

CariCOF Drought Outlook

By the end of March 2021

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Participating territories

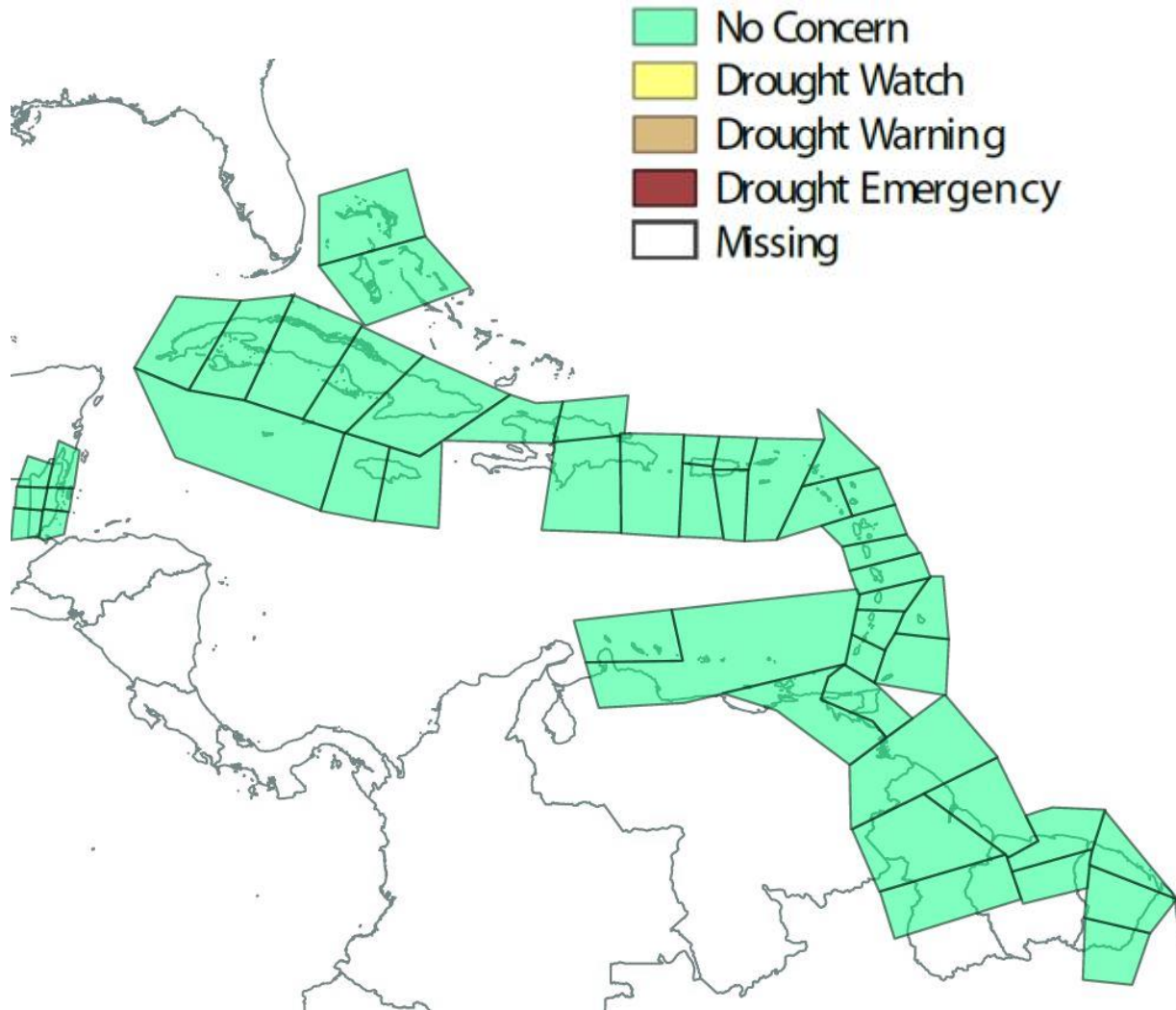
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What is the predicted short term drought concern by the end of March 2021?

Current update (December 2020):

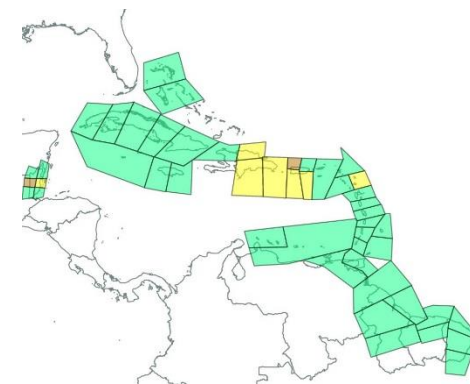
We are currently in the Caribbean dry season. Currently, no shorter term drought concern is developing throughout the region.



Short term drought alert levels by the end of March 2021

(updated December 2020 – covering October 2020 to March 2021)

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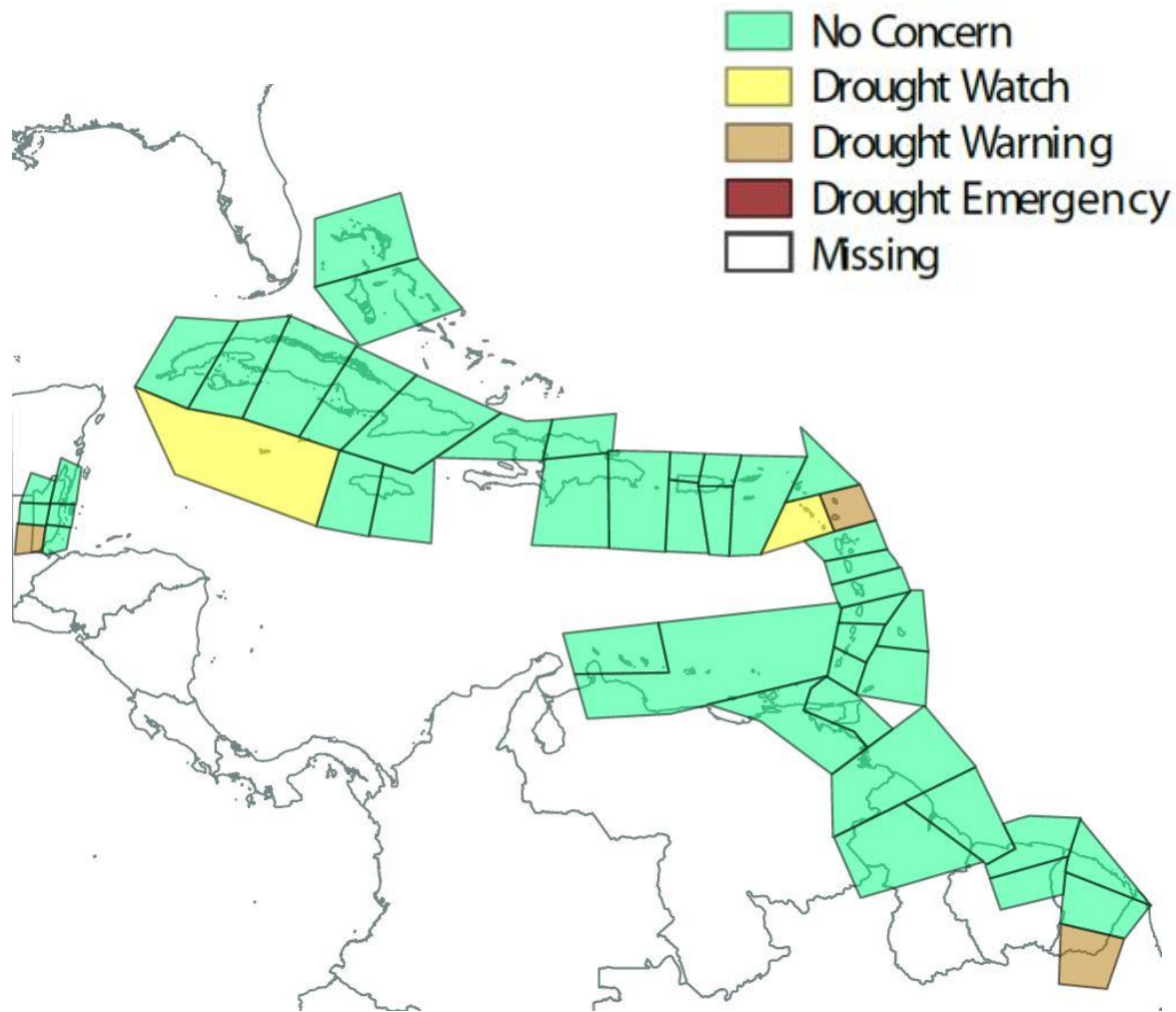
Previous short term drought alert levels by the end of February 2021

For climate information specific to your country, please consult with your national meteorological service. *CariCOF outlooks speak to recent and expected climate trends across the Caribbean in general.*



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- This 12-month SPI-based drought outlook uses observations through November 2020, with potential impacts on large surface water reservoirs and groundwater. In general, impacts are expected if the 12-month SPI is ≤ -0.8 (*moderately dry or worse* – ref.: CDPMN).
- A **drought warning** should be considered for Antigua, southwest Belize, and southern French Guiana.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for Grand Cayman and St. Kitts.

Long term drought alert levels by the end of May 2021

(updated December 2020 – covering June 2020 to May 2021)

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Drought outlook – shorter-/longer-term concern?

- Current drought situation (up to the end of November 2020): *(more information [here](#))*
 - Severe (or worse) shorter term drought has developed in parts of southwestern Guyana
 - Severe (or worse) long term drought has developed along the southern coastline of the Dominican Republic, locally along the north coast of French Guiana, and westernmost Puerto Rico.
- Shorter term drought situation (by the end of March 2021):
 - None
- Long term drought situation (by the end of May 2021):
 - Long term drought is evolving in Antigua, southwest Belize, and southern French Guiana.
 - Long term drought might possibly develop or continue in Grand Cayman and St. Kitts.
 - Areas that ended up in long term drought by the end of November 2020 may experience significantly reduced water levels in large reservoirs, large rivers and groundwater along the dry season.

** We advise all stakeholders to keep monitoring drought and look for our monthly updates.**

**CONTINUE TO MONITOR &
CONSERVE WATER !!**

ALERT LEVEL	MEANING	ACTION LEVEL
NO CONCERN	No drought concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ monitor resources ✓ update and ratify management plans ✓ public awareness campaigns ✓ upgrade infrastructure
DROUGHT WATCH	Drought possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ keep updated ✓ protect resources and conserve water ✓ implement management plans ✓ response training ✓ monitor and repair infrastructure
DROUGHT WARNING	Drought evolving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ protect resources ✓ conserve and recycle water ✓ implement management plans ✓ release public service announcements ✓ last minute infrastructural repairs and upgrades ✓ report impacts
DROUGHT EMERGENCY	Drought of immediate concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ release public service announcements ✓ implement management and response plans ✓ enforce water restrictions and recycling ✓ enforce resource protection ✓ repair infrastructure ✓ report impacts



THRESHOLDS

Drought	
Alert Levels	Probabilities
No Concern	< 33.3333
Drought Watch	33.3334 – 50
Drought Warning	50 – 83.3333
Drought Emergency	≥ 83.3334

ROC	
Discrimination	Thresholds
No	< 0.5
Poor	0.5 – 0.6
Moderate	0.6 – 0.7
Fair	0.7 – 0.8
Good	0.8 – 0.95
Very Good	> 0.95

Goodness Index	
Skill	Thresholds
Negative Skill	< 0
Very Limited	0 – 0.1
Limited	0.1 – 0.2
Moderate	0.2 – 0.25
Fair	0.25 – 0.3
Good	> 0.3



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