



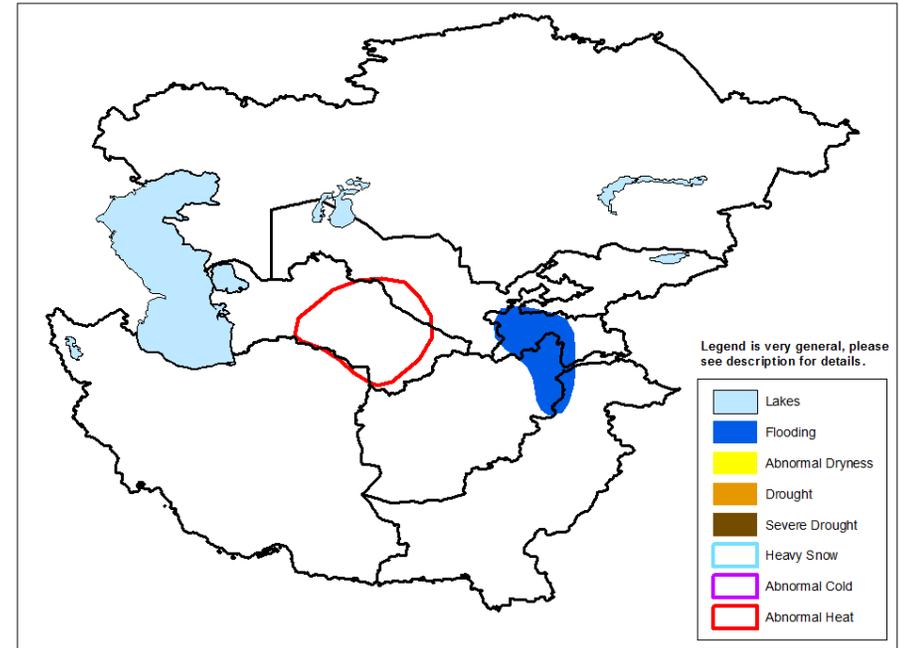
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 14 - 20, 2015

Temperatures:

During early May, above-average temperatures persisted across much of Central Asia, with the largest positive anomalies up to 8 degrees Celsius observed over northern Kazakhstan. Maximum temperature ranged between 30 – 40 degrees Celsius throughout southern Central Asia, including Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, northern Afghanistan, western Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. During the next week, above-normal temperatures are forecast to continue, with maximum temperature possibly exceeding 40 degrees Celsius in southern Turkmenistan.

Precipitation

From May 5 – 11, widespread precipitation, mostly in the form of rains, was observed over Central Asia. Moderate to locally heavy rains triggered flooding and resulted in fatalities over the Faryab and Baghlan areas of northern Afghanistan, according to local media reports. During the next week, precipitation forecasts indicate another week of wet weather, with abundant (> 50 mm) rain across northeastern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, which could cause new flooding or exacerbate ground conditions over many local areas.



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.