



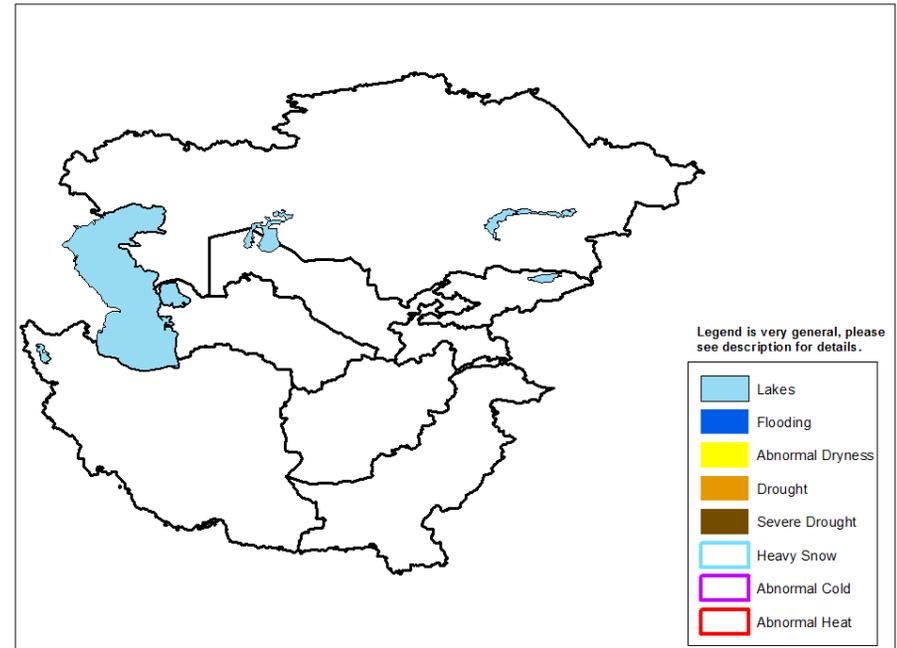
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 9 - 15, 2014

Temperatures:

During the late period of December, 2013, temperatures continued to drop below normal, with the largest negative departure from the average exceeding 4 degrees Celsius across South Central Asia. Slightly above normal temperatures, however, remained over northern Kazakhstan. During the next outlook period, slightly colder than average weather is expected throughout the region, with minimum temperature potentially falling below -20 degrees Celsius over the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

Precipitation

Drier weather dominated Central Asia, with light (< 10 mm liquid equivalent) precipitation falling only over parts of northern Kazakhstan, southern Uzbekistan, and northern Afghanistan during the past observation period. Precipitation anomalies over the past thirty days indicated deficits nearing 50 mm over portions of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan. During the next outlook period, eastward propagating systems are expected to bring light to locally moderate snow showers over Afghanistan and central Tajikistan.



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.

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