

# Heat Outlook for June to November 2021

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**Frequent excessive heat from August to October...  
But region-wide less intense than in 2020**

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# How hot will the next three to six months be?

## Night time

## Day time

## FORECAST:

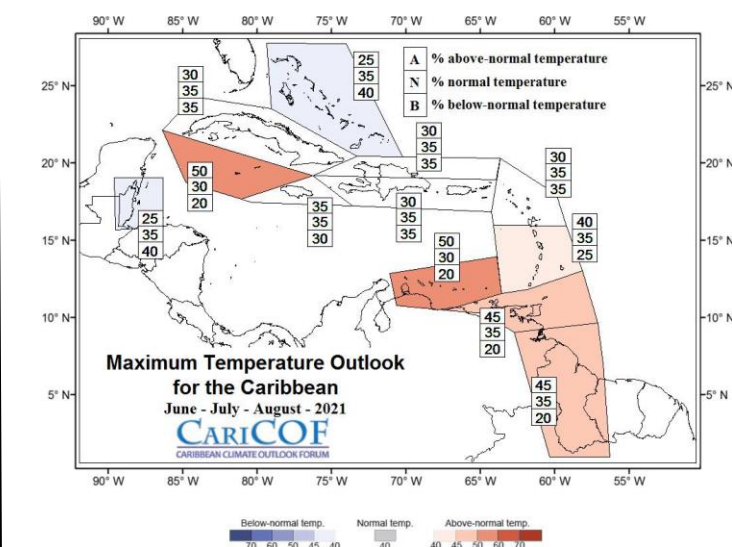
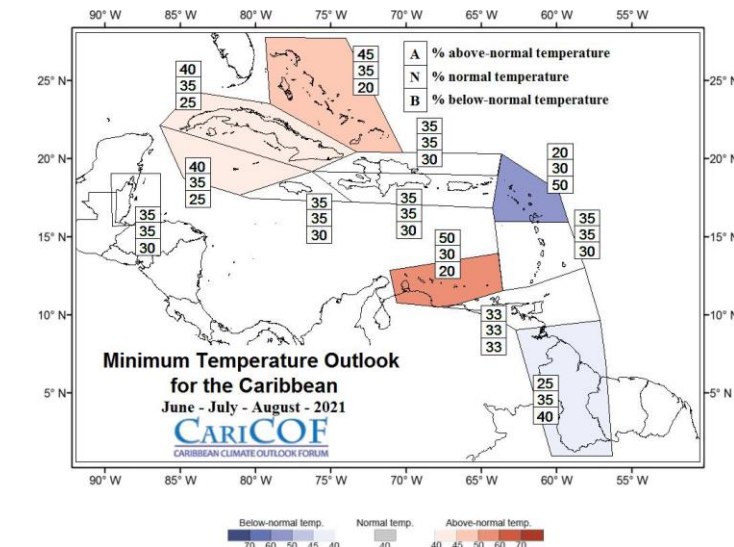
1. Daytime temperatures at least as warm as usual southwards of Guadeloupe, but somewhat tempered in most other areas.
2. The usual or slightly higher night-time temperatures for most from September to November.

## IMPLICATIONS:

- Heat stress in the vulnerable population & small livestock from
  - July to September in the Bahamas and Greater Antilles;
  - August to October in the Lesser Antilles;
  - September to November in the Guianas.
- Enhanced cooling need until October.

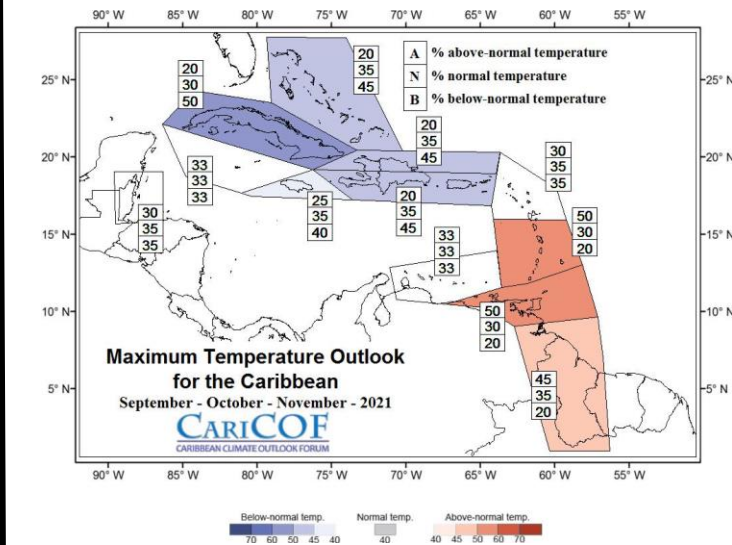
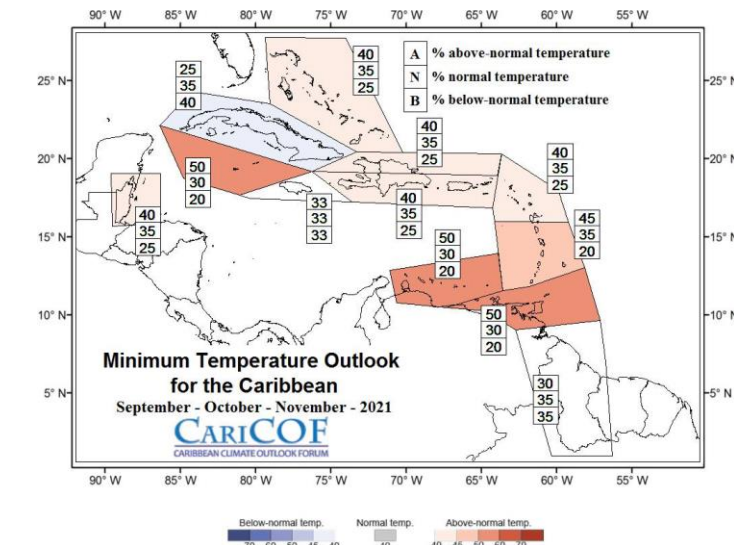
Jun-Jul-Aug 2021

Sep-Oct-Nov 2021

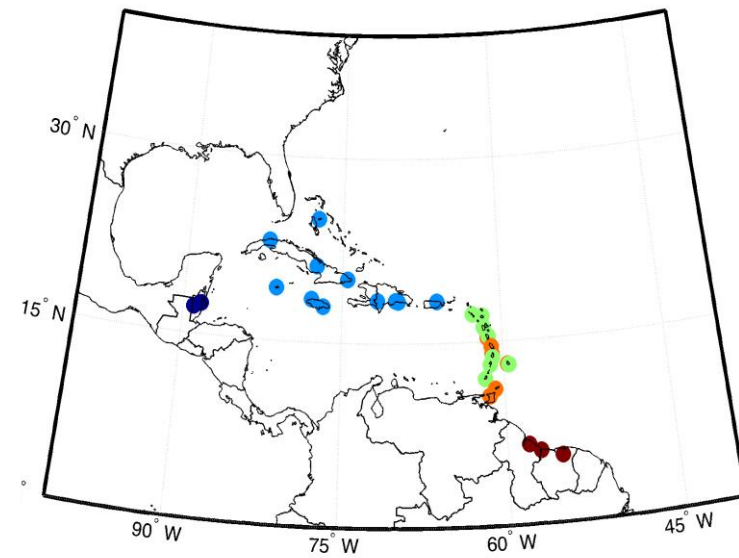
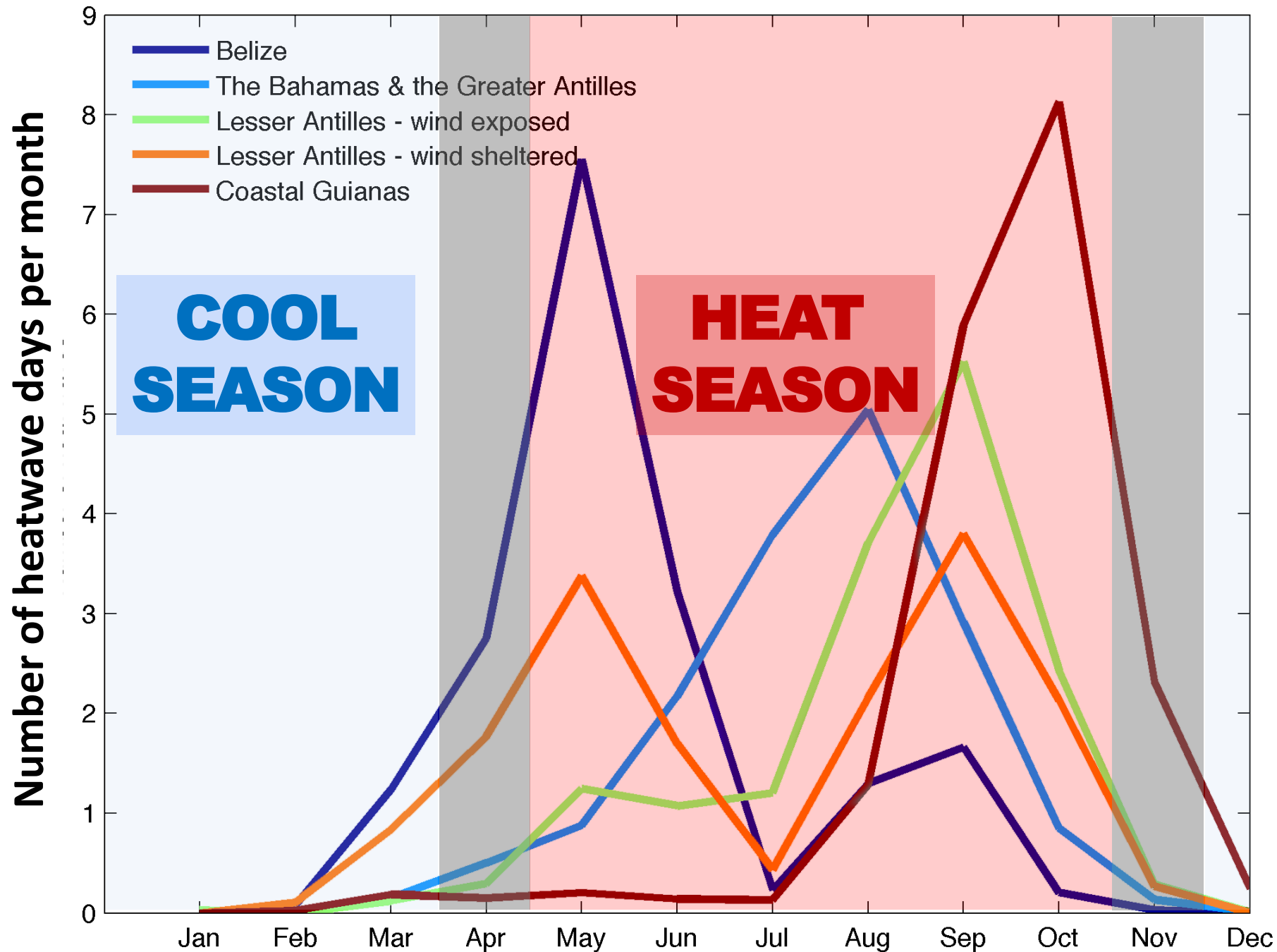


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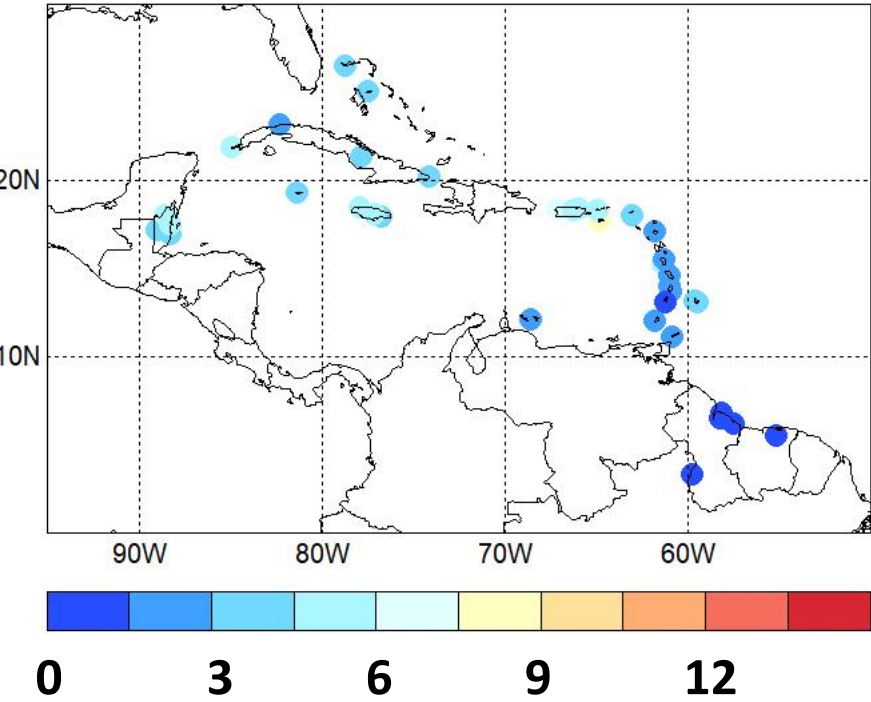
# The Caribbean Heat Season: April/May to October



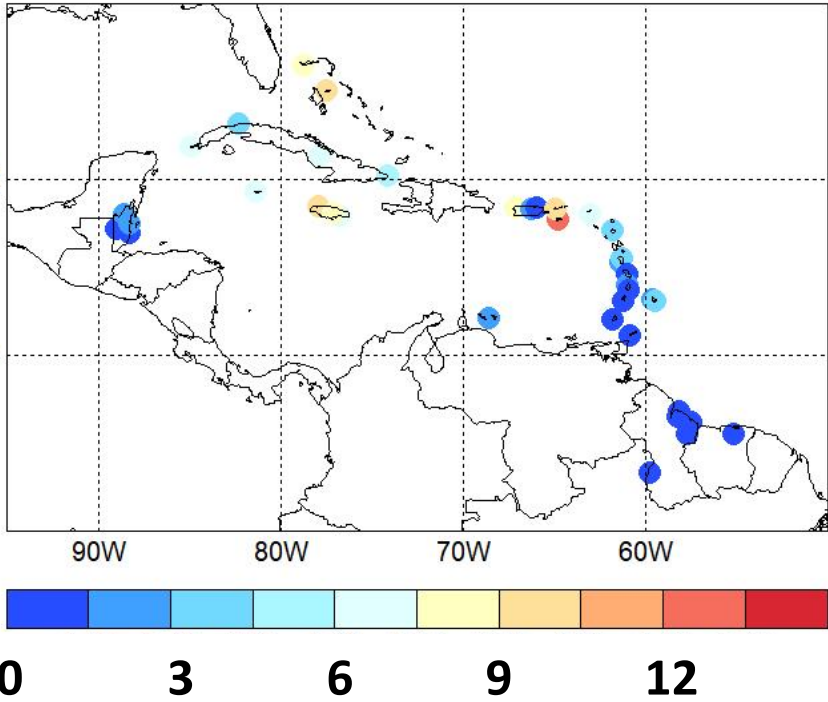


# How many heatwave days on average per month?

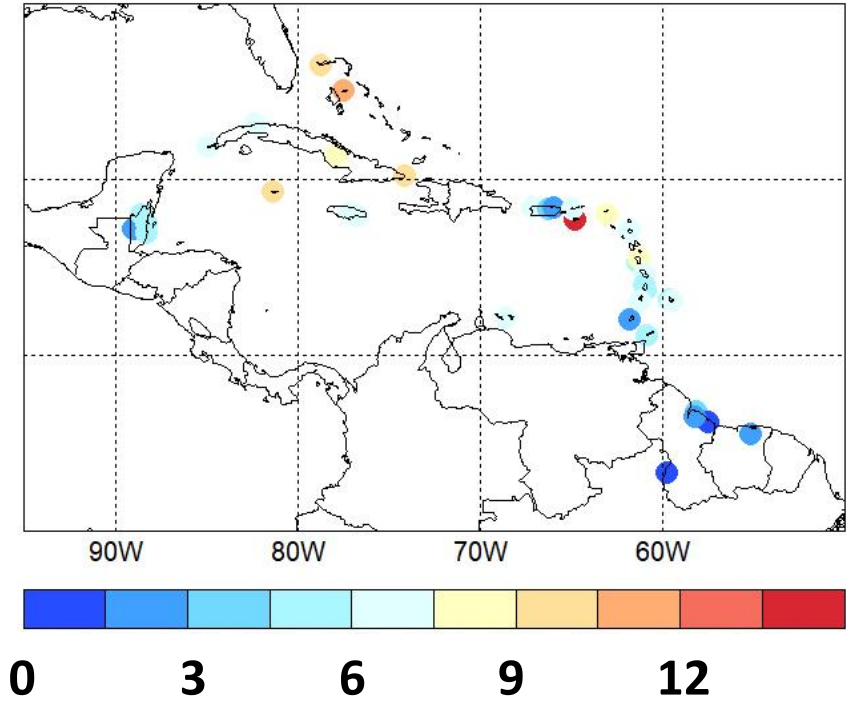
Heatwave days in June (1991-2020 avg.)



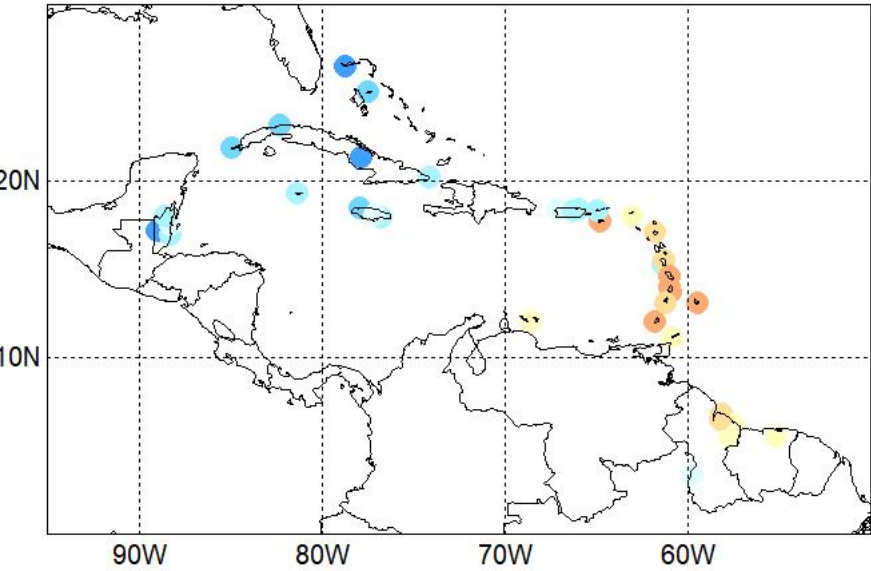
Heatwave days in July (1991-2020 avg.)



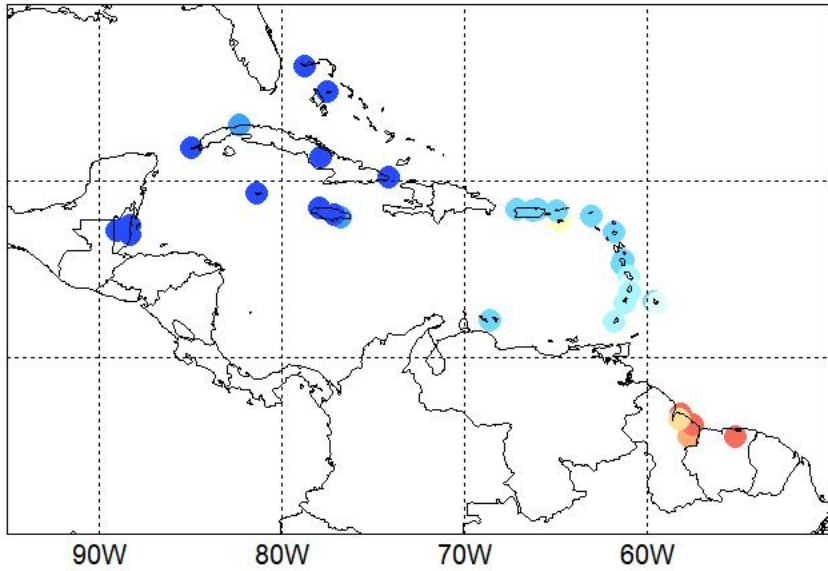
Heatwaves in August (1991-2020 avg.)



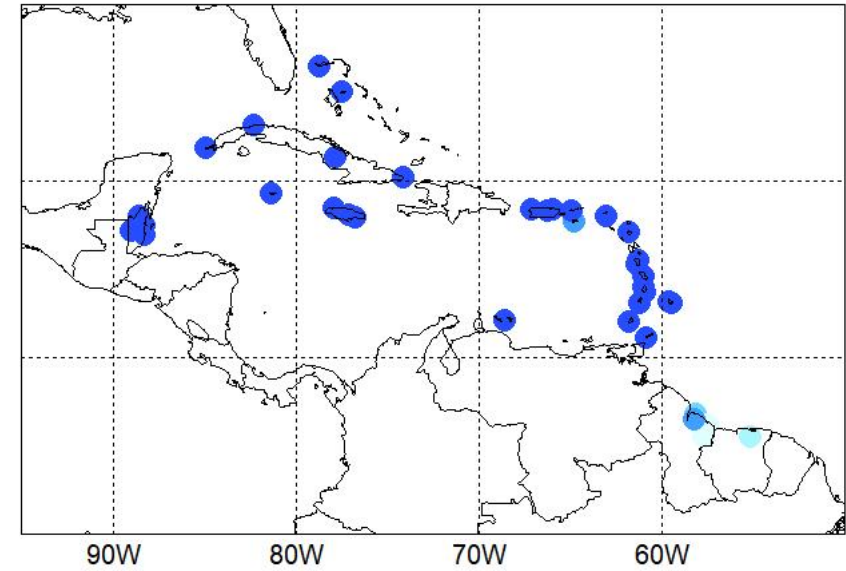
Heatwaves in September (1991-2020 avg.)



Heatwaves in October (1991-2020 avg.)

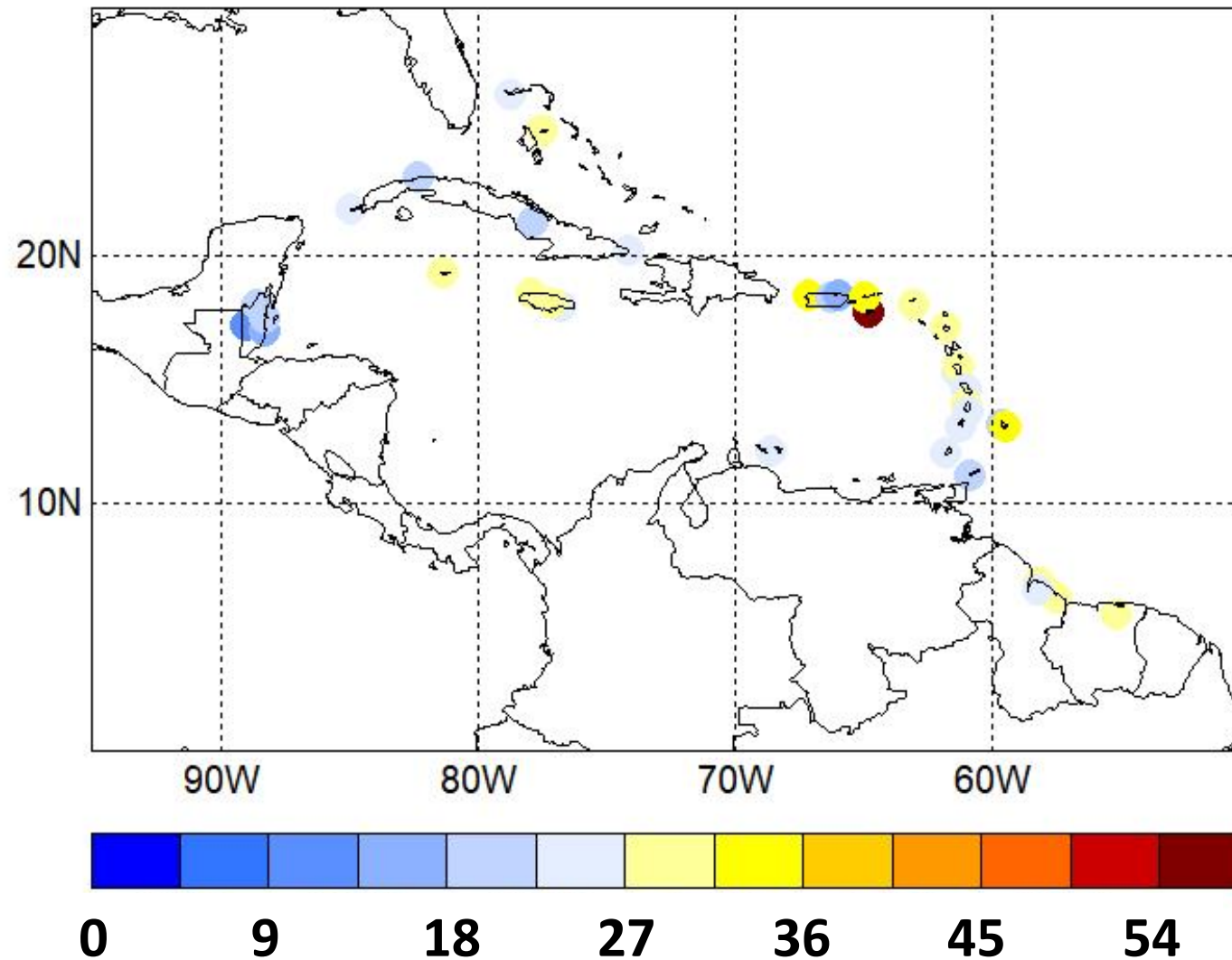


Heatwaves in November (1991-2020 avg.)



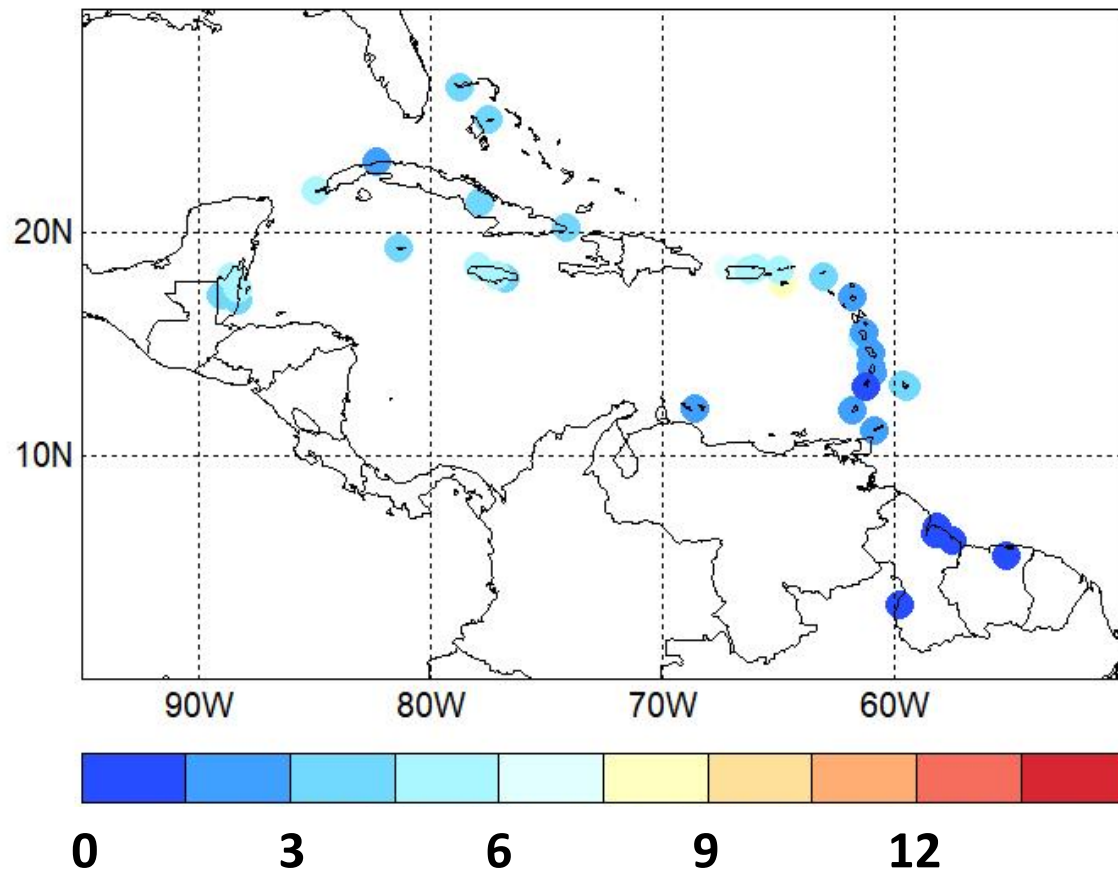
How many heatwave days do we historically get  
on average from June to November?

Heatwave days from Jun. to Nov. (1991-2020 avg.)

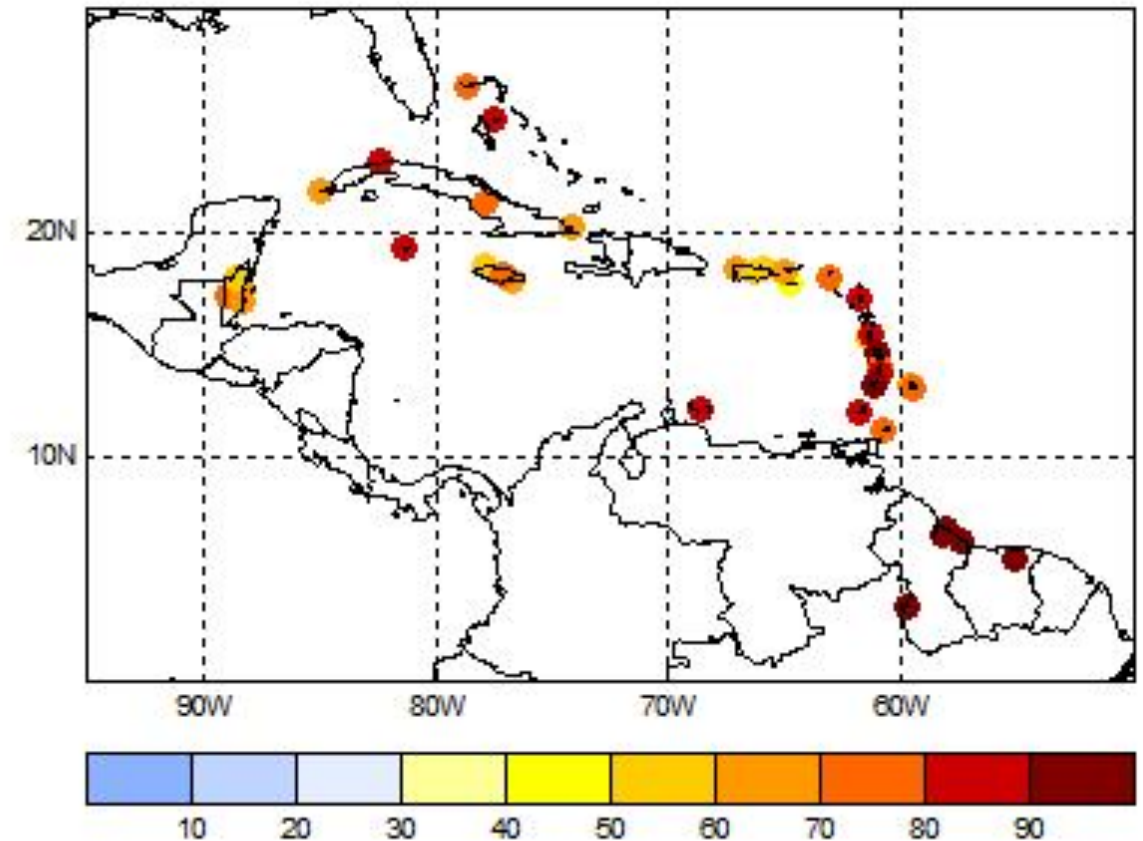


# How many heatwave days to expect in **June 2021**?

Heatwave days in June (1991-2020 avg.)



Prob. no more than 5 heatwave days in June 2021



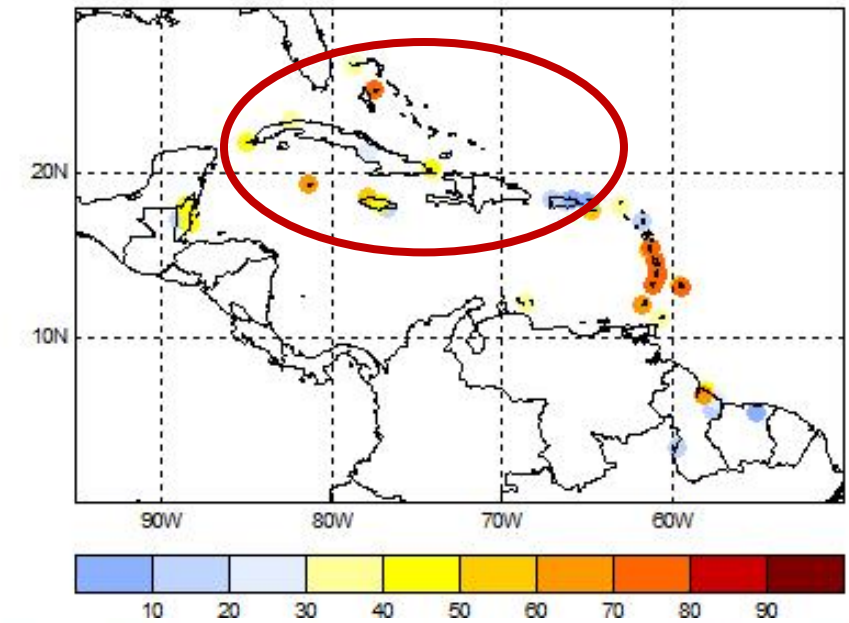
**USUALLY:** 4-8 heatwave days from Sint Maarten westwards.

**FORECAST:** Region-wide, no more than 5 heatwave days are forecasted for June this year, though this number might be exceeded in few locations.

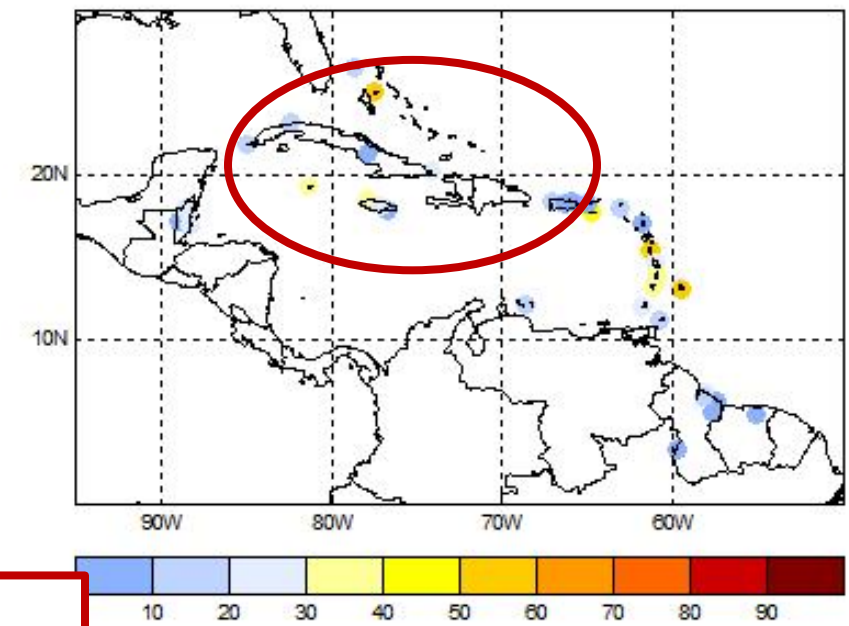


# What do we expect for the **peak of the heat season** in **The Bahamas and the Greater Antilles**, i.e. July to September?

Prob. at least 15 heatwave days between Jul & Sep 2021

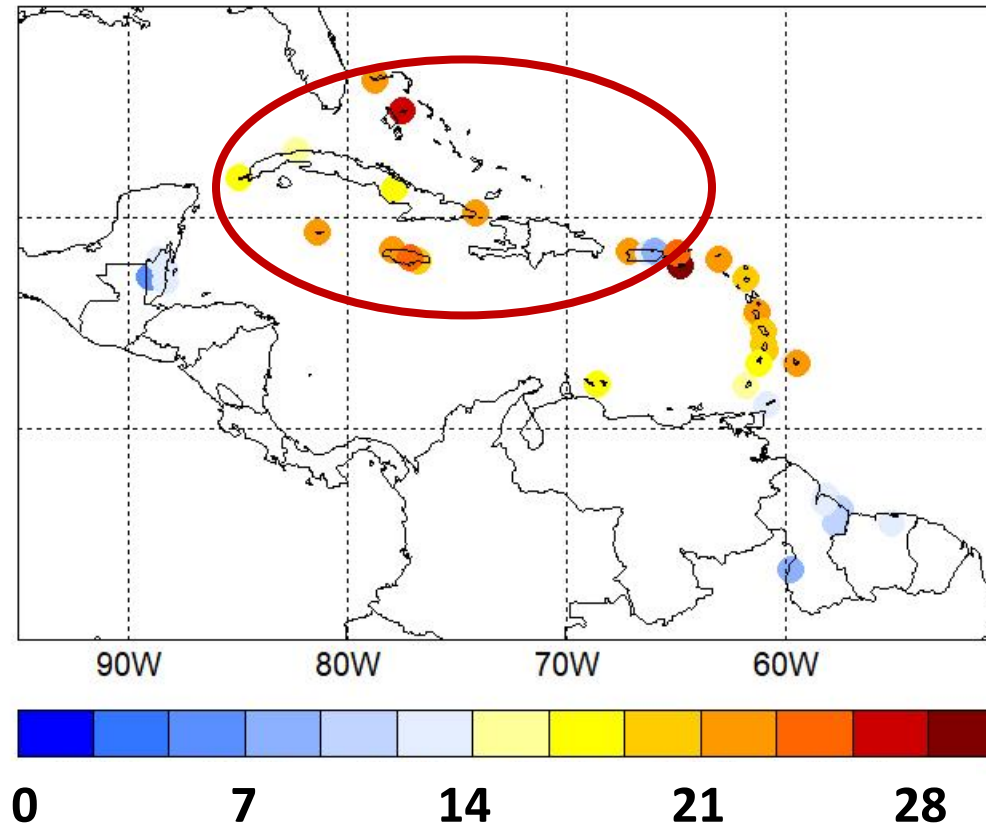
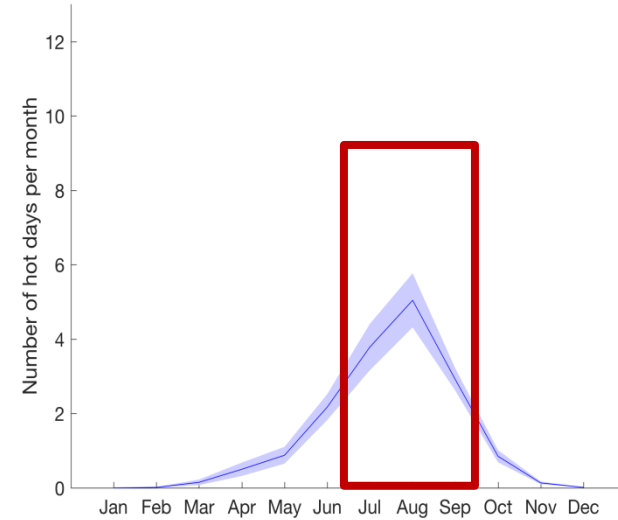


Prob. at least 30 heatwave days between Jul & Sep 2021



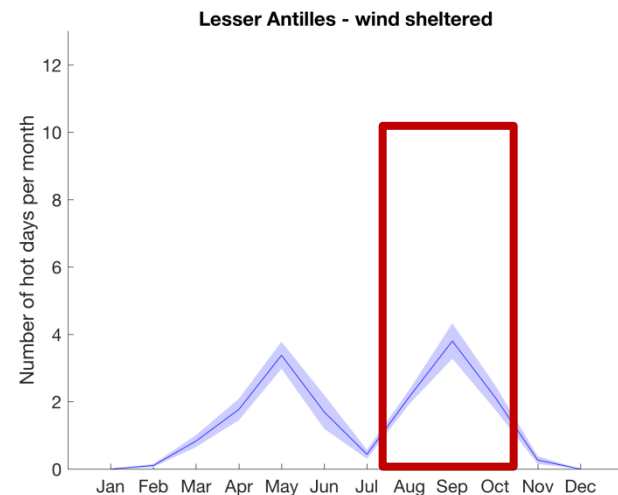
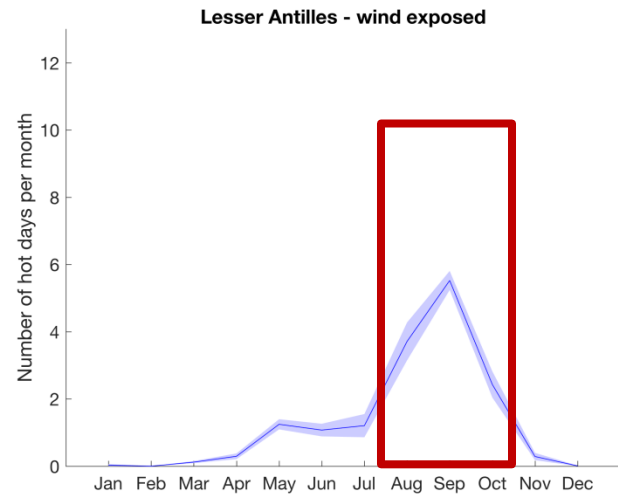
The Bahamas & the Greater Antilles

Heatwave days from Jul. to Sep. (1991-2020 avg.)

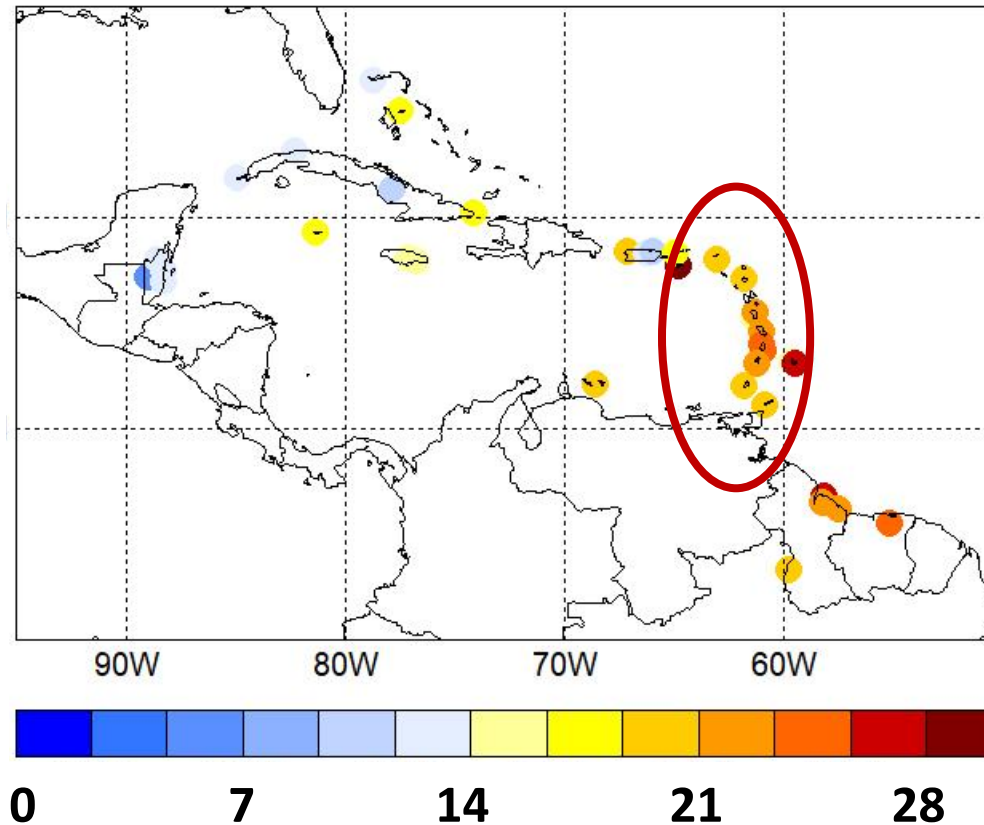


**USUALLY:** around 15-25 heatwave days over 3 months.  
**FORECAST:** generally over 50% chance that there will be less than 15 heatwave days, but higher numbers are likely in the Bahamas.

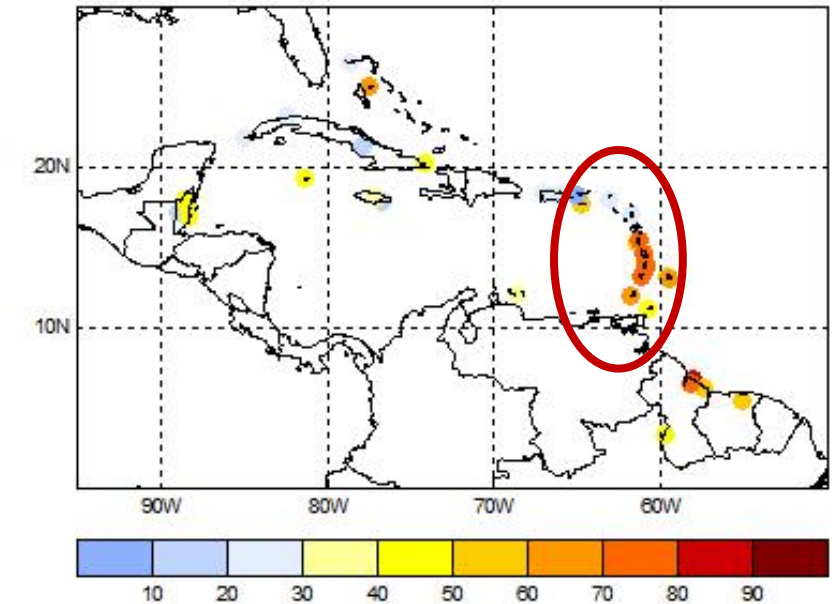
# What do we expect for the peak of the heat season in the Lesser Antilles, i.e. August to October?



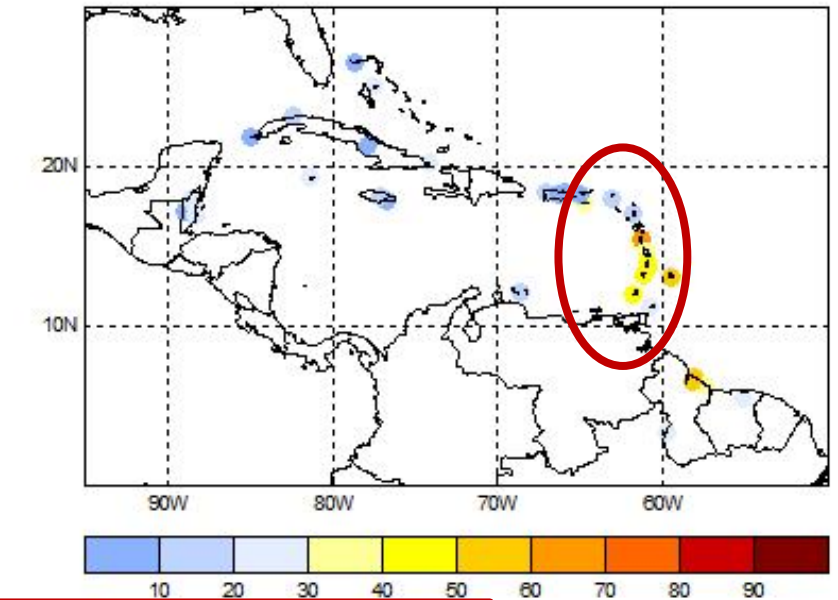
Heatwave days from Aug. to Oct. (1991-2020 avg.)



Prob. at least 15 heatwave days between Aug & Oct 2021



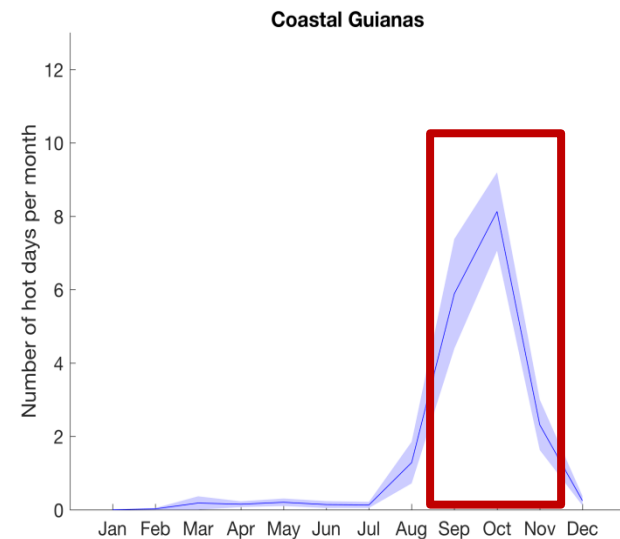
Prob. at least 30 heatwave days between Aug & Sep 2021



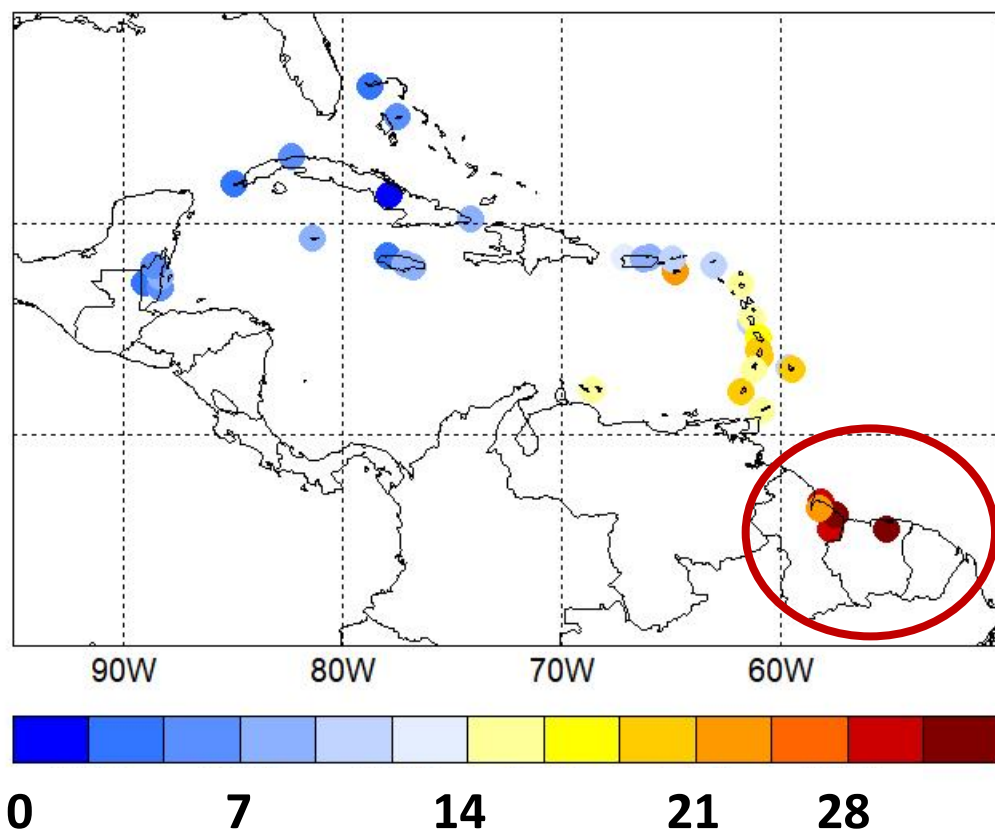
**USUALLY:** around 20-30 heatwave days over 3 months.  
**FORECAST:** no significant change from the usual number of heatwave days is forecasted for the Lesser Antilles.



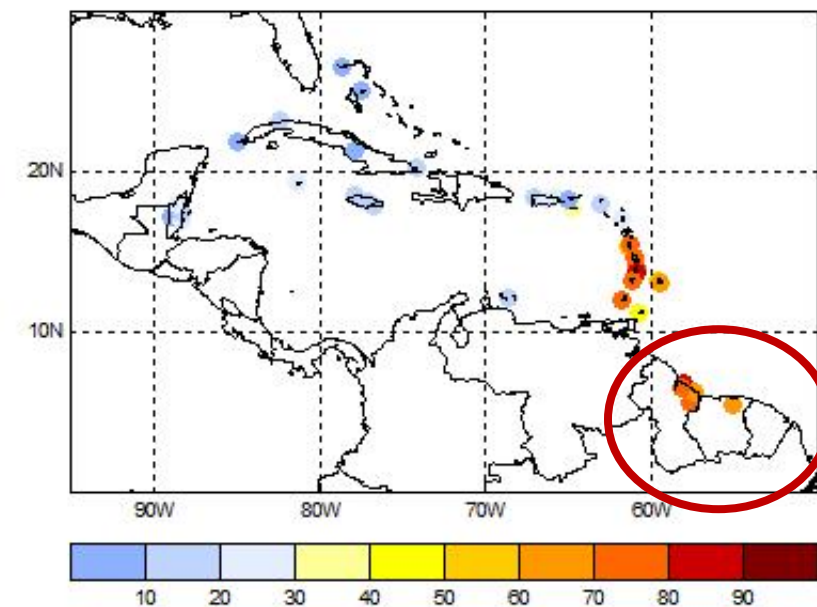
What do we expect for the **peak of the heat season** in the **Guianas**, i.e. September to November?



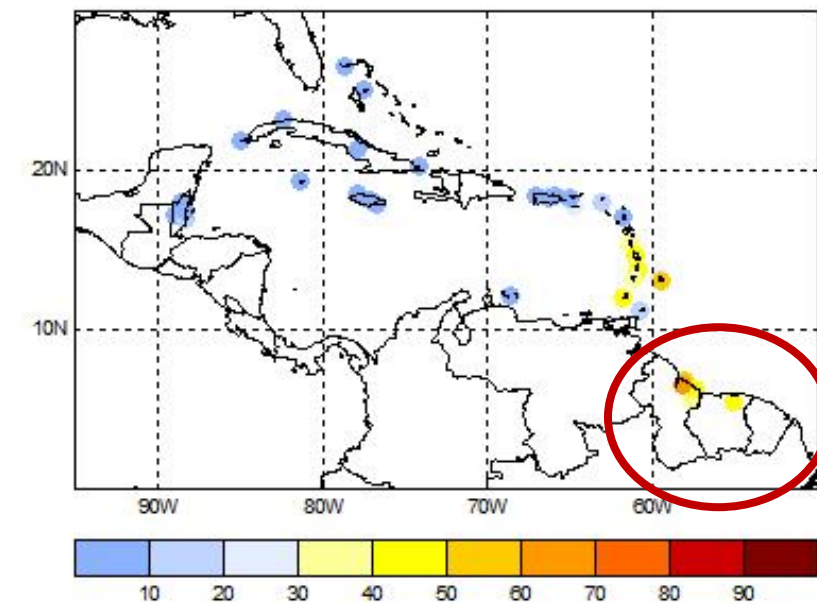
Heatwave days from Sep. to Nov. (1991-2020 avg.)



Prob at least 15 heatwave days between Sep & Nov 2021



Prob at least 30 heatwave days between Sep & Nov 2021



USUALLY: more than 30 heatwave days over 3 months.  
**FORECAST: 70% and 40% chance for at least 15 and 30 heatwave days.**

# How many heatwave days from June till November 2021?

## **USUALLY:**

- 1) In most years, relatively few heatwaves in Belize. In much of the rest of the region, on average around 25 to 35 heatwave days are counted between June and November.
- 2) In the Caribbean Islands, the monthly number of heatwaves (and heatwave days) strongly increases from June (0-8) to August (6-12).
- 3) The peak season for heatwaves is: July to September in The Bahamas and the Greater Antilles, August to October in the Lesser Antilles, September to November in the Guianas.

## **FORECAST:**

- This year, the number of heatwave days is expected to be similar to what we usually get.
- Region-wide, no more than 5 heatwave days are forecasted for June, though this number might be exceeded in few locations.

## **IMPLICATIONS:**

- In the event of heatwaves, of which several can occur especially during dry spells, heat stress in human populations or livestock will sharply increase.
- Region-wide, the heat season should be markedly less intense than in recent, hotter years (2010, 2016 or 2020).