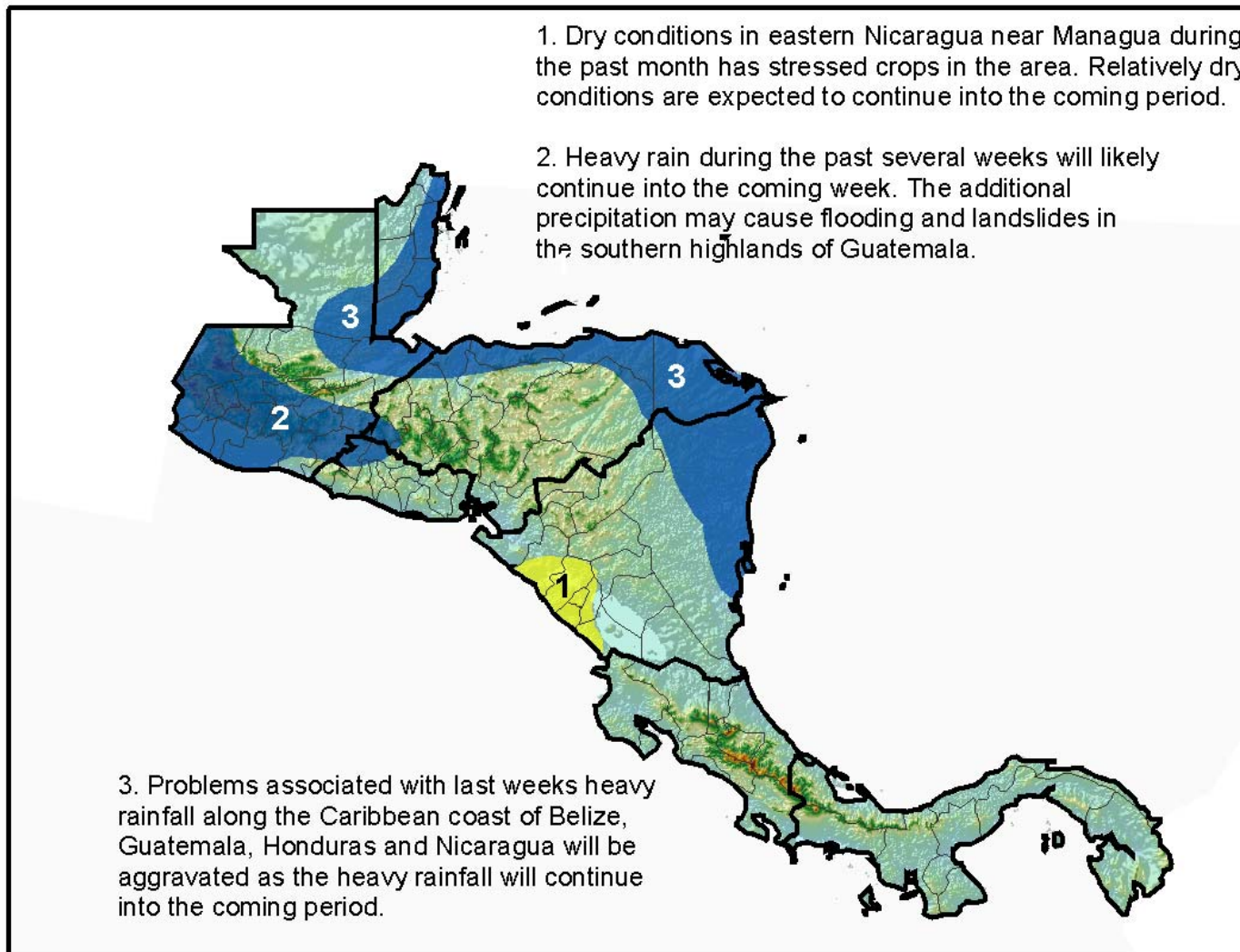


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Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) In the vicinity of Managua in western Nicaragua less than 100 mm of rain fell during the month of June, and similar conditions have continued into early July. This has allowed some short term dryness to move into the area, and may begin to impact the emerging crops in the area. Scattered showers are expected during the coming period, but they will not be widespread enough to reverse the recent dry trend.
- 2) Rainfall has been heavy during the Primera season in southern Guatemala and an additional rainfall is likely to aggravate conditions. The month of June was exceptionally wet, with satellite estimates in some areas reaching as high as 500 mm of rainfall during the month of June. These heavy rains have triggered landslides, and flooding, as well as crop and property damage. Additional precipitation falling on already saturated soils will cause localized flooding, and possibly landslides. These impacts are expected to be localized, and no widespread implications are expected.
- 3) Heavy rainfall is possible from coastal Belize into nearby sections of Guatemala, northern Honduras and eastern sections of Nicaragua. Rainfall during the past few weeks has concentrated itself in these areas, with satellites estimating excess of 300 mm of rain in much of the area. With heavy rainfall expected again during the coming period, localized flooding is possible. However, widespread flooding is not expected.

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