

CariCOF Drought Outlook

By the end of March 2025

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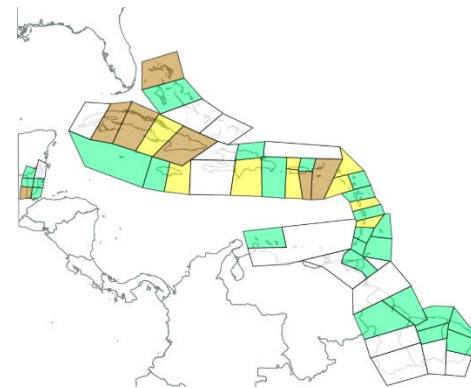
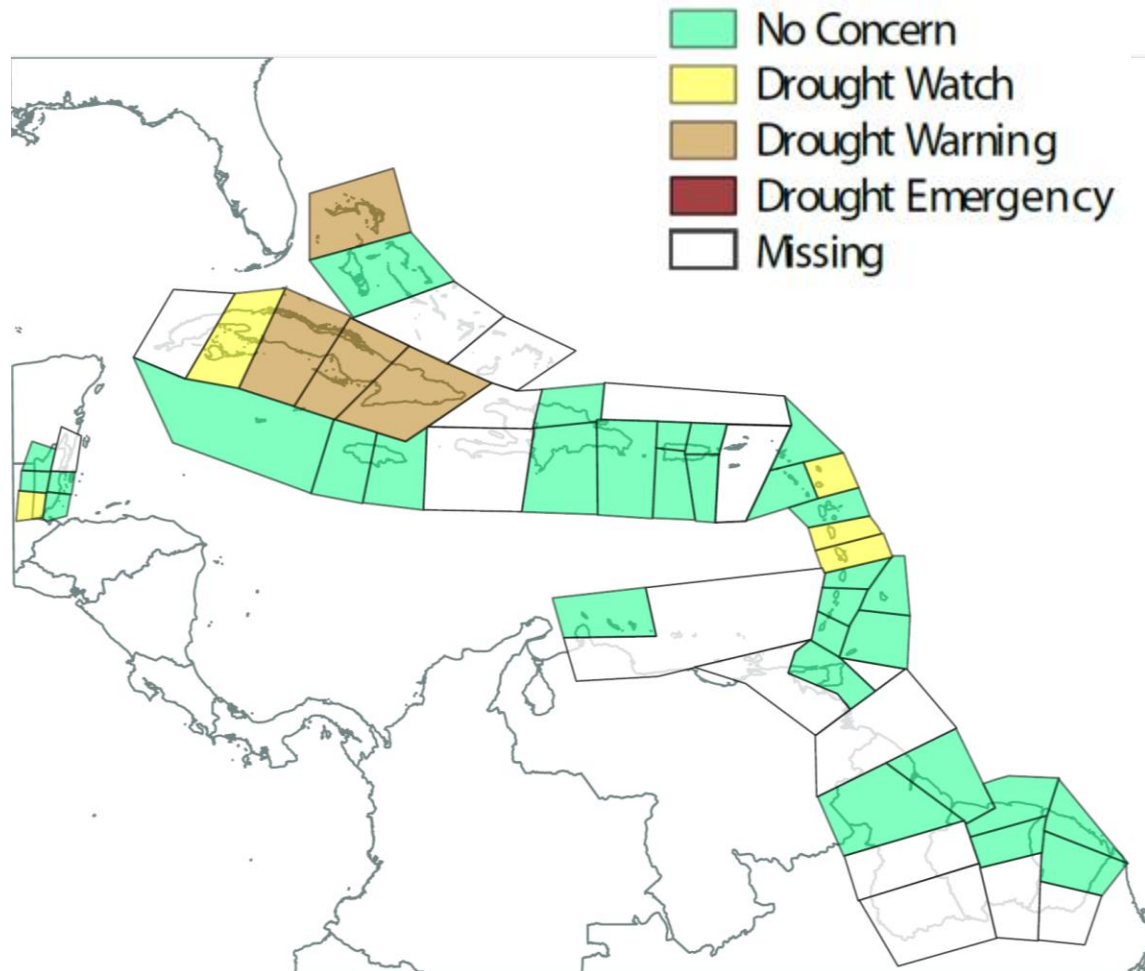
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What is the predicted short term drought concern by the end of March 2025?

Current update (December 2024):

- We are now in the Caribbean dry season, but the secondary wet season in the coastal Guianas.
- A **drought warning** should be considered for the northern Bahamas and most of Cuba.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for Antigua, southwest Belize, western Cuba, Dominica and Martinique.



Previous update (November):
short term drought alert levels
at the end of February 2025

Short term drought alert levels at the end of March 2025

(updated December 2024 – based on a 6-month SPI for October to March 2025)

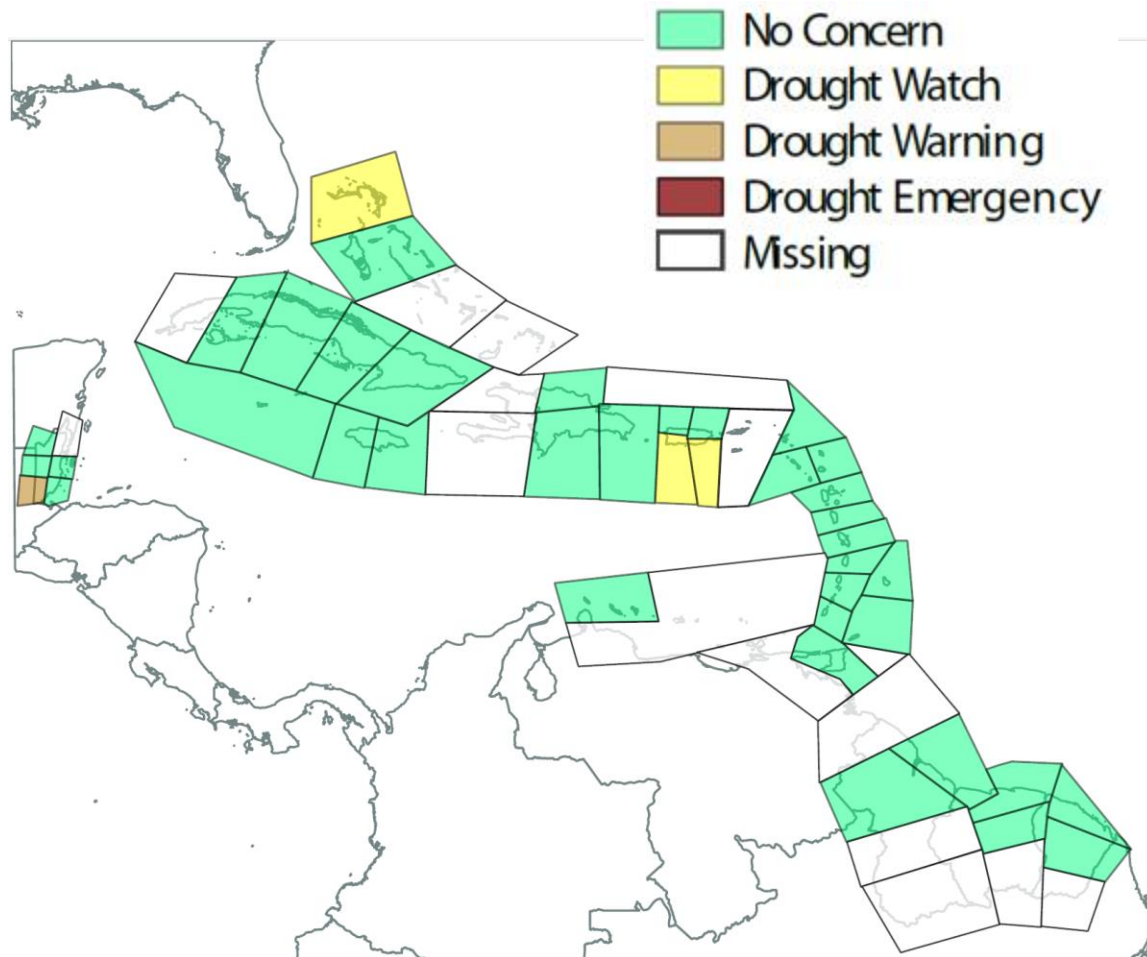
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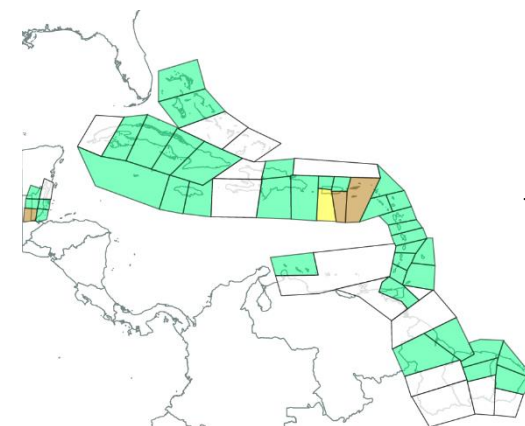
What is the predicted long term drought concern at the end of May 2025?



- This 12-month SPI-based drought outlook uses observations through November 2024, with potential impacts on large surface water reservoirs and groundwater. In general, impacts are expected if the 12-month SPI is ≤ -0.8 (*moderately dry or worse* – ref.: CDPMN).
- A **drought warning** should be considered for southwest Belize.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for the northern Bahamas and southern Puerto Rico.

Long term drought alert levels at the end of May 2025

(updated December 2024 – based on a 12-month SPI for June 2024 to May 2025)



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long term drought alert levels at
the end of May 2025

Drought outlook – shorter-/longer-term concern?

- Current drought situation (up to the end of November 2024): *(more information [here](#))*
 - Moderate (or worse) short-term drought has developed in Aruba, southern Belize, Dominica, northern Guyana, and southern Puerto Rico.
 - Moderate (or worse) long-term drought has developed in French Guiana, northern Guyana, Jamaica, southern Puerto Rico, eastern Suriname, and Trinidad.
- Short-term drought situation (by the end of March 2024):
 - Short-term drought is evolving in the northern Bahamas and most of Cuba..
 - Short-term drought might possibly develop or continue in Antigua, southwest Belize, western Cuba, Dominica and Martinique.
- Long-term drought situation (by the end of May 2024):
 - Long-term drought is evolving in southwest Belize.
 - Long-term drought might possibly develop or continue and should be considered for the northern Bahamas and southern Puerto Rico.

** 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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