

## **April Weather Summary 2014**

During the month of April Grenada experience mostly fair weather conditions and little rainfall. The region was influenced by a mid to upper level ridge along with strong subsidence, dry and stable air, resulted in fair skies, and an overall lack of any significant convection. As a result the highest maximum temperature for April 2014 was 31.1 degrees Celsius which took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> . This was the lowest max for April during the last ten years. The lowest minimum of 22.5 degrees Celsius took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Broad upper level anti cyclonic wind spans the area, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April broken to overcast low and mid-level clouds produced 4.3mm of rainfall. April was relatively dry with a total rainfall of 11mm making it the third driest April in the last ten years. There were twenty-three days of insignificant to no rainfall during the month.

A relatively steep pressure gradient across the Atlantic produced strong winds and moderate to rough seas during the month. Marine advisories were issued by the meteorological office on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 20th to small craft operators and sea bathers.

Despite the strong winds and rough seas, fisher folks were able to venture out of port when it was ideal and caught and sold some tuna, kingfish, Bonita, small jacks and hind.

The raging dry season and little rainfall did not prevent farmers from producing and selling fruits and vegetables plantain, yams dasheen, Tania's, cabbage, lettuce and cucumbers flourish on the market.

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