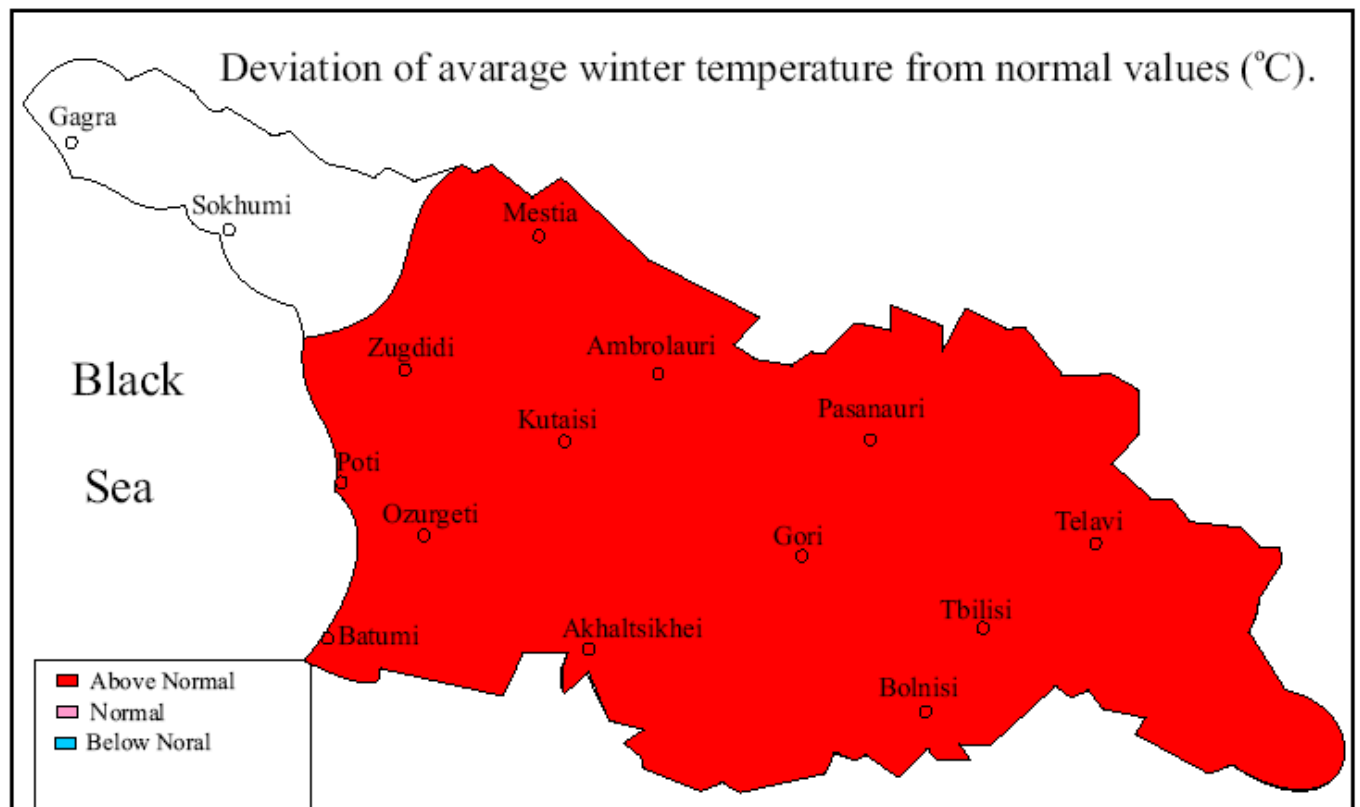


Assessment of the winter 2012-2013 in Georgia

In December, January and the third decade of February there was invasion of wet air masses from West. So precipitation occurred very often at that time but not heavily. Clean weather period was conditioned by high pressure over Caucasus.

Temperature

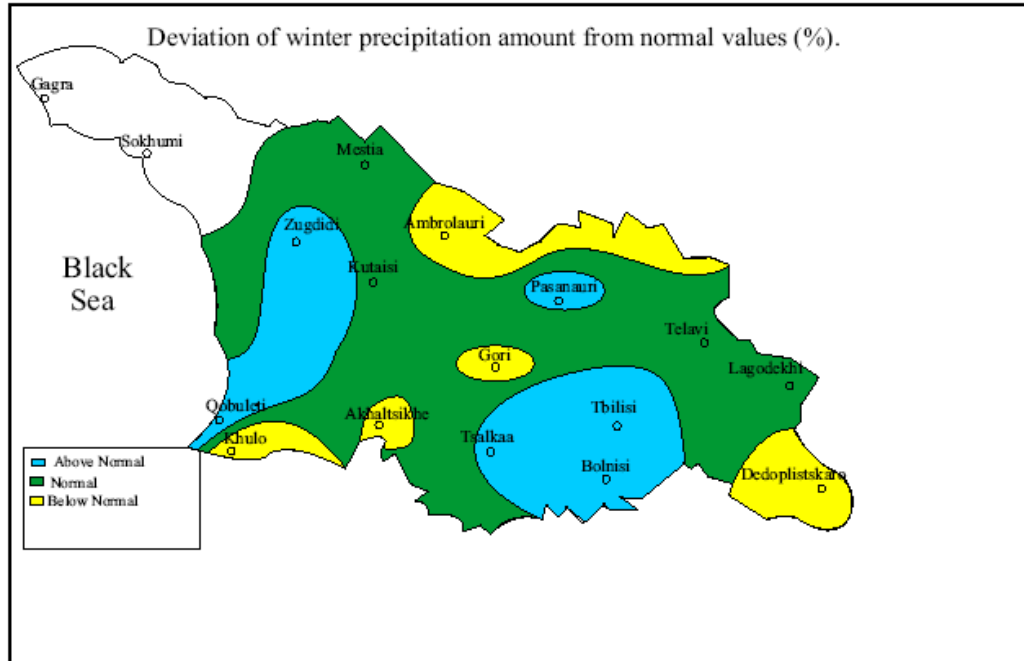
In winter season the average air temperature was $+7$, $+8^{\circ}$ in lowland of the West Georgia; 0 , $+1$ in the mountains and -2 , -3° in the high mountains; $+2$, $+4$ in flat of the East Georgia; -1 , 0 in the mountains and -4 , -5° in the high mountains, that was $1-2^{\circ}$ higher than normal.



The outlook for Georgia, the winter 2013 was expected to be above than normal with 40% probability. According to observation in Georgia it was above than normal. So the outlook for winter in Georgia was correct.

Precipitation

According to the precipitation winter was variable. There was 300-700 mm in lowland of Georgia, 190-270 mm in the mountains, 50-350 mm in flat of the East Georgia, 60-110 mm in the mountains and the high mountains, it was above than normal and near norm for Lowlend of the West Georgia, for the most territory of the mountains and in Shida Kartli region it was below normal, in Kvemo Kartli region-above the norm and in Kakheti region-near the norm and below norm.



The outlook for Georgia, winter 2013 was expected to be above normal with 45% in the West Georgia and near the norm with 34%. So the outlook for winter was correct only for the most territory of lowland of the West Georgia and in Kakheti region.