

Heat Outlook for August to October 2022

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Frequent excessive heat during the peak of the Heat Season,
but likely less than in recent hot years (e.g., 2016 & 2020)

Participating countries and territories

Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haïti, Jamaica, Martinique, Puerto Rico, St. Barth's, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Maarten/St. Martin, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and the US Virgin Islands



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Health: Greater frequency of mild heat symptoms due to excessive heat during this period

Public health:

- strong increase in mild heat symptoms
- increase in heat illnesses, fainting episodes, hospitalisations, health services
- potential increase in biological risk (e.g. Aedes mosquito borne diseases, gastrointestinal disease)
- exacerbation of vulnerability in patients with chronic illness, children, pregnant women and the elderly

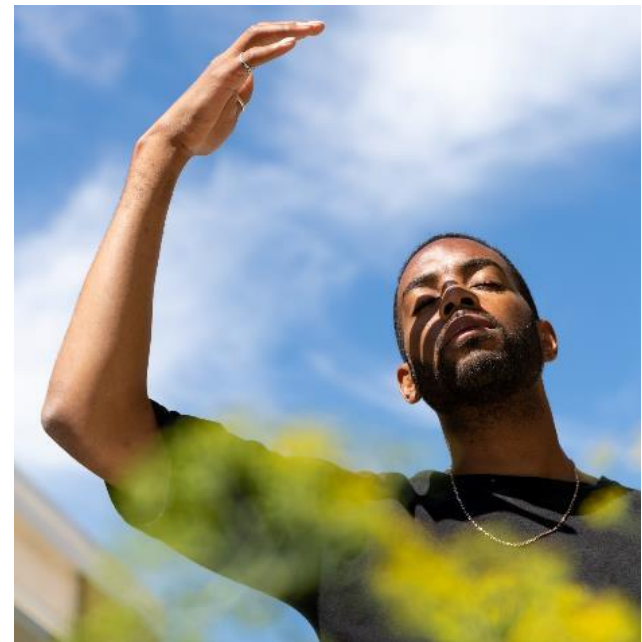


Occupational health:

- potential increase in exhaustion during intense outdoor activity
- reduced labour productivity

Well-being:

- increased sweating and water consumption
- snacking/binge eating leading to acute negative health impacts (hypertension, diabetes) and weight gain
- potentially increased fatigue, irritability and aggression during prolonged heatwaves



Agriculture:

Expect impacts from excessive heat during this period

Livestock:

- increased cooling and ventilation need to mitigate heat stress in small and large livestock
- stunted growth rate of broilers and egg production of layers
- reduced dairy production

Crop agriculture:

- exacerbation of drought conditions leading to increased wilting
- reduced productivity between 10 AM and 3 PM

Fisheries:

- increased water temperatures potentially reducing catch of reef fish, die-off and migration of pelagic fish

Forestry:

- exacerbation of any drought conditions
- increased wildfire potential if fuel stock is dry



Tourism – Energy – Water:

Expect some impacts from excessive heat during this period

Tourism:

- *Heat adaptation* – Increased demand for AC and refrigeration and associated costs in hotels
- *Diving operations* – Potential coral reef bleaching, resulting in long-term reduction in demand

Energy:

- *Production* – reduced efficiency of power generation; potential increase in interruptions as a result of spikes in cooling demand
- *Demand and consumption* – increased cooling need in households, hotels, restaurants

Water:

- *Quantity and quality* – water reservoir levels potentially decreasing due to increased evapotranspiration; potential increase in algal blooms
- *Consumption* – potential increase in households, hotels and power utilities



DRM – Child Care & Education

Expect some impacts from excessive heat during this period



DRM:

- *Risk:* potentially increased mortality and increased need for cooling strategies immediately post disaster (e.g. intense heat after passage of tropical cyclone); increased wildfire potential (if fuel stock is dry)
- *Operations:* reduced productivity of warehouse staff

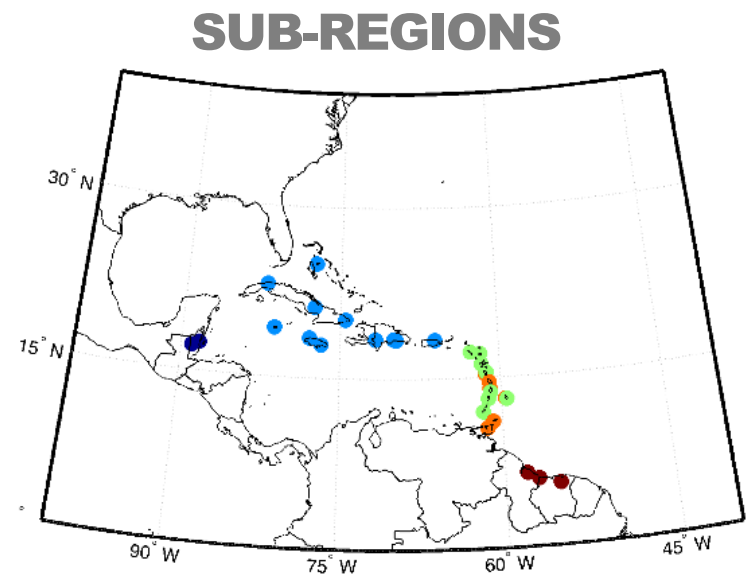
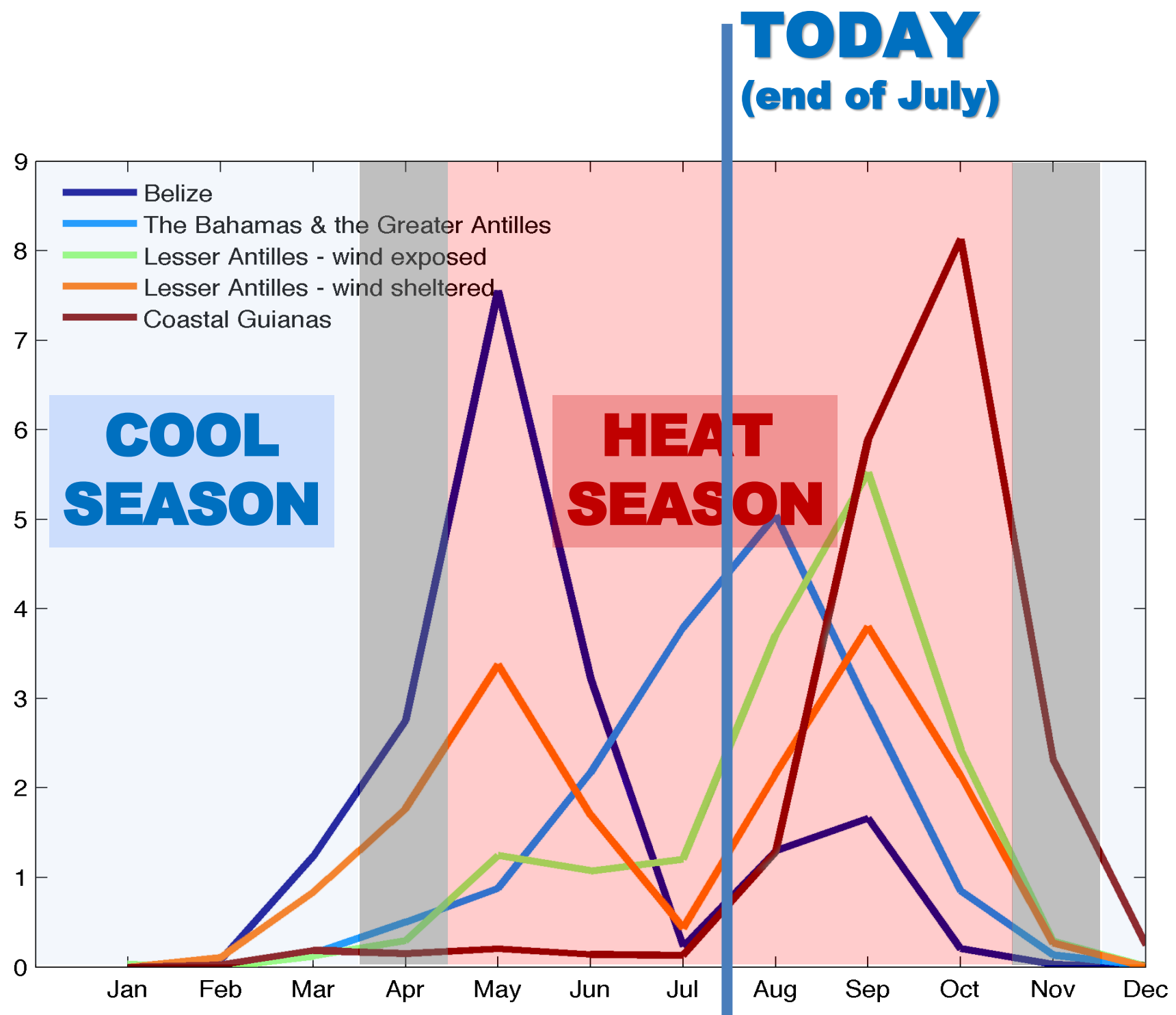


Child care and education:

- *Learning:* potentially reduced productivity and reduced learning ability of students
- *Child Protection:* potential increase in aggression during prolonged heatwaves



Number of days per month
spent in heatwaves

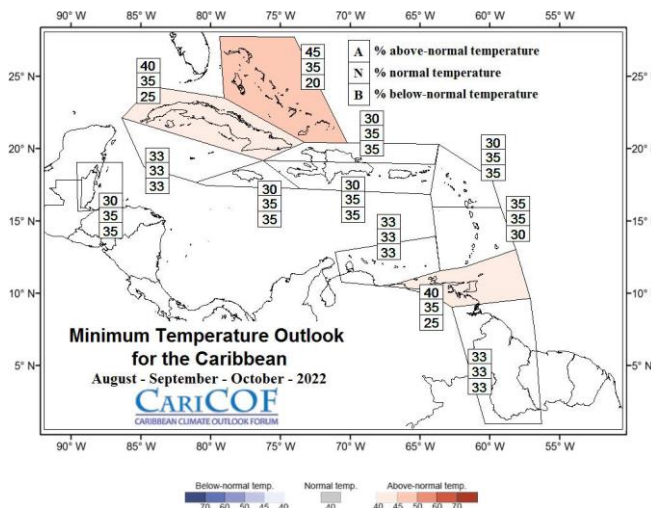
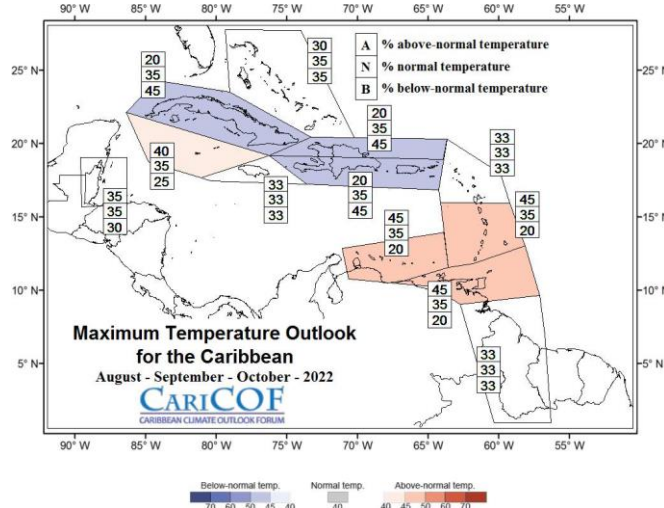


Overall, how hot will the next three to six months be?

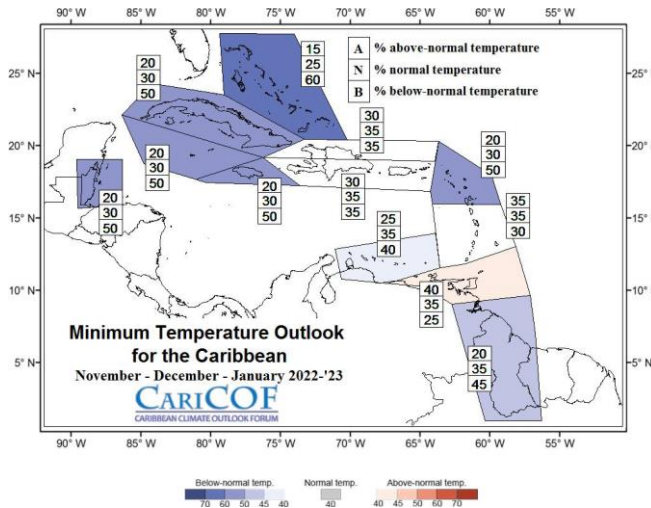
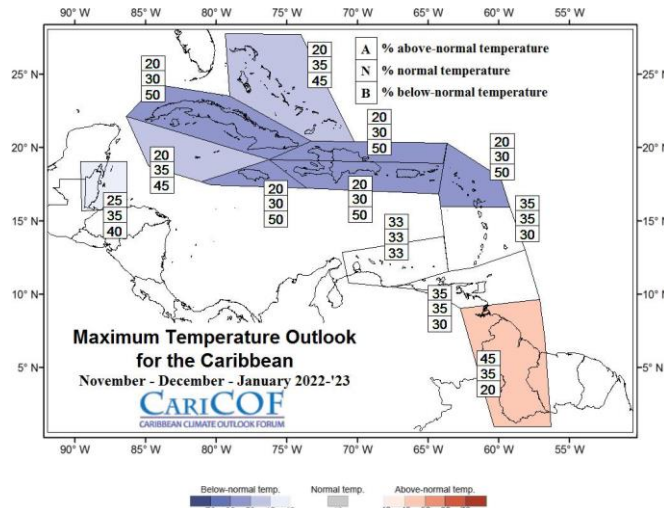
Day time

Night time

Aug-Sep-Oct 2022



Nov-Dec-Jan 2022-23



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FORECAST

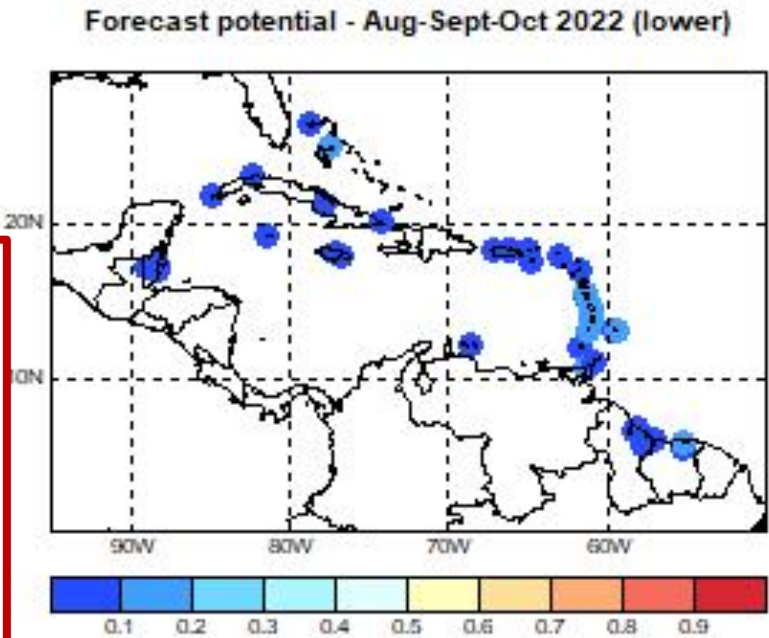
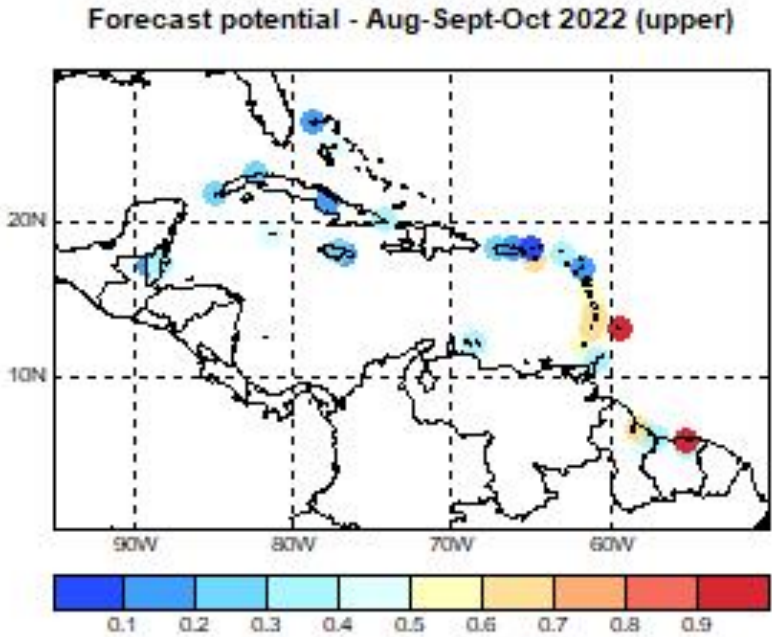
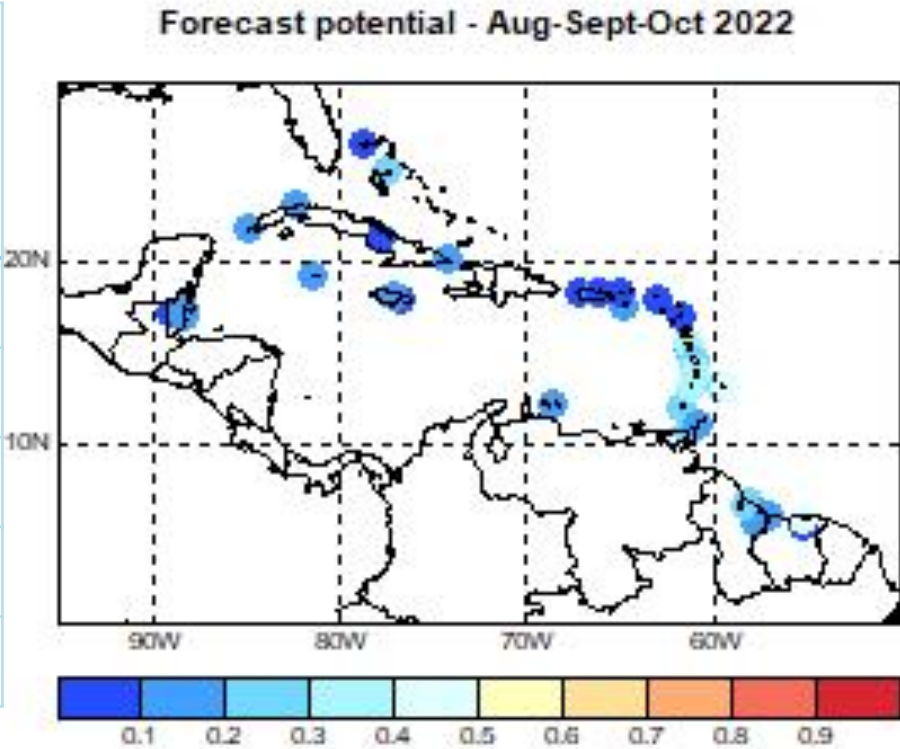
1. Overall, night- and daytime temperatures are not expected to deviate much from the usual for August and October 2022, still being warm as this period marks the peak of the Heat Season.
2. Temperatures should quickly cool to become seasonably comfortable in November

IMPLICATIONS

- Annual peak in heat stress in the vulnerable population & small livestock through September (Bahamas and Greater Antilles), October (ABC Is. and Lesser Antilles) or November (Guianas) due to high temperatures combined with little wind and high humidity.

Impact potential associated with heatwave frequency during Aug-Sept-Oct 2022?

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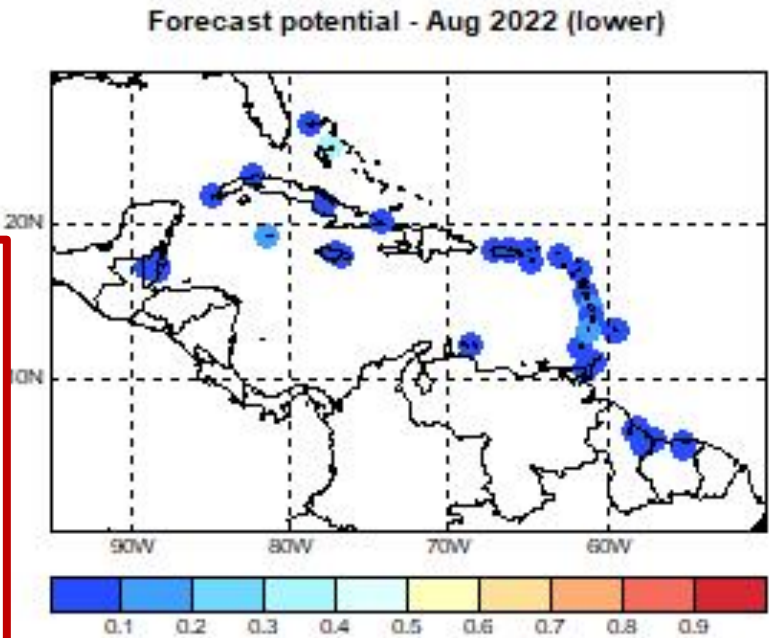
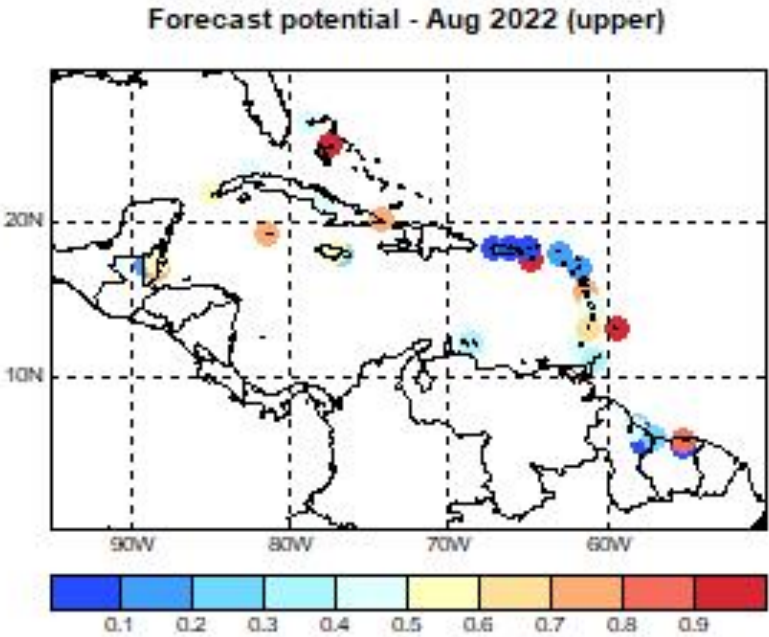
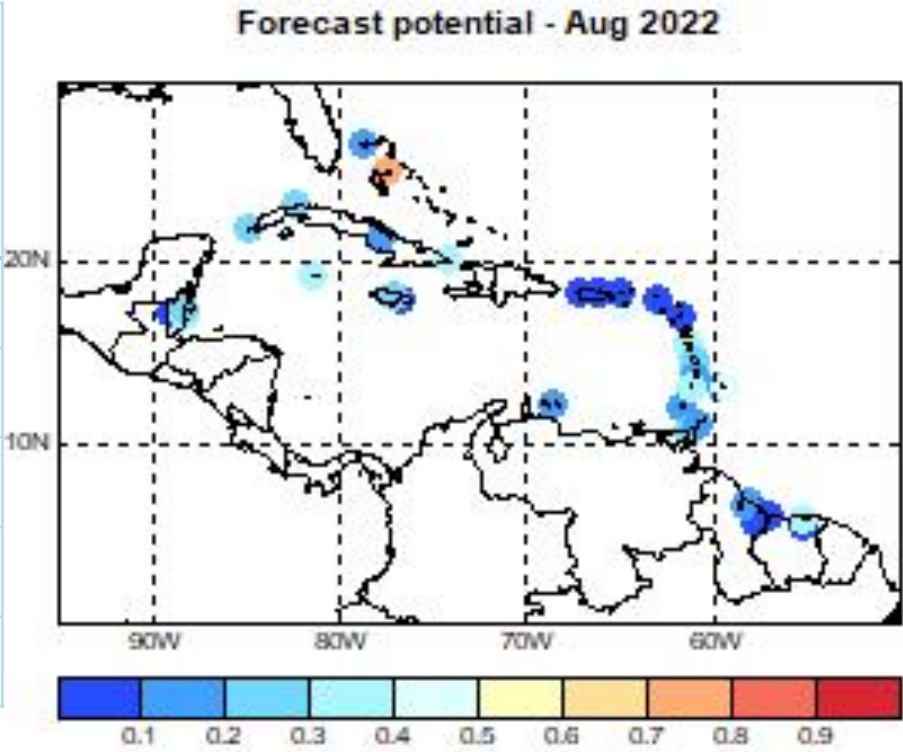


USUALLY: Slight to moderate potential east & southwards of Hispaniola; marginal to slight potential for the rest of the region.

FORECAST: Moderate potential in Barbados, coastal Guianas & Windward Is.; marginal to slight in Curaçao & Trinidad and Tobago, areas north & westwards of Dominica; **high potential possible in Barbados, coastal Guianas, St. Croix & Windward Is.**

Impact potential associated with heatwave frequency – zooming in on August 2022

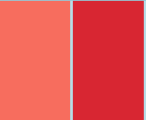
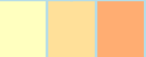
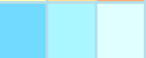


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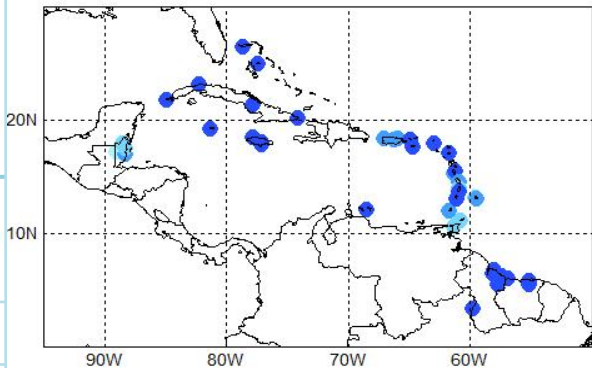
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FORECAST: Moderate potential in Barbados, some areas in the Guianas, many areas westwards of Puerto Rico, Windward Is.; marginal to slight elsewhere; **high potential possible in Barbados, locations westwards of Hispaniola, Suriname, Leeward Is.**

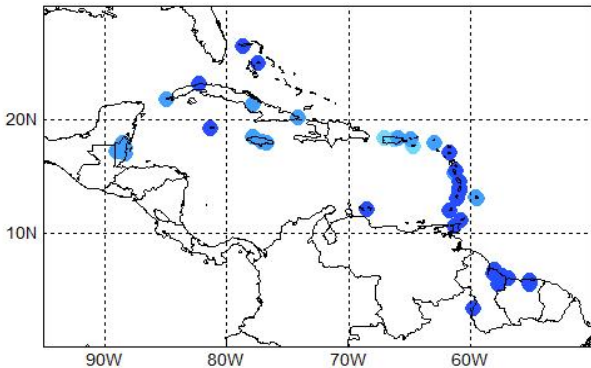
Historical monthly heat impact potential
due to heatwaves during the heat season

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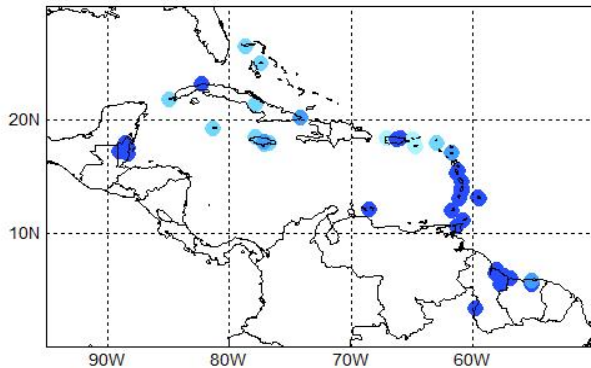
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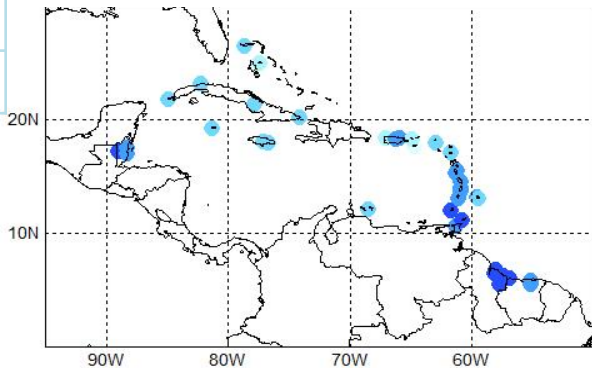
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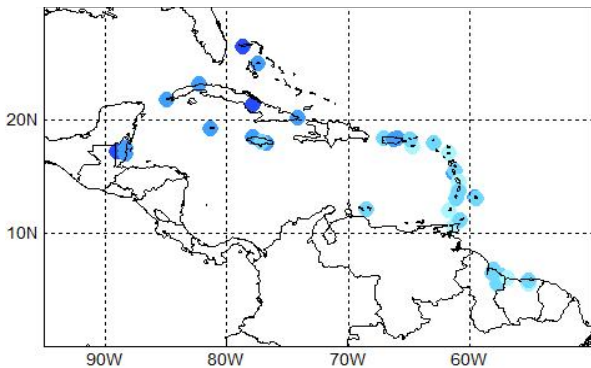
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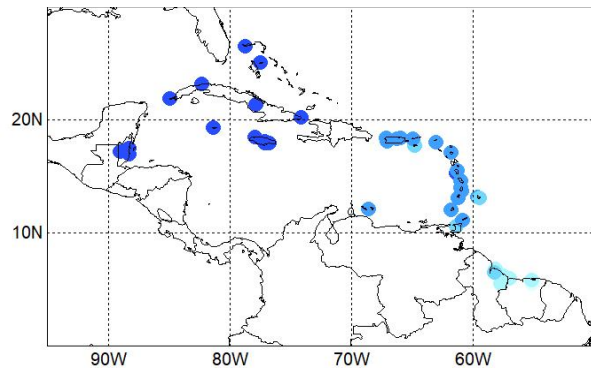
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Sept



Oct



May: Moderate potential in Belize; marginal to slight elsewhere.

Jun.: Slight potential in Barbados and areas from St. Martin westwards; marginal elsewhere.

Jul.: Slight to moderate potential in the Greater Antilles & Leeward Is.; marginal to slight elsewhere.

Aug.: Moderate potential in Barbados & islands westwards of Guadeloupe; marginal elsewhere.

Sep.: Moderate potential in the ABC Is., Lesser Antilles, Guianas; marginal to slight elsewhere.

Oct.: Moderate potential in Barbados, the Guianas & St. Croix; marginal westwards of Hispaniola; slight elsewhere.



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