



# Covered Area Rainfall Events (23/10/2023 to 25/10/2023)

# **Excess Rainfall**

**Event Briefing** 

Anguilla

5 November 2023

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

This event briefing describes the impact of rainfall on Anguilla, which was associated with a Covered Area Rainfall Event (CARE), from October 23, 2023 to October 25, 2023. The Rainfall Index Loss (RIL) for the Covered Area Rainfall Event was below the attachment point of the country's Excess Rainfall policy, and therefore no payout is due to the Government of Anguilla.

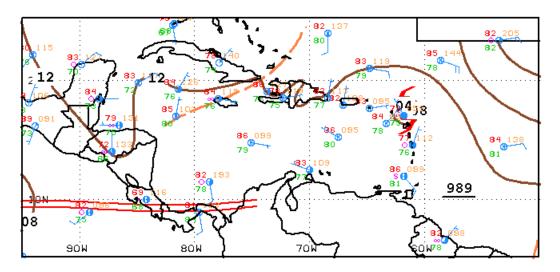
#### 2 EVENT DESCRIPTION

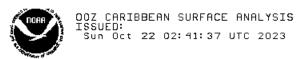
On 18 October at 2100UTC, the US National Hurricane Center (NHC) reported that a tropical storm (TS) formed in the central tropical Atlantic Ocean, about 625 mi (1005km) E of the Windward Islands, and it was named Tammy. The system proceeded with estimated forward velocity of 23 mph (37 km/h) towards the west. The minimum central pressure was 1007 mb and the maximum sustained winds were estimated at 40 mph (65 km/h).

During the next two days, the tropical storm proceeded westward over the tropical Atlantic Ocean with progressively slower forward velocity. Tammy was embedded in an environment of high oceanic heat content, due to the warm sea surface temperature. However, the moderate vertical wind shear allowed only a modest strengthening of the storm. On 20 October at 1400UTC, NHC upgraded Tammy to a Category 1 hurricane, with estimated maximum sustained winds at 75mph (120 km/h) and minimum central pressure of 992mb. At this time, the centre of Tammy was located near latitude 14.1° North, longitude 58.5° West, about 90 mi (150 km) NE of Barbados. Hurricane Tammy presented a closed eye and a large curved band that wrapped around the eastern and southern portions of the circulation.

During the next 24 hours, Tammy moved west-northwest at almost 7 mph (11 km/h), passing about 100 mi (160 km) E of Martinique and Saint Lucia and about 50 mi (80 km) E of Dominica. On 21 October at 1200UTC, Hurricane Tammy turned northwest with nearly the same forward velocity (9 mph, 15 km/h) and during the next 12 hours continued to cross the waters just east of the Leeward Islands.

On 22 October at 0000UTC, Tammy's centre of circulation was sited near latitude 17.5° North, longitude 61.6° West, about 15 mi (25 km) ESE of Barbuda (Antigua and Barbuda) and about 100 mi (161 km) SE of Sint Maarten (Figure 1). The NHC reported a slight intensification of the hurricane, with the estimated maximum sustained winds increasing to 85 mph (140 km/h) and minimum central pressure of 989 mb. The infrared satellite imagery showed that the hurricane had a relatively small and well organized central area of thunderstorms surrounding the circulation centre and a prominent trailing convective band to the south (Figure 2a). The eyewall had become more pronounced although it was open on the south side. At this time, the western border of the convective central mass of the hurricane approached Anguilla and Sint Maarten (Figure 2a), spreading moderate to locally intense rainfall over these countries. One hour later, at 0115UTC, Tammy made landfall on Barbuda, passing along the eastern coast of the island.





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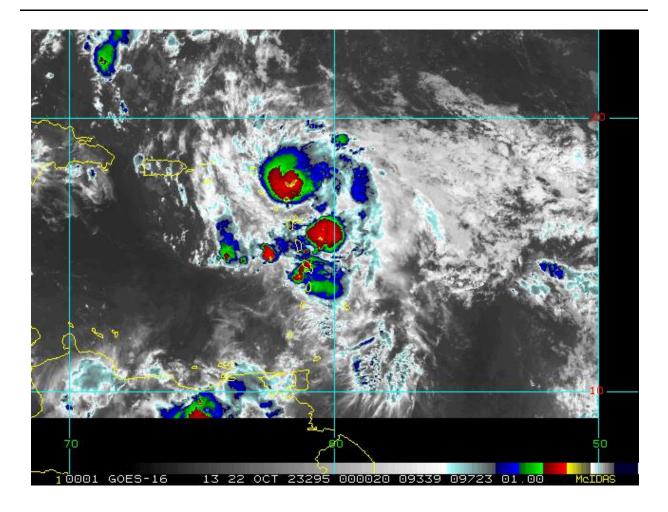
#### 22 October at 0000UTC

Figure 1 Surface analysis over the Caribbean area on 22 October, 2023 at 0000UTC. Source: US National Hurricane Center<sup>1</sup>

Hurricane Tammy then proceeded north-northwestward at an almost unchanged forward velocity (10 mph, 17 km/h) and at 1200UTC, its centre was located near latitude 18.9° North, longitude 62.5° West, about 60 mi (25 km) NE of Anguilla and 68 mi (109 km) NE of Sint Maarten. The shape and intensity of the hurricane was unvaried. Despite the short distance of the hurricane centre from Anguilla and Sint Maarten, the associated precipitation ceased over these countries, due to the small size of the inner core (Figure 2b).

In the following hours, Tammy moved away from the northern Leeward Islands, proceeding at almost unvaried forward velocity (9 mph, 15 km/h) towards northwest over the northern Atlantic Ocean.

<sup>1</sup> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - FTP, National Hurricane Center, review date: 22 October 2023, available at: https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/tafb/CAR 00Z.gif



a) 22 October at 0000UTC

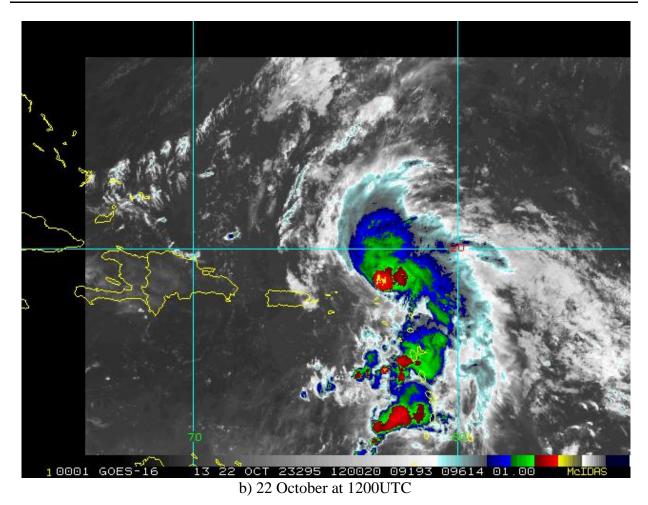


Figure 2 Satellite imagery on 22 October, 2023 at different times as indicated in the labels from the thermal infrared channel enhanced with colour. Blue/green colours represent high altitude clouds (top cloud temperature between -50°C and -70°C), while the red/yellow colours represent very high altitude clouds (top cloud lower than -70°C). High altitude clouds indicate strong convection associated with intense precipitation. Source: NOAA, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service<sup>2</sup>.

## 3 IMPACTS

At the time of writing this event brief, no information was available related to damage or loss in Anguilla due to this Covered Area Rainfall Event

2 RAMSDIS Online Archive, NOAA Satellite and Information Service, available at: https://rammb-data.cira.colostate.edu/tc\_realtime/storm.asp?storm\_identifier=al202023

#### 4 RAINFALL MODEL OUTPUTS

All data sources used by the XSR 3.0 model, CMORPH, IMERG, WRF5, WRF7, WRF11 and WRF15<sup>3</sup>, detected the occurrence of precipitation over Anguilla and the surrounding waters during the period 21 to 25 October 2023. However, each data source reported a specific distribution and accumulation of rainfall, as discussed below and shown in Figure 4. The CARE for Anguilla was activated on 23 October and lasted until 25 October. The CARE was activated due to the use of the 12-hour and the 48-hour aggregation intervals for precipitation<sup>4</sup> and thus the period considered by the XSR 3.0 model for the loss estimate based on the accumulated precipitation in Anguilla was 21 – 25 October.

CMORPH reported total accumulated values of precipitation higher than 120 mm over most of Anguilla, with increasing values from south to north. The maximum values of accumulated rainfall, between 180 mm and 210 mm, were shown over the northeastern portion of the country. Lower values, between 30 mm and 120 mm, were reported over Sombrero and Dog Islands.

IMERG reported total accumulated values of precipitation with a geographical distribution similar to that of CMORPH, but with lower values. The values of accumulated rainfall were reported to be in the range between 90 mm and 120 mm over most of the country. Higher values, between 120 mm and 150 mm, were shown over Scrub Island, while lower values, between 30 mm and 90 mm, were shown over Sombrero and Dog Islands.

WRF5 showed total accumulated values of precipitation between 90 mm and 120 mm over most of Anguilla. Higher values, between 120 mm and 180 mm, were shown over Sombrero and Dog Islands and Prickly Pear Cays.

WRF7 showed total accumulated values of rainfall with a geographic distribution and intensity similar to that of WRF5. The maximum values, between 180 mm and 210 mm were shown over Sombrero Island.

WRF11 showed total accumulated values of precipitation between 30 mm and 60 mm over most of Anguilla. Higher values, between 60 mm and 90 mm, were reported over Dog Island

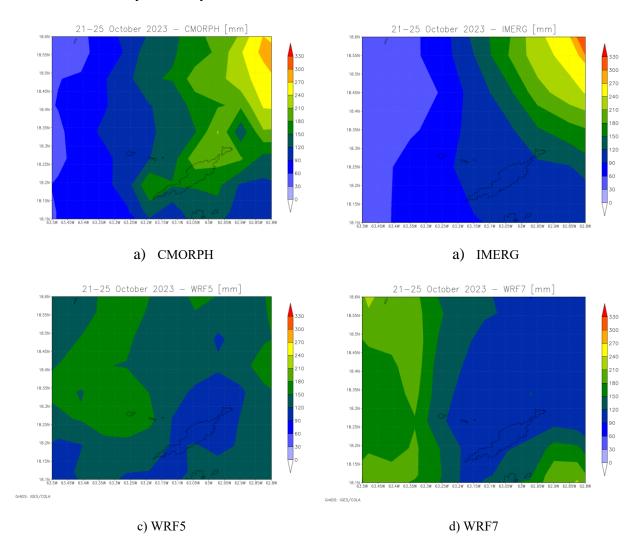
IMERG Model: The satellite-based rainfall estimation model developed by NASA, expressed in mm, derived by aggregating the IMERG 30-minute Rainfall Data at 10km spatial resolution and available at <a href="https://jsimpsonhttps.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov/imerg/late">https://jsimpsonhttps.pps.eosdis.nasa.gov/imerg/late</a>. Further details in the Definitions section of this reportWRF5, WRF7, WRF11 and WRF15 Models: the Weather Research and Forecasting Model weather model-based Configuration #1 and #2 data <a href="https://www.mmm.ucar.edu/weather-research-and-forecasting-model">https://www.mmm.ucar.edu/weather-research-and-forecasting-model</a>. These data are initialised by the NCEP FNL dataset. (NCEP FNL Operational Model Global Tropospheric Analyses <a href="http://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds083.2/">http://rda.ucar.edu/datasets/ds083.2/</a>]). Further details are provided in the Definitions section of this report.

<sup>3</sup> CMORPH Model: the satellite-based rainfall precipitation estimates provided by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center (CPC) using the so-called Morphing Technique <a href="http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/janowiak/cmorph\_description.html">http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/janowiak/cmorph\_description.html</a>. Further details are provided in the Definitions section of this report

<sup>4</sup> The two aggregation periods correspond to the Rainfall Aggregation Period #1 and Rainfall Aggregation Period #2, as indicated in the Schedule. Further details in the Definitions section of this report.

and over central portion of the southern coast of Anguilla.

WRF15 showed total accumulated values of precipitation lower than 60 mm over most of the country. Higher values, between 60 mm and 90 mm, were shown over the Sombrero and Dog Islands and Prickly Pear Cays.



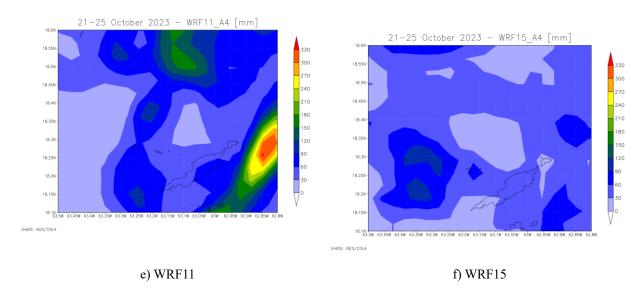


Figure 4 Total accumulated precipitation during the period 21-25 October, 2023 estimated by CMORPH (a), IMERG (b), WRF5 (c), WRF7 (d), WRF11 (e), WRF15 (f). Source: CCRIF SPC

Daily rainfall maps by CMORPH, IMERG, WRF5, WRF7, WRF11 and WRF15 over the exposure map of XSR 3.0 are not included here and they can be downloaded at the following links for 12-hour aggregation and 48-hour aggregation respectively:

https://wemap.ccrif.org/OUTPUT/CCRIF/XSR/Events/AIA/CARE\_2\_2023/daily\_prec\_short.mp4
https://wemap.ccrif.org/OUTPUT/CCRIF/XSR/Events/AIA/CARE\_2\_2023/daily\_prec\_long.mp4

The Rainfall Index Loss (RIL) was above the loss threshold for Anguilla for four data sources used by XSR3.0: CMORPH, IMERG, WRF5 and WRF7. The RIL was the highest for CMORPH.

The final RIL (RIL<sub>FINAL</sub>) was calculated as the average of the four RILs from CMORPH, IMERG, WRF5, WRF7 and WRF11. The RIL<sub>FINAL</sub> was greater than zero and therefore this CARE qualified as a loss event. However, the RIL<sub>FINAL</sub> was below the attachment point of the Excess Rainfall policy for Anguilla, thus the policy was not triggered. Therefore, no payout is due under the Excess Rainfall policy to the Government of Anguilla.

The Wet Season Trigger (WST) component of the XSR3.0 model did not identify this CARE as a "Wet Season" event<sup>5</sup>. Therefore no payout is due under the Wet Season Trigger

<sup>5</sup>The WST endorsement provides a fixed payout for rainfall events that happen when the soil is already saturated and has limited absorption ability. The WST endorsement is activated based on two factors: the Wet Index (the average 1-month Standardized Precipitation Index for all grid cells in the country) and Wet Periods (the period of time where the Wet Index exceeds 1, which indicates that the soil is wetter than its long-term average and serves as an indicator of soil saturation). The WST policy endorsement provides a payment when one or more CAREs with a modelled loss greater than zero occur within a Wet Period and the corresponding value of the Wet Index during the Wet Period exceeds a predetermined threshold.

endorsement of Anguilla's Excess Rainfall policy.

## 5 TRIGGER POTENTIAL

The Rainfall Index Loss calculated for the Covered Area Rainfall Event (CARE) for Anguilla was below the attachment point of the Excess Rainfall policy for this country, and therefore no payout is due. This CARE did not activate the Wet Season Trigger endorsement of the Excess Rainfall policy and therefore no payout under this endorsement is due.

For additional information, please contact CCRIF SPC at: pr@ccrif.org

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Active Exposure Cell Percentage Threshold

The percentage of the total number of XSR Exposure Grid Cells within the Covered Area of the Insured, that must be exceeded to trigger a Covered Area Rainfall Event.

Active Exposure Grid Cells

The XSR Exposure Grid Cells for which in the same single day the Aggregate Rainfall #1 value computed using the CMORPH-based Rainfall Estimate equals or exceeds the Rainfall Event Threshold #1 or the Aggregate Rainfall #2 value computed using the CMORPH-based Rainfall Estimate equals or exceeds the Rainfall Event Threshold #2.

Aggregate Rainfall #1

The rainfall amount accumulated over the Rainfall Aggregation Period #1 (as defined in the Schedule) measured in millimeters (mm) in any of the XSR Exposure Grid Cells in the Covered Area of the Insured. For a given day and a Rainfall Aggregation Period #1 of n hours, the Aggregate Rainfall #1 is the maximum amount of rainfall accumulated over any of the n-hour windows that intersect the day itself considering a time interval of 3 hours.

Aggregate Rainfall #2

The rainfall amount accumulated over the Rainfall Aggregation Period #2 (as defined in the Schedule) measured in millimeters (mm) in any of the XSR Exposure Grid Cells in the Covered Area of the Insured. For a given day and a Rainfall Aggregation Period #2 of n hours, the Aggregate Rainfall #2 is the maximum amount of rainfall accumulated over any of the n-hour windows that intersect the day itself considering a time interval of 3 hours.

Calculation Agent

Entity charged with undertaking the primary calculation of the Rainfall Index Loss.

CMORPH-based Maximum Aggregate Rainfall #1 The maximum value during the Covered Area Rainfall Event of the Aggregate Rainfall #1 computed using the CMORPH-based Rainfall Estimates in any given XSR Exposure Grid Cell over the Covered Area of the Insured.

CMORPH-based Maximum Aggregate Rainfall #2 The maximum value during the Covered Area Rainfall Event of the Aggregate Rainfall #2 computed using the CMORPH-based Rainfall Estimates in any given XSR Exposure Grid Cell over the Covered Area of the Insured.

CMORPH-based Covered Area Rainfall Parameters

The CMORPH Model information provided on a continuous basis by the XSR Model Data Reporting Agency used by the

Calculation Agent to obtain the CMORPH-based Rainfall Estimates using the XSR Rainfall Model. Parameters are drawn from XSR Exposure Grid Cells within the Covered Area of the Insured, by their respective latitude and longitude. Measurement units and precision of data ingested by the XSR Rainfall Model are identical to those provided by the XSR Model Data Reporting Agency and are further elaborated in the Attachment entitled 'Calculation of Rainfall Index Loss and Policy Payment'.

#### CMORPH Model

The satellite-based rainfall estimation model provided by NOAA CPC as described in the Rainfall Estimation Models section of the Policy.

#### Covered Area

The territory of the Insured as represented in the XSR Rainfall Model.

#### Covered Area Rainfall Event

Any period of days, with an interruption less than or equals to the Event Tolerance Period, during which the number of Active Exposure Grid Cells is greater than or equal to the product of (a) Active Exposure Cell Percentage Threshold multiplied by (b) the total number of XSR Exposure Grid Cells within the Covered Area.

#### Country Disaster Alert

official disaster alert issued by ReliefWeb An (http://reliefweb.int/) for the country in question for one of the following types of events: tropical cyclone, flood, flash flood and severe local storm. Any disaster alert issued later than seven (7) days after the completion of the Covered Area Rainfall Event (CARE) event will not be considered. The Disaster Alert ReliefWeb description issued by and/or its documentation must include specific reference to the CARE dates with a tolerance period of 2 calendar days.

### Maximum Aggregate Rainfall #1

The highest value during a Covered Area Rainfall Event of the Aggregate Rainfall #1 amount in any of the XSR Exposure Grid Cells in the Covered Area of the Insured computed.

# Maximum Aggregate Rainfall #2

The highest value during a Covered Area Rainfall Event of the Aggregate Rainfall #2 amount in any of the XSR Exposure Grid Cells in the Covered Area of the Insured computed.

# Rainfall Event Threshold #1

Aggregate Rainfall #1 level as defined in the Schedule which should be exceeded to trigger an Active Exposure Cell.

Rainfall Event Threshold

Aggregate Rainfall #2 level as defined in the Schedule which

should be exceeded to trigger an Active Exposure Cell.

Rainfall Aggregation Period #1 The number of hours over which the Aggregate Rainfall #1 is computed for all XSR Exposure Grid Cells during a Covered Area

Rainfall Event.

Rainfall Aggregation
Period #2

The number of hours over which the Aggregate Rainfall #2 is computed for all XSR Exposure Grid Cells during a Covered Area Rainfall Event.

Rainfall Index Loss

For any Covered Area Rainfall Event affecting the Insured, the US Dollar loss calculated by the Calculation Agent using the XSR Rainfall Model, as described in the Attachment entitled 'Calculation of Rainfall Index Loss and Policy Payment'. The Rainfall Index Loss can only be calculated once the Covered Area Rainfall Event is completed.

WRF5 Model

The weather research and forecasting rainfall model by NOAA with Configuration #5 data initialized with and assimilating the data provided by the National Center for Environmental Prediction as described in the Rainfall Estimation Models and in the Input Data to the Rainfall Estimation Models sections of this Attachment.

WRF7 Model

The weather research and forecasting rainfall model by NOAA with Configuration #7 data initialized with and assimilating the data provided by the National Center for Environmental Prediction as described in the Rainfall Estimation Models and in the Input Data to the Rainfall Estimation Models sections of this Attachment.

XSR Rainfall Model

The computer model used to calculate the Rainfall Index Loss, as described in the Attachment entitled 'Calculation of Rainfall Index Loss and Policy Payment'.

XSR Exposure Grid Cells

The 30 arc-second by 30 arc-second grid of cells each of which is attributed with an XSR Grid Cell Exposure Value greater than zero.

XSR Grid Cell Exposure Value

The value, used to calculate the CMORPH-based Exposure Grid Cell Loss, the WRF5-based Exposure Grid Cell Loss, and the WRF7-based Exposure Grid Cell Loss.