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**Weather update – July, August and September (JAS) 2019**

The most recent climate outlook issued by the Department of Meteorology (DoM), Sri Lanka for July through September season reveals that there is a higher chance of receiving **Below normal** rainfall over most parts of the country. Weakening El Niño and IOD conditions may also not support of receiving higher rainfalls during rest of the Southwest monsoon period. It is also predicted that areas in Northern, North-eastern, North-central, Eastern and Central parts of the country likely to receive **Below normal** rainfall. Meanwhile, a slightly **Above normal** rainfall is likely to experience in Uva Province and in Hambantota districts during JAS season of 2019 (Figure 1). Nevertheless, by and large, aforesaid regions of the country usually do not experience appreciable amounts of rains during the period of July through mid September, instead, dry, warm and desiccating windy weather conditions are the general climatology of those region.

At present, even though the major tanks in Badulla and Hambantota districts bear a reasonable storage to provide irrigation water for the rest of the Yala season, water availability of all other major and minor tanks in the country remains at an alarming situation including Mahaweli system.

Therefore, it is highly advisable to further adhere to strict water issuing schedules recommended in the last agro-met advisory issued in early June while looking for supplementary irrigation sources wherever possible, especially for upland crops

This agro-met advisory is being issued in consultation with the Department of Meteorology, Colombo and will be updated at regular intervals.

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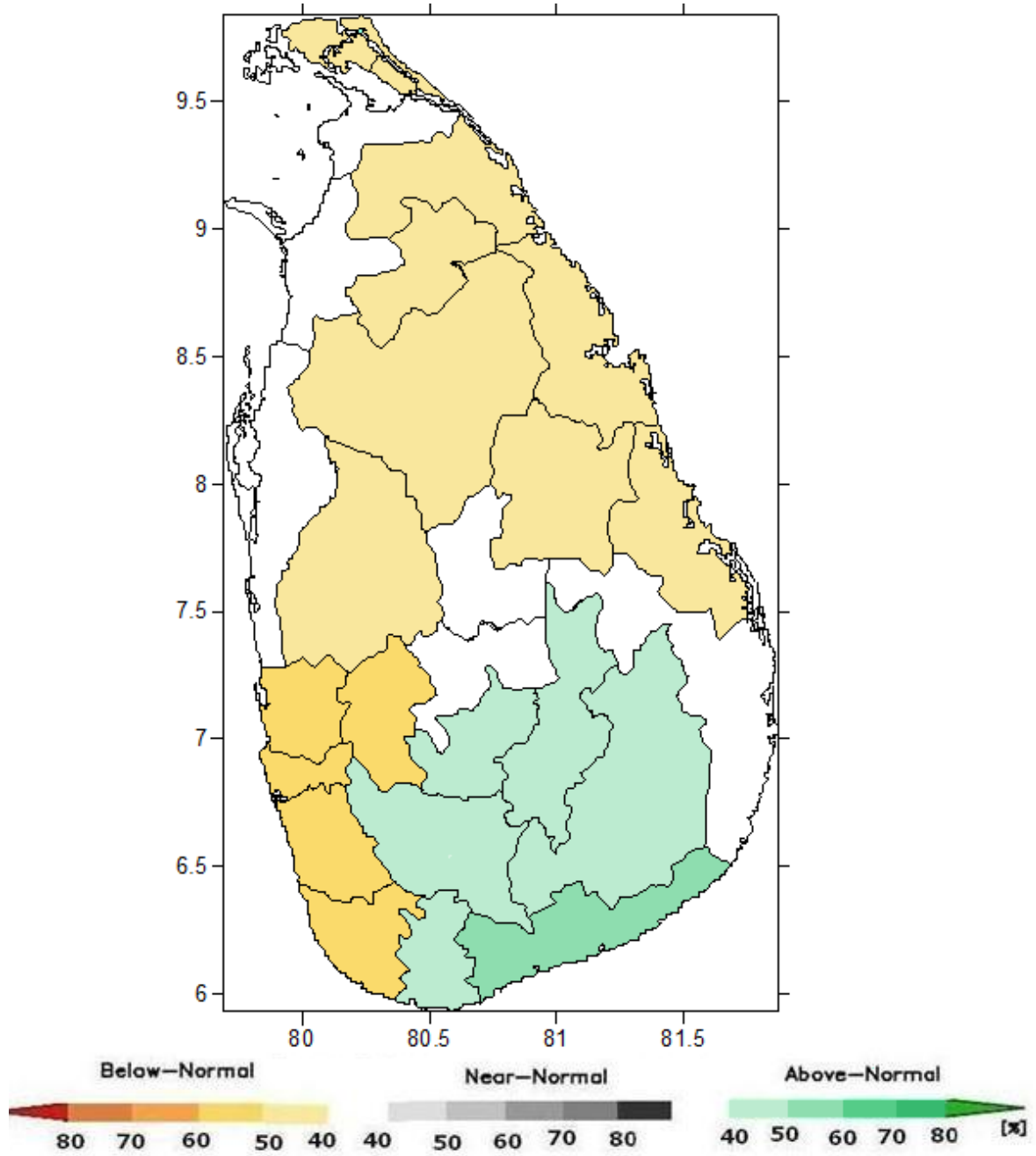
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**Figure 1: Probabilistic rainfall forecast for July-September 2019 using CPT**  
 (Source: Department of Meteorology, July, 2019 )