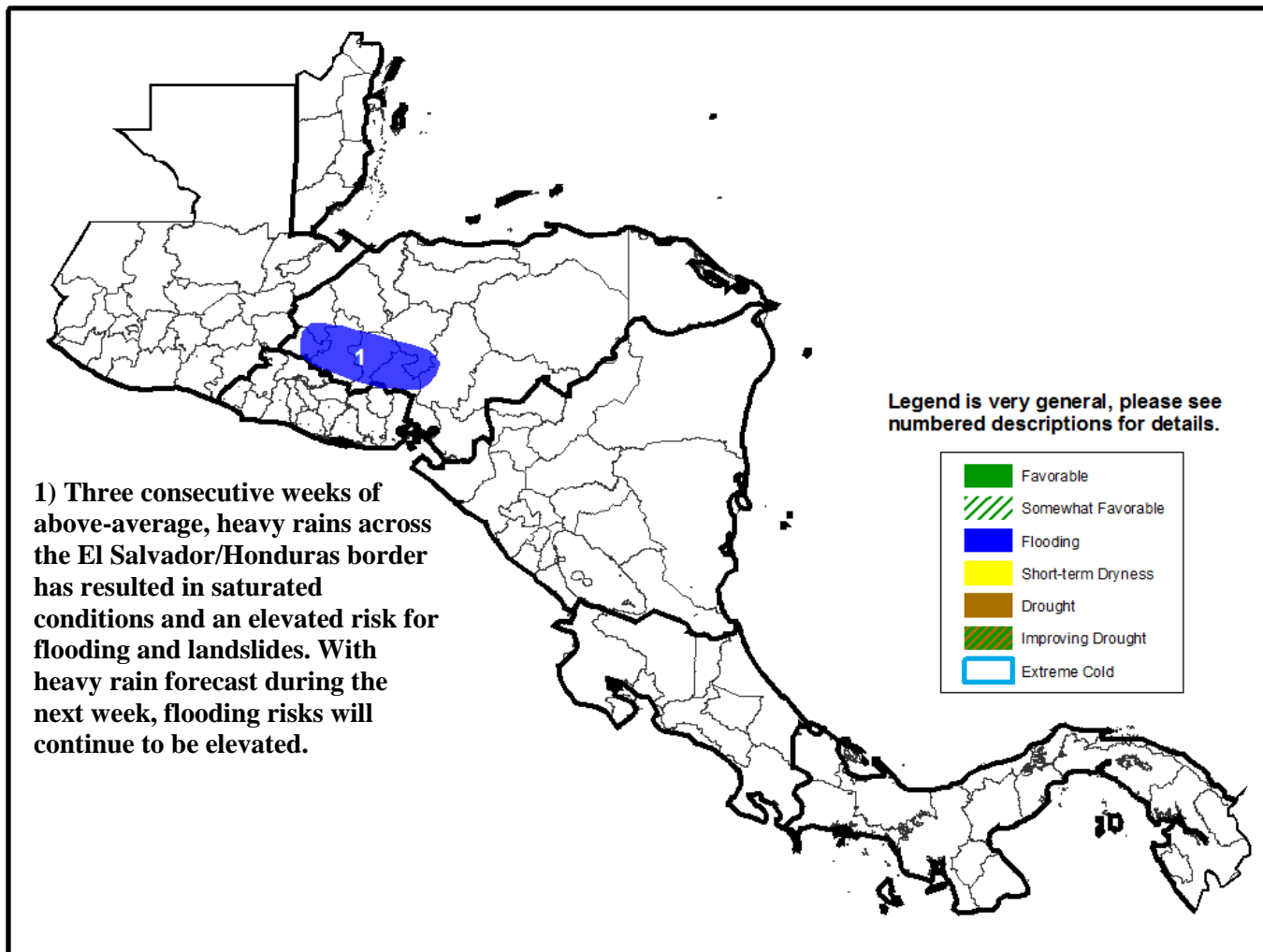


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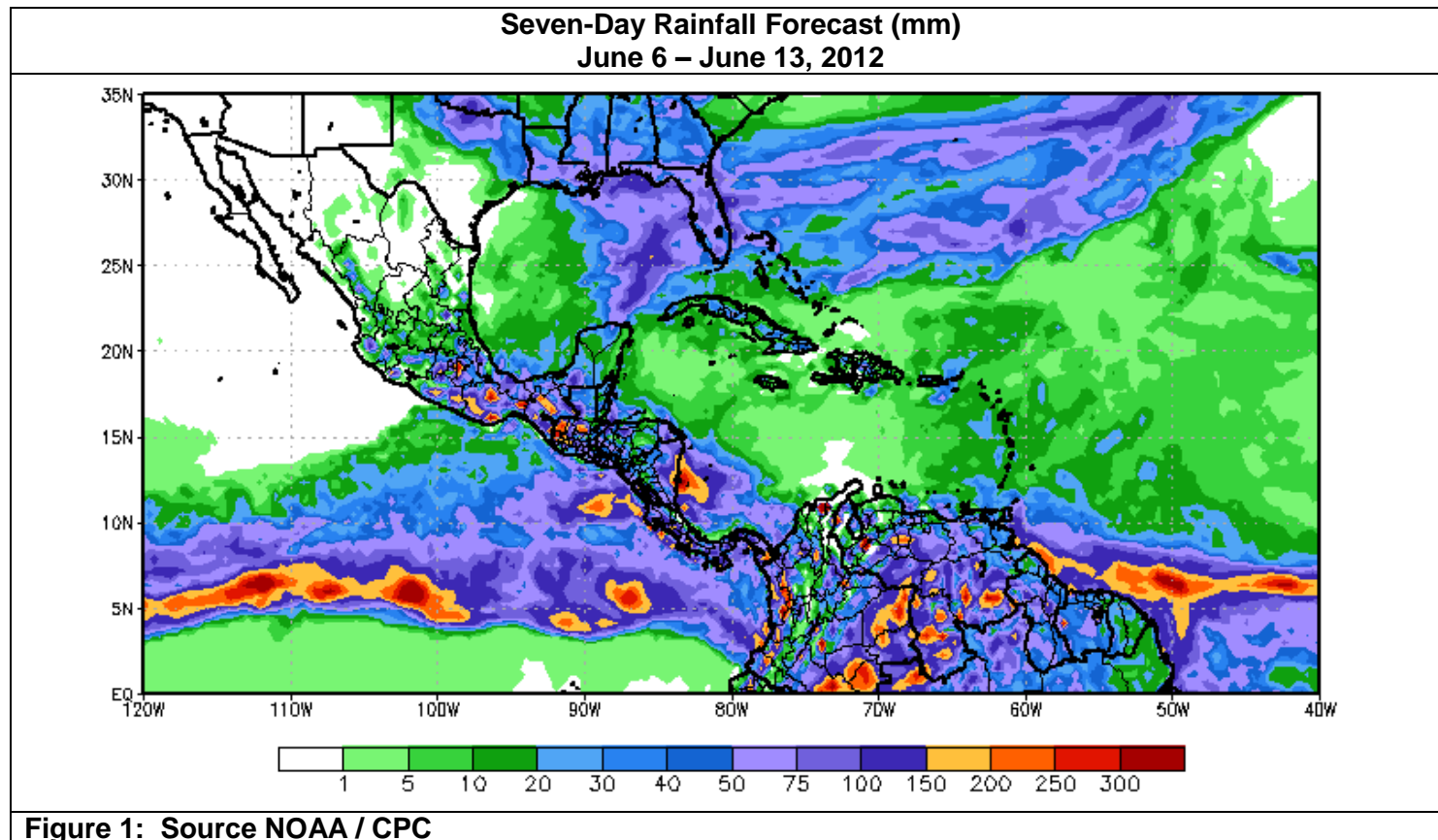
- Heavy rains were recorded across eastern Honduras and northern Nicaragua for a third consecutive week.



Abundant rains are recorded across much of Honduras during the past seven days.

High rainfall totals (>40mm) were observed along the Caribbean coastline of Central America during the past week for a second to third consecutive week in some locations. The heaviest rains (>75mm) were recorded in northern and southern Honduras and across northern Belize. The torrential rains that occurred across southern Honduras and the Gracias a Dios department of Honduras fell over areas already saturated with three consecutive weeks of above-average abundant rains. The risks for landslides and localized flooding remain high over the Intibuca, La Paz, Lempira, and the Gracias a Dios departments of Honduras. Elsewhere, moderate rains (10-50mm) were observed along the Caribbean coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama, around the Gulf of Fonseca and in central/northern Guatemala. The moderate rains helped improve seasonal rainfall anomalies in coastal Costa Rica. Below-average light rains (<15mm) were observed in El Salvador and the Pacific coastlines of Guatemala.

For the next week, moderate to heavy rains (>20mm) are expected to continue across southern Honduras, western Costa Rica, eastern Nicaragua and Panama. A fourth week of heavy rains along the Honduras/El Salvador border will further saturate soils and elevate flooding and landslide risks in southern/southwestern Honduras. Farther north, the heaviest rains (>40mm) are forecast across much of central and western Guatemala in the Quiché, Huehuetenango and Alta Verapaz departments. In contrast, light rains (<15mm) are forecast across the Caribbean coastline of Costa Rica increasing seasonal rainfall deficits.



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