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# SCOTTISH CLIMATE UPDATE

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One of a series of Climate Updates from WWF Scotland based on data from the Met Office

## JUNE 2010

**TOP LINE:** June 2010 was more than a degree and half warmer than average  
It was the 9<sup>th</sup> warmest and 9<sup>th</sup> driest June ever, with only half the normal rainfall  
2010 had the 5<sup>th</sup> driest first six months in the last century

Measure	June 2010	Comparison*	Rating	Records start
Temperature	12.6°C	1.6°C	++	1910
Rainfall	41.4mm	-49%	---	1910
Sunshine	160.4hrs	+3%	+	1929

\*compared to 1971-2000 averages, +++ exceptionally above average; ++ well above average; + above average;

~ close to average; - below average; -- well below average

**COMMENT:**

Dr Sam Gardner, Climate Policy Officer for WWF Scotland, said:

“Settled fine and dry weather gave us a June well above average temperatures and it has been so dry there is little water in many rivers. Already people in Dumfries and Galloway are being asked to look at saving water.

“Despite the cool spring across western Europe, globally 2010 is heading towards being the hottest year ever recorded. For Scotland the hottest five years in the last century were all in the last decade. So far this year is setting records for the low levels of rainfall we have experienced, there have only been four drier years since data was first collected in 1910.

“In the Scottish Parliament the political parties are still debating about how tough to make the annual climate targets for the next few years. We won’t know the final results until September, when we should also see the first version of the Scottish Government’s detailed plans to meet these targets and deliver a world-leading 42 per cent emissions reduction by 2020.”

### THE YEAR SO FAR

June 2010 was more than a degree and half warmer than average, two degrees warmer in the west, making it the 9<sup>th</sup> warmest June ever. It was also the and 9<sup>th</sup> driest June and 2010 had the 5<sup>th</sup> driest first six months in the last century, with only 452mm of rain falling since the turn of the year. Despite a very warm spell May was close to average temperatures overall. Weather stations in Fife and the Borders recorded their highest ever May temperatures (on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Leuchars 26.2 °C and Charterhall, Borders 25.7 °C). April was nearly a degree warmer than the average and quite sunny. March saw a return to average temperature but with heavy snow in the north and coastal flooding in the east. February was the 12<sup>th</sup> coldest ever recorded and the winter was the second coldest ever. January was very cold but was



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also the 4<sup>th</sup> sunniest January in Scotland according to the records which began in 1929. It was particularly sunny in the west.

