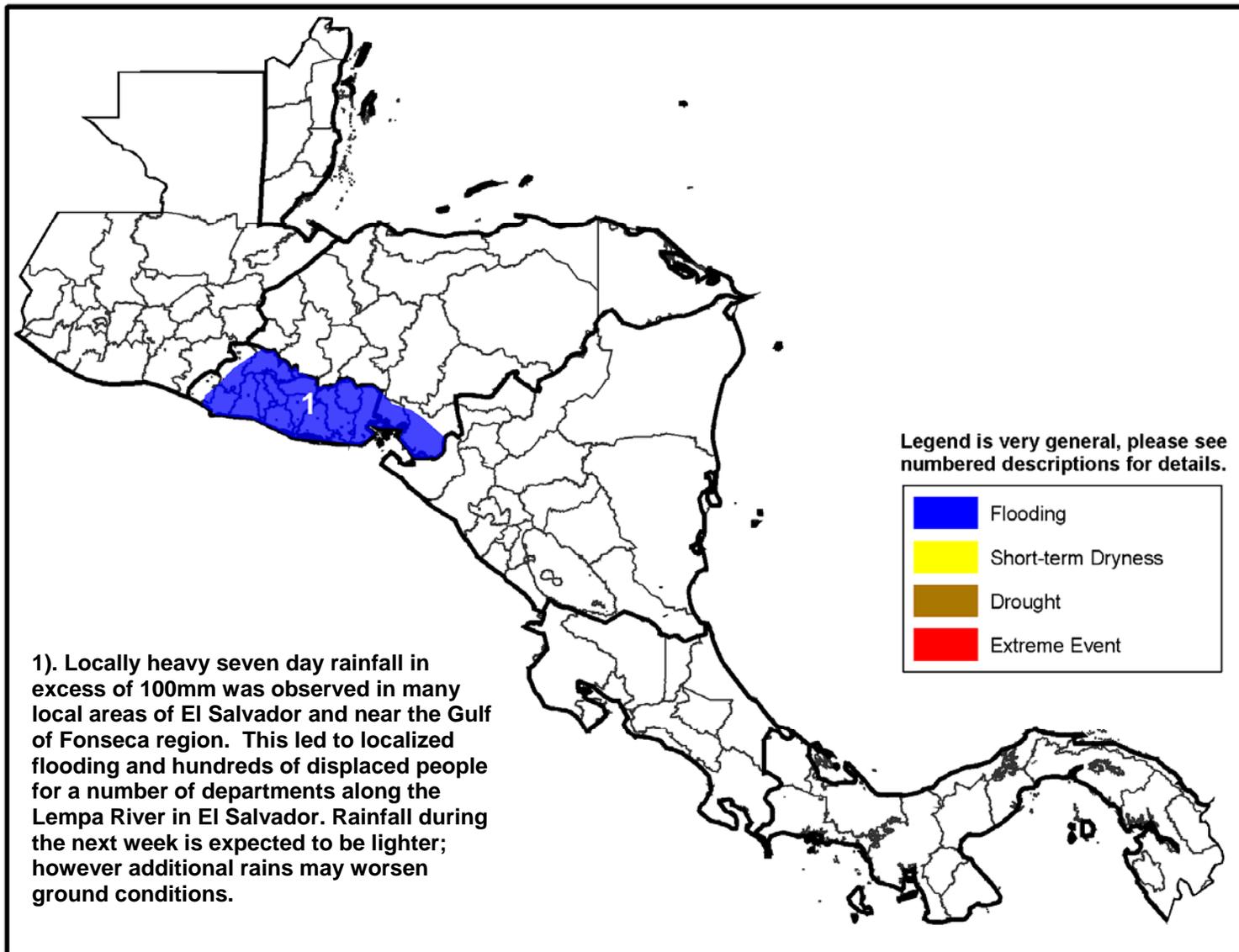


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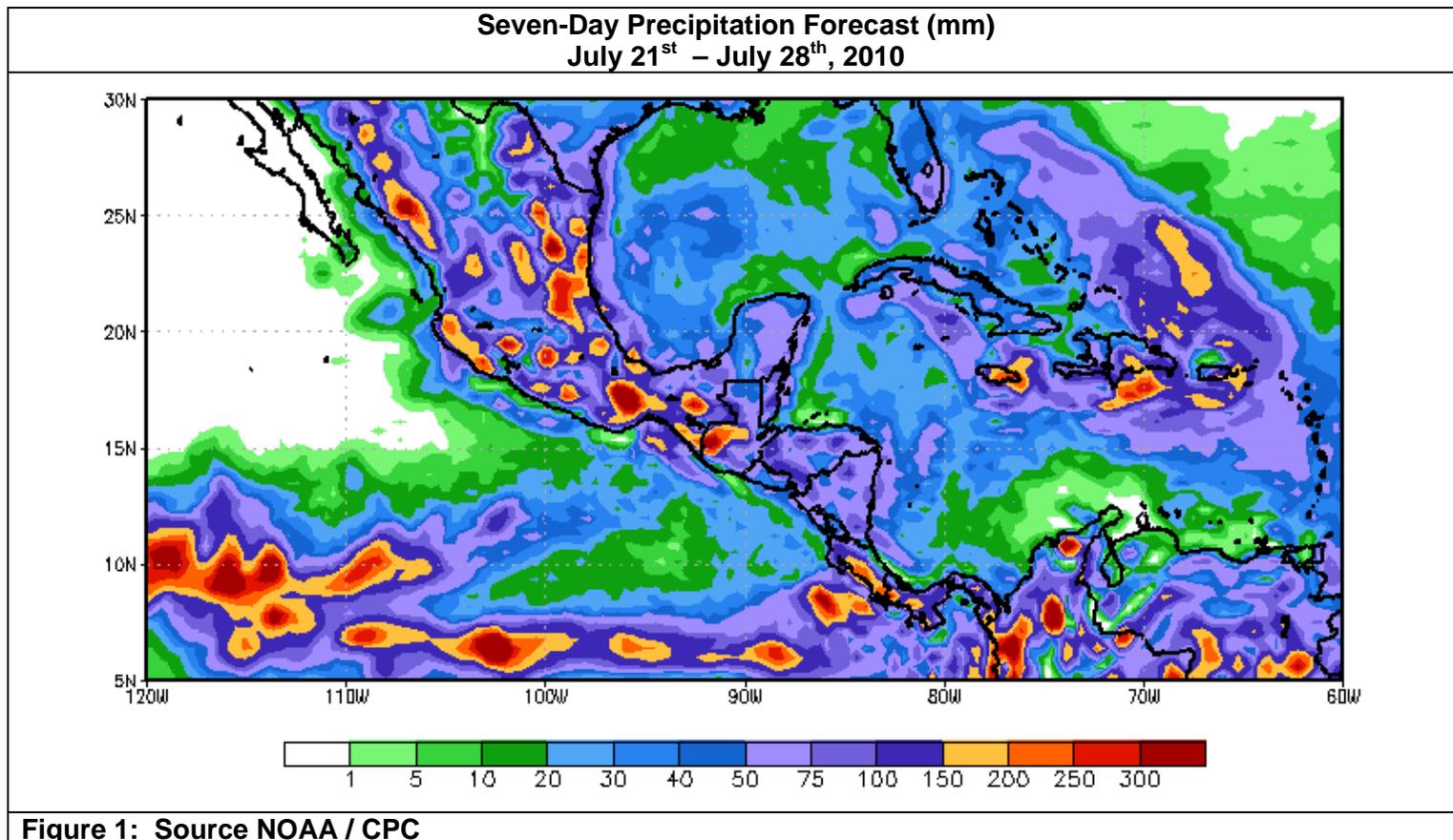
- Significantly above-average rains were received throughout many parts of El Salvador during the last week.



## El Salvador and Gulf of Fonseca region saw heavy rains during last week.

In the last seven days, well-distributed amounts of precipitation continued throughout much of Central America. The heaviest precipitation was observed over portions of El Salvador, and eastern Nicaragua during the last week. In El Salvador, weekly rainfall accumulations ranging between 100-150 mm were received throughout many departments, with locally higher totals in excess of 200 mm along the Lempa river basin. This excessive rainfall resulted in flooding and hundreds of displaced people in the departments of Usulután, Chalatenango, San Vicente, La Paz and San Salvador. Since the beginning of July, rainfall has remained well above-average for many local areas in El Salvador, as well as many other areas along the Pacific side of Central America.

Precipitation forecasts suggest a general decrease in precipitation for the upcoming observation period. Rainfall is expected to be fair to moderate, as many areas look to receive rainfall amounts between 25-50mm, with the possibility of higher totals in portions of eastern Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and parts of southwestern Guatemala. No significant tropical activity is expected during the next week.



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