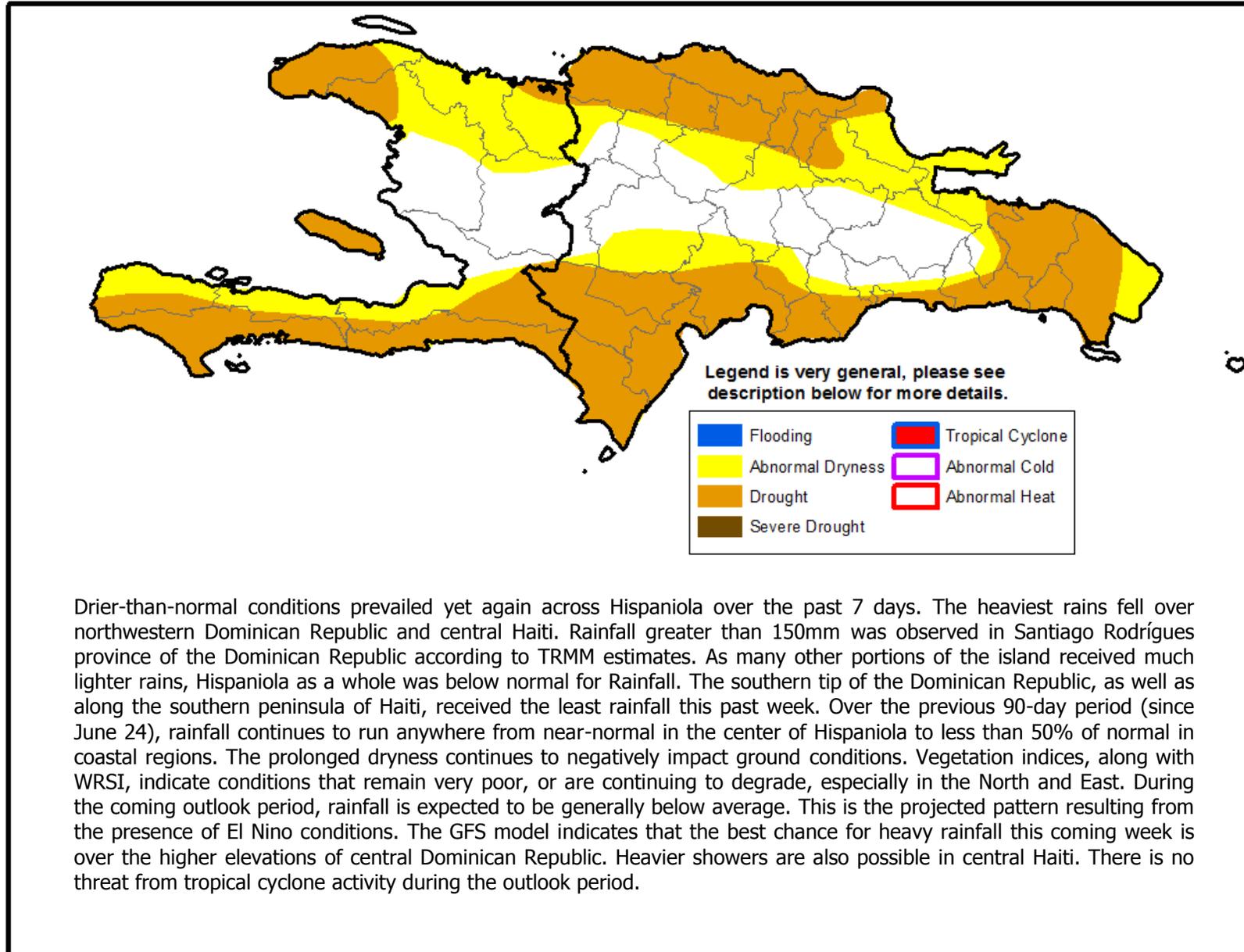




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook September 24 – September 30, 2015

- No end in sight to the pattern of abnormally dry weather.



Drier-than-normal conditions prevailed yet again across Hispaniola over the past 7 days. The heaviest rains fell over northwestern Dominican Republic and central Haiti. Rainfall greater than 150mm was observed in Santiago Rodríguez province of the Dominican Republic according to TRMM estimates. As many other portions of the island received much lighter rains, Hispaniola as a whole was below normal for Rainfall. The southern tip of the Dominican Republic, as well as along the southern peninsula of Haiti, received the least rainfall this past week. Over the previous 90-day period (since June 24), rainfall continues to run anywhere from near-normal in the center of Hispaniola to less than 50% of normal in coastal regions. The prolonged dryness continues to negatively impact ground conditions. Vegetation indices, along with WRSI, indicate conditions that remain very poor, or are continuing to degrade, especially in the North and East. During the coming outlook period, rainfall is expected to be generally below average. This is the projected pattern resulting from the presence of El Niño conditions. The GFS model indicates that the best chance for heavy rainfall this coming week is over the higher elevations of central Dominican Republic. Heavier showers are also possible in central Haiti. There is no threat from tropical cyclone activity during the outlook period.