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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 2008

**TOP LINE: June 2008 was a bit wetter than usual but otherwise unexceptional**

Measure	June 2008	Comparison*	Rating	Records start
Temperature	11.3°C	+0.1°C	~	1914
Rainfall	110.1mm	+28%	+	1914
Sunshine	153.7hrs	-4%	~	1929

\*compared to 1961-1990 average, +++ exceptionally above average; ++ well above average; + above average;

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

### THE YEAR SO FAR:

June was slightly warmer and quite a bit wetter than average. May was the warmest May ever in the Scottish records, which go back to 1914. It was also the 4<sup>th</sup> driest ever with only 34% of the usual rain for May. March and April were both rather average, apart from very wet conditions in April in eastern Scotland. February was more than two degrees centigrade warmer than the long-term average. This January was more than a degree centigrade warmer than the long-term average and the 3<sup>rd</sup> wettest January ever recorded.

### COMMENT:

Dr Richard Dixon, Director of WWF Scotland, said:

“June has been rather average, despite following on from a record-breaking warmest-ever May. With two out of six months two degrees warmer than average, 2008 is heading to be one of the 10 warmest years ever recorded for Scotland.

“The Scottish Government has announced that over 21,000 people commented on its proposals for a Climate Change Bill. Almost all of them called for an 80% reduction in Scotland’s emissions by 2050 and the inclusion of aviation and shipping in the bill. Despite the lack of urgency being shown by world leaders at the G8 Summit in Japan, this amazing response shows the huge public desire for governments to deliver serious action on climate change. The Scottish Government have promised a world-leading climate bill but there is plenty to do to make sure we have the tough targets and clear plans to deliver on them.”

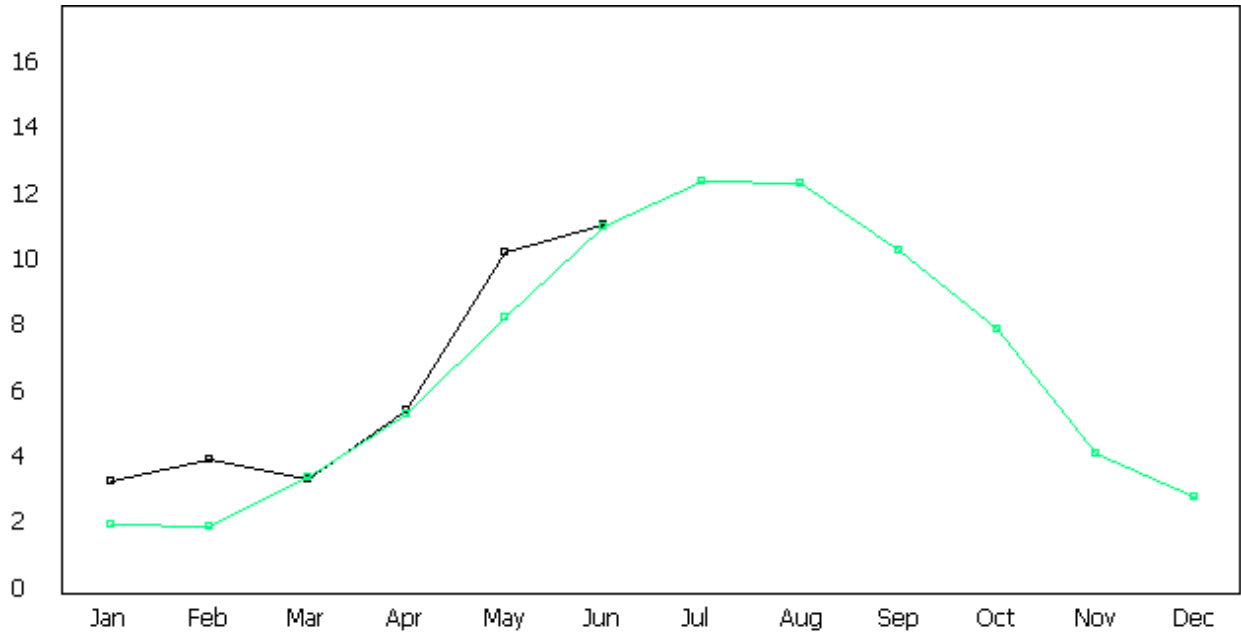
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*2008 compared to the average temperatures of the years 1961-1990*

