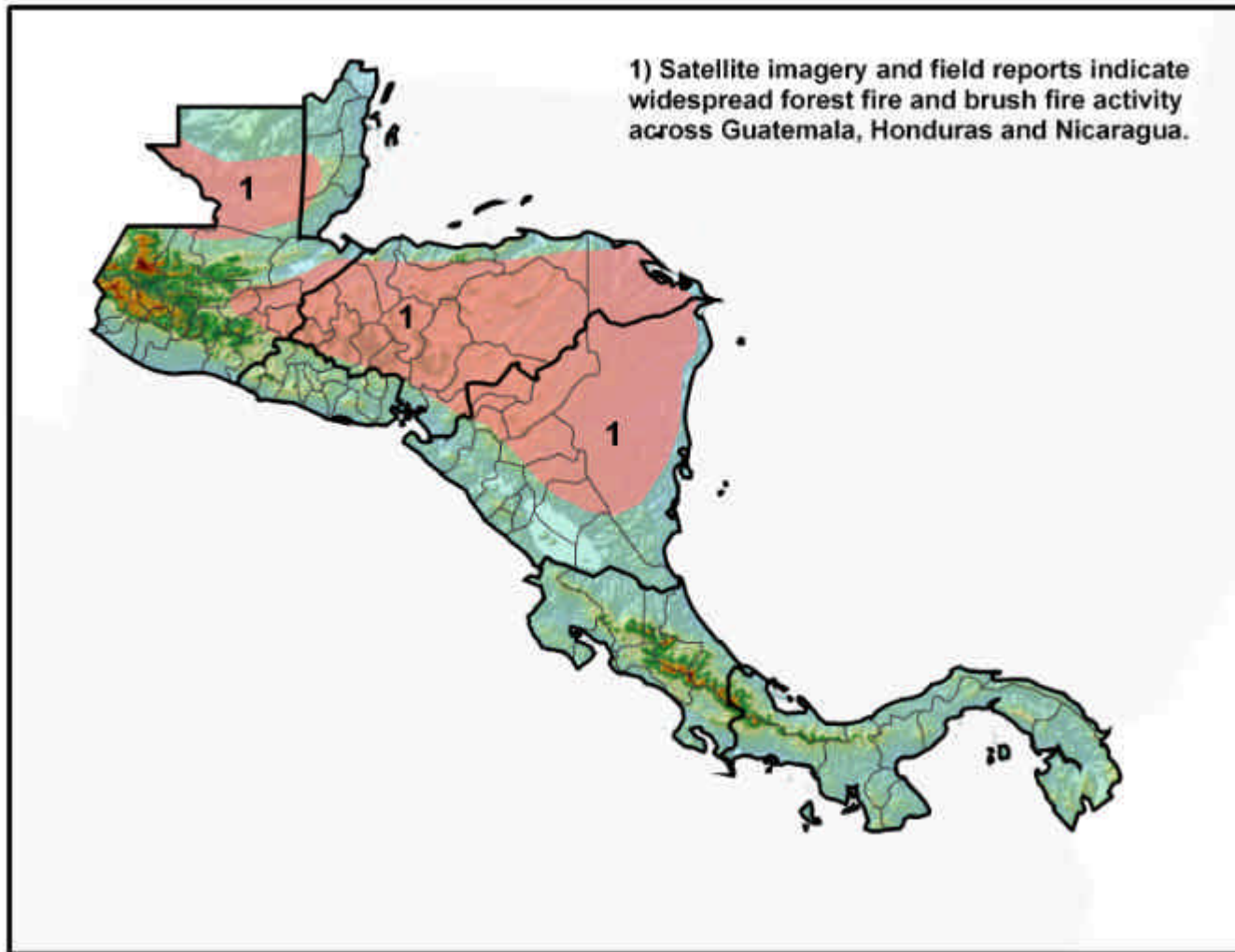


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## Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

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- 1) Satellite imagery and field reports indicate widespread wild fires and brush fires across Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, about 3000 hectares have been affected in the Cola Blanca and Kukalaya River areas of the RAAN. Since the beginning of the year, 70 forest fires have affected about 800 hectares of forest in northwestern Guatemala. Although some scattered showers are possible, mostly dry conditions should result in continued wildfire activity during the period.

Recent developments in the tropical atmosphere and in the ocean water temperature structure of the eastern tropical Pacific may result in a dry early and mid May across the region. This may make for a shaky start to the wet season over Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua. This could also result in a dry spell over northwestern Costa Rica.

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