

Climate Extremes: Heatwaves, Changes in Ice, Drought, Floods

Drought monitoring with Copernicus Emergency Service European Drought Observatory Data

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The role of data in journalism



Last 8 years warmest on record globally: EU climate monitor

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The last eight years were the warmest on record even with the cooling influence of a La Nina weather pattern since 2020, the European Union's climate monitoring service said Tuesday.

Average temperatures across 2022 — which saw a cascade of unprecedented natural disasters made more likely and deadly by climate change — make it the fifth warmest year since records began in the 19th century, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service.

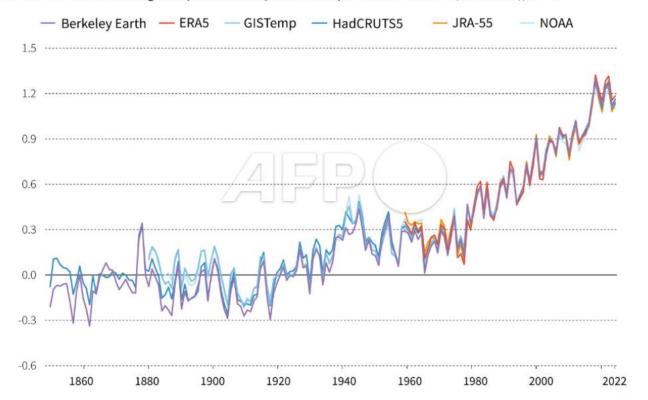
Pakistan and northern India were scorched by a two-month spring heatwave with sustained temperatures well above 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit), followed in Pakistan by flooding that covered a third of the country, affected 33 million people, and caused some \$30 billion in damage and economic losses.

France, Britain, Spain and Italy set new average temperature records for 2022, with Europe as a whole enduring its second hottest year ever, Copernicus said in an annual report.

Heatwaves across the continent were compounded by severe drought conditions.

Last 8 years to 2022 warmest ever recorded

Difference between average temperature compared to the pre-industrial levels (1850-1900), in °C



Sources: Copernicus C3S, ECMWF



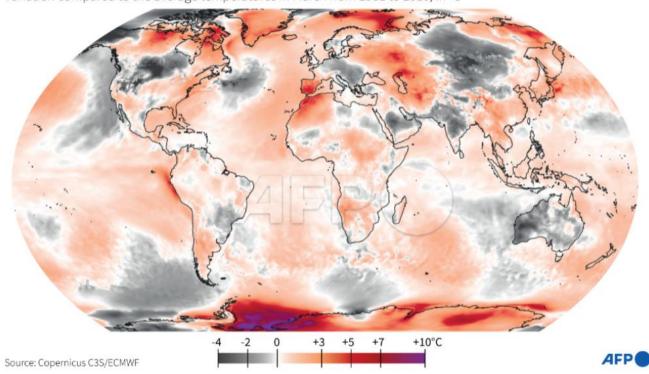




Using Copernicus data

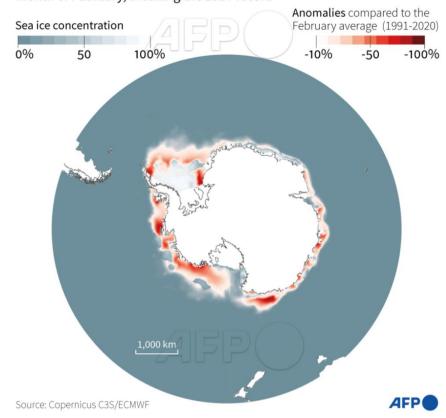
Temperature anomalies in April

Variation compared to the average temperatures in March from 1981 to 2010, in °C



Melting of the Antarctic sea ice

The ice extent in February 2023 was the lowest ever recorded for the month of February, breaking the 2017 record

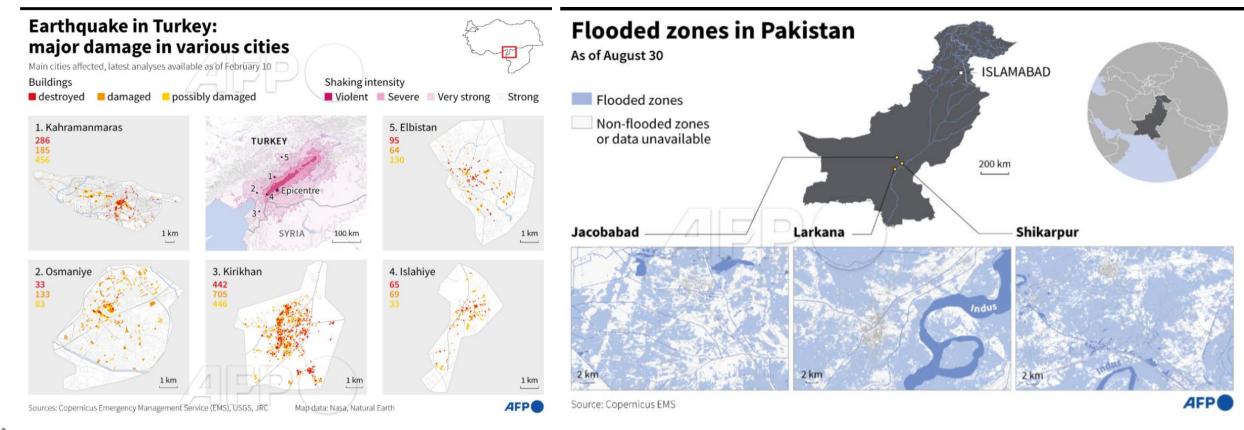








Our use of Copernicus data





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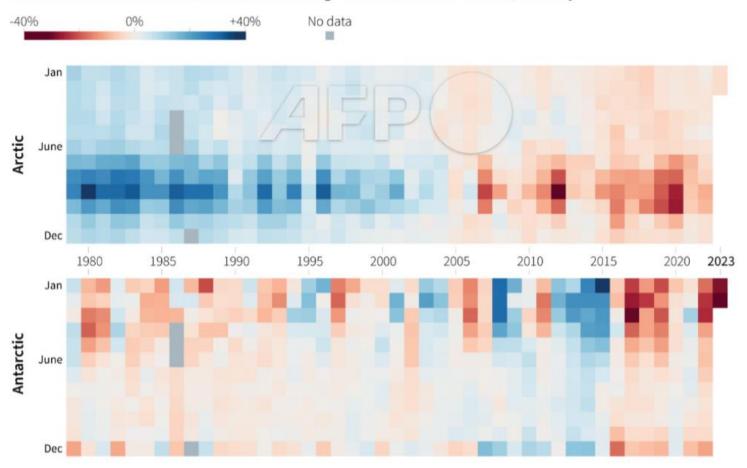




Not just maps! We like comprehensive raw data, like chronologic ones

Sea ice shrinks at the North and South Poles

Difference between extent of sea ice and average extent from 1991 to 2020, monthly*





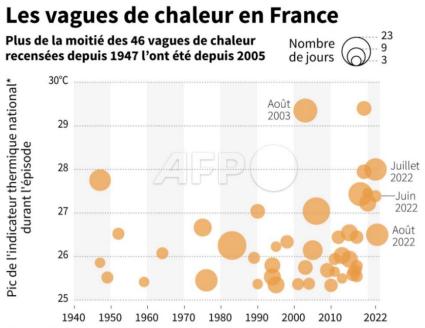
*Outside of climate change, the extent of sea ice varies depending on the season Source: OSI SAF (Satellite Application Facility on Ocean and Sea Ice)







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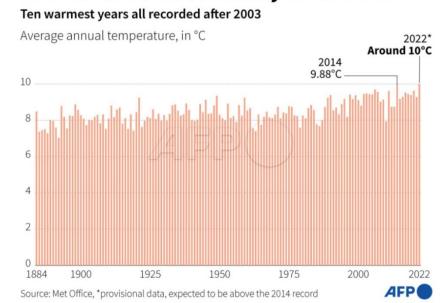




Exceptional heat wave in Spain



2022 set to be UK's hottest year on record

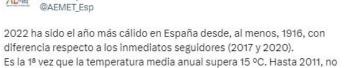


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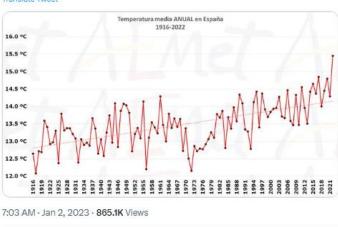


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se había llegado nunca a 14,5 °C. Desde entonces, ha sucedido cinco veces.

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	@DWD_blesse		

Jetzt final: Mit einer Jahresmitteltemperatur von 10,5 Grad Celsius sind 2018 und 2022 die beiden wärmsten Jahre in #Deutschland seit Messbeginn 1881. Da Rekorde klimatologisch unbedeutend sind, nutzt der DWD die zweite Nachkommastelle nicht zur weiteren Differenzierung./kis

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Parameter	Jahr	Wert
Parameter	Year	Value
Minimum [°C]	1940	6,6
Maximum [°C]	2022, 2018	10,5
30-jähriger Mittelwert [°C]	1991-2020	9,3
	1981-2010	8,9
	1971-2000	8,6
	1961-1990	8,2
aktueller Wert [°C]	2022	10,5
Abweichung vom Referenzzeitraum [K]	1991-2020	1,2
	1981-2010	1,7
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	1961-1990	2,3
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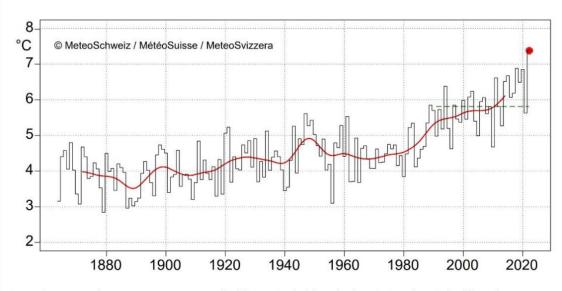


Figure 2. La température moyenne annuelle (de janvier à décembre) en Suisse depuis le début des mesures en 1864. Le point rouge indique l'année 2022 (7,4 °C, état au 21.12.2022). La ligne verte interrompue montre la norme 1991-2020 (5,8 °C), la ligne rouge montre la moyenne glissante sur 20 ans.

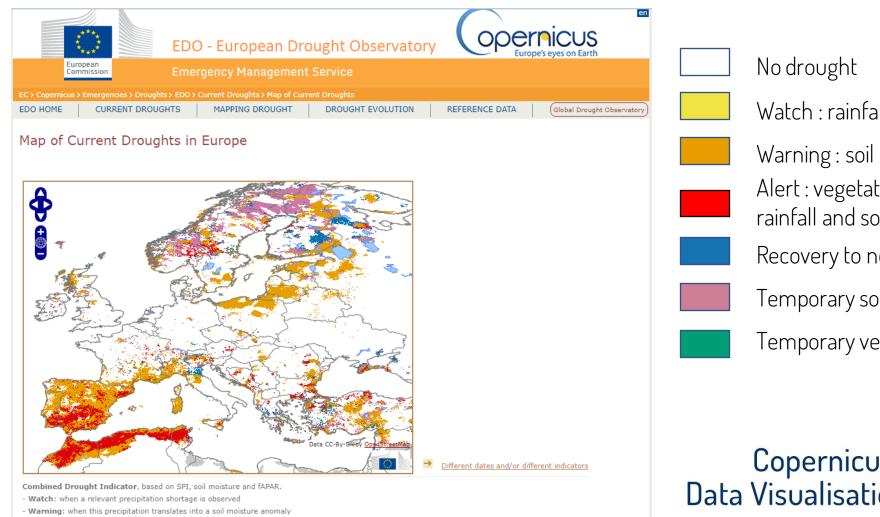
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Monitoring droughts: the European Drought Observatory

Alert: when these two conditions are accompanied by an anomaly in the vegetation condition



Watch: rainfall deficit

Warning: soil moisture deficit

Alert: vegetation stress following rainfall and soil moisture deficit

Recovery to normal condition

Temporary soil moisture recovery

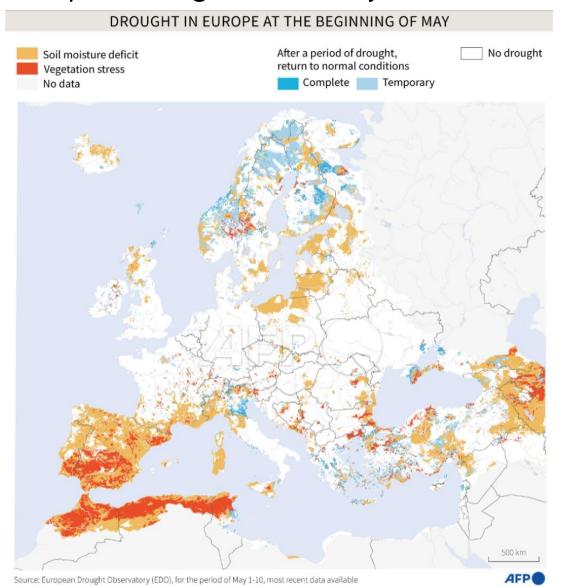
Temporary vegetation recovery

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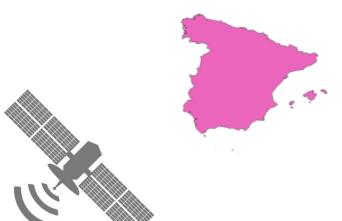


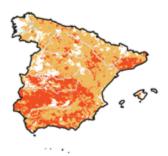




From a map to a table

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From a map to a table

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3	20120111	0	28,3	0,1	28,4	0	46,94	0,18	47,13
4	20120121	0	30,92	0,15	31,07	0	53,27	0,15	53,42
5	20120201	0	33,46	0,43	33,89	0	60,11	0,19	60,3
6	20120211	0	36,26	0,66	36,93	0	65,12	0,44	65,56
7	20120221	0	36,97	1,26	38,23	0	70	1,66	71,66
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19	20120621	0	22,14	1,67	23,81	0	51,7	6,27	57,98
20	20120701	0	24,28	1,18	25,46	0	57,65	3,15	60,8
21	20120711	0	25,67	1,25	26,91	0	61,83	1,96	63,79
22	20120721	0	23,5	1,53	25,03	0	57,03	0,83	57,85









Datos satelitales sobre sequía muestran mejoría en Europa, salvo en España

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La sequedad de los suelos en Europa es mucho menos marcada que hace un año, aunque la situación está muy deteriorada en España, revelan los datos satelitales del programa europeo Copernicus analizados el viernes por la AFP.

El indicador se refiere a la sequedad de los suelos, analizables vía satélite, y no al estado de las capas freáticas, que registran niveles históricamente bajos en España y en Francia en este periodo del año.

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Entre el 21 y el 30 de abril de 2023, un 27,68% del territorio estudiado por el servicio europeo Copernicus [Europa y las orillas del Mediterráneo] estaba en situación de sequía, indicó el Observatorio Europeo de la Sequía (EDO).

Su expansión es estable respecto a los diez días anteriores (27,52% del 11 al 20 de abril), mostraron los datos.

El EDO también reveló que la situación ha mejorado respecto al mismo periodo de 2022, cuando un 47% de los territorios estudiados registraba sequía.



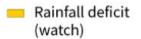


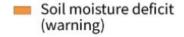




Drought in the Iberian Peninsula

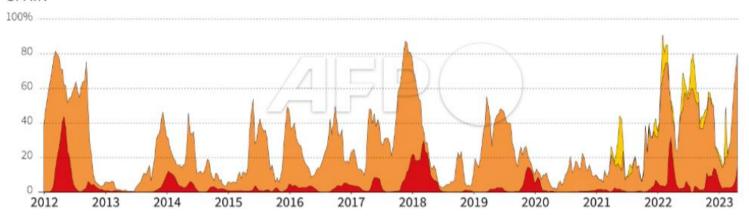
Percent of affected territory in Spain and Portugal



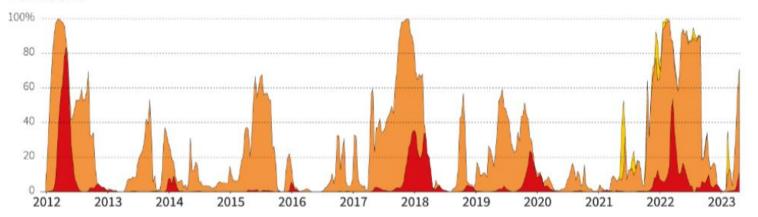


 Vegetation stress following rainfall and soil moisture deficit (alert)

SPAIN



PORTUGAL



Source: AFP calculations based on data from the European Drought Observatory (EDO), data available from the start of observations in 2012 until April 30, 2023







Database for any visualization

Part of the European territory affected by drought

In % 65% 2020 2015 01/05 21/05 11/06 01/07 21/07 11/08 01/09 21/09 11/10 01/11 21/11 11/12



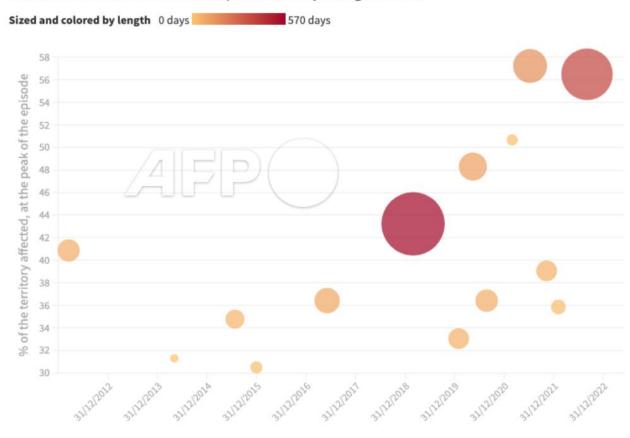




Now, free to try any visualization we want

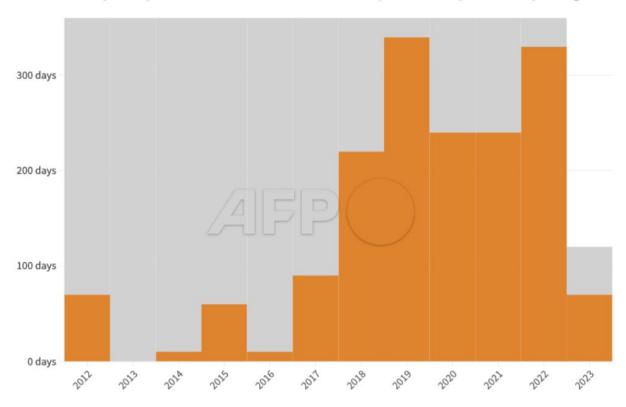
Droughts episodes in Europe

With more than 30% of the European territory being affected



More and more days of drought in Europe

Number of days in a year with more than 30% of the European territory affected by drought

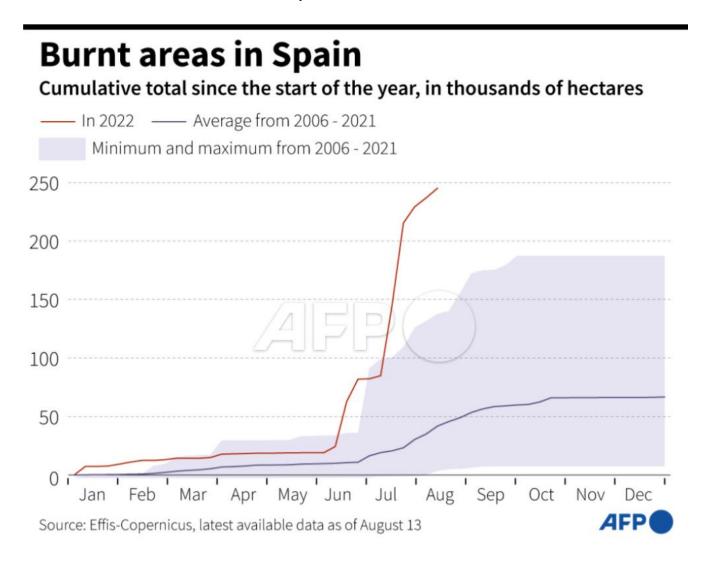


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Fires in eastern Spain

Burnt areas since August 10



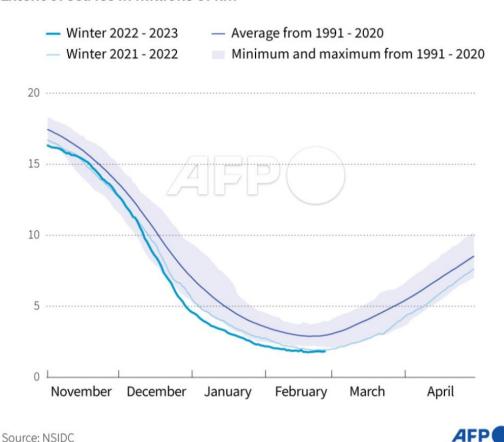


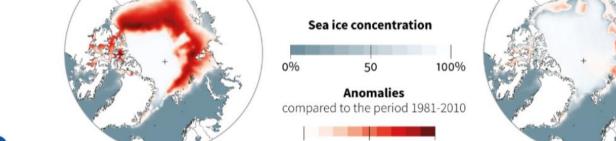


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Antarctic sea ice at record low

Extent of sea ice in millions of km²





2022

2012 3.57 million km²

Sources: Copernicus, NOAA

4.87 million km²

Loss of Arctic ice

Sea ice extent in September,

the month when it reaches its annual minimum

1980 7.67 million km²

> 2000 6.25 million km²

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