

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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Wet days and Wet spells Outlooks September to November 2022

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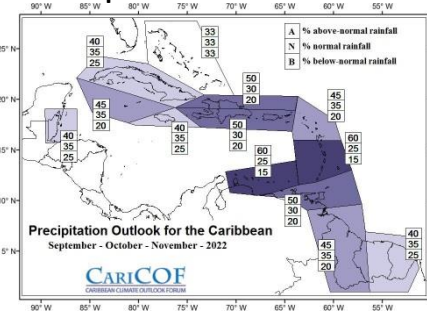
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Wet day frequency shifts

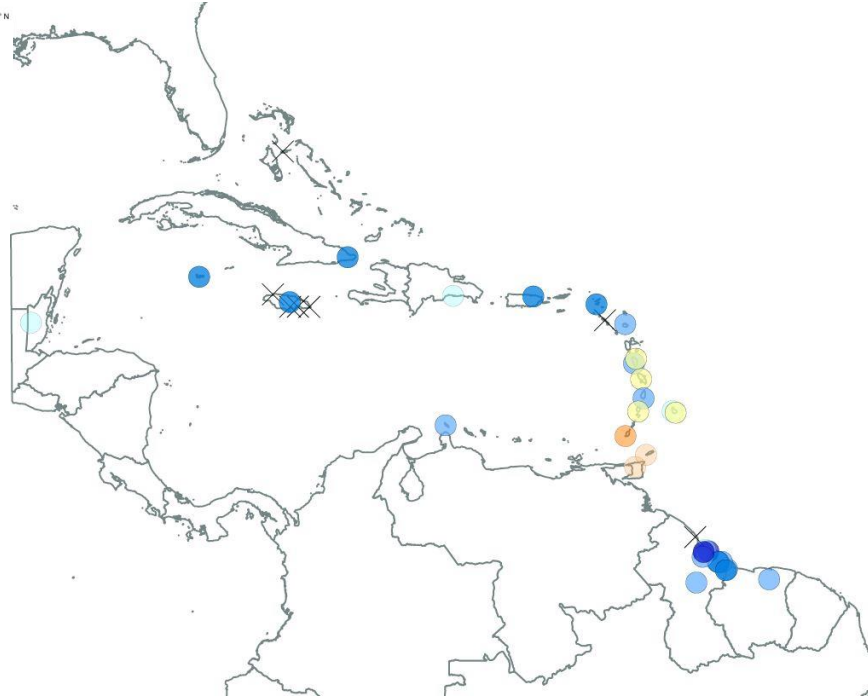
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Precipitation outlook



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Frequency of wet days



USUALLY: Out of 91 days in Sep-Oct-Nov, there are about 35 to 50 wet days (coastal Guianas: 20-35; ABC Islands: 10-20).

SEASONAL RAINFALL FORECAST:

- High probability for at least as wet as usual across most of the region.

SEASONAL WET DAY FORECAST (day when rainfall > 1mm):

- An increase in the number of wet days may be expected across most of the region (*medium confidence*) except for Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago and the Windward islands where fewer wet days than normal may be expected (*low to medium confid.*).

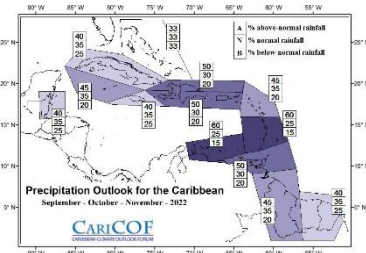
IMPLICATIONS:

- Frequent rainfall-related disruptions of outdoor activities and favourable conditions for moisture-related pests and diseases in Belize and the islands.
- Less frequent disruptions of outdoor activities and drier conditions in the Guianas up until late November.

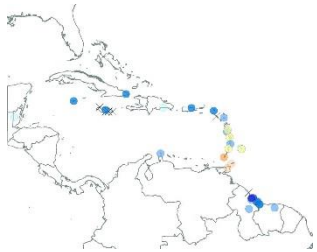
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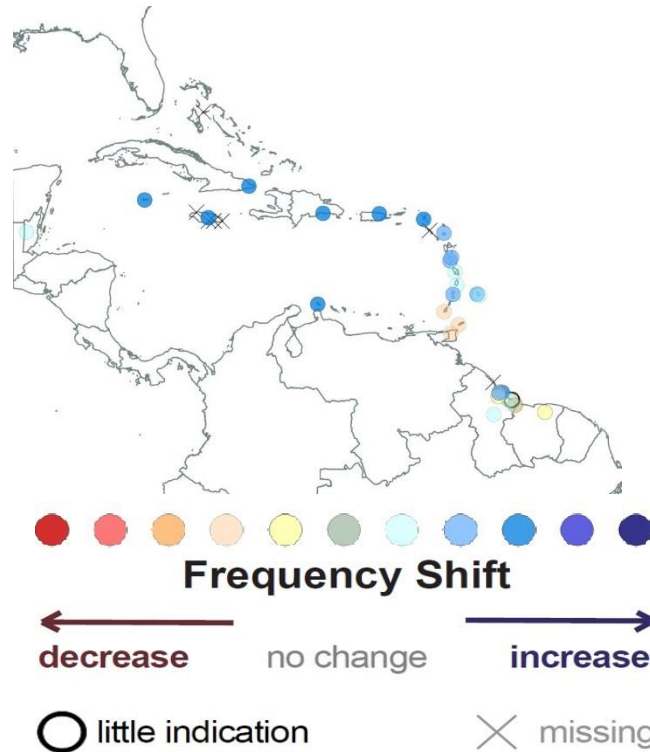
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Wet days outlook



SON 2022 frequency of 7-day wet spells



SON 2022 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



USUALLY: Between 3 and 6 wet spells (coastal Guianas: 1-3) occur from September to November, with 1 to 4 of them ending up very wet (coastal Guianas: up to 2).

SEASONAL RAINFALL FORECAST:

- High probability for at least as wet as usual across most of the region.

WET SPELL FORECAST (top 20% of 7-day wet spells):

- More wet spells than usual are forecast across most of the region (*medium confidence*) except for Grenada, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago where slightly fewer are expected (*low confid.*).

VERY WET SPELL FORECAST (top 10% of 7-day wet spells):

- More very wet spells than usual are forecast across most of the region (*medium confid.*) except in the Guyanas, Suriname, and Trinidad (*low confid.*).

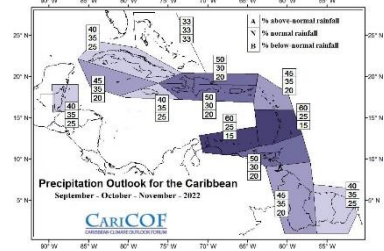
IMPLICATIONS:

- Recharge rates of water reservoirs likely faster than usual in view of frequent wet spells.
- The high chance of successive very wet spells translates to a high flood potential in the islands and Belize, but moderate potential in the Guianas.

Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: September to November 2022

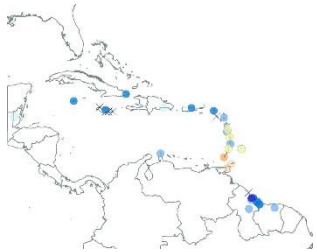
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SON 2022 frequency of *extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells*



Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



Very wet spells outlook



USUALLY: Up to 2 extreme wet spells occur from September to November, except in the Guianas where it is the dry season.

SEASONAL RAINFALL FORECAST:

- High probability for at least as wet as usual across most of the region.

EXTREME WET SPELL FORECAST (top 1% of 3-day wet spells):

- An increase in the number of 3-day extremely wet spells may be expected across most of the region (*low to medium confidence*) with possibly fewer expected in parts of Guyana and Suriname (*low confid.*).

IMPLICATIONS:

- The very high chance of occurrence of extreme wet spells in the islands and Belize translates to a high to extremely high potential for flash floods and cascading hazards.

September to November 2022

Antigua (VC Bird)
Aruba (Beatrix)
Barbados (CIMH)
Barbados (GAIA)
Belize (C. Farm)
Cayman
Cuba (Punta Maisi)
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)
Dominica (Canefield)
Dominica (Douglas Charles)
Grenada (MBIA)
Guyana_73
Guyana (Albion)
Guyana (Blairmont)
Guyana (Charity)
Guyana (Enmore)
Guyana (Georgetown)
Guyana (Greatfall)
Guyana (New Amsterdam)
Guyana (Skeldon)
Guyana (Timehri)
Guyana_Wales
Jamaica (Worthy Park)
Martinique (FDF Desaix)
Puerto Rico (San Juan)
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)
St. Maarten (TNCM)
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)
Suriname (Zanderij)
Trinidad (Piarco)
Tobago (ANR Robinson)

No. of wet days		No. of 7-day wet spells (20% wettest)		No. of 7-day very wet spells (10% wettest)		No. of 3-day extremely wet spells (1% wettest)	
Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast	Climatology	Forecast
31-44	31-48	3.4-6	3.2-7.5	1.7-4.1	1.3-5.6	0-1.5	0-2.5
14-30	14-36	2.6-6.9	3.1-9.6	1.3-5.1	1.4-6.2	0-2.5	0.2-3.1
39-50	35-52	4.3-6.9	3.9-8.1	2.1-4.3	2.4-5	0-3	0.2-3.8
40-49	37-49	4.3-6.5	4.1-7.4	2.1-4.1	2-4.6	0-2	0.1-3.2
31-48	31-56	3.3-5.6	3.2-6.5	1.7-3.4	1.9-4.2	0-2	0-2.5
29-46	32-56	3.9-6.2	4.2-7.9	1.7-4.3	2.1-5.1	0-2.6	0-3.2
17-31	20-44	2.8-6.2	3.5-8.7	1.3-4.7	1.7-5.2	0-2	0-2.1
29-38	24-45	3.4-6.2	3.4-8.9	1.3-4.3	1.6-5.4	0-2	0-2.9
42-54	41-58	3-5.8	3-7.4	1.8-3.5	1.5-4.3	0-2	0.1-2.4
57-69	54-72	3.8-6	3.8-7.4	1.9-3.7	2-4.4	0-1.2	0-2.4
36-49	32-47	3.9-6	3.2-6.3	1.8-3.9	1.5-4	0-1.5	0-2.5
10-19	8-23	0.4-2.8	0.3-2.5	0-1.5	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
11-26	10-38	0.4-2.6	0.5-2.9	0-0.9	0-1	0-0.4	0-0.2
13-30	12-40	0.4-2.1	0.4-2.3	0-1.3	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
12-34	19-46	0.4-2.6	0.8-3.3	0-1.3	0-1.5	0-0	0-0
19-36	18-40	0.5-3	0.5-2.7	0.2-1.5	0.2-1.3	0-1	0-0.8
24-40	25-43	0.7-2.6	0.7-2.9	0-1.3	0-1.7	0-0.1	0-0.5
16-28	13-39	0.4-2.6	0.4-3.3	0-1.7	0-1.5	0-1	0-0.4
15-32	17-39	0.4-2.6	0.8-3.4	0.4-1.3	0.4-1.5	0-1	0-0.5
31-42	28-49	1.3-3	1.2-3.2	0.4-1.7	0.5-1.7	0-0	0-0
25-40	29-46	1.3-3.2	1.4-4.1	0.4-1.7	0.4-2.2	0-0.7	0-1.3
29-46	31-56	3.3-5.6	3.8-7.7	1.8-3.4	1.7-4.3	0-2	0-2.5
53-62	48-64	4.1-6.4	3.9-7.7	2.4-3.9	2.2-4	0-2	0-2.7
39-52	40-57	3.4-5.6	3.5-7.6	1.3-3.4	1.6-4	0-1	0-1.5
44-54	43-56	4.1-5.8	3.7-6.4	2.1-3.9	1.6-3.8	0-2	0-2.4
38-50	38-56	3.5-6	3.8-8	1.7-3.4	1.5-3.9	0-2	0-2.3
54-66	50-66	3.9-6.6	4-8.3	1.8-3.9	2.1-4.4	0-2.8	0-3.3
22-35	22-41	0.9-2.1	0.8-2.2	0-1.3	0.1-2.1	0-0.4	0-0.2
43-54	40-53	3.5-6	2.7-6	1.7-3.4	1-2.8	0-1	0-1.6
41-51	34-50	3.9-6	3.1-6.1	2-3.4	1.6-3.4	0-2	0-2.4

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