



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 10 - 16, 2014

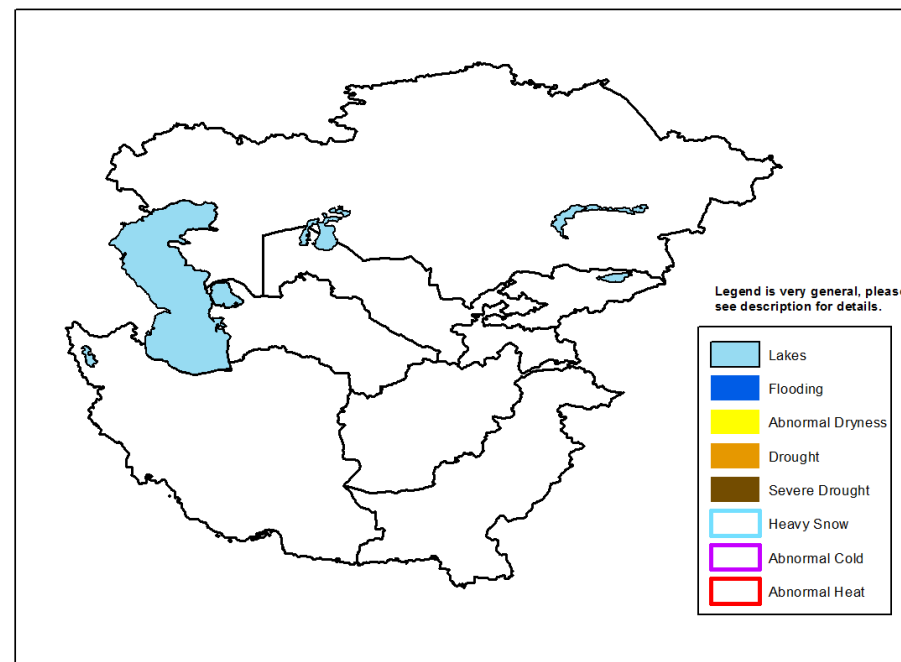
Temperatures:

Temperatures from March 29 – April 4 were above-average across most of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan with the largest positive anomalies (9 – 12 degrees C) across eastern Kazakhstan. Seasonal temperatures prevailed across the remainder of the region. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are forecast for much of Central Asia. Subfreezing temperatures are expected across most of Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Locally heavy rain (more than 50 mm) fell across eastern Afghanistan during the past week. Flooding was recently reported along the Amu River in Jawzjan province and along the Helmand River across Zabul, Urozgan, and Helmand provinces.

Drier weather is forecast for much of Central Asia during the next week with rain and high-elevation snow limited to the mountains of northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan. The drier weather is expected to reduce the flooding risk.



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.