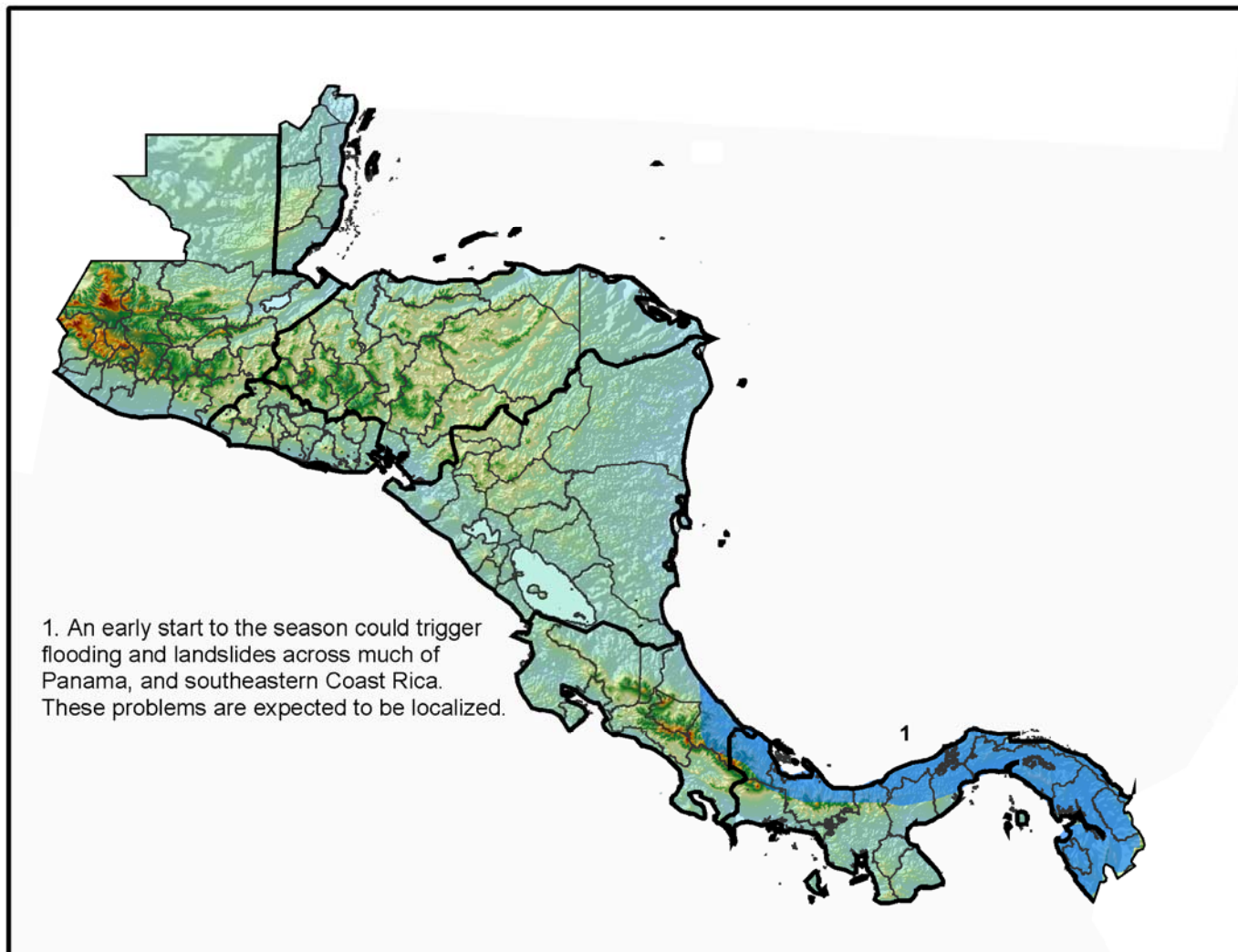


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Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) The ITCZ has moved into Panama and Costa Rica unusually early this year. As a result heavy rainfall is expected over portions of both countries. Flooding and land slides are a concern because of the rains falling on relatively dry soils. These problems are likely to be localized only to areas that receive heavier rainfall.

The rest of Central America is climatologically dry this time of year and normal conditions are expected.

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