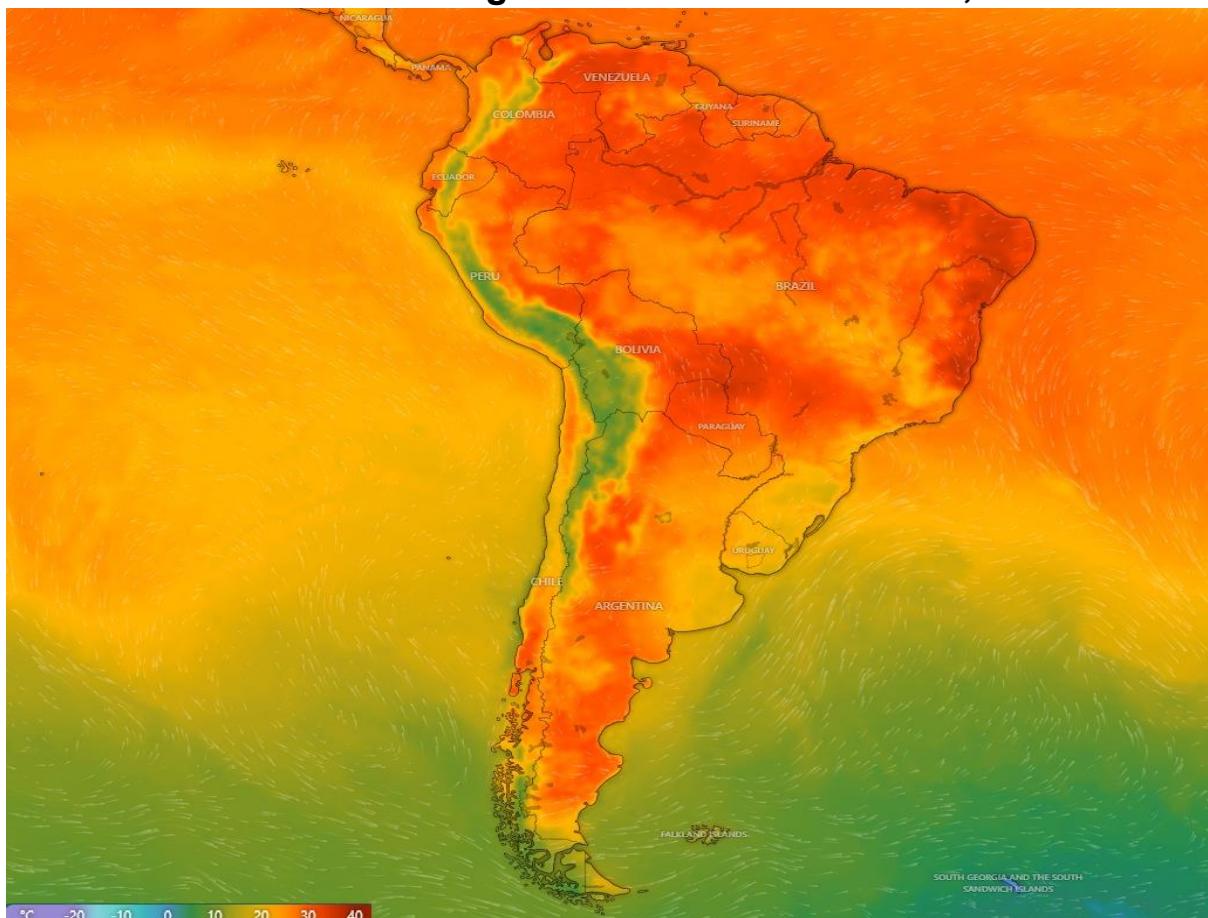




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Extreme Rainfall & Flooding Risk – North Queensland, Australia



Valid: 4– mid January 2026

Affected Areas

Northern and central Brazil, Colombia (Caribbean coast incl. Cartagena), Ecuador (Amazon & eastern regions including El Coca), northern & central Chile, Patagonia, and adjacent inland areas.

Hazard Types

Extreme Heat, Temperature Records, Heatwave Conditions.

Hazard Summary

Unusually intense heat conditions are being observed across large parts of South America during early January 2026. Several locations have reported record or near record high temperatures, including very high night-time temperatures along Colombia's Caribbean coast, extreme daytime heat in eastern Ecuador, and multiple temperature records across Brazilian states. Close-to-record temperatures are also being reported in southern Chile and Patagonia, which is climatologically unusual for the region. These conditions increase the risk of heat stress, dehydration, pressure on power and water systems, and wildfire potential, particularly in urban and low-lying areas. Heat impacts may persist or intensify over the coming days.