

# CariCOF Drought Outlook

By the end of May 2026

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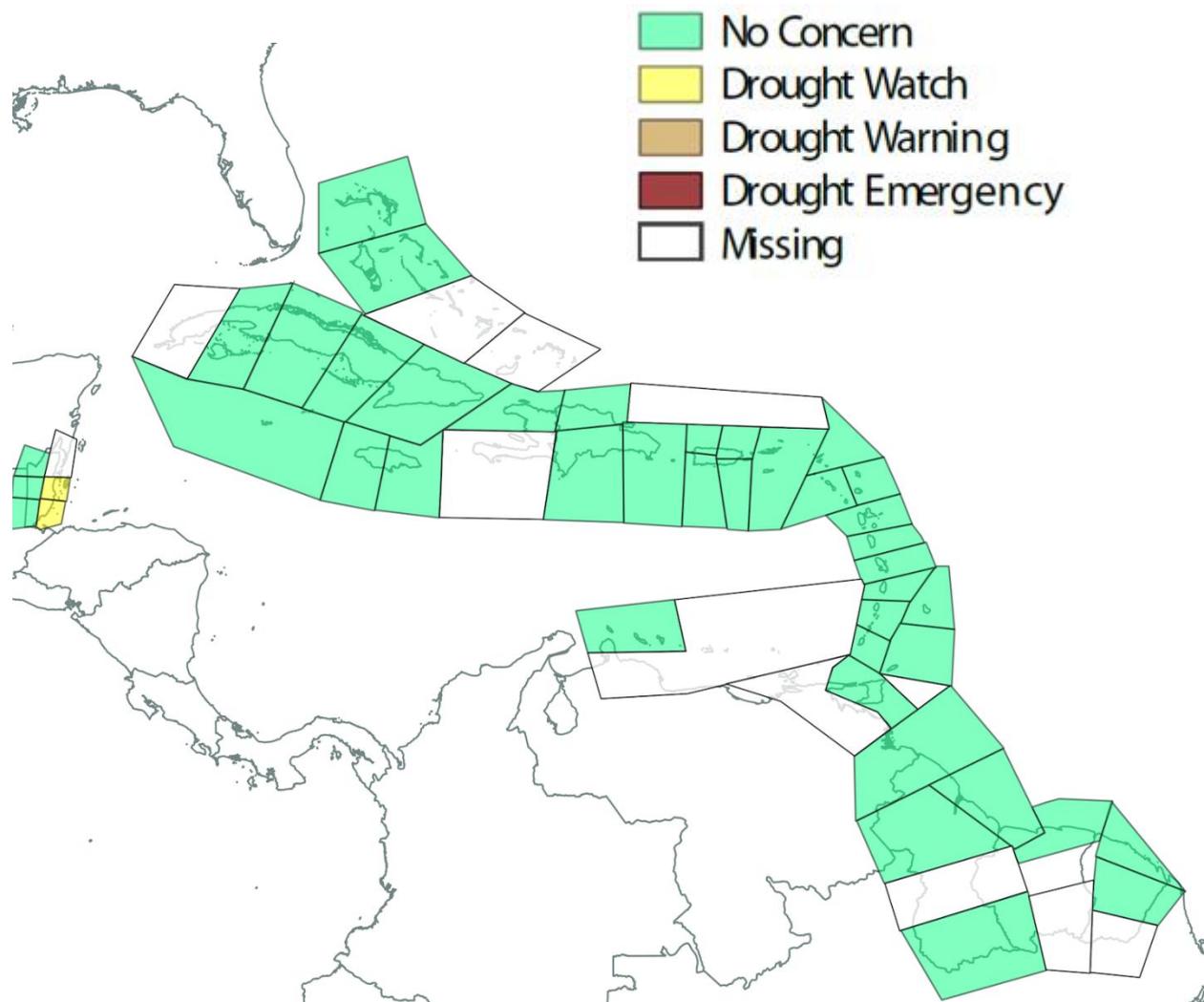
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# What is the predicted agricultural drought concern by the end of March 2026?

## Current update (February 2026):

- A **drought watch** should be considered for southeast Belize.



## Agricultural drought alert levels at the end of March 2026

(updated February 2026 – based on a 3-month SPI for January to March 2026)

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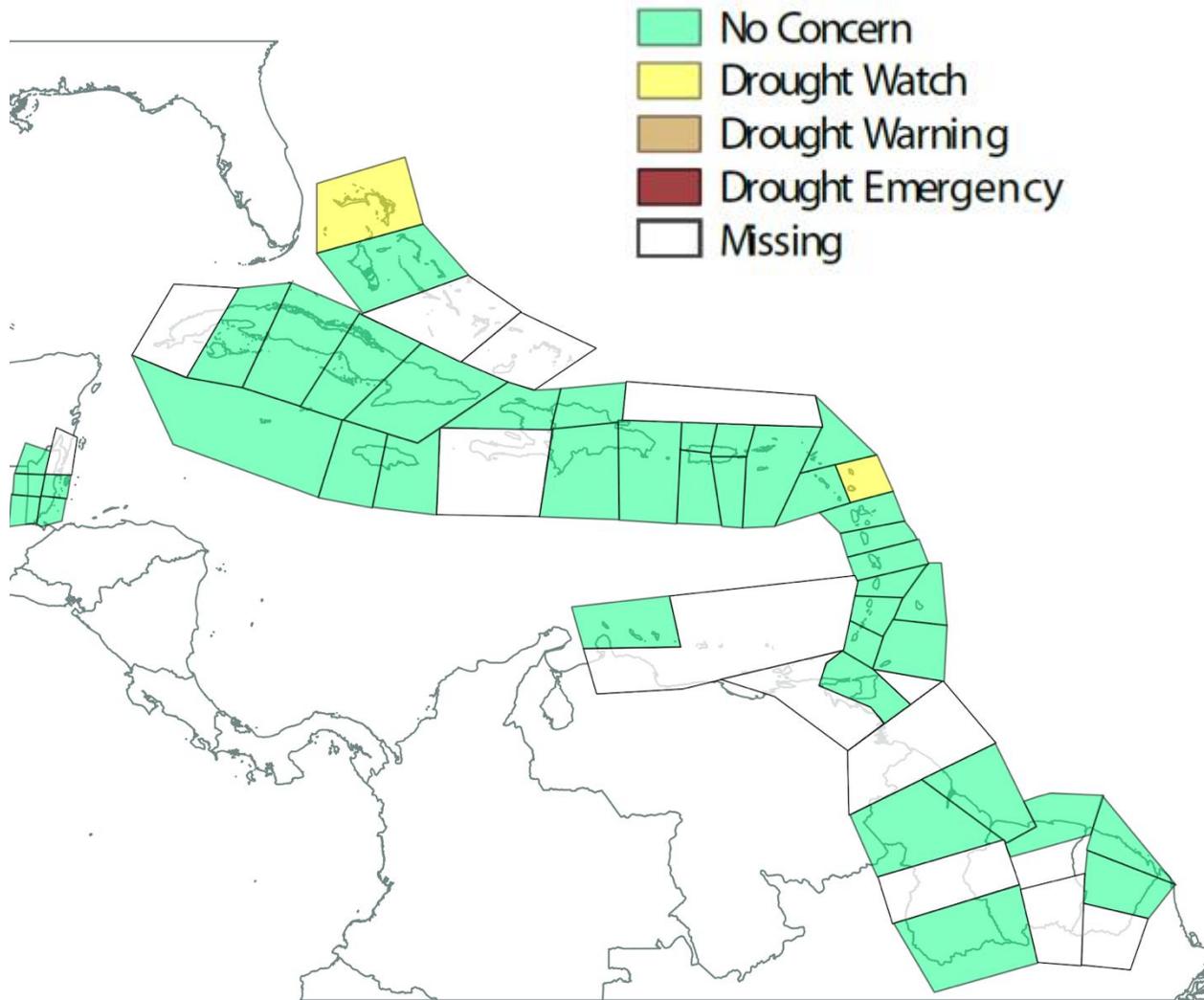


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# What is the predicted short term drought concern by the end of May 2026?

## Current update (February 2026):

- We are in the Caribbean Dry Season.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for Antigua and the northern Bahamas.



## Short term drought alert levels at the end of May 2026

(updated February 2026– based on a 6-month SPI for December 2025 to May 2026)

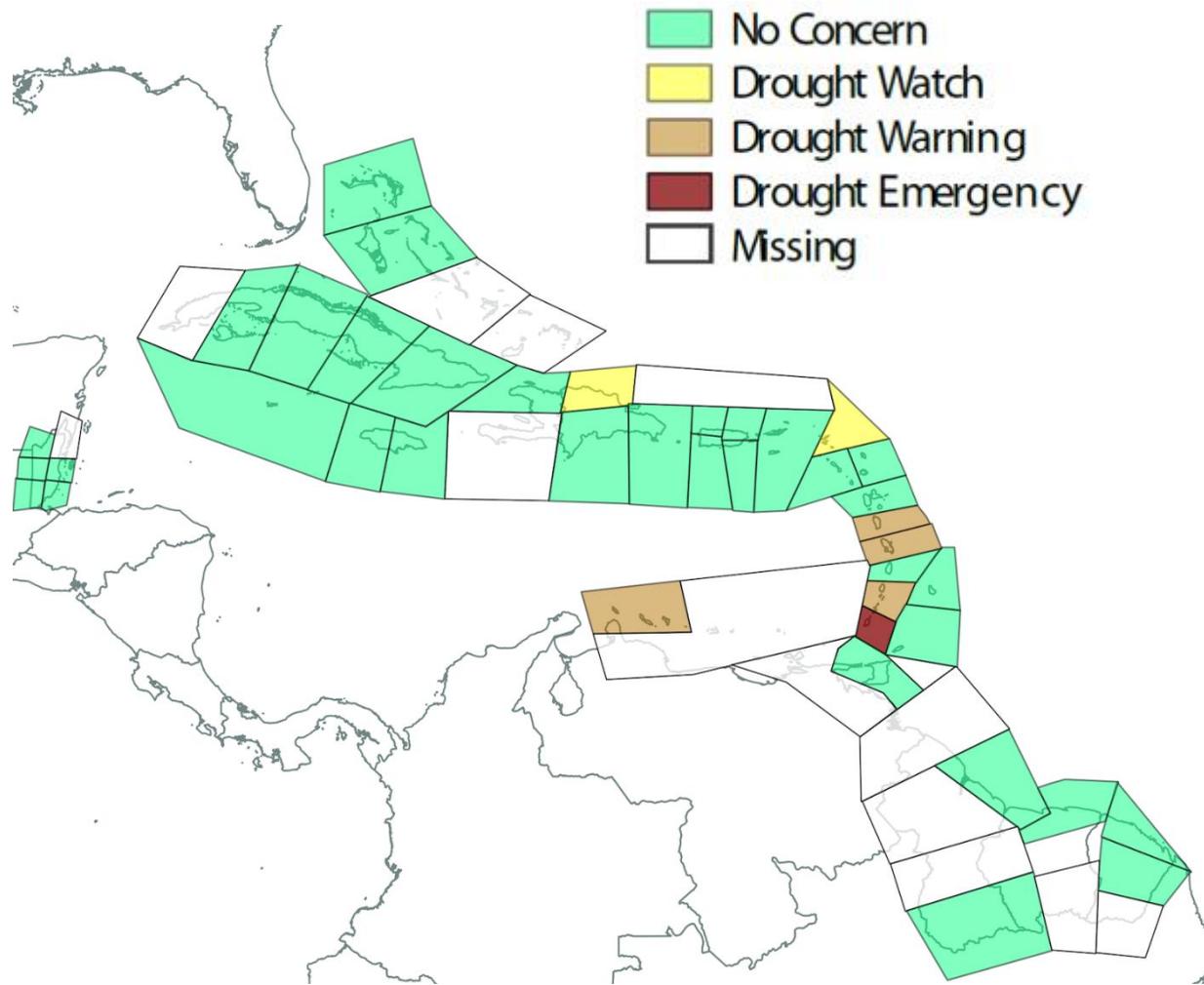
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- This 12-month SPI-based drought outlook uses observations through December 2025, with potential impacts on large surface water reservoirs and groundwater. In general, impacts are expected if the 12-month SPI is  $\leq -0.8$  (*moderately dry or worse* – ref.: CDPMN).
- A **drought emergency** should be considered for Grenada.
- A **drought warning** should be considered for the ABC islands, Dominica, Martinique and St. Vincent.
- A **drought watch** should be considered for northern Dominican Republic and the islands of Saint Martin and St. Barts.

## Long term drought alert levels at the end of May 2026

(updated February 2026 – based on a 12-month SPI for June 2025 to May 2026)

# Drought outlook – shorter-/longer-term concern?

- Current drought situation (up to the end of December 2025): (*more information [here](#)*)
  - Moderate (or worse) short-term drought has developed in easternmost Guadeloupe, St. Croix, St. Kitts, Saint Lucia, Sint Maarten/St-Martin, St. Vincent, and far southeast Suriname.
  - Moderate (or worse) long-term drought has developed in Aruba, Eastern Cuba, Grenada, Martinique, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent.
- Agricultural drought situation (by the end of March 2026):
  - Agricultural drought *might possibly develop or continue* in southeast Belize.
- Short-term drought situation (by the end of May 2026):
  - Short-term drought *might possibly develop or continue* in Antigua and the Northern Bahamas.
- Long-term drought situation (by the end of May 2026):
  - Long-term drought is *imminent* in Grenada.
  - Long-term drought is *evolving* in the ABC islands, Dominica, Martinique and St. Vincent.
  - Long-term drought *might possibly develop or continue* in northern parts of the Dominican Republic and the islands of Saint Martin and St. Barts.

\* *We advise all stakeholders to keep monitoring drought and look for our monthly updates.\**

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ALERT LEVEL	MEANING	ACTION LEVEL
<b>NO CONCERN</b>	No drought concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>monitor resources</b></li> <li>✓ update and ratify management plans</li> <li>✓ public awareness campaigns</li> <li>✓ upgrade infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>DROUGHT WATCH</b>	Drought possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>keep updated</b></li> <li>✓ protect resources and conserve water</li> <li>✓ implement management plans</li> <li>✓ response training</li> <li>✓ monitor and repair infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>DROUGHT WARNING</b>	Drought evolving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>protect resources</b></li> <li>✓ conserve and recycle water</li> <li>✓ implement management plans</li> <li>✓ release public service announcements</li> <li>✓ last minute infrastructural repairs and upgrades</li> <li>✓ report impacts</li> </ul>
<b>DROUGHT EMERGENCY</b>	Drought of immediate concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>release public service announcements</b></li> <li>✓ implement management and response plans</li> <li>✓ enforce water restrictions and recycling</li> <li>✓ enforce resource protection</li> <li>✓ repair infrastructure</li> <li>✓ report impacts</li> </ul>



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