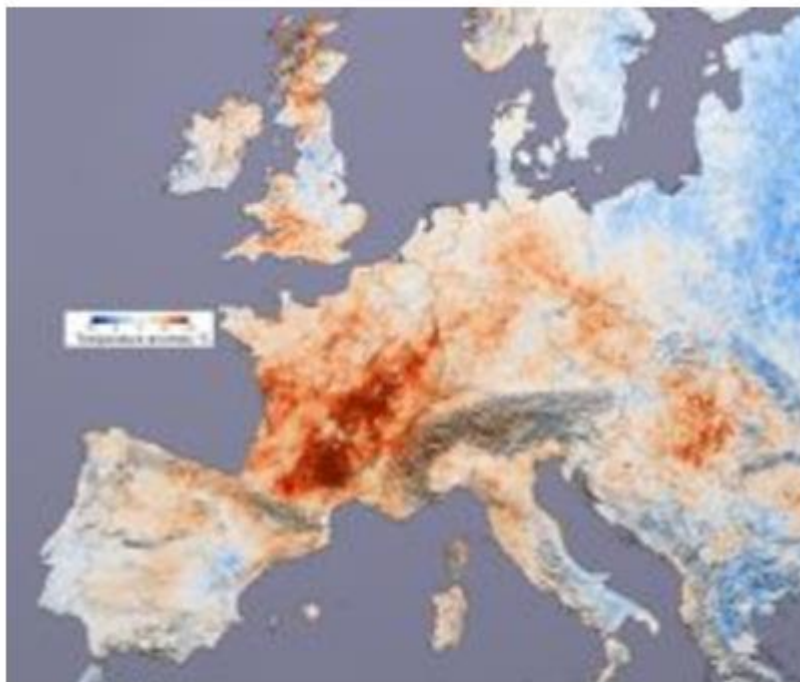


Heat wave facts for kids

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A **heat wave** is a long period of extremely hot **weather**, which may be followed by high **humidity**. There is no definition of a heat wave in which everyone agrees; the term depends on the usual weather in the area. Temperatures that people from a hotter **climate** consider normal can be called a heat wave in a cooler area if they are outside the normal climate pattern for that area. The term is used on both common weather changes and to very hot events which may occur only once a century.



Temperature difference in Europe from the average during a heat wave in 2003.