



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 8 - 14, 2014

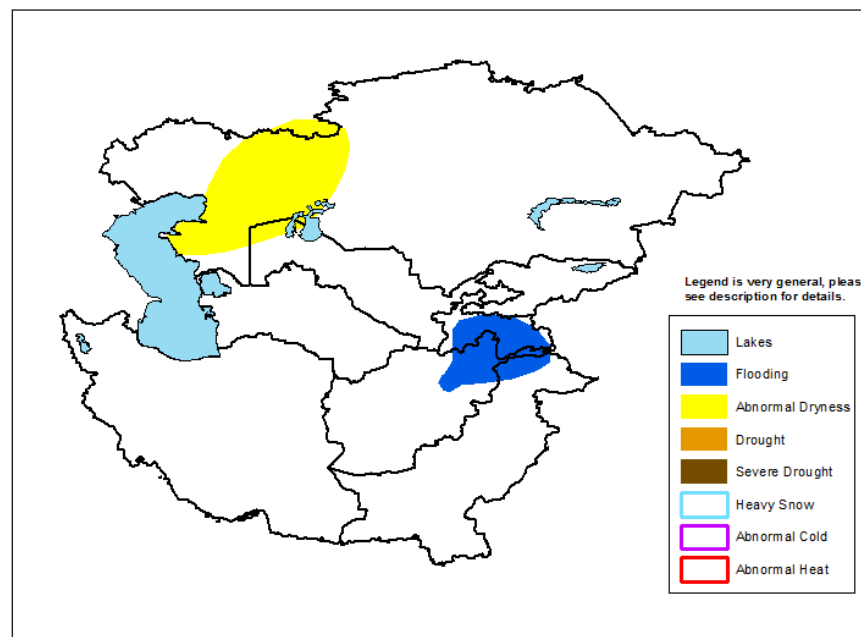
Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged 1 to 5 degrees C above-normal across Central Asia from April 27 – May 3. Minimum temperatures remained above freezing throughout the region for the first time this spring. Maximum temperatures ranged from the upper teens (degrees C) across northern Kazakhstan to the middle 30s (degrees C) across Turkmenistan and the lowlands of Afghanistan. Temperatures are forecast to remain above-normal during the next week.

Precipitation

Abnormal dryness is posted for northwest Kazakhstan where precipitation deficits have increased during the past two months. The Vegetative Health Index indicates below-average vegetation levels for this time of year. However, cmorph (satellite precipitation estimates) indicates some rainfall in this region during the past week. This hazards polygon will be reassessed in next week's outlook.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall at the end of April resulted in a deadly landslide in Badakshan, a province of northeast Afghanistan. Scattered showers with locally heavy rainfall are expected to continue into the second week of May across northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Locally heavy rainfall amounts are capable of triggering flash flooding or landslides.



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.

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