

Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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Wet days and Wet spells Outlooks January to March 2025

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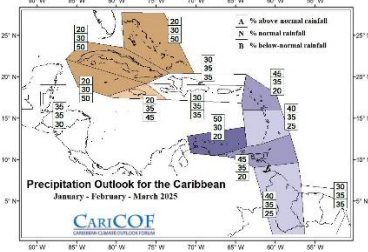
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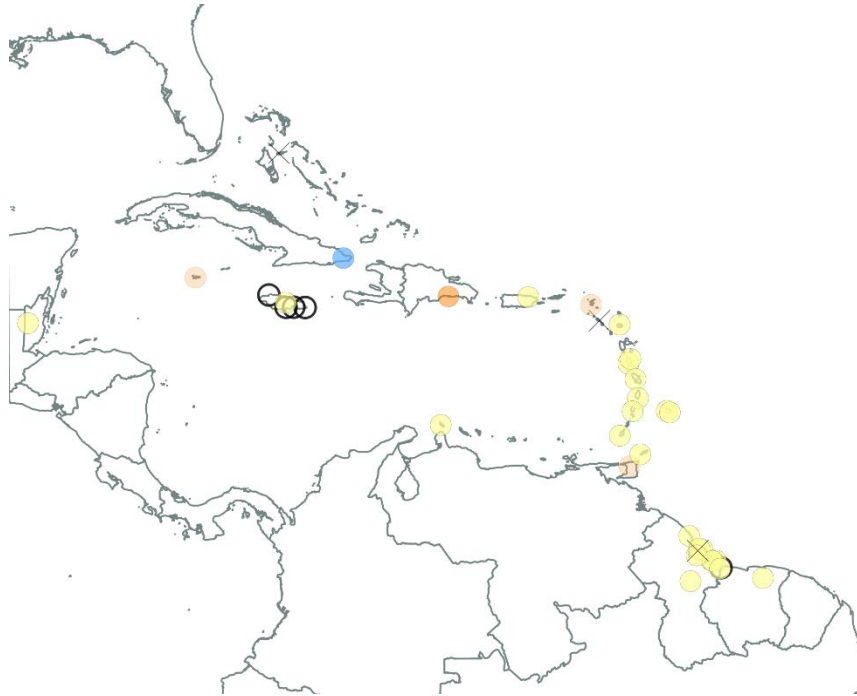
Wet day frequency shifts

Forecast for: January to March 2025

Precipitation outlook



JFM 2025 Frequency of wet days



USUALLY: Out of 90 days in Jan-Feb-Mar, there are about 15 to 30 wet days (ABC Islands: 10-25; coastal Guianas: 20 to 50).

FORECAST: JFM may be drier than usual across The Bahamas, Cayman Is., Cuba and Jamaica and wetter than usual in the ABC islands, the Lesser Antilles, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana.

- *A slightly faster than usual decrease in wet day frequency is expected across the region (low confidence) except in eastern Cuba where a slower decrease in wet day frequency is expected (medium confidence).*

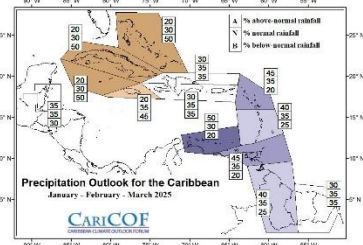
IMPLICATIONS:

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

Wet spells frequency shifts

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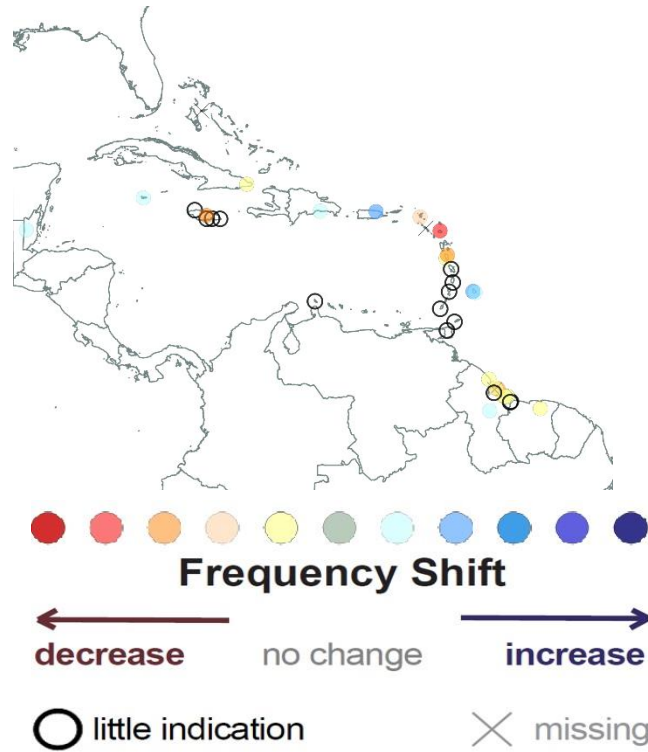
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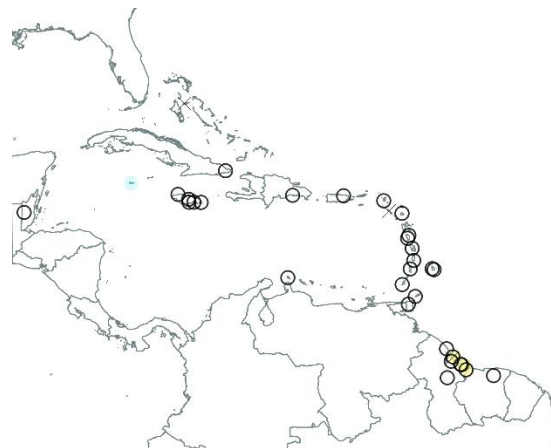
Wet days outlook



JFM 2025 frequency of 7-day wet spells



JFM 2025 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



USUALLY: Up to 3 wet spells occur from January to March (ABC Islands: 1 to 4; coastal Guianas: up to 4), with up to 1 of them ending up very wet (ABC Islands: up to 2; coastal Guianas: up to 3).

FORECAST: JFM may be drier than usual across The Bahamas, Cayman Is., Cuba and Jamaica and wetter than usual in the ABC islands, the Lesser Antilles, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana.

- *A patchwork of frequency shifts in the number of wet spells is indicative of low forecast skill, leaving us with little additional information in the forecast of wet spells.*
- *There is little additional information in the forecast of very wet spells at this time.*

IMPLICATIONS:

- Gradual depletion of large water reservoirs and soil moisture along these months, while the usual recharge rates are expected in the coastal Guianas until early February.
- The decreasing frequency of very wet spells into March translates to flood potential being (1) low in Belize and the islands; (2) high until early-February in the Guianas.

Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

Forecast for: January to March 2025

USUALLY: Up to 1 or 2 extreme wet spells occur from January to March in the coastal Guianas, but virtually none elsewhere.

FORECAST: JFM may be drier than usual across The Bahamas, Cayman Is., Cuba and Jamaica and wetter than usual in the ABC islands, the Lesser Antilles, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana.

- *No change in the number of extreme 3-day wet spells from the usual is expected across the region.*

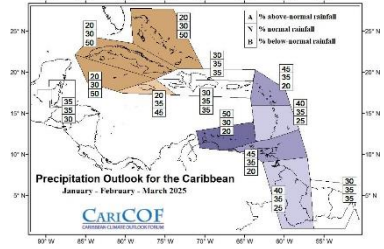
IMPLICATIONS:

- The chance of occurrence of extreme wet spells in the northern Guianas translates to a moderate to high potential for flash floods and cascading hazards in those areas.
- This potential is mostly low in the Caribbean Islands and Belize, but moderate in mountainous areas.

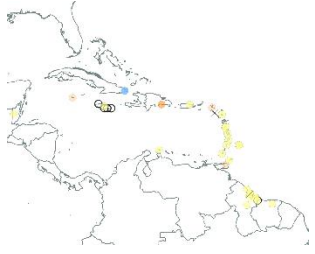
JFM 2025 frequency of extreme (top 1%) 3-day wet spells



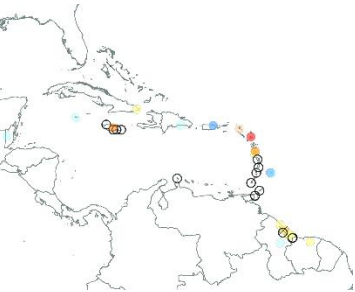
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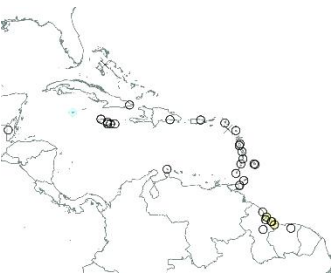
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Very wet spells outlook



January to March 2025

	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)	16-34	14-35	0.8-2.4	0.3-1.8	0-0.9	0-1	0-0	0-0
Aruba (Beatrix)	7-27	5-26	1.2-4.3	0.9-3.9	0-2	0.1-1.9	0-0	0-0
Barbados (CIMH)	17-37	16-38	0.2-1.7	0.4-2.4	0-0.9	0-0.9	0-0	0-0
Barbados (GAIA)	21-33	17-40	0.8-2.1	0.6-2.5	0-0.9	0-0.8	0-0	0-0
Belize (C. Farm)	14-25	12-27	0.9-2.6	0.7-3.2	0.4-1.3	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
Cayman	7-19	7-19	0-1.7	0-1.9	0-1	0-1.1	0-0	0-0
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	10-19	10-26	1.7-3.4	1.3-4	0.4-1.7	0.4-2	0-0.1	0-0.4
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)	12-19	9-19	0.7-1.9	0.7-2.4	0-0.9	0-1.1	0-0	0-0
Dominica (Canefield)	29-46	23-49	0-3.3	0.1-2.5	0-1.3	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	42-60	35-64	0.4-2.2	0.1-1.7	0-1.3	0-1.1	0-0	0-0
Grenada (MBIA)	15-33	13-33	0-2.6	0.1-3	0-1.5	0-1.4	0-0	0-0
Guyana_73	14-29	13-29	0.8-4.2	1.1-4.4	0.4-2.7	0.1-2.2	0-1	0-0.3
Guyana (Albion)	20-44	18-45	0.3-4.7	0.3-3.8	0.2-3	0.1-2.4	0-1.1	0-0.9
Guyana (Blairmont)	19-51	19-50	0.4-4.3	0.3-3.3	0-2.6	0.1-2.1	0-1.6	0-0.9
Guyana (Charity)								
Guyana (Enmore)	22-46	21-44	0.4-4.3	0.2-3.1	0.4-3.3	0.1-2.8	0-2	0-1.2
Guyana (Georgetown)	23-50	23-49	0.4-4.3	0.3-3.6	0-2.8	0-2.6	0-1.6	0-1.4
Guyana (Greatfall)	31-55	28-58	0.9-3.4	1.4-3.7	0-2.1	0.2-2	0-0.2	0-0.4
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	21-46	21-50	0.4-3.9	0.4-3.4	0-3.1	0-2.3	0-1.1	0-0.8
Guyana (Skeldon)	20-45	20-47	0.9-4.1	0.8-3.7	0.2-2.2	0.2-2	0-0.6	0-0
Guyana (Timehri)	23-52	24-53	0.4-3.9	0.7-3.7	0-2.8	0.1-2.3	0-1.6	0-1.3
Guyana_Wales								
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	14-25	11-27	0.2-3	0.1-2.1	0-1.6	0-1.6	0-0	0-0
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	39-53	29-56	0.4-2.1	0.4-2.5	0-0.9	0-1.2		
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	26-40	21-39	0.9-2.6	0.9-3.5	0-0.9	0.1-1.9	0-0.6	0-0.5
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	25-41	22-41	0.7-2.1	0.8-2.2	0-0.9	0-1.2	0-0	0-0
St. Maarten (TNM)	28-43	23-43	0.9-3.5	0.6-3.5	0.2-1.4	0-1.6	0-0	0-0
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	40-53	31-56	0.4-2.5	0.3-2.3	0-1.2	0-1.4	0-0	0-0
Suriname (Zanderij)	32-53	32-54	1.7-4.3	1.2-3.6	0.4-2.6	0.7-2.9	0-1	0-1
Tobago (ANR RobinNDJ)	17-34	12-35	0-1.7	0-1.4	0-0.7	0-1.1	0-0	0-0
Trinidad (Piarco)	15-34	13-36	0.2-2.6	0.1-2.5	0-1.3	0-1.4	0-0	0-0

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



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