CariCOF Drought Outlook by the end of December 2014

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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

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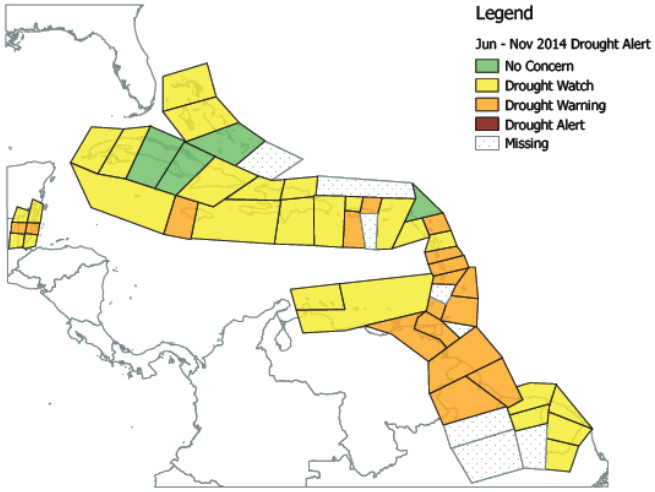
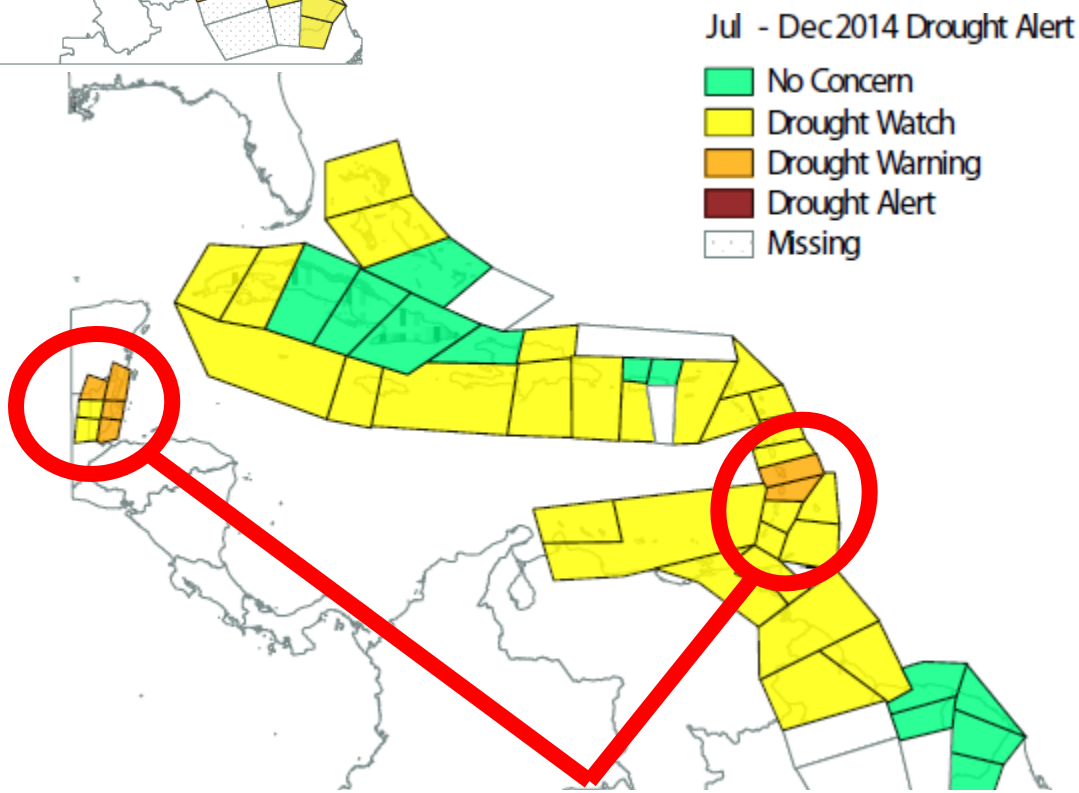
SPI outlook Jul to Dec – **areas under immediate drought concern?**



Previous month's update:
drought evolving over Belize, Jamaica, Antigua, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad & Tobago, northern Guyana (**left inset**).

This month's update:
drought evolving over Belize, Dominica and Martinique; drought possible in most other areas (**below**).



Drought evolving in Belize, Dominica and Martinique

SPI outlook Jul to Dec 2014 – **shorter- / longer-term concern?**

- Current drought situation:
  - Belize, Haïti, Jamaica and the leeward side of Martinique are in drought and have suffered water shortages.
- Shorter-term:
  - We expect the drought situation to improve over Jamaica after August, but possibly deteriorate over Belize, Dominica and Martinique.
- 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 Belize, Haïti, Jamaica, and the eastern Caribbean.

Interpreting 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