



Recent changes in rainfall and air temperature at Agnone (Molise - Central Italy)

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Abstract

An exhaustive daily rainfall and extreme air temperature series (1883-2000) was reconstructed for Agnone, a small town in Molise (Central Italy). Long-term analysis identified an increasing trend of $1.3 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$ per 100 years, statistically confident at the 95% level, only for minimum air temperature, and of a seasonal march, reasonably stationary along the entire investigated interval, explaining more than 50% of the corresponding monthly variance, with maxima in November and July for rainfall and air temperature, respectively. Daily clustering analysis evidenced scale-invariant properties, largely dependent on the threshold value, for all the investigated parameters.

Keywords

Molise Region; climatic change; long term instrumental series; fractal analysis; the Cantor dust method

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