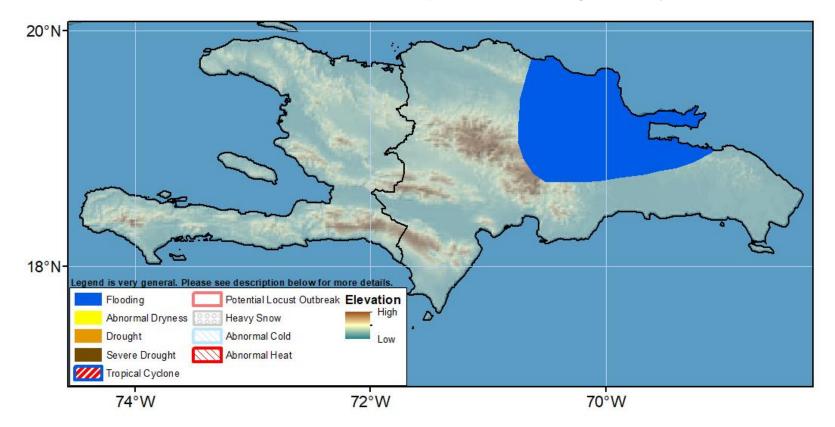


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Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook 24 February – 2 March 2022

Flood risks remain over northeast Dominican Republic as additional light to locally moderate rain is forecast.



During the past week, dry weather but typical pattern during this time of the year was observed over Hispaniola. An analysis of this past thirty-day rainfall accumulation indicated that wetter-than-average conditions persisted along the northern tier of Hispaniola, whereas near-average conditions dominated elsewhere. As a result, ground oversaturation has been reported over many areas since early February. Consequently, vegetation conditions showed some improvement relative to those during earlier periods over most areas of Hispaniola despite continued, unhealthy conditions over some areas, including northeast Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic. The continuation of seasonal rain should, in general, help aid ongoing winter season cropping activities over many local areas.

During the outlook period, little (< 10 mm) rains are expected over much of Haiti and western Dominican Republic. In contrast, light (10 - 25 mm) rains are forecast over the eastern half of the Dominican Republic. The forecast additional rain could exacerbate conditions on the ground and, thus, maintains elevated risks for flooding over many previously-saturated areas in the region.