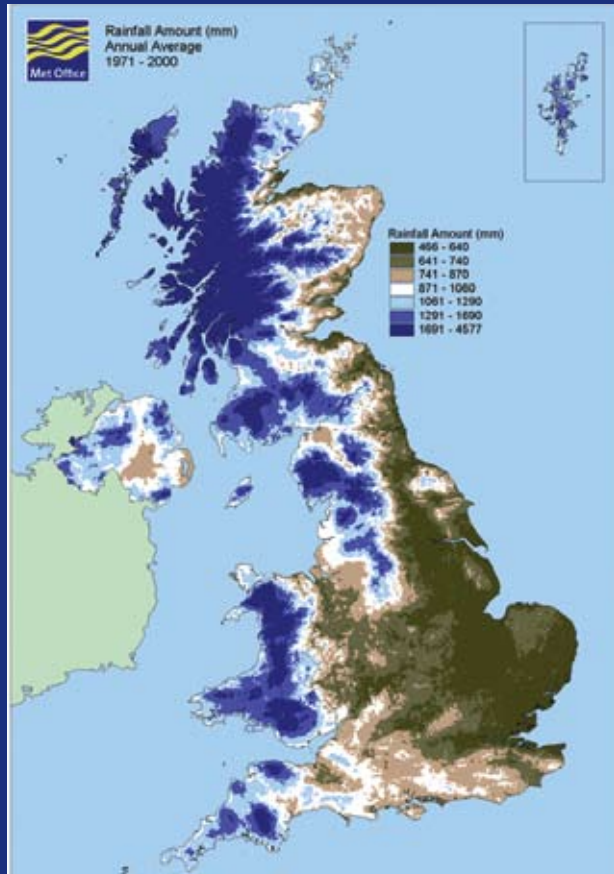


WETTEST AND DRIEST



The wettest and driest places in the world are generally regarded as:

Highest average annual total: 11680 mm (460 inches) at Mount Wai-ale-ale, Hawaii

Highest in one year: 26461 mm (1042 inches) at Cherrapunji, India from 1 August 1860 to 31 July 1861

Highest in one calendar month: 9300 mm (366 inches) at Cherrapunji, India in July 1861

Highest in 24 hours: 1825 mm (72 inches) at Fac Fac, La Reunion Island, Indian Ocean

Highest in 12 hours: 1350 mm (53 inches) at Belouve, La Reunion Island, Indian Ocean

Driest place: for the period between 1964 and 2001, the average annual rainfall at the meteorological station in Quillagua, in the Atacama Desert, Chile, was just 0.5 mm

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