





## Step 3 of the MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (MedCOF-24) Updated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## SEASONAL OUTLOOK FOR THE SUMMER SEASON 2025 FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

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The MedCOF-24 comprised of the following steps:

- Step 1: verification of the MedCOF-23 seasonal forecast
- Step 2: assessment of the current state of the climate including large-scale climate patterns worldwide and assessments of its likely evolution in the course of the next months;
- Step 3: building the consensus forecast for 2025 summer season.

All relevant documentation is posted and updated in MedCOF web site: <u>http://medcof.aemet.es</u>.







## MedCOF- 24 CLIMATE OUTLOOK

## FOR THE 2025 SUMMER SEASON<sup>1</sup>

This prediction is based on output from dynamical models, statistical models and known teleconnections of large-scale climate features.

Observed sea surface temperatures show neutral ENSO an Indian Ocean Dipole conditions, a situation that will continue in the coming months, according to forecasts from models. Over the Atlantic, the equator and Tropics, SSTs are slightly warm, with more marked positive anomalies over Northeastern part of the basin. In the atmosphere, models show a trend to upward motion over the Indian Ocean and downward motion over the Tropical Pacific. Anticyclonic anomalies extended from Middle East to Eastern Mediterranean and Southern Europe. With this general context, above normal temperatures can be expected over most of the domain, with a more robust signal over Eastern Mediterranean, the Balkans and Northern Africa. Probabilities for the upper tercile are less robust over Morocco, Iberia, and parts of Western Mediterranean.

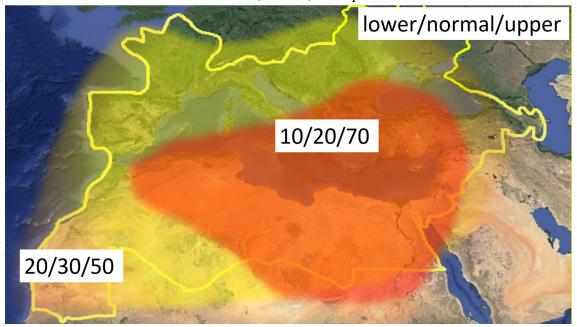


Figure 1. Graphical presentation of the 2025 summer temperature outlook. The maps show the probabilistic consensus forecast for tercile categories of anomalies for seasonal mean temperature, relative to the period 1991-2020. Due to the climate warming trend, anomalies are affected by the selected reference period.

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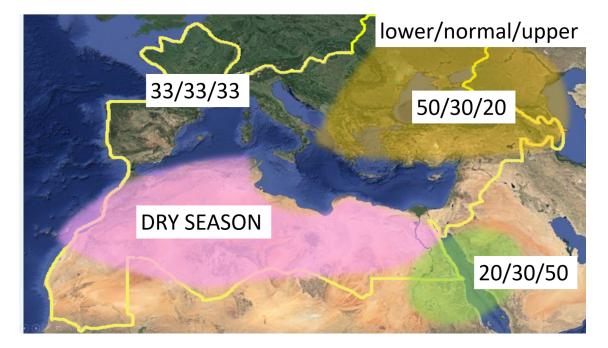


Figure 2. The same as figure 1 but for precipitation.

Precipitation forecasts show a robust dry signal over East of MedCOF domain, and, with less probability, over parts of the Balkans and Central Mediterranean. Upwards motion over the Indian Ocean seem to provide some likelihood of above normal precipitation over SouthEastern part of the domain. For most of North Africa, summer is a climatologically dry season, so a dry mask has been applied.

Sub-seasonal variations, not predictable a long time in advance, may dominate at times, so regular updates to the forecast are strongly recommended. In addition, local factors (for example SSTs in the smaller basins of the region) may shape local variability at a regional level.

Note that it is necessary to express seasonal forecasts in terms of probability due to inherent uncertainty. Notice that the sub-Regional Climate Outlook Forums (SEECOF and PRESANORD) can provide smaller scale details. Any further advice on the forecast signals, smaller scales, shorter-range updates and warnings will additionally be available throughout the summer from the National Meteorological Services, along with details on the methodology and skill of long-range predictions.