

## PRESS RELEASE

## THE METEO INSTALLS NETWORK OF AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS TO MONITOR THE WEATHER IN CURAÇAO

The Meteorological Department Curaçao (MDC) informs the community that in the framework of the project "Institutionele Versterking en Bestuurskracht" (Institutional Strengthening and Administrative Power) of USONA, this service received the funds to realize its duties in improving the monitoring of the development of severe weather to the benefit of our society. One of the aspects that are important is the ability to monitor and to quantify the rainfall in a faster manner. During the passage of Tropical Storm *Tomás* (November 1 and 2, 2010), this turned proved to be very important. Given this importance, USONA and the Government of Curaçao agreed with this project of Meteo.

This network of weather stations, that was installed during the past few months, gives the MDC the ability to track local weather conditions on Curaçao closely. The various locations were selected on the basis of their representativeness for a specific area. Meteo will use this information to increase its ability to get a confirmation of the current weather conditions in real time. The MDC in this way will pass on more accurate information to the public on the threat of flooding in some areas. All this information will be displayed on our web site (<u>http://www.meteo.cw</u>). Additional information on the weather can be found on our Facebook page (<u>http://www.facebook.com/meteo.curacao</u>).

Meteo Curaçao wishes to thank the CPA, UTS and several volunteers for their cooperation, so that we can make use of the various locations to keep an eye on the weather in several spots on the island. The MDC will continue its efforts to improve in this way the monitoring for bad weather that can be a threat to Curaçao.

Station	Rain last minute	Rain accumulation since 8:00 AM	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Direction	Wind Speed	Last updated
Klein Kwartier	0.2 mm	1.6 mm	24.8 ℃ 76.6 °F	94.5 %	South East (164.92°)	5.5 Knots 10.2 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Onverwacht	0.4 mm	3.4 mm	25.6 ℃ 78.1 ℉	92.6 %	South East (149°)	4.2 Knots 7.8 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Santa Maria	0.8 mm	5.2 mm	24.8 °C 76.6 °F	96.1 %	South East (145°)	3.5 Knots 6.5 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Seinpost	0 mm	0.4 mm	24.8 °C 76.6 °F	84.8 %	South East (134.5°)	22.4 Knots 41.5 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Ser'i Kokori	0 mm	1.2 mm	25.2 °C 77.4 °F	88.2 %	South East (135.02°)	16.2 Knots 30 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Sint Annabaai		15 mm	24.5 °C 76.1 °F	97.4 %	(°)	14.9 Knots 27.6 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Steenrijk	0.4 mm	10 mm	25 °C 77 °F	93.1 %	South East (158.7°)	2.4 Knots 4.4 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0
Sumbu	0 mm	0 mm	29.2 °C 84.6 °F	74.7 %	South East (125.09°)	5.9 Knots 10.9 Km/h	11/05/2014 10:0

Example of the latest weather information appearing on our web site