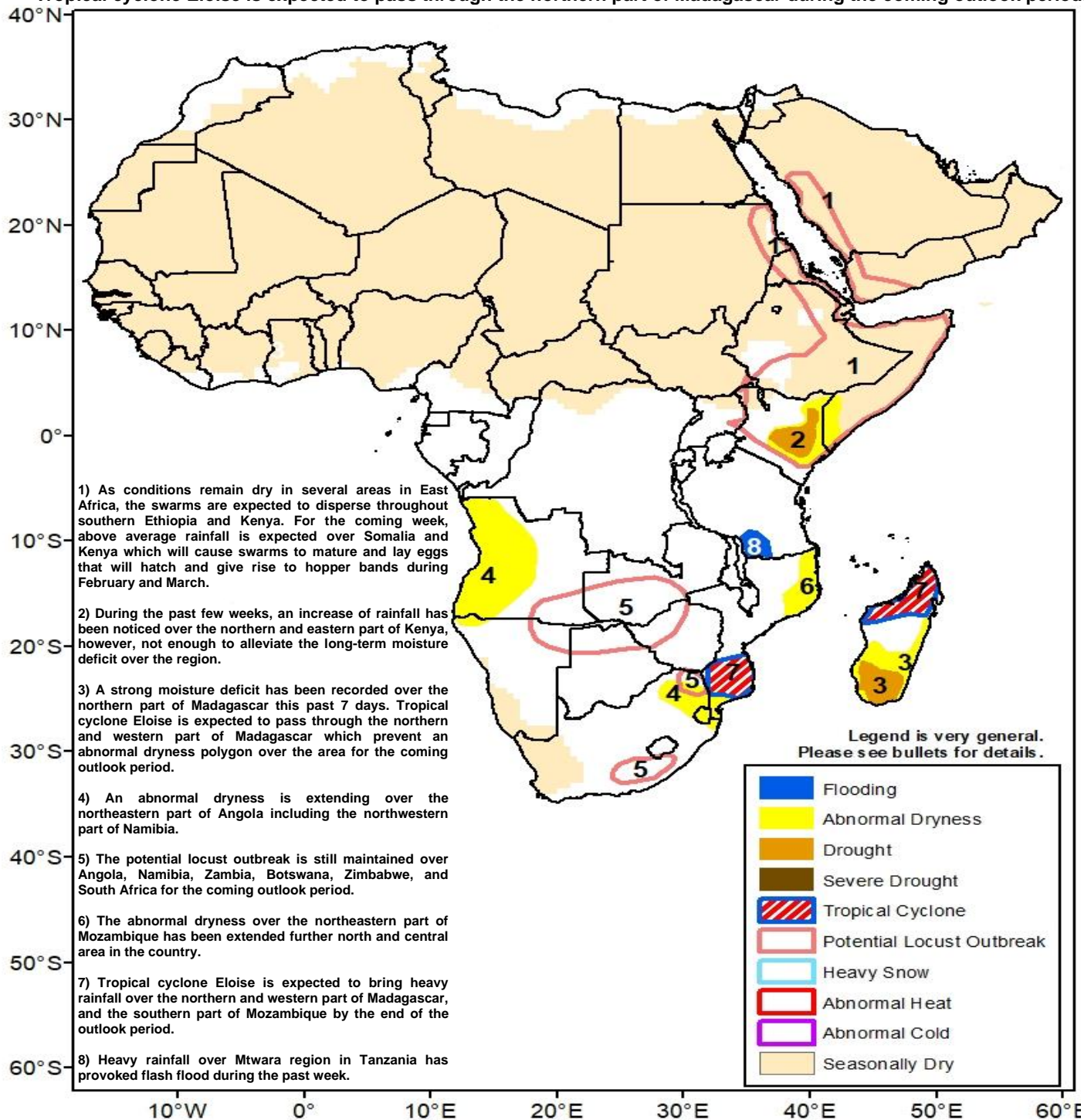




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Tropical cyclone Eloise is expected to pass through the northern part of Madagascar during the coming outlook period.



Flash flood has been reported over Mtwara region in Tanzania.

During the past week, according to the satellite estimated rainfall, light rainfall has been recorded over the central part of Ethiopia, the southern part of Kenya and Angola. Moderate rainfall has been recorded over Tanzania and heavier rainfall over its southern part (**Figure 1**). The rainfall performance for the past 30 days has been above average over Tanzania, the northern and eastern part of Kenya, Uganda and the northeastern part of Democratic Republic of Congo. This surplus of rainfall would not help to recover from the crop lost however it would tremendously help to grow grassland vegetation during February.

The SPI CMORPH is showing a positive value over the southern part of Ethiopia and Kenya for the past 30 days which correlate the recent increase of rainfall over the region.

During the coming outlook period, a near to above average rainfall is expected over the western and southern part of Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda. A continuation of above average is expected of the southern part of Tanzania which will be covered by a flooding polygon.

Flash flood has been reported over the central part of Namibia.

During the past 7 days, heavy rainfall has been recorded over the central part of Mozambique, the northwestern part of Botswana. The heavy rainfall over Windhoek in Namibia has caused fatalities and houses damages. Light to moderate rainfall has been recorded over the Zambia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar and South Africa. The past 30 days rainfall performance has observed more coverage of strong moisture deficit over the northern and central part of Madagascar. The northeastern part of Angola is struggling through a rising moisture deficit for the past 3 weeks which could be covered by an abnormal dryness if the coming week continue to observe a below average performance (**Figure 2**).

During the coming outlook period, heavy rainfall is expected over the northern and western part of Madagascar, and the southern part of Mozambique. Above average is expected over Zambia, Zimbabwe and Eswatini. Seasonal rainfall is expected over the northern part of Mozambique, the northern part of Namibia and Democratic Republic of Congo. A below average is expected over the western part of Angola, the central part of South Africa and the southern part of Botswana.

Note: The hazards outlook map on page 1 is based on current weather/climate information and short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week). It 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.

