



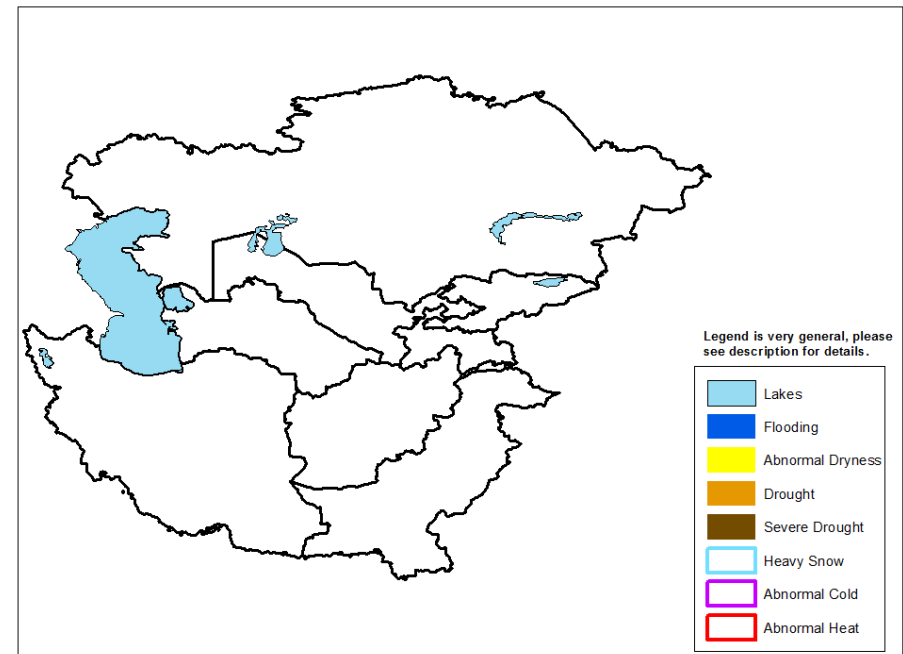
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 26 – January 1, 2013

Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees C below-normal across Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan from December 14-20, while seasonal temperatures prevailed across the remainder of Central Asia. Minimum temperatures ranged from -18 to -14 degrees C across north-central Kazakhstan during mid-December. Light freezes were common across the lowlands of western and southern Afghanistan. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are expected to continue for Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Freezing temperatures are forecast for the second consecutive week across the lowlands of western and southern Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures lower than -30 degrees C are forecast for the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Rain and snow fell throughout the region from December 15-21 with the heaviest amounts (greater than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) across south-central Kazakhstan and the mountains of Tajikistan. According to the CPC-unified dataset, precipitation deficits are at or above 50 mm across southeast Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and parts of Tajikistan. During the next week, light rain and snow is forecast to be limited to southern Kazakhstan, western Uzbekistan, northern Afghanistan, and western Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.