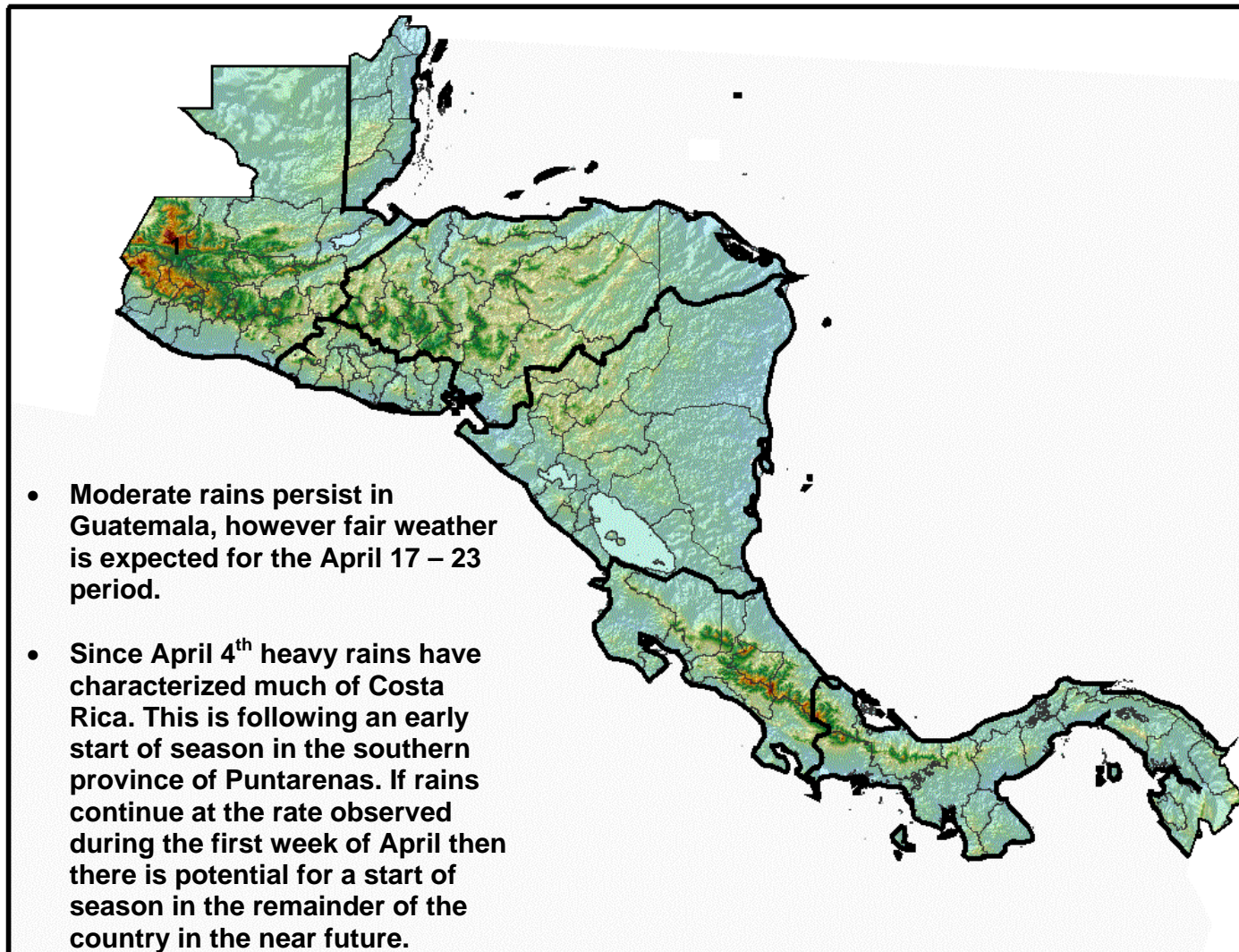


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For

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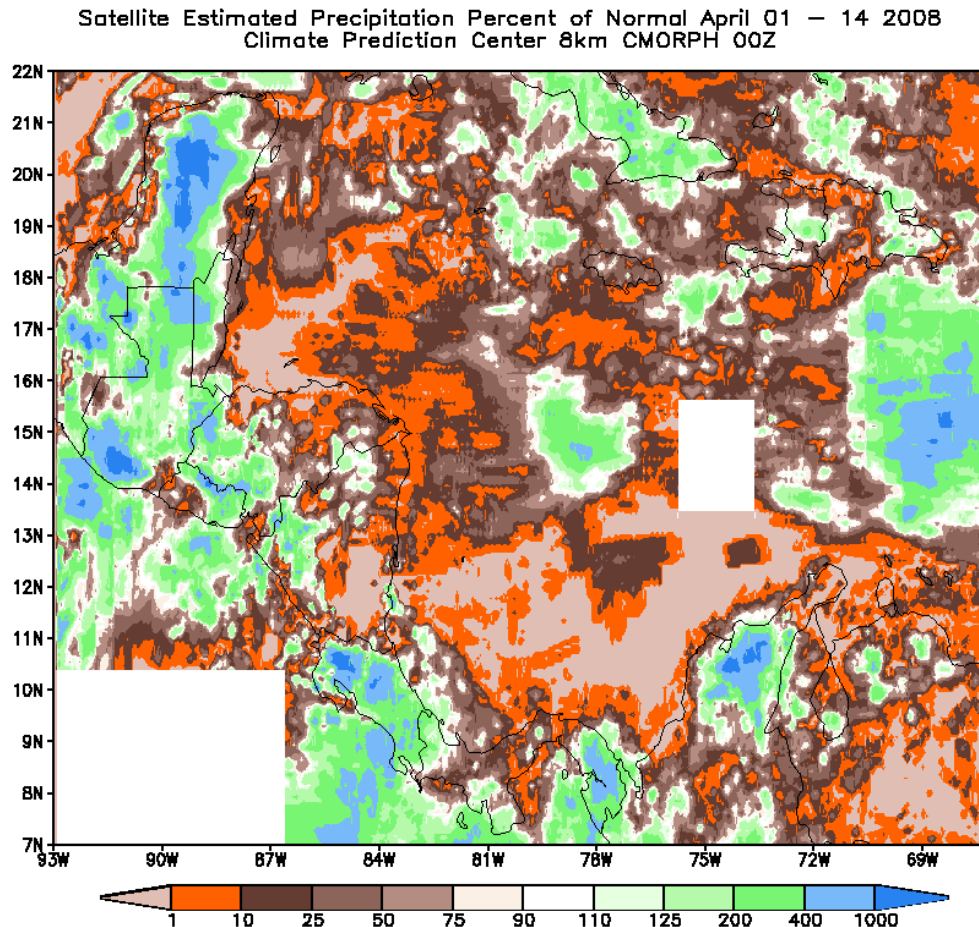


Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

The abnormal rainfall observed thus far this month is much like the rainfall pattern observed in April of 2007. At that time the onset of rains for northwestern Peten, the central region of Guatemala from Huehuetenango to Izabal, and the southwestern mountainous region all had an onset of rains in the first and second dekads of April. Although the onset of rains in the central region of the country was up to three dekads late last year, this year rainfall has been above normal for that region and the season is likely to start as normal.

During the April 10 – 16 period rains weakened in the southern region of Central America. This slowed the anticipated start of season in the remaining areas of Costa Rica. Moderate rains are expected during the 17 – 23 period.

CMORPH Percent of Normal Rainfall For the month of April



Source: NOAA/CPC

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