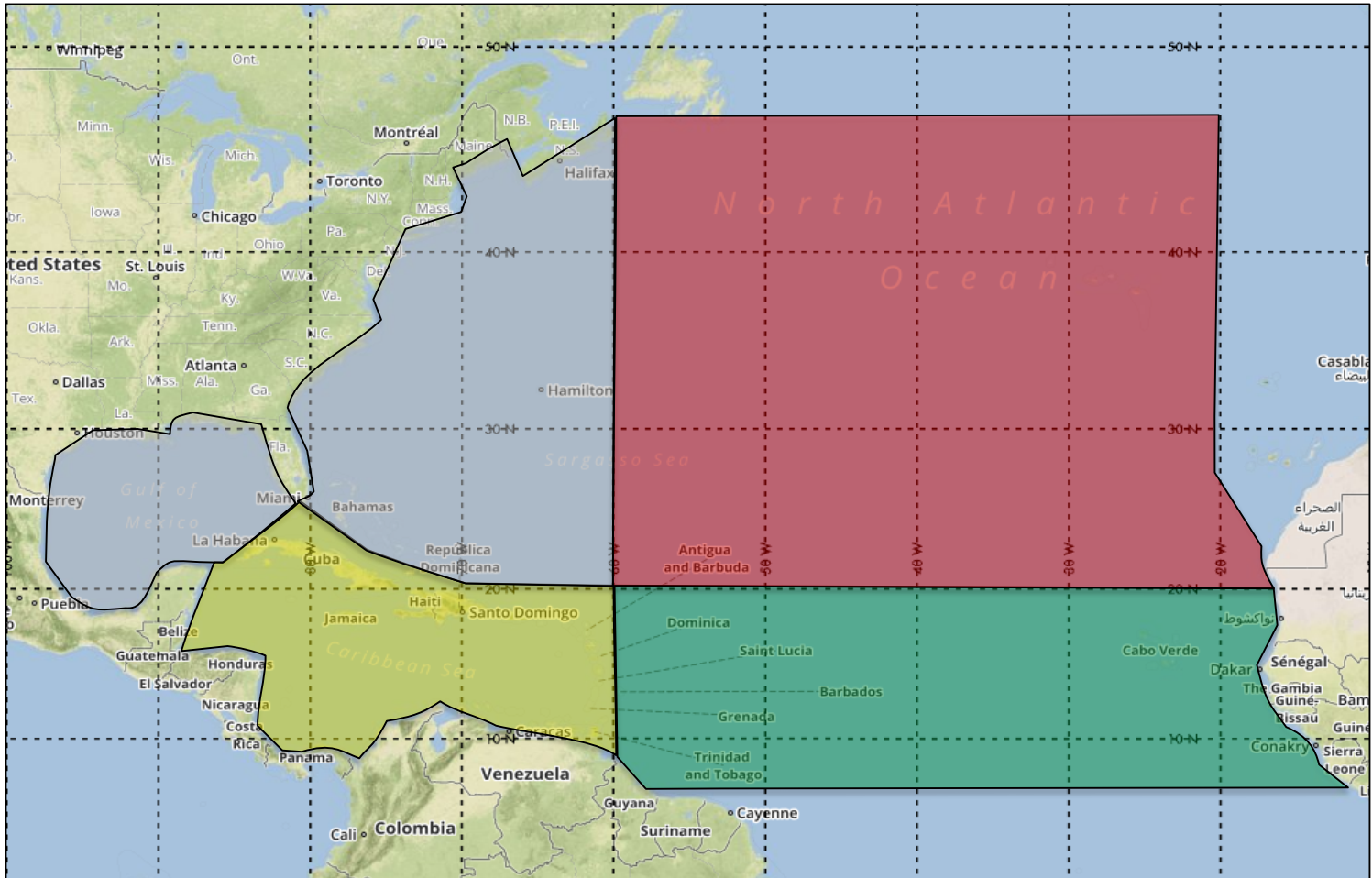


8 to 15 Day Tropical Cyclone Threat by Region – Valid October 1 through October 8	
Gulf of Mexico and Bay of Campeche	Minimal
Caribbean Sea	Moderate
Western Atlantic/Eastern US Coast	Minimal
Antilles to West Africa	Low
North Central Atlantic	High



Gulf of Mexico and Bay of Campeche – Moderate wind shear is likely to persist and forecast guidance does not show any significant development threatening the region during the 8 to 15 day period. As a result, the forecast threat level remains at minimal.

Caribbean Sea – Tropical Depression Kirk, or its remnants, are likely to be traversing the central Caribbean at the start of this period. Strong wind shear is forecast and should cause Kirk to weaken and potentially dissipate. Interests in the region should monitor Kirk’s progress during the next few days.

Western Atlantic/East US Coast – A ridge of high pressure is forecast to remain over much of this area during the 8 to 15 day period. This should keep any central Atlantic tropical cyclones to the east as well as limit the potential for any Caribbean activity to lift north.

Antilles to West Africa – Conditions are expected to be largely unfavorable for significant development. However, a low threat for new development is maintained due to a couple of passing tropical waves.

North Central Atlantic – A large sub-tropical cyclone is expected to be located over the central North Atlantic for much of the 8 to 15 day period resulting in the designation of a high threat.

Forecast Confidence: Average