<u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>: The dry season officially started on December 1st. However, drought is not expected to be a concern at this time across SVG. View various bulletins and outlooks issued by the Caribbean Regional Climatic Centre (Health, Agriculture, Heat outlook etc.) Read the Caribbean Agro-Climatic bulletin of <u>CariSAM</u> and other national bulletins.

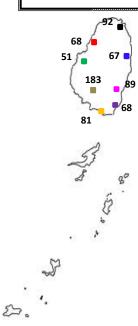


Fig 1: Rainfall Stations

## **December 2020 Summary**

As SVG transitioned from the Hurricane/Wet Season to the Dry Season, the propagation of tropical weather systems across our islands became infrequent. As a result, most station reported reductions rainfall totals during the month of December. The Atlantic pressure system was mainly the dominant feature and often resulted in fair and breezy conditions. Total rainfall for the month of December at the Argyle International Airport (A.I.A) was **68.4 mm (2.69 inches)**, Moreover,~31% of rainfall occurred

in the first ten days,  $\sim$ 23% in the second ten days and  $\sim$ 46% in the last ten days.

Island-wide, the highest monthly rainfall total was **182.7 mm (~7.19 inches),** which was recorded at the Dallaway station.

Table 1.December 2020 Rainfall across SVG

.4
.6
.8
.7
.7
.8
2.7

A daytime high temperature of  $30.4^{\circ}\text{C}$  was recorded on the  $29^{\text{th}}$  while a night time low temperature of  $20.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  was recorded on the 21st. Monthly average daytime high was  $28.6^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and average night time low was  $22.9^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The average daily mean temperature was  $25.7^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

A maximum wind gust of 27knots (~49km/h or 31mph) was recorded on the 22ndNovember.

### **Forecast Information**

Table 2.January–March 2021 Usual range of temperature (between lower and upper threshold values)

KeyFig1	Station-Location	Temperature ( °C)				
•	E.T Joshua-Arnos Vale	29.1-29.5				
National Temperature Outlook: January-March 2021 for SVG						

•Air Temperature: Day and night time temperatures are very likely to be comfortably cool during this period

•Sea Surface Temperatures (SSTs): Sea surface temperatures will continue to be slightly above average.

Table 3 January— March 2021 Usual range of rainfall (between lower and upper threshold values)

KeyFig1	Station-Location	Rainfall (mm)
•	E.T Joshua-Arnos Vale	267.73-328.80

#### National Rainfall Outlook: January-March2021 for SVG

- Rainfall is likely to be close to the usual or above.
- **Drought** is not expected to be a concern at this time across SVG.

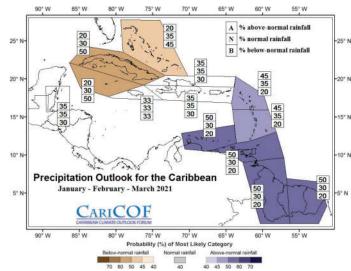


Fig 4. Regional Precipitation Outlook January- March 2021

### **Implications for Sectors**

#### Water

 Rainfall forecasted to be close to the usual or above is good news for the water sector. However, the Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA) should continue to monitor the water situation and urge the public to conserve water and report all leaks.

#### **Agriculture**

• In the event of dry spells, to ensure food security, farmers should make preparation to employ conservation techniques and irrigation practices.

# Health

• In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, water availability is critical to support prevention strategies to combat the virus. Additionally, the presence of stagnant water in the aftermath of showers may promote the breeding of mosquitoes. Therefore, public awareness campaigns and other measures to prevent the spread of dengue should continue.

	Moon Phases 2020					
Jan.	FQ 20th	FM 28 <sup>th</sup>	LQ 6th	NM 13 <sup>th</sup>		
Feb.	FQ 19th	FM 27 <sup>th</sup>	LQ 4th	NM 11 <sup>th</sup>		

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