



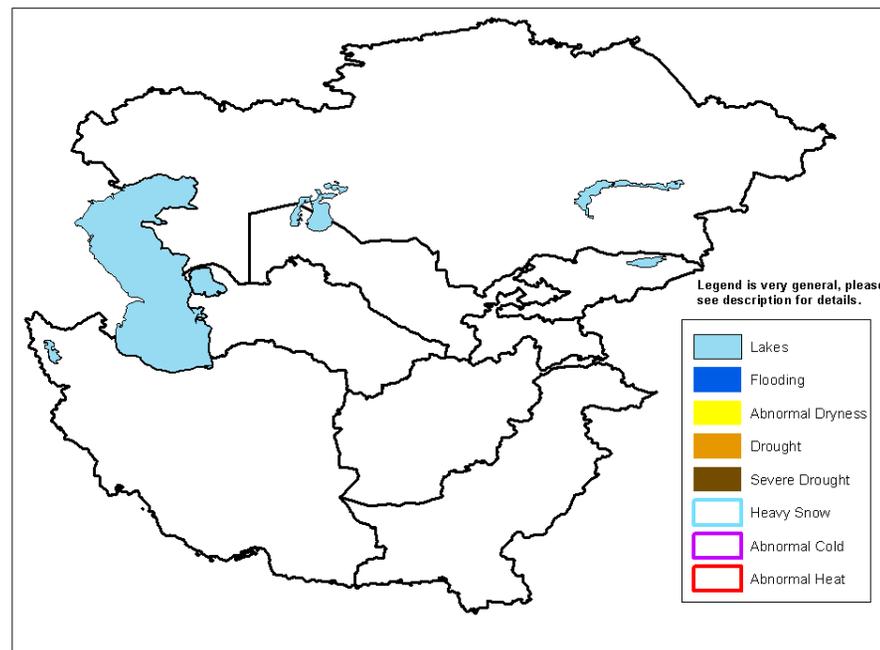
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook March 27 – April 2, 2014

Temperatures:

Temperatures, during the second dekad of March, were above-average (1-8 degrees C) across most of Central Asia. The largest positive temperature anomalies (4-8 degrees C) were recorded in northern Kazakhstan and northern Uzbekistan. Temperatures were below-average (1-4 degrees C) across the higher elevations in central and northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. During the next week, maximum temperatures are expected to be above 0 degrees C across all of Central Asia except for the highest elevations of Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Minimum temperatures are forecast to be below -15 degrees C in northern Kazakhstan, northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Overall, below-average temperatures are expected in northern Kazakhstan, northern, Afghanistan and Tajikistan while above-average temperatures are expected elsewhere.

Precipitation

During the past week, moderate to heavy precipitation (10-40mm) was observed across parts of Afghanistan, southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan and western Tajikistan. This marked the second consecutive week of at least moderate precipitation. The above-average weekly precipitation helped to reduce long-term precipitation deficits. During the next week, light precipitation amounts are forecast. Overall, light to moderate precipitation (5-30mm) is forecast for parts of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Tajikistan as well as localized areas in Afghanistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.



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.