



Kinshasa

As global temperatures rise, IIED is analysing what this means for some of the world's biggest capital cities. In this series, IIED examines rising levels of extreme heat in 20 cities over the past 30 years (1994–2023).

Total days over 35°C during past 30 years: 349

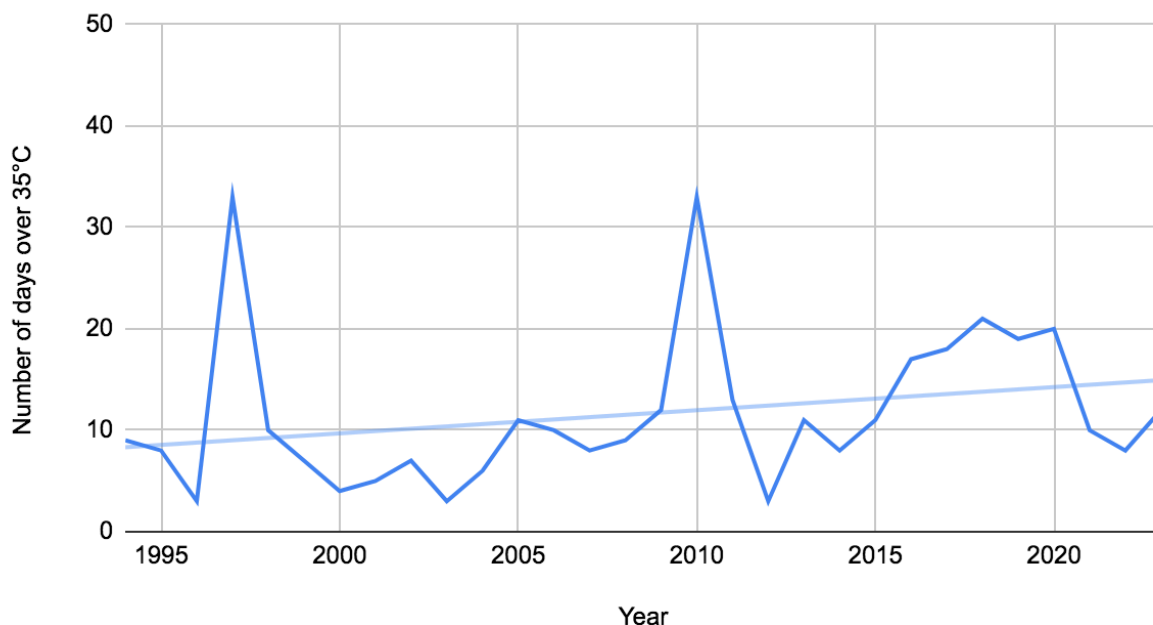
Total days over 35°C by decade:

- 1994–2003: 89
- 2004–2013: 116
- 2014–2023: 144

Based on a linear annual trendline across 30 years, the number of days of extreme heat (35°C and over) in Kinshasa has **increased by 76%** during the past 30 years since 1994.

During the first decade of this analysis (1994–2003), every year — with the exception of one particularly hot year in 1997 — recorded 10 or fewer days of 35°C and over in Kinshasa. By the most recent decade (2014–2023), the city was averaging around 14.5 days over 35°C per year, with only 2 out of 10 years experiencing fewer than 10 days over 35°C.

Kinshasa: Number of days over 35°C/year



Location of temperature measurement: N'djili Airport

Source: this analysis was conducted using daily weather data provided by [Custom Weather's](#) Historical Data and Analytics. Custom Weather aggregates and presents daily weather data for cities, which are collected from a single airport location in each city. Airports are often the location of [official weather stations](#). This also allows comparability between cities.