

# Rainfall frequency and extreme forecasts

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## Wet days and Wet spells Outlooks March to May 2025

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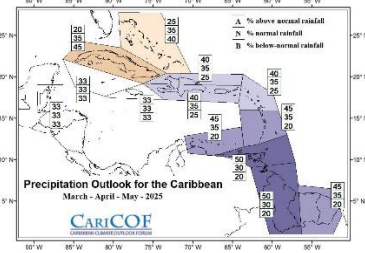
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# Wet day frequency shifts

## Forecast for: March to May 2025

Precipitation outlook



**MAM 2025**  
**Frequency of wet days**



**USUALLY:** Out of 90 days in Mar-Apr-May, there are about 15 to 30 wet days in low lying, 30-50 in mountainous locations (ABC Islands: 1-10; coastal Guianas: 30-50).

**FORECAST:** MAM may be drier than the usual throughout The Bahamas and Cuba, but as wet as usual or wetter elsewhere.

- *A faster than usual increase in the number of wet days towards May is expected across most of the region (medium to high confidence).*

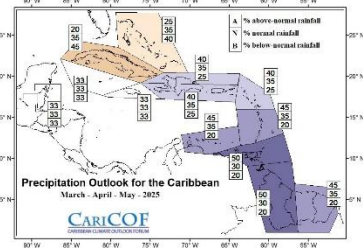
### IMPLICATIONS:

- More frequent wet days than usual translates to an early transition into the wet season along with an increase in outdoor activity disruptions, but replenishing moisture to surfaces and vegetation.
- The above impacts make environmental conditions increasingly conducive to moisture-related pests, but decrease wildfire potential towards May.

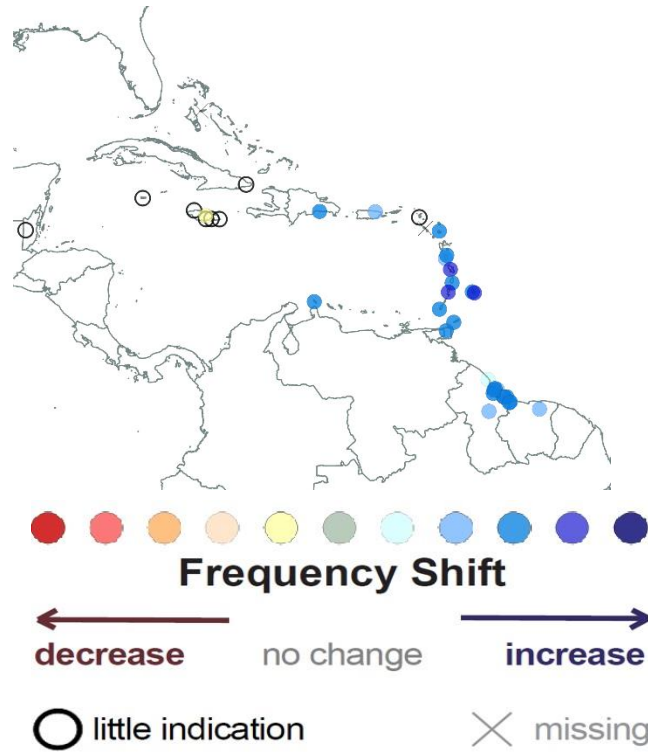
# Wet spells frequency shifts

## Forecast for: March to May 2025

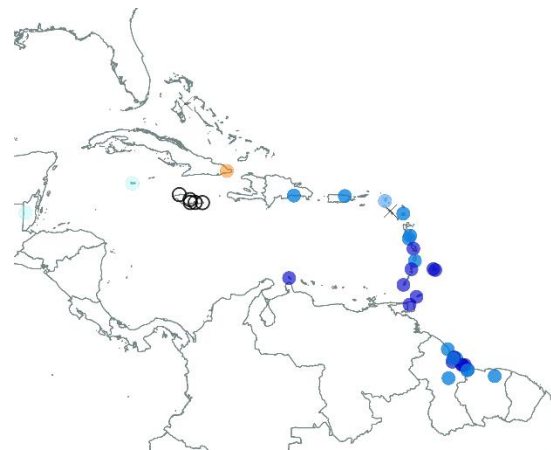
### Precipitation outlook



### MAM 2025 frequency of 7-day wet spells



### MAM 2025 frequency of 7-day very wet spells



**USUALLY:** Up to 3 wet spells (coastal Guianas: up to 5) occur from Mar to May, with up to 2 of them ending up very wet (coastal Guianas: up to 3).

**FORECAST:** MAM may be drier than the usual throughout The Bahamas and Cuba, but as wet as usual or wetter elsewhere.

- *A faster than usual increase in the number of 7-day wet and very spells is expected across most of the region (medium to high confidence) but, possibly, a slower increase than usual in eastern Cuba and Jamaica (low confidence).*

### IMPLICATIONS:

- Water recharge rates in smaller and larger surface reservoirs and in rivers will likely accelerate from March into April and May, particularly in the southern Caribbean and the Guianas.
- Flooding potential is expected to rapidly increase from low or moderate in March, to high in April and May when the wet season returns.
- These trends may manifest much faster than in most years in the eastern and southern Caribbean and the Guianas.

### Wet days outlook



# Extreme wet spells frequency shifts

## Forecast for: March to May 2025

**USUALLY:** Up to 1 extreme wet spell occurs from March to May

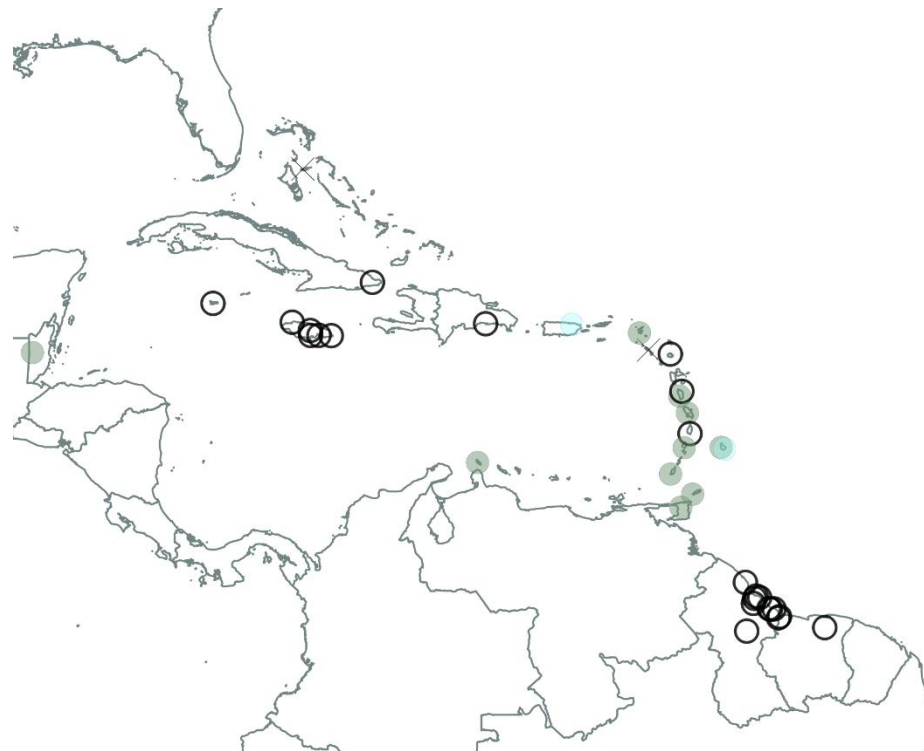
**FORECAST:** MAM may be drier than the usual throughout The Bahamas and Cuba, but as wet as usual or wetter elsewhere.

- *No change in the frequency of extreme wet spells is expected across most of the region.*

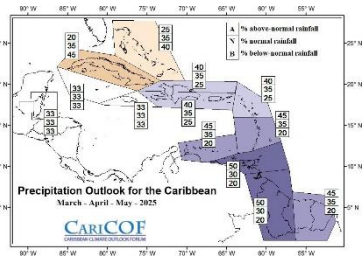
### IMPLICATIONS:

- While the chance of extreme wet spells and the associated potential for flash floods and cascading hazards is low in March in most years, a rapid increase in April (primarily in the Greater Antilles and Guyana) or May (elsewhere) is forecasted to lead to high potential across most of the region.

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



Precipitation outlook



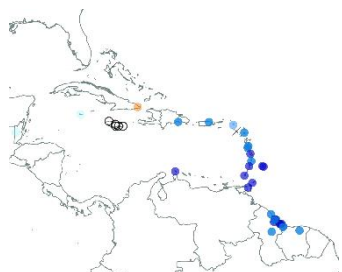
Wet days outlook



Wet spells outlook



Very wet spells outlook



# March to May 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)	17-29	18-36	1.1-4.3	1.2-5.1	0.4-2.6	0.4-3.4	0-1	0-1.3
Aruba (Beatrix)	2-10	3-15	0.4-1.3	0.4-2.5	0-0.9	0.1-1.9	0-0	0-0
Barbados (CIMH)	14-28	16-35	0.4-2.6	0.8-3.8	0-1.7	0.2-2.7	0-0.5	0-0.2
Barbados (GAIA)	15-30	18-36	0.4-2.8	1-4.3	0-1.7	0.5-2.6	0-1	0-0.5
Belize (C. Farm)	10-22	9-22	0.4-1.9	0.5-2.2	0-1.3	0.1-1.4	0-0	0-0
Cayman	9-22	8-24	0.9-2.6	0.8-3.1	0.4-1.6	0.3-2.2	0-1	0-1.1
Cuba (Punta Maisi)	8-20	7-22	1.3-3.9	1.1-4.1	0.4-1.7	0.2-1.7	0-1	0-1.1
Dom. Republic (Las Americas)	13-26	15-31	1.1-3.9	1.6-5.4	0.4-2.3	0.7-3.6	0-1	0-0.7
Dominica (Canefield)	22-35	23-38	0-2.5	0.2-3.3	0-1.6	0-2.2	0-0	0-0
Dominica (Douglas Charles)	36-60	41-68	1.3-3.6	1.3-5.2	0-2.1	0.3-3	0-2	0-1.9
Grenada (MBIA)	10-26	12-37	0-1.9	0.4-3.1	0-1.1	0-2.7	0-0	0-0
Guyana_73	21-34	23-37	1.8-5.7	2.3-7.3	0.9-3	1.2-4.3	0-1	0-1.3
Guyana (Albion)	28-45	30-49	1.9-4.3	2.5-5.8	0.9-3	1.4-3.9	0-1	0-1.4
Guyana (Blairmont)	31-48	32-51	1.9-4.7	2.3-6	0.9-3	1.3-5.1	0-1	0-1.4
Guyana (Charity)								
Guyana (Enmore)	32-44	33-50	1.8-4.7	1.9-5.9	0.9-2.6	1.1-3.3	0-1.3	0-1.4
Guyana (Georgetown)	34-50	33-53	1.8-4.3	2.1-5.5	0.9-2.1	1.3-3.5	0-1	0-1.2
Guyana (Greatfall)	39-60	30-67	2.1-5.2	2.1-6.4	0.8-3.4	1-5.8	0-2	0-2.6
Guyana (New Amsterdam)	34-48	33-55	1.9-4.7	2.4-6	0.9-3	1.4-4.6	0-1	0-1.5
Guyana (Skeldon)	34-49	35-54	1.8-5.1	2.5-7.1	0.9-3	1.2-4.6	0-1	0-1.1
Guyana (Timehri)	35-54	36-56	1.7-4.7	2.3-5.7	0.5-2.6	1.2-4.5	0-2	0-1.7
Guyana_Wales								
Jamaica (Worthy Park)	20-33	20-35	2.1-4.3	1.7-4.4	0.7-2.6	0.4-3.2	0-1	0-1.5
Martinique (FDF Desaix)	29-47	29-52	0.9-3.4	1.1-4.5	0.4-1.9	0.6-2.7	0-0	0-0
Puerto Rico (San Juan)	25-38	26-42	0.9-3.7	1.5-4.8	0.7-2.7	0.8-3.8	0-1.1	0-1.5
St. Lucia (Hewanorra)	21-39	21-43	0.5-3	1-4	0-1.7	0.2-2.6	0-1	0-0.4
St. Maarten (TNM)	21-33	20-36	0.9-3	1-3.5	0.4-1.4	0.5-2	0-1	0-0.2
St. Vincent (ET Joshua)	31-51	31-58	0.4-3	0.9-4.6	0-1.7	0.3-2.2	0-0	0-0
Suriname (Zanderij)	48-61	47-65	2.6-5.9	2.7-7.1	1.7-3.5	1.2-5.3	0-2	0-2
Tobago (ANR RobinNDJ)	14-31	16-40	0-1.7	0.6-2.8	0-0.9	0.2-1.6	0-0	0-0
Trinidad (Piarco)	13-33	15-37	0.4-2.4	0.7-3.6	0-1.5	0.4-2.4	0-1	0-0.6

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



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