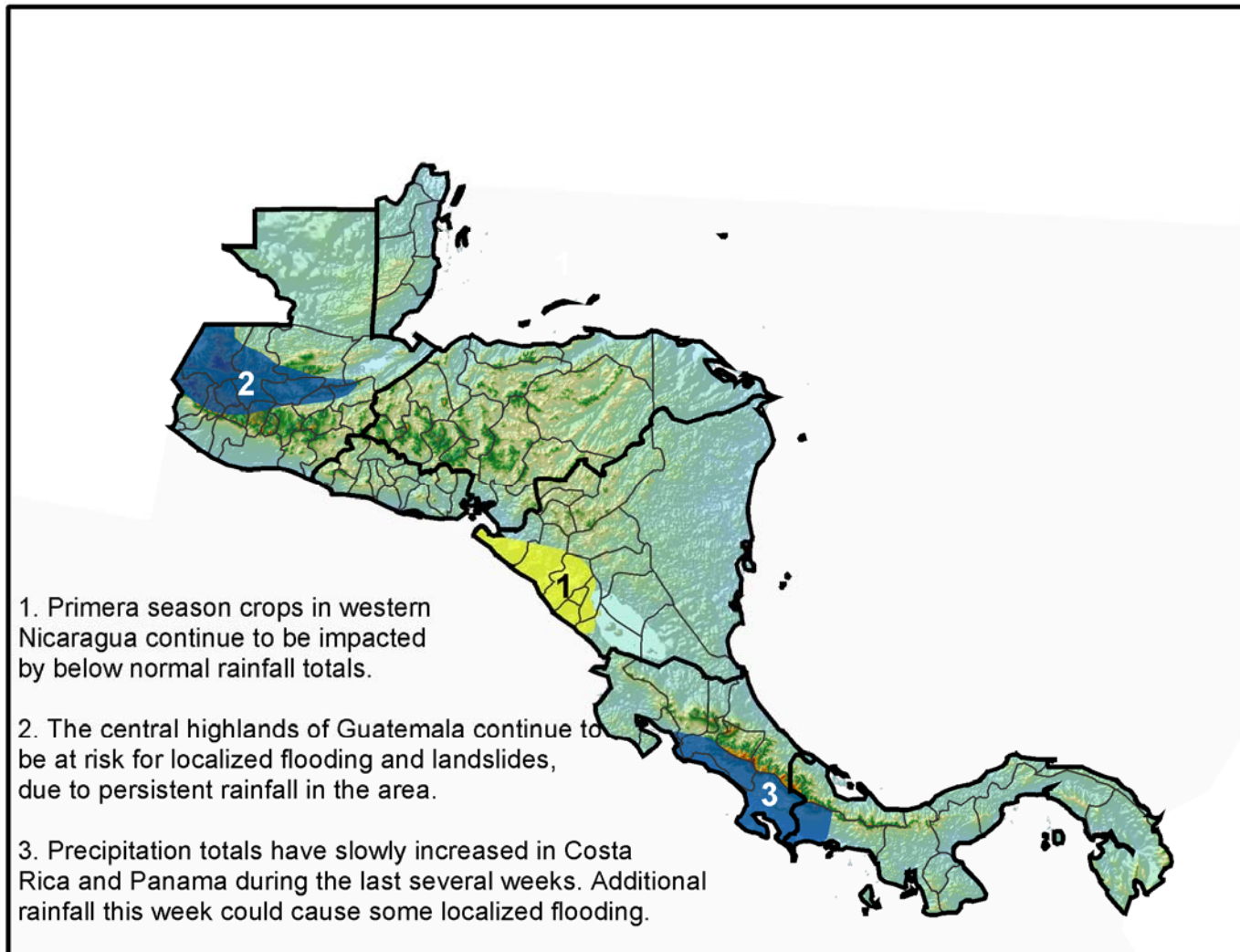


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## Central America Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

July 27 – August 2, 2006



## ***Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:***

- 1) In Nicaragua along the Pacific coast below normal rainfall has continued to stress crops. Rainfall totals in the area significantly below normal, with some areas have seen only 200 - 300 mm of precipitation since May as estimated by satellites. Scattered showers during the coming period will do little to improve conditions.
- 2) Rainfall continues to be locally heavy over the Guatemalan highlands. Rains have continued to be heavy in the region with totals exceeding 1500 mm since May as estimated by satellites. With soils already saturated the additional rainfall will likely cause localized flooding and land slides.
- 3) Sections of western Panama and southern Costa Rica will see continued heavy rainfall during the coming week. These heavy rains will lead to the possibility of localized flooding. Although these areas are accustomed to receiving large amounts of rainfall during the wet season, some locations will receive an excessive amount of moisture.

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