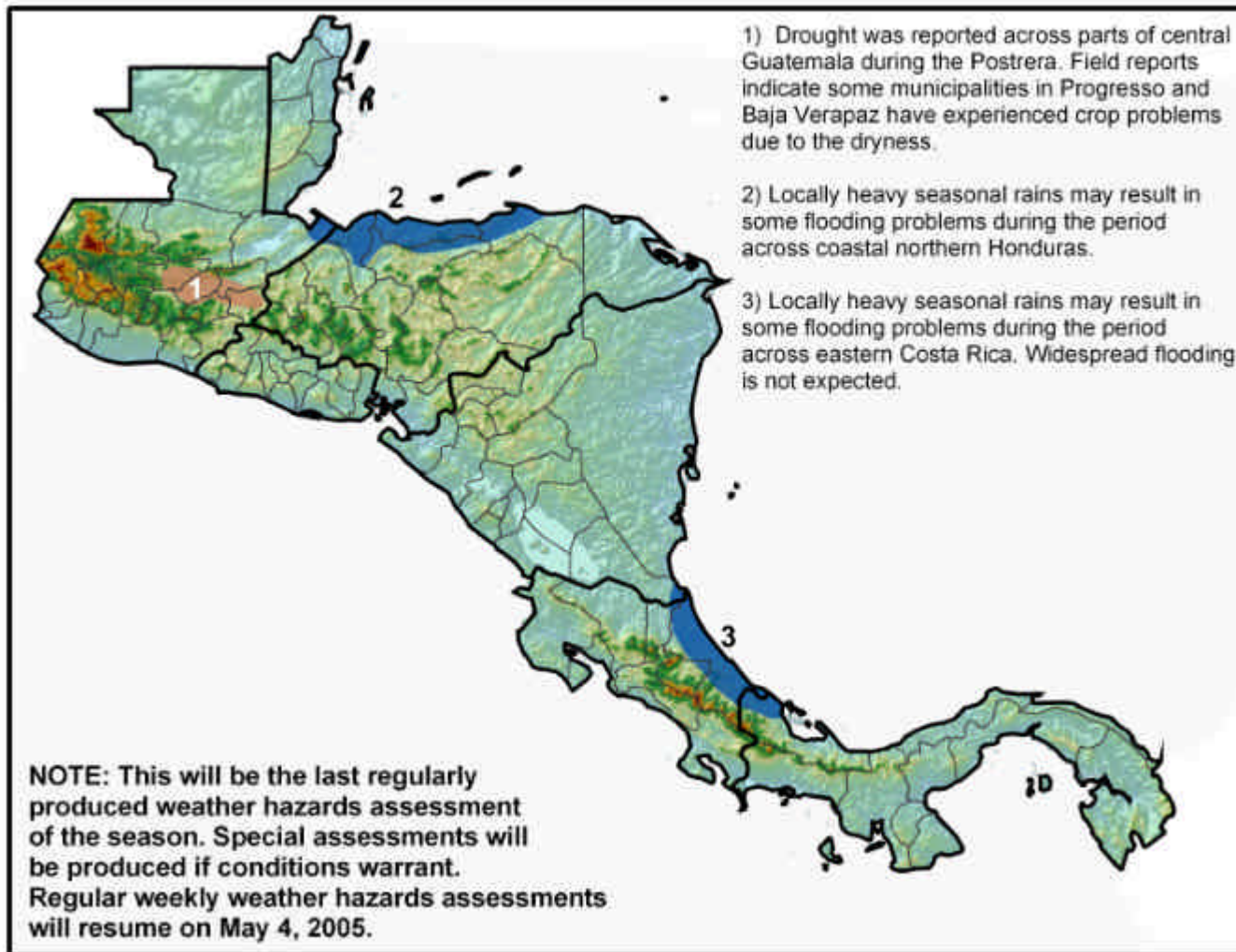


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# Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

For

December 30, 2004 – January 5, 2005



## Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) Rainfall was lighter than normal and erratic in some areas of central Guatemala during both the Primera and Postrera seasons. Reports from the field indicate that some municipalities in Progreso and Baja Verapaz have experienced crop problems due to the poor rains. Although some scattered showers may cause some localized field work delays across central Guatemala, mostly dry conditions should favor regional harvesting activities.
- 2) Torrential rains were reported across portions of northern coastal Honduras during mid- December. Those rains likely resulted in some localized flooding problems in and around Atlantida. Last week, additional heavy rains fell in some areas, with 197 mm reported at La Ceiba and 87 mm reported at Tela. During the period, seasonal rains are expected to continue, some of which will be locally heavy. As a result, the potential exists for localized flooding and landslides during the period.
- 3) Seasonal rains are expected in and around eastern Costa Rica. Some of these rains may be heavy at times and result in localized flooding problems and landslides. Widespread problems, however, are not expected.

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