23 Occurrence of extremes of temperatures and precipitation

Indicator type Core indicator

Published

Versioning					
First publication	1/26/2017	Latest update	8/27/2021		
Area and sub-area					
Area and sub-area	Impacts	Physical condit	ions		
Presentation					
Tier	1				
Indicator definition and description	Number of days pe	er year when extr	eme weather events (precipitation and temperature) occured.		
Unit of measure	Number of days per year				
Coverage	National territory				
Spatial aggregation	National territory				
Reference period	Calendar year				
Update frequency	Annual				
Base period	Climate Normal 1961-1990				
Disaggregation (operational indicators)					
Disaggregation (operational indicators) Comments					

Disaggregation (operational indicators)	Comments
Spatial	
Temporal (by month, by season)	
Hazardous event	Extremes of temperatures; Extremes of precipitation; Seasonal and territorial breakdowns

Other related -indicators (e.g.contextual, proxy, other core indicators)

ID	Subindicator	Туре
16	Mean temperature anomaly (compared to climate normal 1961 - 1990)	Core indicator
17	Percentage of land area suffering from unusually wet or dry conditions (Standard Precipitation Index)	Core indicator
22	Number of deaths and missing persons attributed to hydro-meteorological disasters, per 100,000 population	Core indicator
24	Direct economic loss attributed to hydro-meteorological disasters in relation to GDP	Core indicator
28	Direct agricultural loss attributed to hydro-meteorological disasters	Core indicator
62	Temperature change compared to pre-industrial levels	Contextual indicator
63	Temperature change (compared to base period 1951 - 1980)	Contextual indicator
65	Total precipitation	Contextual indicator

Relevance

23 Occurrence of extremes of temperatures and precipitation

Indicator type Core indicator

Published

Policy context and rationale

Related to Sendai Framework, Sustainable Development Goals, Paris Agreement

Related to SDG 13

Related SDG indicator (SDG I.)

Relation w SDG-L

13.1.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters per 100,000 population

Similar but not identical

Related Sendai Framework I. Not applicable

Policy references

Document title

Link

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), 2015)

https://www.undrr.org/implementing-sendai-framework/what-sendai-framework

Methodology

Methodology for indicator calculation

The indicator is calculated as number of days per year when an extreme weather event occurred. An extreme weather event occurs if oberved temperature or precipitation is below or above 10th or 90th percentile value.

Methodology references

Document title	Link
WMO Guidelines on the Calculation of Climate Normals (World Meteorological Organization, 2017)	https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=20130XWOTUigzaUk
WMO Guidelines on Generating a Defined Set of National Climate Monitoring Products (World Meteorological Organization, 2017)	https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=20166XWOTHSgzaUk

Classification syst.

Data sources

Main source Official statistics: other than accounts

Explanation National Hydrometeorlogical Institutes, European Severe Weather Database

(https://www.eswd.eu/)

SEEA Accounts that can serve as data sources

UN-FDES 4.1.1: Occurrence of natural extreme events and disasters

International databases containing this indicator

Comments

Comments

The aim is to flag the exceptional events, that is, events that often have extreme impacts. The indicator cannot characterize or define the full range of very extreme events that affect countries and people around the region, which include tropical storms, tornadoes, hail, lightning, flooding, duststorms, windstorms, wind gusts or heat stress. The choice was made to focus on extremes of temperature and precipitation, as these are widely measured.