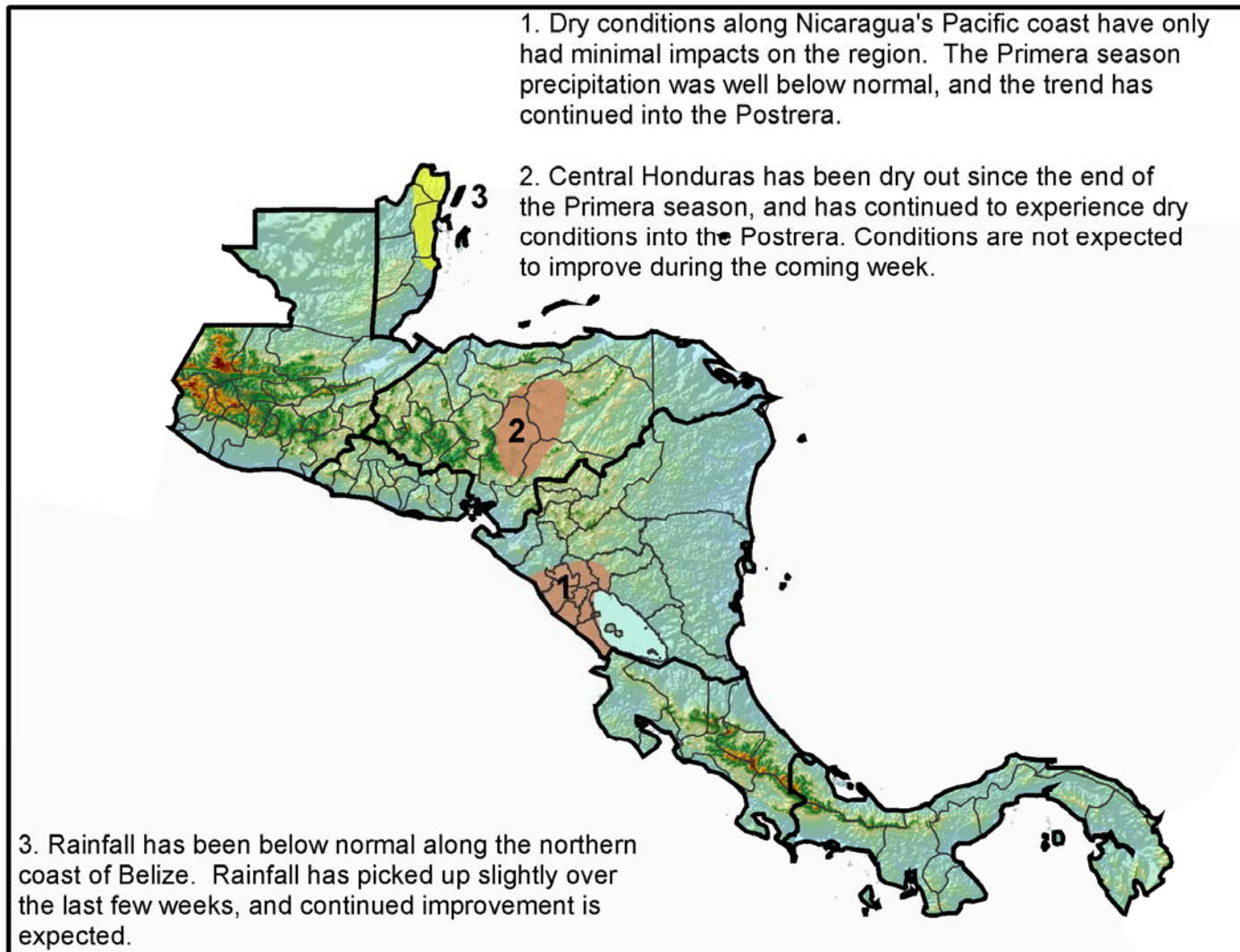


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Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) There has been some improvement in the narrow stretch of land between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific Ocean since the beginning of the Postrera season. Although the impacts of the Primera season were minimal a significant moisture deficit accrued in the area. As a result of drought resistant crops grown in the area, such as pineapple, the season progressed with no large scale problems. Even with some improvement during the Postrera moisture deficits remain.
- 2) Across the central Honduras provinces of Olancho, and Francisco Morazan, and nearby parts of El Paraíso precipitation totals began to drop off towards the end of the Primera season. Conditions are worsening in the area, which is largely reliant on the Postrera crops. Conditions in Francisco Morazan are the worst with the area having received less than 75 mm of precipitation since the beginning of August as estimated by satellites. The larger region has received less than 100 mm of rainfall since August.
- 3) Minor improvement continues in northern Belize. Although precipitation deficits have not been growing in recent weeks, they remain. The deficits began in August when rainfall became concentrated over the Yucatan and denied moisture to some nearby areas. Improved conditions during the remaining part of the Postrera would bring conditions back to normal.

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