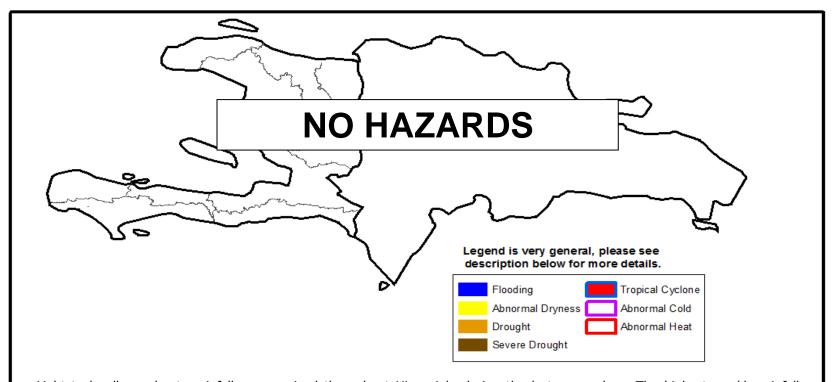


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook March 13 – March 19, 2014

A slight increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola during the past observation period.



Light to locally moderate rainfall was received throughout Hispaniola during the last seven days. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (10-30mm) were observed in the lower Gulf of Gonaives region, which brought continued moisture into parts of the Ouest and Sud-Est departments of southern Haiti. Over the last 30 days, above-average precipitation has been observed across many coastal areas along the Gulf of Gonaives, with below-average rainfall throughout the southern Haitian peninsula, and across the northern departments. Although Hispaniola climatologically observes a minimum in rainfall during this time of year, the anomalous dryness in the north follows several months of poor rainfall observed in the northern departments of Haiti. This may continue adversely impact ground and vegetation conditions. Precipitation forecasts suggest a increase in rainfall across the southern Hispaniola during early March. This increase is expected to provide beneficial ground moisture, however, little to no rainfall is expected for many anomalously dry areas further north.