

CariCOF Drought Outlook by the end of November 2014

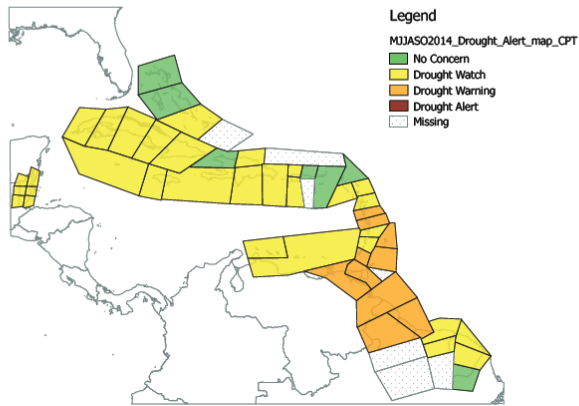
Coordination – CIMH – Dr. Cédric J. Van Meerbeeck

Participating territories

Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, French Guiana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Jamaica, Martinique, Puerto Rico, St. Barth's, St. Lucia, St. Maarten/St. Martin, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and the US Virgin Islands



SPI outlook Jun to Nov – areas under immediate drought concern?

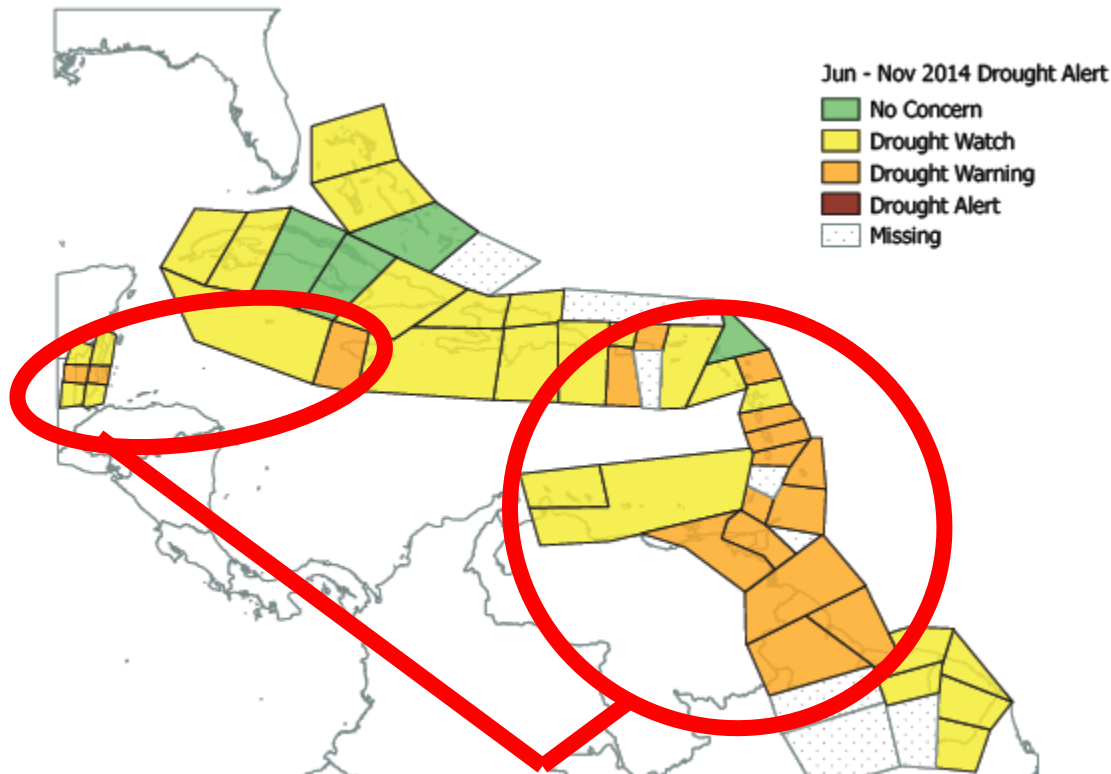


Previous month's update:

drought evolving over Dominica, Martinique, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, northern Guyana (**left inset**).

This month's update:

drought evolving over Belize, Jamaica, Antigua, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, northern Guyana (**below**).



Drought evolving in parts of Belize, Jamaica and Eastern Caribbean

SPI outlook Jun to Nov 2014 – **shorter- / longer-term concern?**

- **Current drought situation:**
 - Southern Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago have suffered water shortages.
- **Shorter-term:**
 - We expect the drought situation to improve over Jamaica after July, but possibly deteriorate over southern parts of the Antilles.
- **Longer-term:**
 - We expect an El Niño to happen. El Niño often results in a drier rainy season.
 - Water shortages could occur in the dry season, which is our tourist season.

CONSERVE WATER!!

Especially in Jamaica, the Eastern and Southern Caribbean

Interpreting and using the drought alert levels

Colour	Alert level	Meaning	Suggested action level
GREEN	No Concern	No drought concern	Business as usual
YELLOW	Drought Watch	Drought possible	Keep updated, conserve water
ORANGE	Drought Warning	Drought evolving	Be prepared, conserve water. protect
RED	Drought Alert	Drought of immediate concern	Take action, ration water, protect