**SVG MONTHLY CLIMATIC BULLETIN** September 2020



HIGHLIGHTS: As the hurricane/wet season progress, drought is not a concern across Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. We should put measures in place to reduce damages or losses in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane. View various bulletins and outlooks issued by the Caribbean Regional Climatic Centre (Health, Agriculture, Heat outlook etc.) Read the Caribbean Agro-Climatic bulletin of CariSAM and other national bulletins.

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# September 2020 Summary

Traditionally, the September is the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane season. During this month a total of ten (10) tropical cyclones were formed across the Atlantic. However, St. Vincent and the Grenadines was not directly impacted. At the E.T Joshua-Arnos Vale station, **116.1mm** was recorded, which was below the 30year average (234.3 mm).

Total rainfall for the month of August at the Argyle International Airport (A.I.A) was **109.1 mm (4.29** 

Fig 1. Rainfall Stations inches), with~24% occurring in the first ten days,  ${\sim}12\%$  in the second ten days and  ${\sim}64\%$  in the last ten days.

Island-wide, the highest monthly rainfall total was 462.1mm (~18.2 inches), which was recorded at the Convent station, on the Leeward side of the island.

### Table 1. August 2020 Rainfall across SVG

| KeyFig1 | Station-Location       | Rainfall (mm) |  |
|---------|------------------------|---------------|--|
|         | Argyle Int'l - Airport | 109.1         |  |
| •       | E.T Joshua-Arnos Vale  | 116.1         |  |
| •       | Belle Isle             | 210.4         |  |
| •       | Rabacca                | 150.1         |  |
| •       | Richmond               | 126.7         |  |
| •       | Rivulet Climo.         | 96.6          |  |
| •       | Dallaway               | 337.5         |  |

A daytime high temperature of 32.5°C was recorded on the 18<sup>th,</sup> while a night time low temperature of 21.6°C was recorded on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Monthly average daytime high was 30.9.°C, and average night time low was 24.9°C. The average daily mean temperature was 27.9°C.

In addition, a maximum wind gust of 21knots (~38km/h or 24mph) was recorded on the 1st and 16thSeptember 2020.

# Forecast Information

Table 2. October–December 2020 Usual range of temperature (between lower and upper threshold values)

| KeyFig1 | Station-Location      | Temperature ( °C) |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| •       | E.T Joshua-Arnos Vale | 30.3-30.6         |

# National Temperature Outlook: October - December 2020 for SVG

•Air Temperature: Day and night time temperatures are likely to be close to the usual or warmer. •Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs): Sea surface temperatures will continue to be slightly above average. Table 3 October – December 2020 Usual range of rainfall (between lower and upper threshold values)

| KeyFig1 | Station-Location      | Rainfall (mm) |  |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| •       | E.T Joshua-Arnos Vale | 641.1-772.7   |  |

National Rainfall Outlook: October – December 2020 for SVG • Rainfall is likely to be close to the usual or above.

• Drought is not expected to be a concern at this time across SVG.



Fig 4. Regional Precipitation Outlook October -December 2020

# **Implications for Sectors**

#### Water

October and November are usually the wettest months across SVG. The availability of water may be disrupted during the passage of weather systems, therefore residents should store adequate quantities of water for drinking and sanitation purposes.

# Agriculture

Farmers should continue to pay attention to weather bulletins in order to prepare and secure their equipment, crops and livestock. Consideration should also be given to the type of crops planted due to the possibility of heavy rains. Farmers should also take the precautionary measures during warm days.

# Health

High humidity and an increase in rainfall will continue to foster mosquitoes proliferation. Therefore, public awareness campaigns to prevent the spread of dengue should be administered.

| Moon Phases 2020 |                     |                     |                    |                     |  |  |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Oct.             | FQ 23 <sup>rd</sup> | FM 31 <sup>st</sup> | LQ 9 ՠ             | NM 16 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |
| Nov.             | FQ 22 <sup>nd</sup> | FM 30 <sup>th</sup> | LQ 8 <sup>th</sup> | NM 15 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |

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