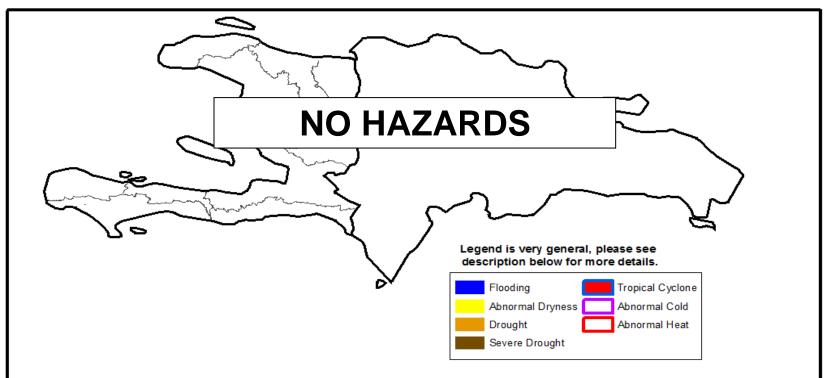


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook March 27 – April 2, 2014

Increased rains likely in southern Haiti during late-March.



Average to below average amount of precipitation was received throughout Hispaniola. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (>30mm) were observed in the lower gulf region of southern Haiti, with lesser amounts observed across the northern departments of the country. Over the last 30 days, above-average precipitation has been observed across many coastal areas along the gulf, with strengthening moisture deficits resulting from below-average rainfall throughout the western Haitian peninsula, and central Haiti. To date, monthly moisture deficits remain more marginal in the north. Although Hispaniola climatologically observes a minimum in rainfall during March, the anomalous dryness in the north follows several months of poor rainfall observed in the northern departments of Haiti which may continue adversely impact ground and vegetation conditions. For the upcoming outlook period, precipitation forecasts suggest an increase in precipitation along the southern half of the island. Light to locally moderate rainfall amounts are expected with higher amounts (30-50mm) across the southern and southeastern departments of Haiti.