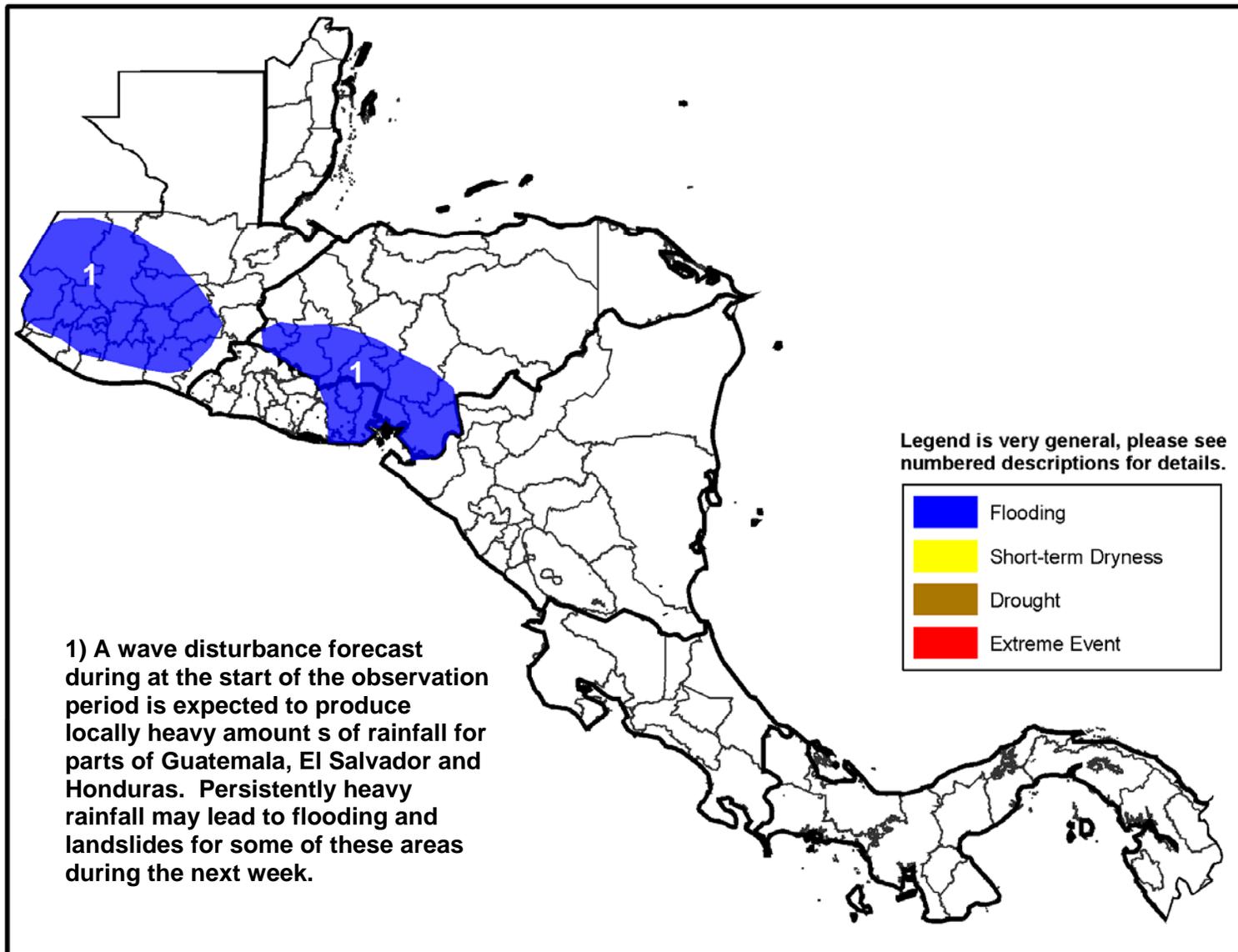


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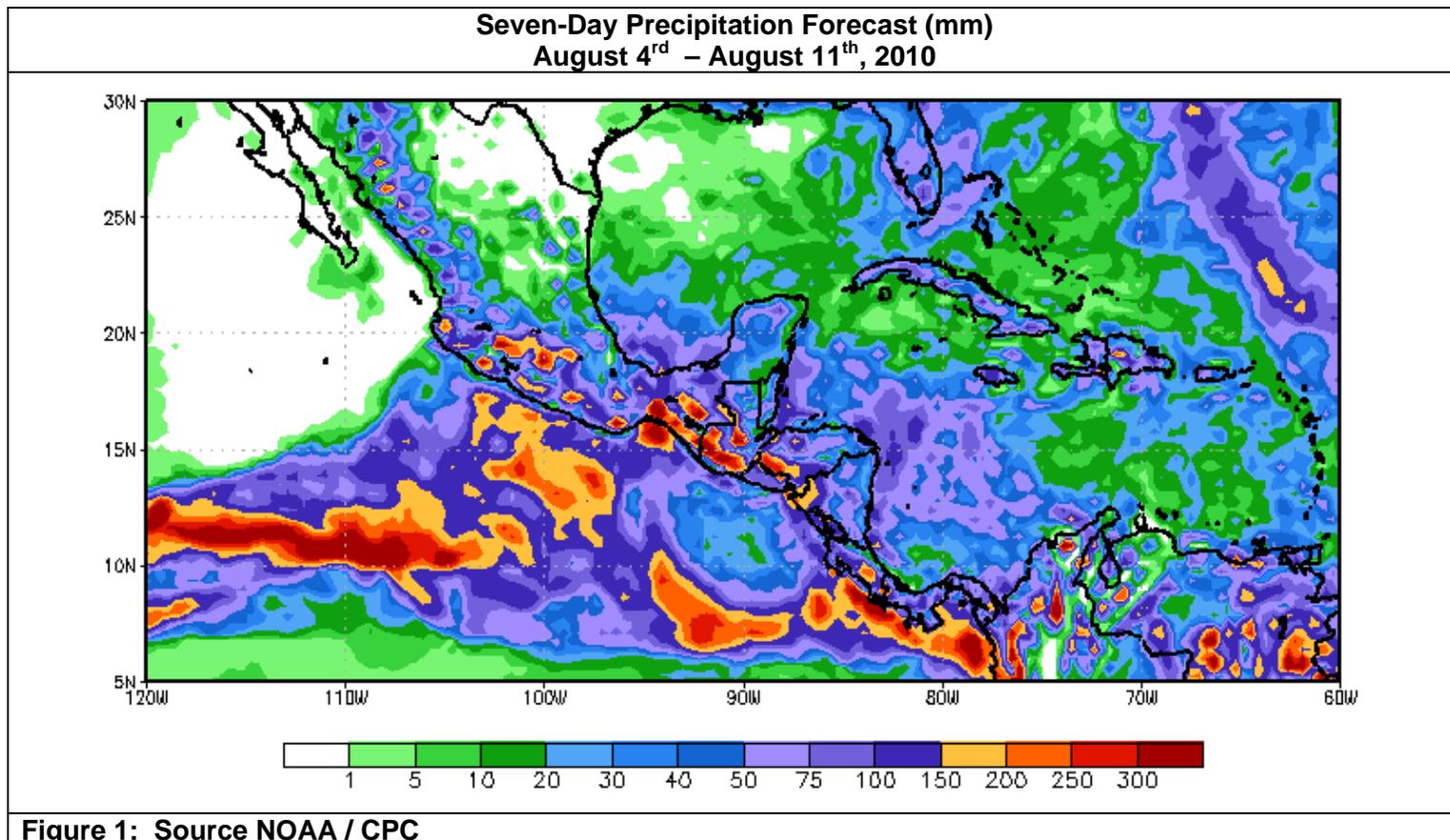
- Above-average rainfall is expected to continue across many parts of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.



High rains affect areas in Gulf of Fonseca region, Guatemala and Honduras.

During the last seven days, precipitation remained fairly enhanced over the Central America domain, as many local areas observed moderate to high amounts of rainfall. In Guatemala, well-distributed seven day rainfall amounts ranging between 25-50mm were received, with higher totals (> 50mm) observed across many departments in the south, and in departments near the mouth of the Gulf of Honduras. This continuation of rainfall in some areas may have exacerbated areas that have been affected by floods and landslides in late July. Further east, a wave disturbance in the Gulf of Honduras produced heavy amounts of rainfall along the many coastal areas in Honduras. Ground reports indicate rainfall amounts exceeded 100mm in some areas, which may have triggered localized flooding in parts of northern Honduras.

Precipitation forecasts suggest the continuation of average to above-average rainfall during the next seven days. During the next seven days, the passage of another wave disturbance in the Caribbean may produce locally heavy amounts (>75mm) for many areas near the Gulf of Fonseca region, southern Honduras and Guatemala. The onset of deep convective rainfall may trigger localized flooding, elevate river levels, as well as increase the potential for landslides in higher elevations. No significant tropical activity is expected during the next week.



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