



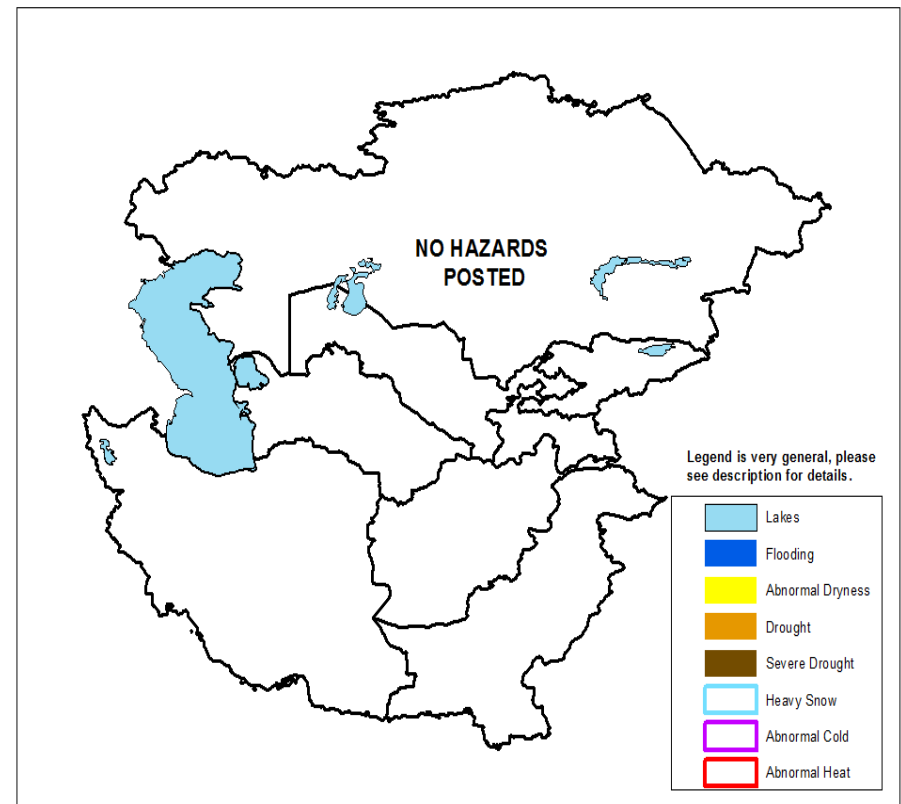
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook September 26 – October 2, 2013

Temperatures:

During the third week of September, temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees C below normal across the eastern half of Kazakhstan. Temperatures averaged slightly above average across Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The first freeze of the season occurred across parts of north-central Kazakhstan where minimum temperatures fell to -2 degrees C. Following a week of unseasonably cool temperatures, a warming trend can be expected for Kazakhstan with temperatures forecast to average above normal during the next week across Central Asia.

Precipitation

During the past week, mostly light rain affected northern Kazakhstan and seasonal dryness prevailed across the remainder of the region. Precipitation anomalies are close to zero across the region during the past 30 days. Dry weather is forecast for the majority of Central Asia, but a frontal boundary is expected to bring light rain to northern Kazakhstan early in the period.



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