



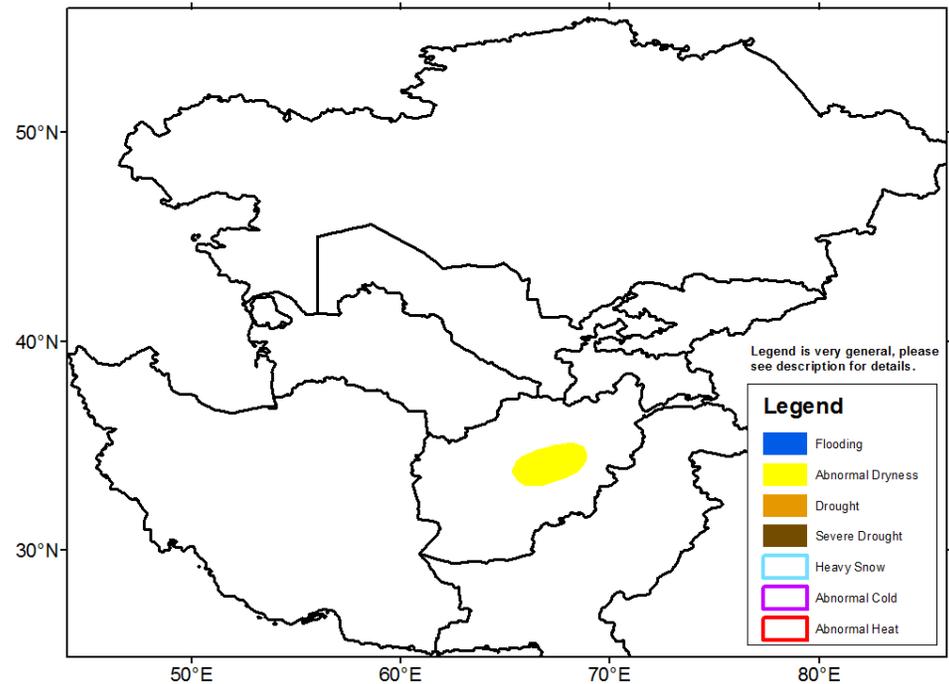
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 13 - 19, 2018

Temperatures:

Weekly temperatures averaged much below normal (-5 to -9 degrees C) across central and northeast Kazakhstan from Dec 2 to 8, while near to above normal temperatures were observed across the remainder of the region. Extreme minimum temperatures were as low as -38 degrees C across northern Kazakhstan. Sub-freezing temperatures extended as far south as northern Afghanistan. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures are forecast to average near to above normal during the next week.

Precipitation

Light precipitation (rain and high-elevation snow) fell across northwest Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan with most gauge observation less than 10 mm, liquid equivalent. According to satellite estimates, precipitation deficits have increased across Afghanistan. Also, snow water equivalent anomalies are below normal across parts of central and northeast Afghanistan. Based on these factors, an abnormal dryness hazard is posted for parts of central Afghanistan. Mostly dry weather is forecast across much of the region during the next week with light precipitation (less than 10 mm, liquid equivalent) limited to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and 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.