

CariCOF Drought Outlook

By the end of October 2024

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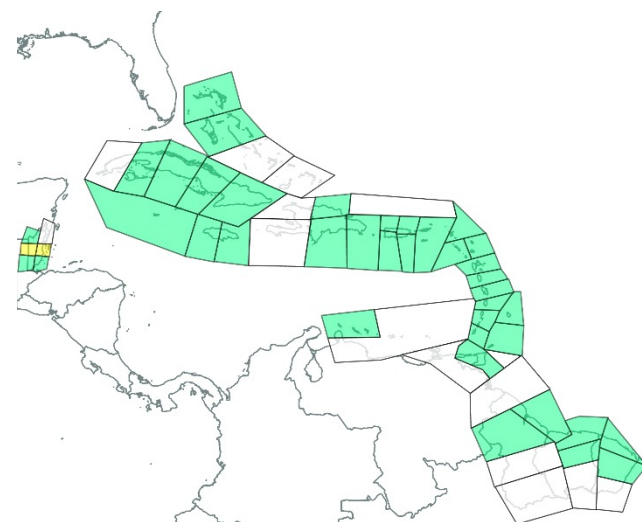
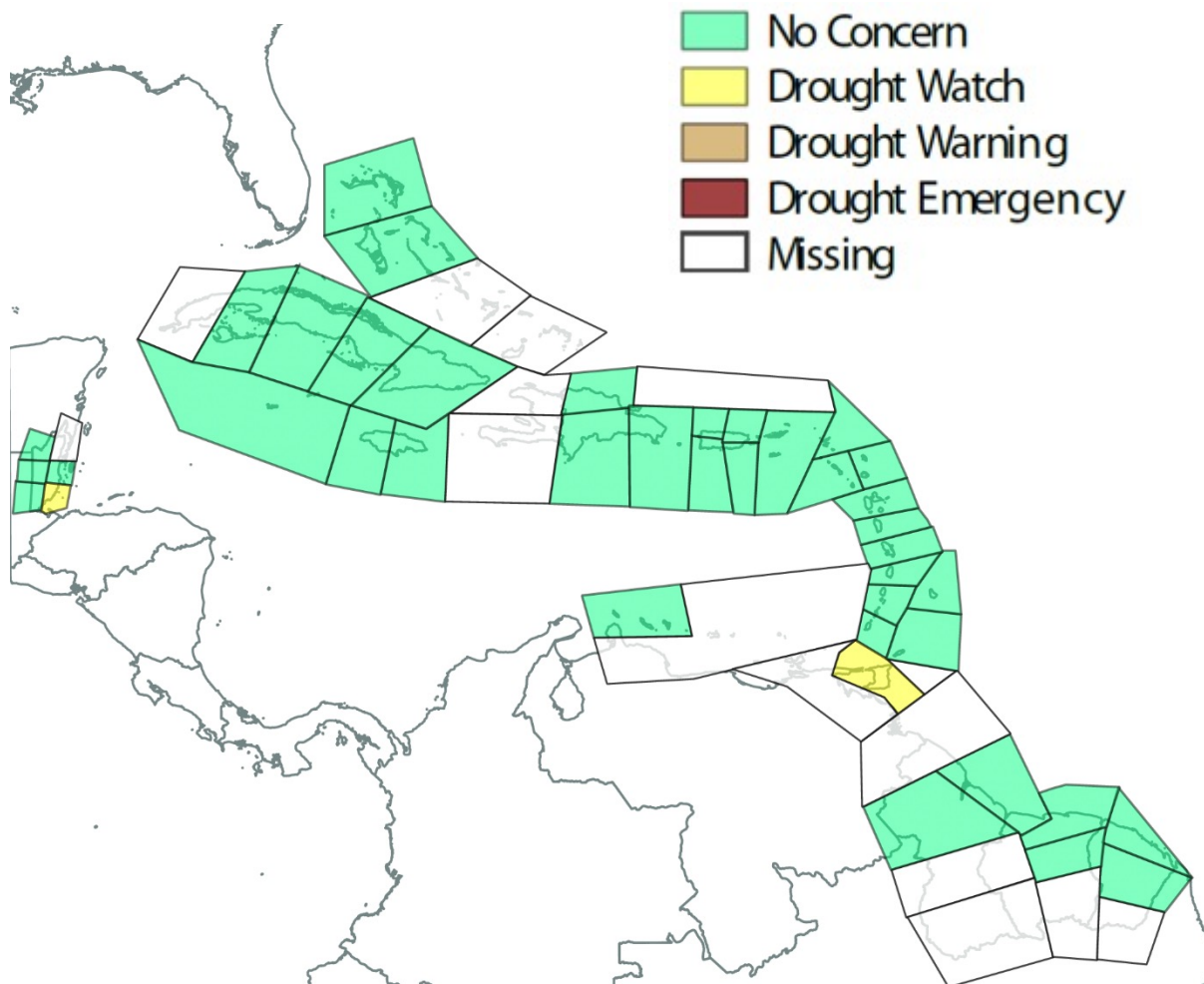
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What is the predicted short term drought concern by the end of October 2024?

Current update (July 2024):

- We are now in the Caribbean wet season.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for southeast Belize and Trinidad.



Previous update (June): short term drought alert levels at the end of September 2024

Short term drought alert levels at the end of October 2024

(updated July 2024 – based on a 6-month SPI for May to October 2024)

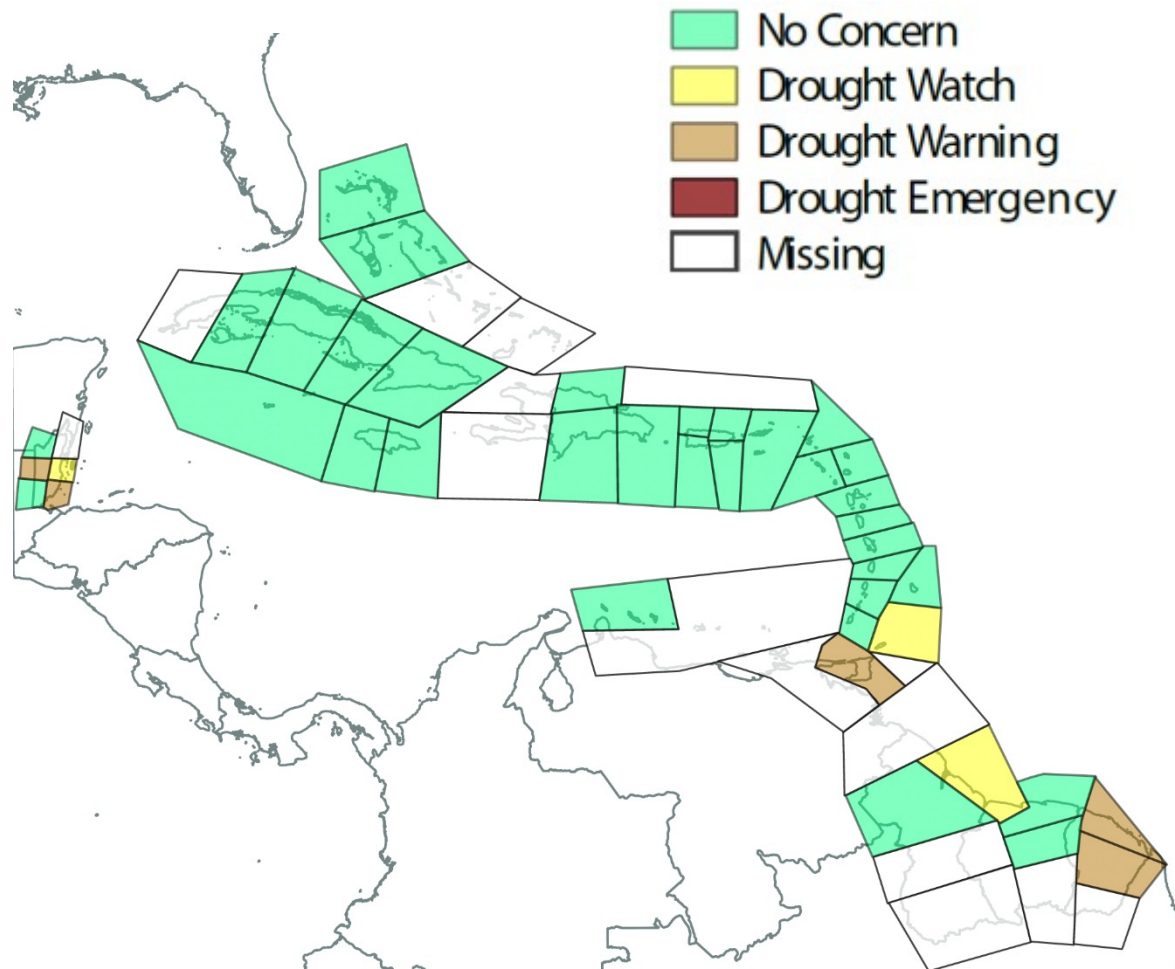
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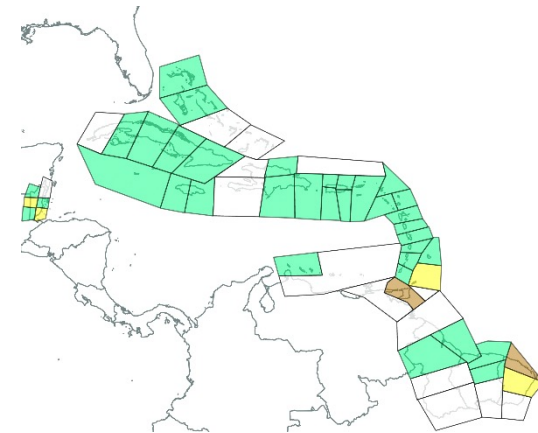


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What is the predicted long term drought concern at the end of November 2024?



- This 12-month SPI-based drought outlook uses observations through June 2023, with potential impacts on large surface water reservoirs and groundwater. In general, impacts are expected if the 12-month SPI is ≤ -1.3 (*severely dry or worse* – ref.: CDPMN).
- A **drought warning** should be considered for southeast and western Belize, French Guiana, and Trinidad.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for eastern Belize, coastal Guyana, and Tobago.



Previous update (June): long term drought alert levels at the end of November 2024

Long term drought alert levels at the end of November 2024

(updated July 2024 – based on a 12-month SPI for December 2023 to November 2024)

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Drought outlook – shorter-/longer-term concern?

- Current drought situation (up to the end of June 2024): *(more information [here](#))*
 - Severe (or worse) short-term drought has developed in Belize and Trinidad.
 - Severe (or worse) long-term drought has developed in coastal Guyana, western Jamaica, and French Guiana.
- Short-term drought situation (by the end of October 2024):
 - Short-term drought might possibly develop in southeast Belize and Trinidad.
- Long-term drought situation (by the end of November 2024):
 - Long-term drought is evolving in southeast and western Belize, French Guiana, and Trinidad.
 - Long-term drought might possibly develop or continue in eastern Belize, coastal Guyana, and Tobago.
 - Areas ending up in long-term drought by the end of November are likely to experience lower than usual water levels in large reservoirs, large rivers and groundwater.

** 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



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