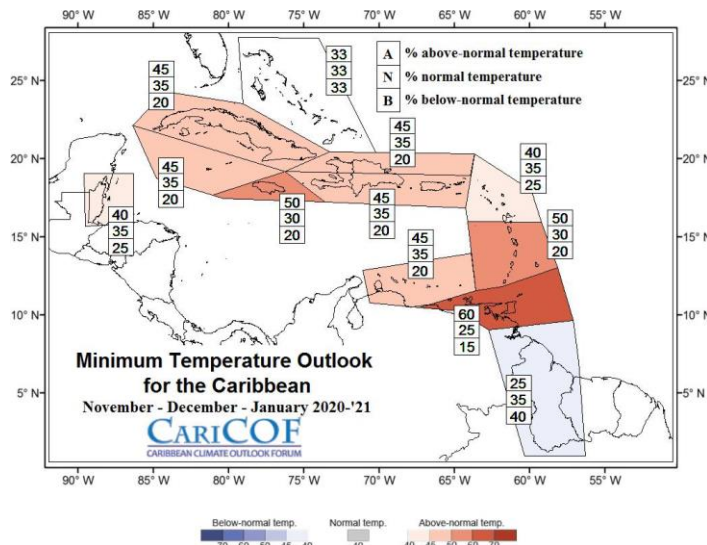
Night time

Day time



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FORECAST:

1. The usual or higher night- and daytime temperatures on forecast for most areas through January 2021, with the notable, potential exception of much of the Greater Antilles between November and January, which may end up slightly cooler than usual.

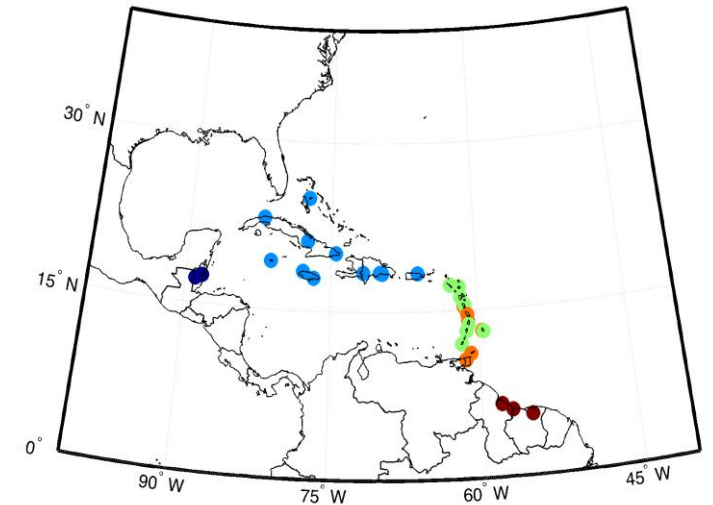
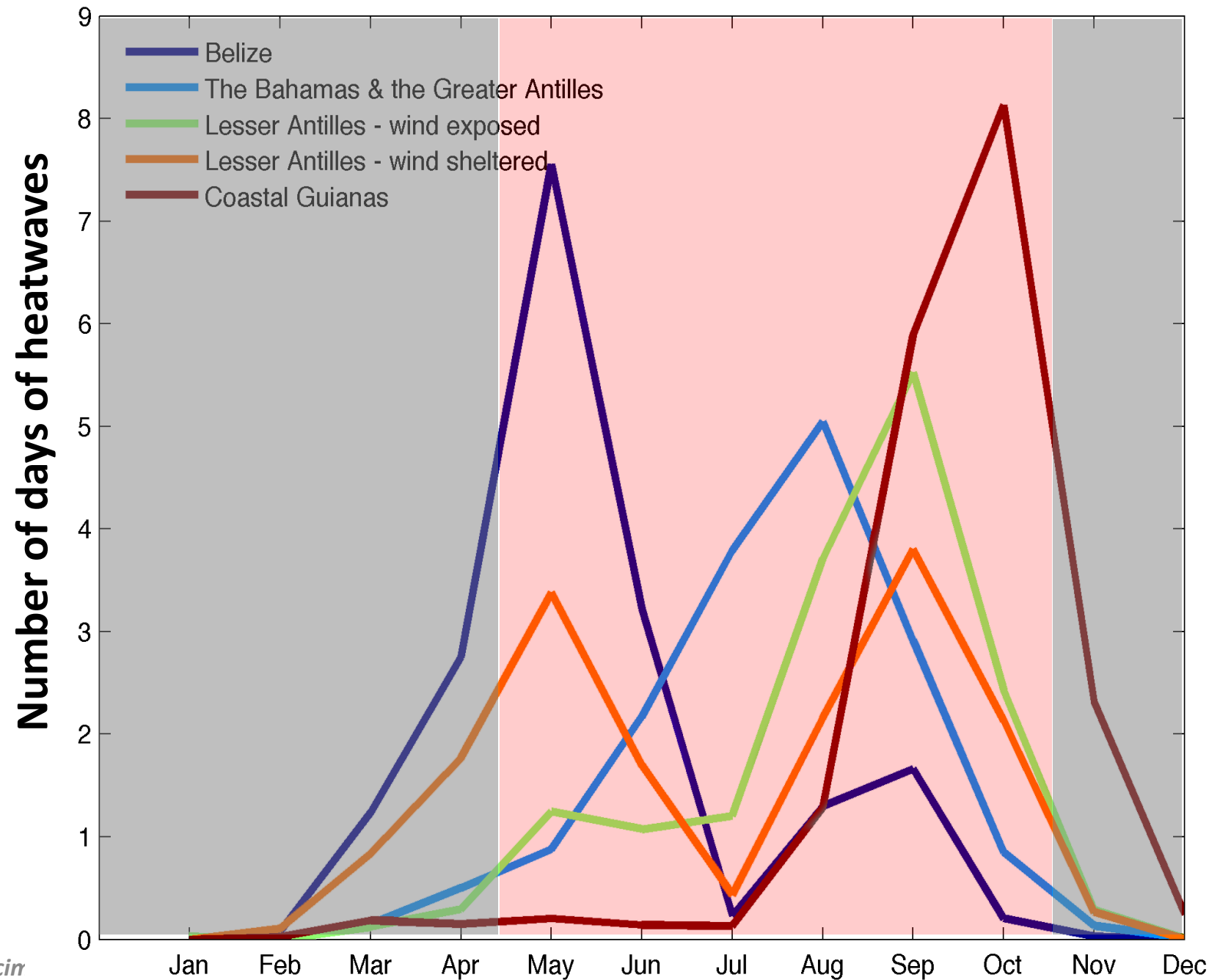
IMPLICATIONS:

- Heat stress in the vulnerable population & small livestock through September (Bahamas and Greater Antilles) or October (rest of the region)
- Higher than usual temperatures combined with high humidity in Belize and the Islands means higher cooling need until October.

Aug-Sep-Oct 2020

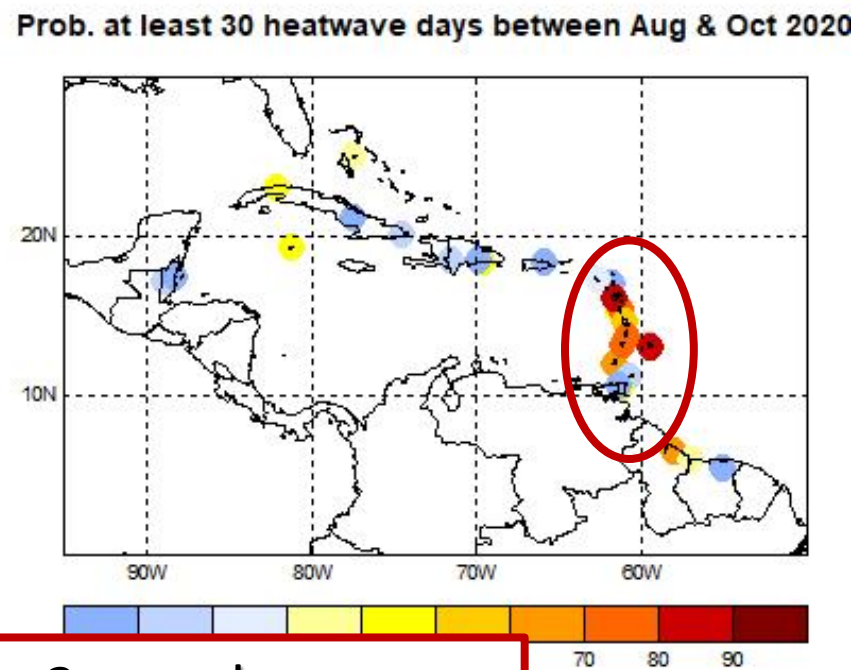
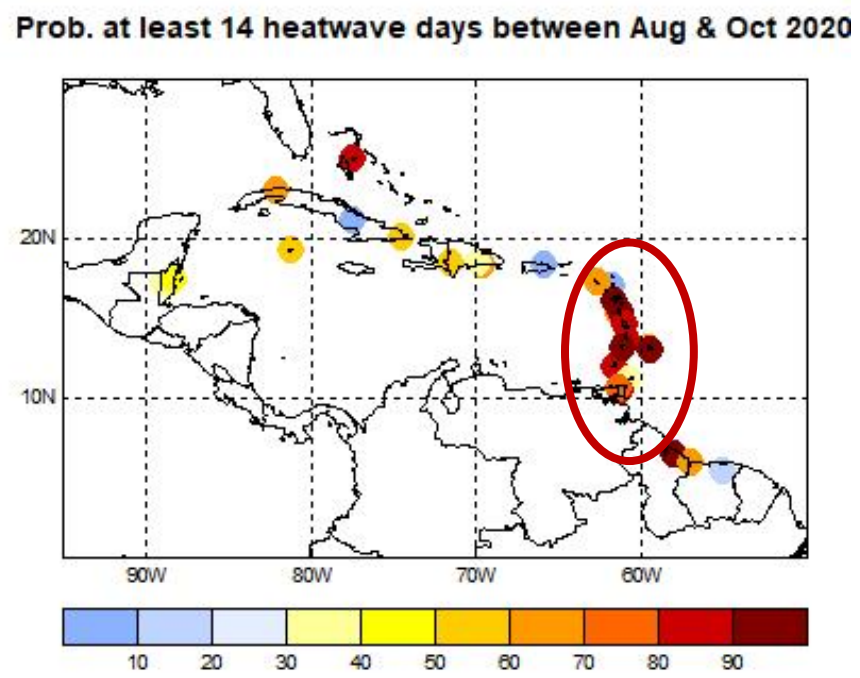
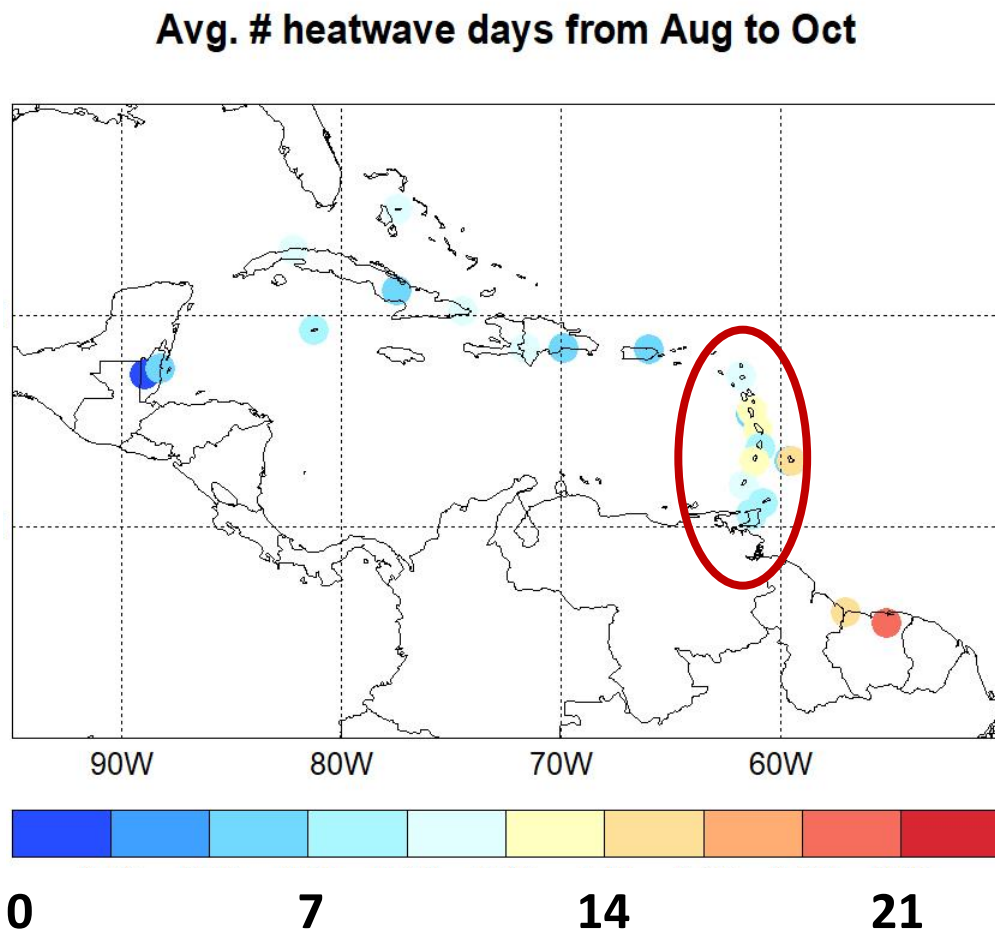
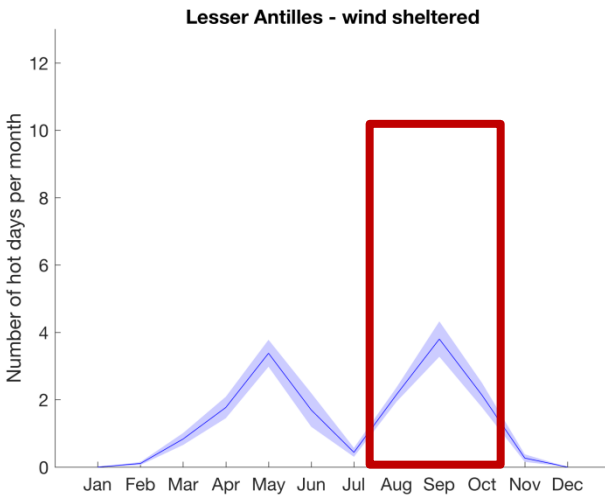
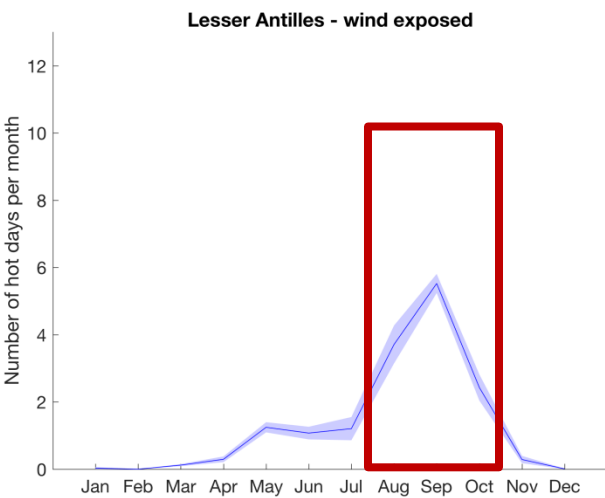
Nov-Dec-Jan 2020-21

HEATWAVES: SEASONALITY



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

What does the peak of the heat season look like in the Lesser Antilles, i.e. August to October?



USUALLY: around 7-14 heatwave days over 3 months.
FORECAST: over 80% chance for at least 14 heatwave days, and over 50% chance for at least 30 heatwave days.

How many heatwave days from August till October 2020?

USUALLY:

- Usually, there are about 10-15 heatwave days between August and October, forming the region-wide peak of the Caribbean heat season.

FORECAST:

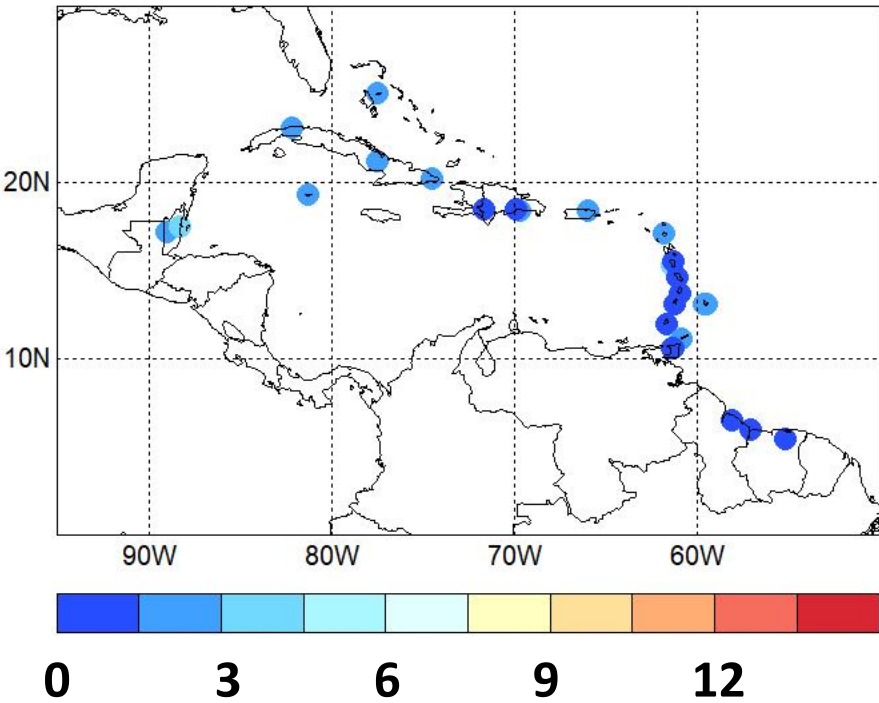
- The number of heatwave days is expected to be up to twice the usual number or higher during the peak of the 2020 heat season in the Lesser Antilles.
- Note that areas with more abundant rainfall than usual will see daytime temperatures and the frequency of heatwaves tempered.

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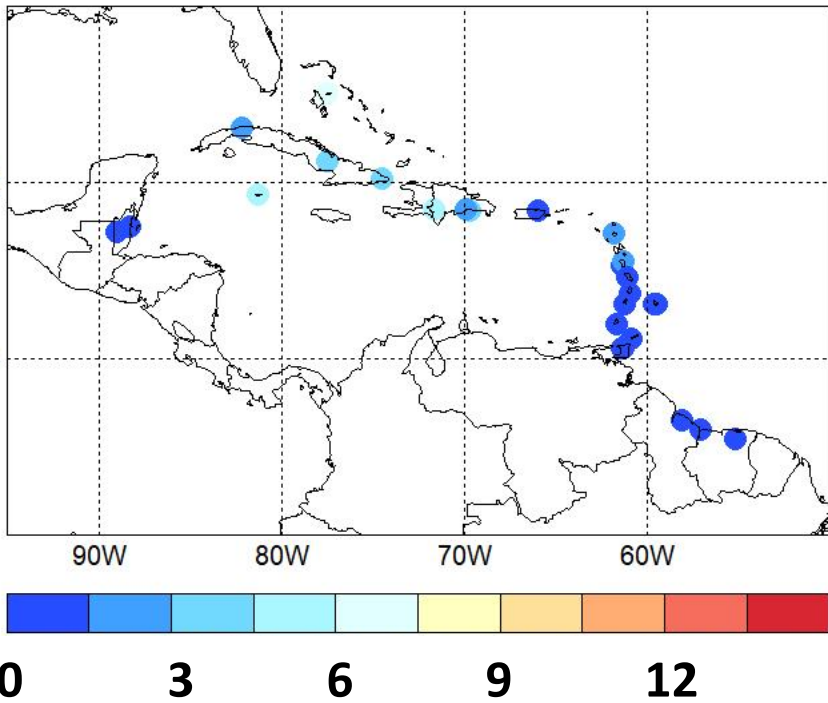
- In the event of heatwaves, of which more than 5 can occur (especially during dry spells), heat stress in human populations or livestock will sharply increase.
- Heat stress at the peak of the heat season on par with hottest years in the Bahamas and Lesser Antilles (e.g. 2016).

Historically, how many heatwave days on average per month?

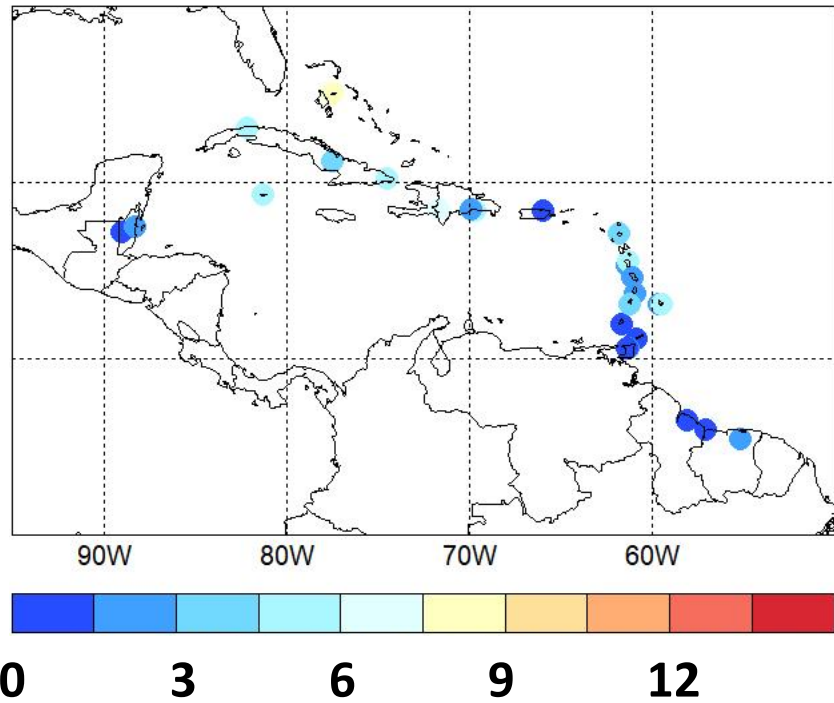
Avg. # heatwave days in June



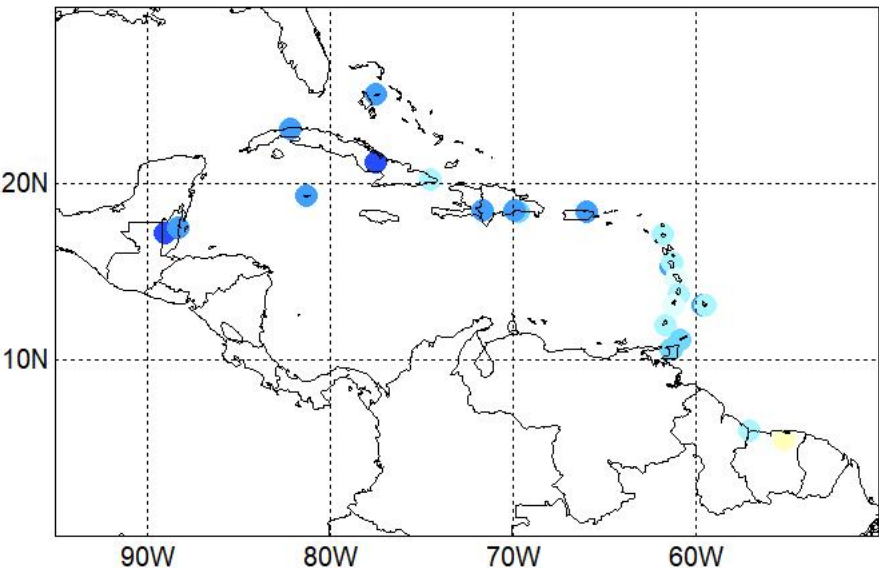
Avg. # of heatwave days in July



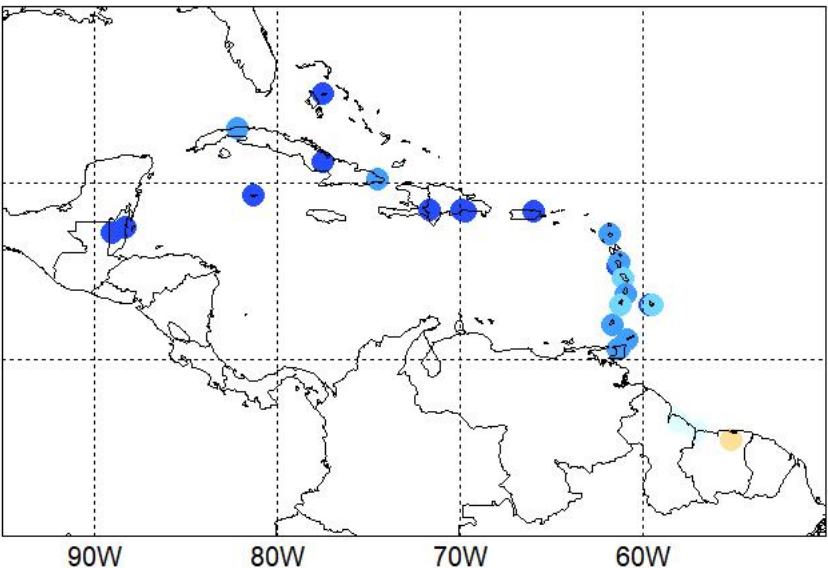
Avg. # heatwave days in August



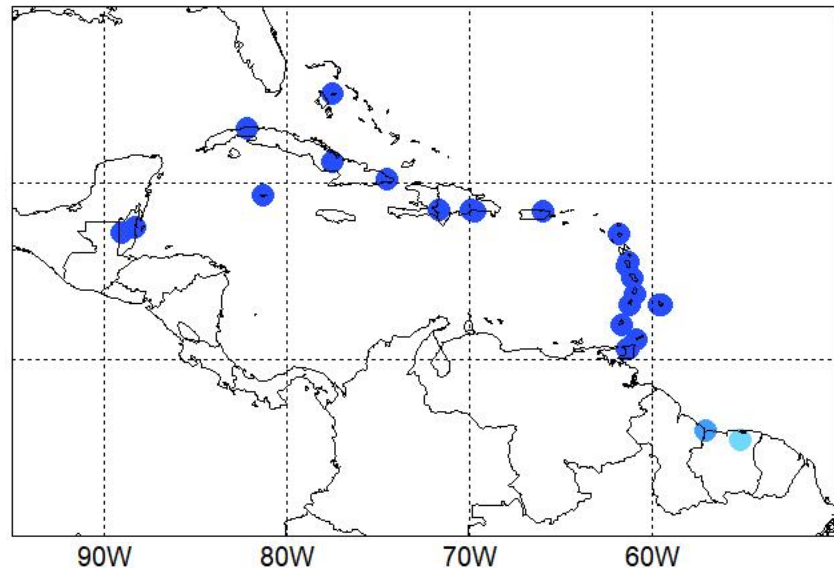
Avg. # heatwave days in September



Avg. # heatwave days in October

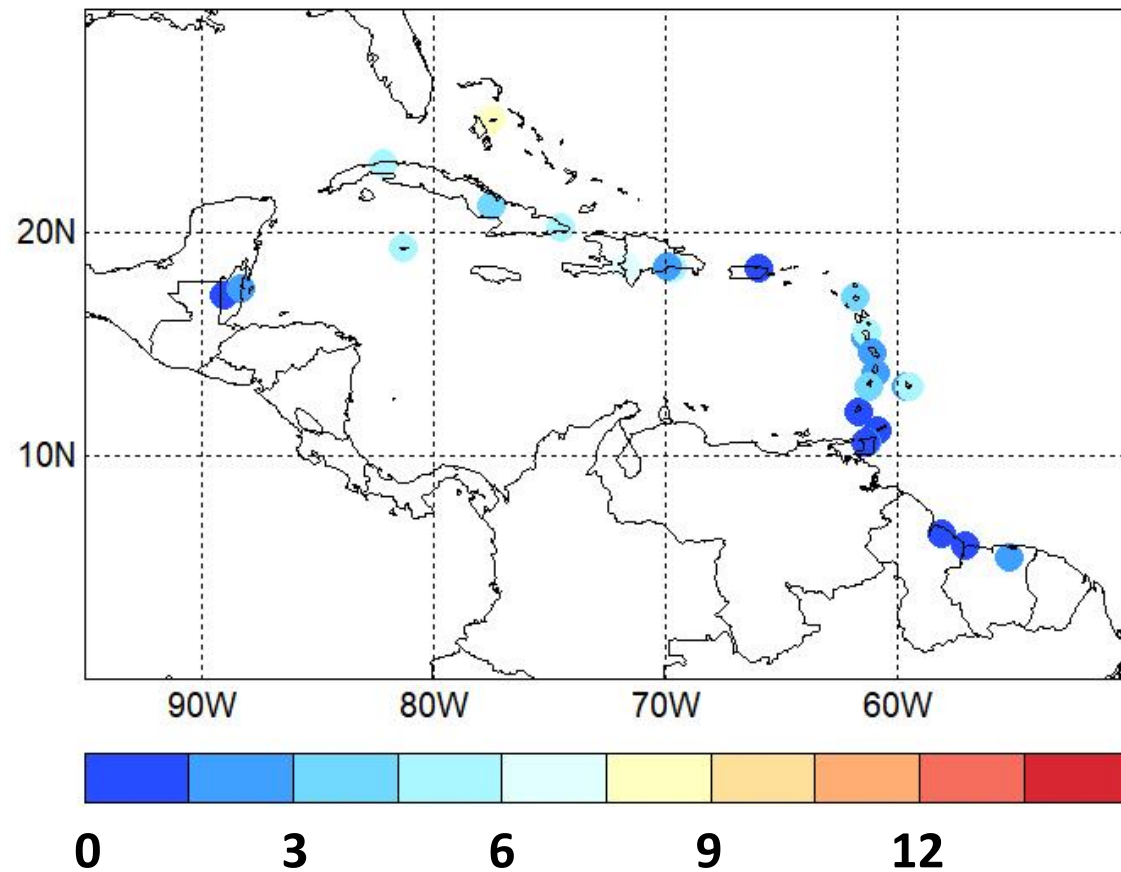


Avg. # heatwave days in November

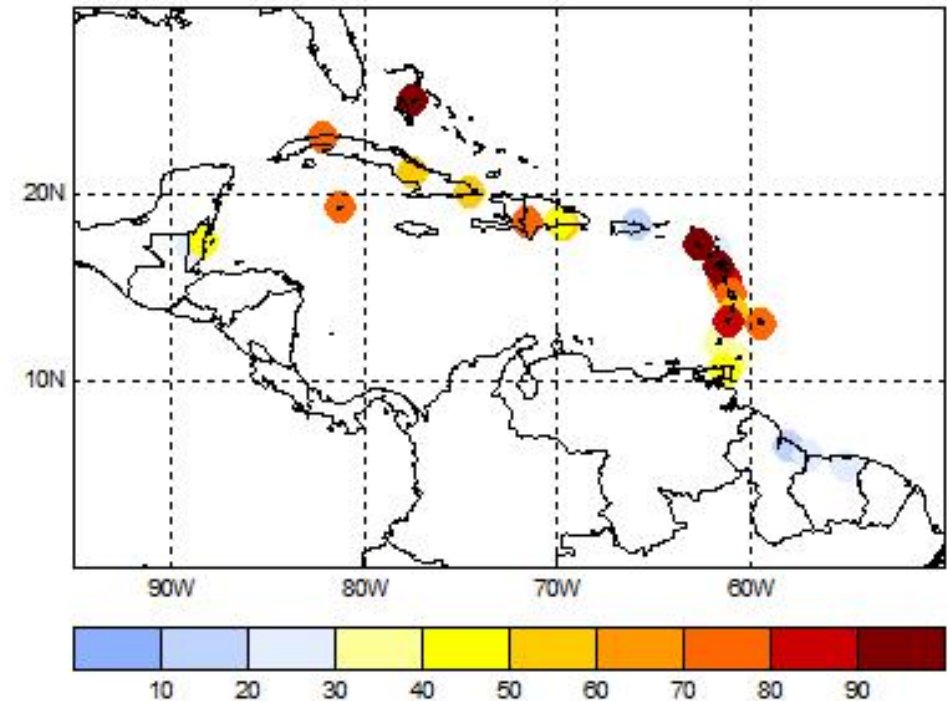


How many heatwave days to expect in August 2020?

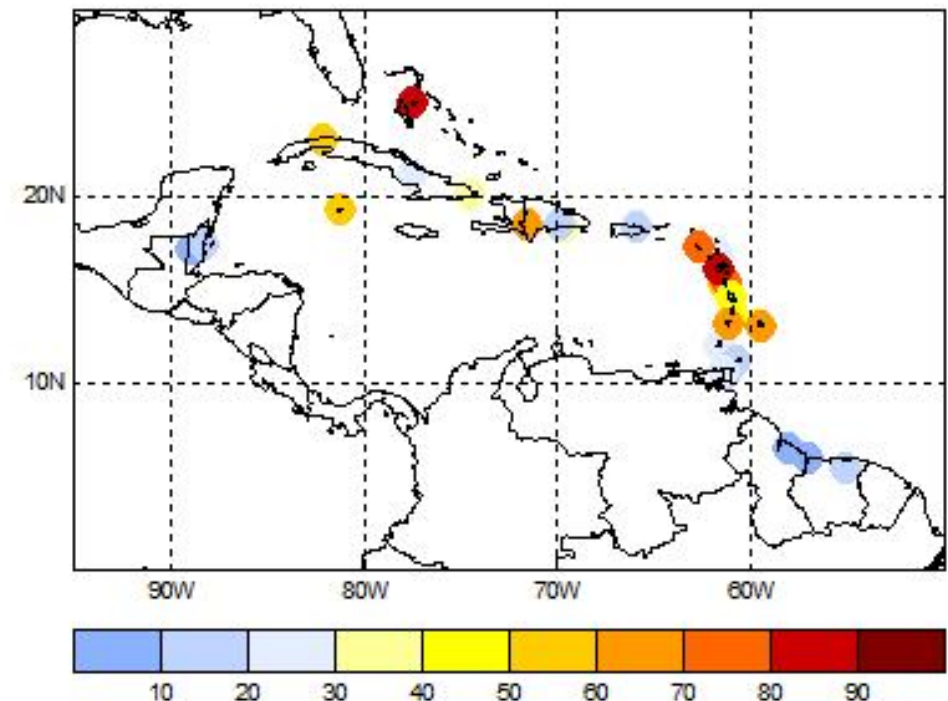
Avg. # heatwave days in August



Prob. at least 3 heatwave days in August 2020



Prob. at least 7 heatwave days in August 2020



USUALLY: Generally 3 to 6 heatwave days in the islands.
FORECAST: 40-90% chance of 7 or more heatwave days in August this year in the islands.



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