

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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Wet days and Wet spells Outlooks February to April 2024

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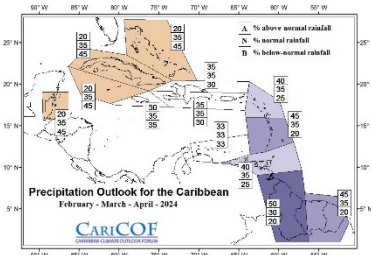
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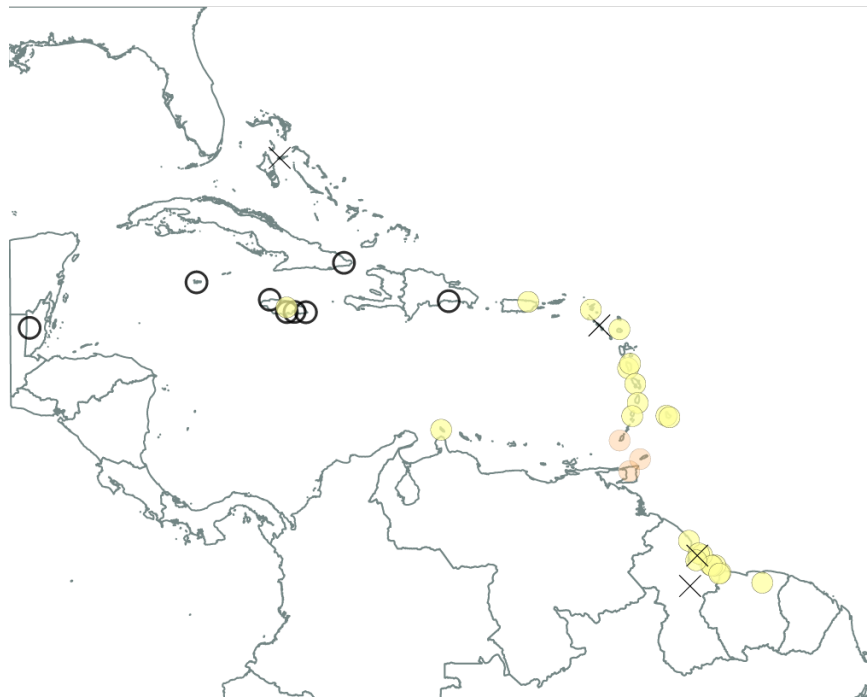
Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: February to April 2024

Precipitation outlook



FMA 2024 Frequency of wet days



USUALLY: Out of 90 days in Feb-Mar-Apr, there are about 15 to 30 wet days (ABC Islands: 5-15; coastal Guianas: 20-45).

FORECAST: FMA may be wetter than usual along the Lesser Antilles and the Guianas, but drier than usual elsewhere.

- An even lower than usual number of wet days is expected across the ABC Islands, Puerto Rico, the Leeward & Windward Islands, and the coastal Guianas, with little indication of change from the usual in Belize and the Greater Antilles.*

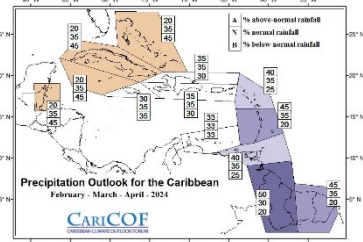
IMPLICATIONS:

- Few wet days during the core of the dry season, leading to fewer outdoor activity disruptions, as well as to drier surfaces and vegetation, in turn making environmental conditions less conducive to moisture-related pests, but with heightened wildfire potential by March.

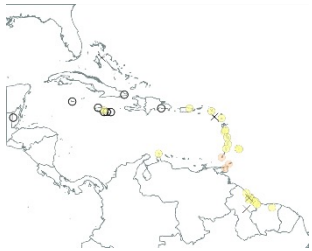
Wet spells frequency shifts

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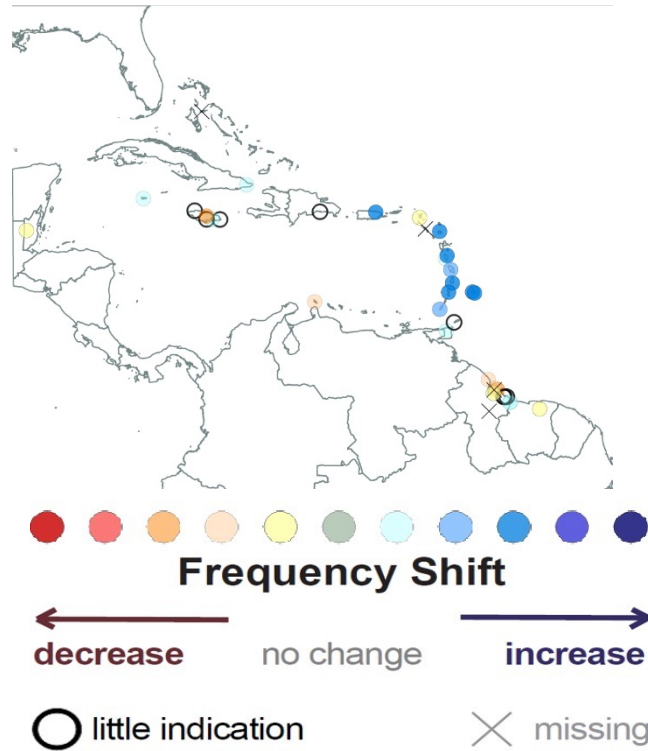
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Wet days outlook



FMA 2024 frequency of 7-day wet spells



JFM 2023-24 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



USUALLY: Up to 3 wet spells (coastal Guianas: up to 4) occur from Feb to Apr, with up to 1 of them ending up very wet (coastal Guianas: up to 2).

FORECAST: FMA may be wetter than usual along the Lesser Antilles and the Guianas, but drier than usual elsewhere.

- A faster than usual increase in the number of 7-day wet and very spells is expected for most of the Lesser Antilles and in Puerto Rico (medium confidence) but, possibly, a slower increase than usual in Belize, Sint Maarten (low to medium confidence), and with little change from the usual numbers elsewhere (low to medium confidence).*

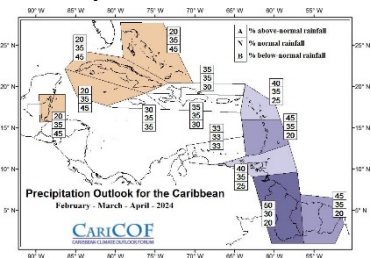
IMPLICATIONS:

- Though flooding potential should be low to moderate in the islands and Belize, it may more significantly increase by April than in most years. By comparison, moderate potential is forecast in the coastal Guianas – esp. where soils are saturated – during the core of the short dry season.
- Water depletion rates in smaller and larger surface reservoirs and in rivers may be slower than usual in the Lesser Antilles.

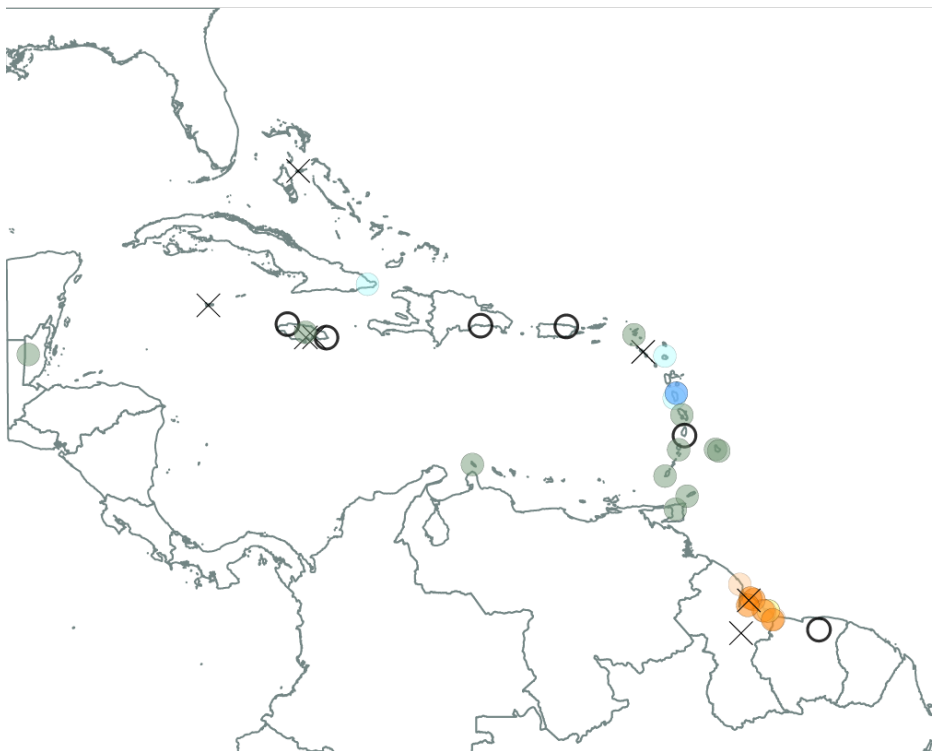
Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

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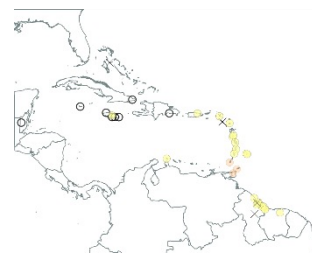
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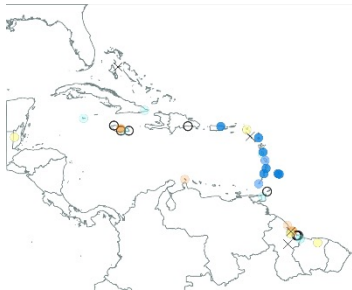
FMA 2024 frequency of extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells



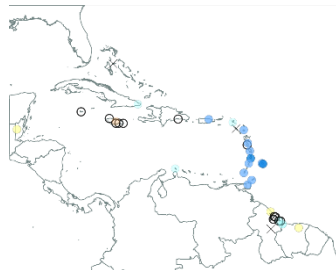
Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



Very wet spells outlook



USUALLY: Up to 1 extreme wet spells occur from February to April in the coastal Guianas and in mountainous areas of other countries.

FORECAST: FMA may be wetter than usual along the Lesser Antilles and the Guianas, but drier than usual elsewhere.

- Fewer extreme wet spells than usual are expected in Guyana (medium to high confidence), but slightly more than the usual expected in Antigua, easternmost Cuba, and Dominica (low confidence). No change is expected elsewhere.***

IMPLICATIONS:

- There is a reduced chance of occurrence of extreme wet spells in the coastal Guianas, but an increased chance in mountainous areas. This translates to a moderate potential for flooding and cascading impacts increasing from limited through March, to moderate or high in April.**

February to April 2024

| | 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 |
| Antigua (VC Bird) | 15-29 | 14-29 | 0.9-2.6 | 0.9-3.9 | 0.4-1.3 | 0.2-1.7 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Aruba (Beatrix) | 4-15 | 3-13 | 0.4-2.6 | 0.2-2 | 0-1.3 | 0-1.2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Barbados (CIMH) | 15-30 | 15-30 | 0.4-1.6 | 0.6-2.5 | 0-0.9 | 0-1.2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Barbados (GAIA) | 18-29 | 16-32 | 0.4-2.2 | 0.8-3.3 | 0-0.9 | 0.1-1.2 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Belize (C. Farm) | 9-17 | 8-18 | 0.4-1.4 | 0.1-1.7 | 0-0.9 | 0-0.8 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Cayman | 7-16 | 6-17 | 0-1.3 | 0-2.4 | 0-0.7 | 0-1.1 | | |
| Cuba (Punta Maisi) | 10-16 | 9-17 | 1.7-3.1 | 1.5-4.1 | 0.4-1.8 | 0.4-2.2 | 0-1 | 0-0.8 |
| Dom. Republic (Las Americas) | 12-21 | 11-21 | 0.9-2.4 | 0.8-2.9 | 0.4-1.7 | 0.3-1.5 | 0-0 | 0-0.1 |
| Dominica (Canefield) | 25-35 | 20-39 | 0-2.2 | 0.1-2.6 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Dominica (Douglas Charles) | 38-56 | 35-56 | 0.4-2.4 | 0.8-4 | 0-1.7 | 0.1-2.1 | 0-0.6 | 0-0.9 |
| Grenada (MBIA) | 11-24 | 11-23 | 0-1.8 | 0-2.8 | 0-0.7 | 0-1.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Guyana_73 | 16-27 | 15-28 | 1.3-4.3 | 1.2-5 | 0.4-2.6 | 0.6-3 | 0-0.9 | 0-0.2 |
| Guyana (Albion) | 22-37 | 21-38 | 0.9-3.5 | 0.8-3.6 | 0-1.9 | 0.2-2.1 | 0-1 | 0-0.5 |
| Guyana (Blairmont) | 24-43 | 22-42 | 0.9-3.3 | 0.6-3.7 | 0.4-1.7 | 0.2-2.1 | 0-1 | 0-0.2 |
| Guyana (Charity) | | | | | | | | |
| Guyana (Enmore) | 24-38 | 23-37 | 1.3-3 | 0.7-2.7 | 0.4-2.2 | 0.2-1.8 | 0-1.1 | 0-0.5 |
| Guyana (Georgetown) | 23-42 | 22-41 | 0.7-3.4 | 0.4-2.8 | 0-2.1 | 0-1.9 | 0-1.1 | 0-0.3 |
| Guyana (Greatfall) | | | | | | | | |
| Guyana (New Amsterdam) | 24-41 | 22-43 | 0.9-3.4 | 0.7-4 | 0.4-2.3 | 0.3-2.4 | 0-1 | 0-0.5 |
| Guyana (Skeldon) | 23-41 | 23-41 | 1.3-3.9 | 1.1-5.2 | 0.4-2.6 | 0.4-2.5 | 0-1 | 0-0.1 |
| Guyana (Timehri) | 24-45 | 24-45 | 0.4-3.1 | 0.4-3.6 | 0-1.8 | 0.1-2 | 0-1.1 | 0-0.3 |
| Guyana_Wales | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica (Worthy Park) | 13-25 | 12-25 | 0.9-3.1 | 0.4-3.3 | 0-2.1 | 0-1.6 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Martinique (FDF Desaix) | 30-47 | 27-48 | 0.4-1.8 | 0.3-2.6 | 0-0.9 | 0-1.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Puerto Rico (San Juan) | 21-35 | 20-36 | 0.9-2.9 | 1-3.9 | 0.4-1.7 | 0.4-2.7 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| St. Lucia (Hewanorra) | 21-35 | 19-35 | 0-2.6 | 0.7-3.8 | 0-1.3 | 0.1-1.7 | 0-1 | 0-0.2 |
| St. Maarten (TNCM) | 21-38 | 20-37 | 0.9-2.9 | 0.5-3.5 | 0.4-1.3 | 0.1-1.7 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| St. Vincent (ET Joshua) | 31-48 | 29-49 | 0-2.6 | 0.5-3.5 | 0-1.3 | 0-1.7 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Suriname (Zanderij) | 37-55 | 34-56 | 1.5-4.9 | 0.9-4.9 | 0.9-2.6 | 0.6-3.4 | 0-1.1 | 0-1.2 |
| Tobago (ANR RobinNDJ) | 12-30 | 12-25 | 0-1.3 | 0-1.3 | 0-0.4 | 0-1.1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Trinidad (Piarco) | 11-32 | 10-26 | 0.2-2.1 | 0.1-2.5 | 0-1.3 | 0-1.5 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

brown is a decrease in frequency, **light blue** an increase, **grey** none are expected



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