



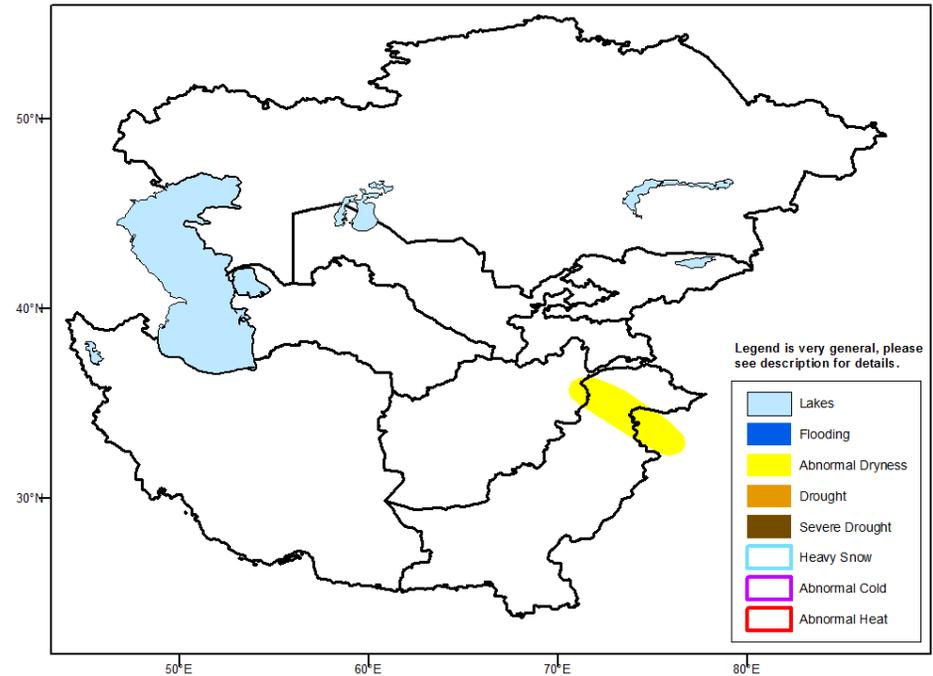
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 28, 2017 – January 3, 2018

Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures (1 to 9 degrees C) were observed across Kazakhstan and northern parts of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan from December 17 to 23, while above-normal temperatures (1 to 7 degrees C) prevailed across Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Minimum temperatures fell below -30 degrees C over northern Kazakhstan. The GFS model indicates that temperatures are likely to average above normal across much of the region except for northeast Kazakhstan where below-normal temperatures are forecast to persist.

Precipitation

Mostly dry weather prevailed through December 23, but heavy snow developed across northeast Afghanistan and Tajikistan since that time. Although the CMORPH precipitation estimates feature precipitation deficits ranging from 25 - 100mm during the past 90 days (valid through Dec 24) across northern Afghanistan, the abnormal dryness hazard is not expanded due to recent heavy snowfall. A large area of surface high pressure is expected to result in a return of dry weather throughout the region through the beginning of January.



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.