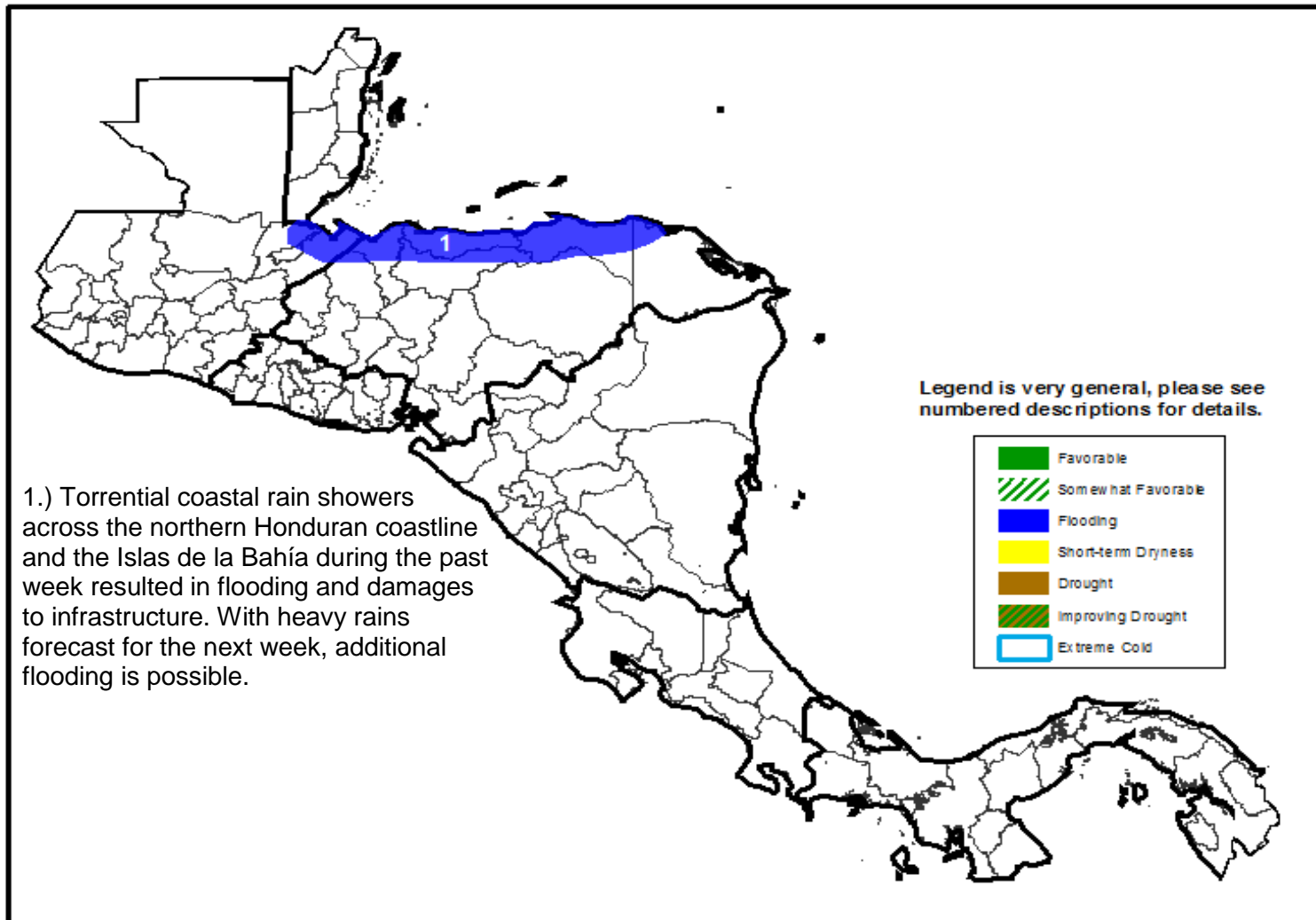


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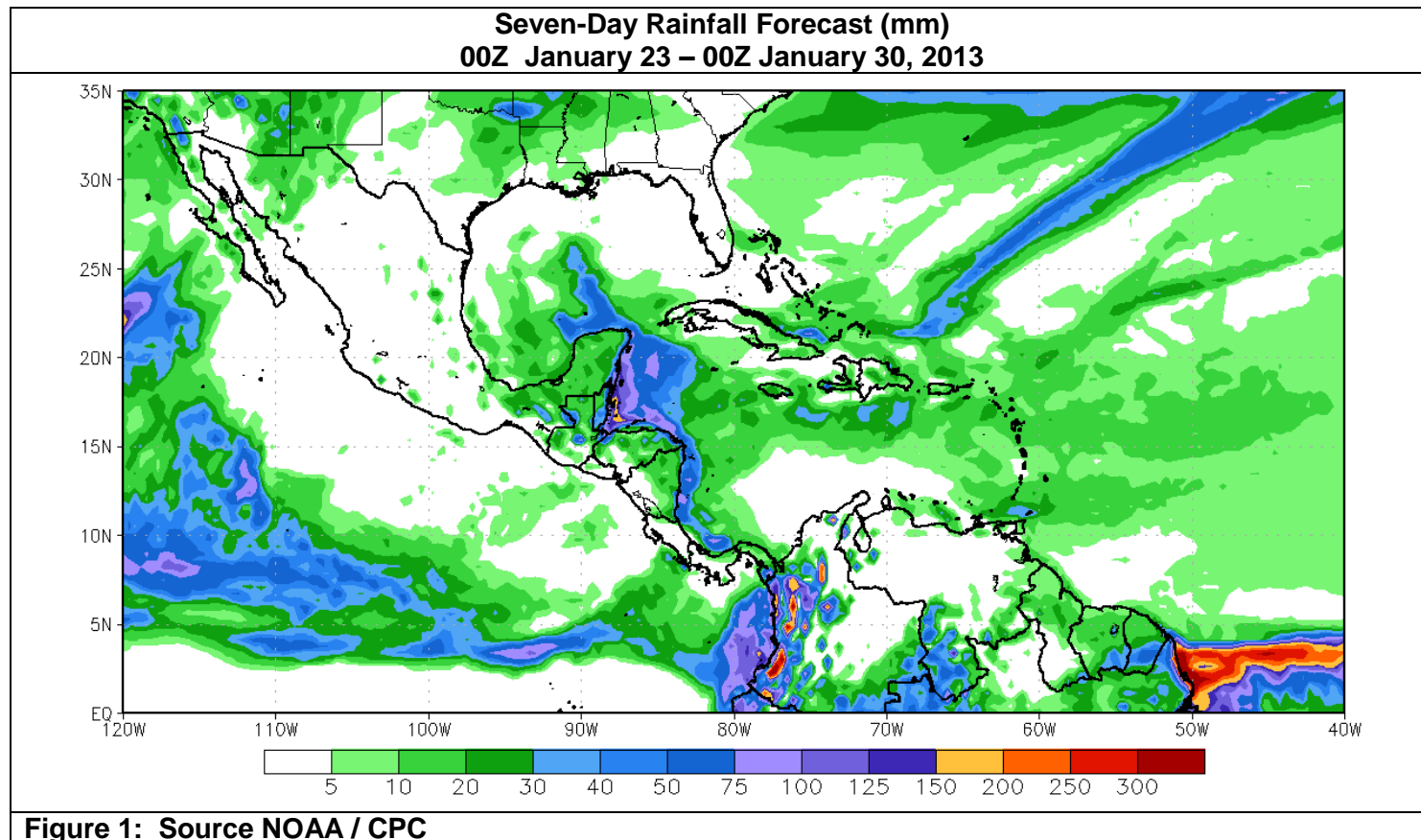
- Torrential rain showers caused flooding along the northern Honduran coastline and the Islas de la Bahía.



Abundant rainfall was recorded across the Gulf of Honduras and northern Guatemala during the past week.

During the past seven days, rain showers resulted in high rainfall accumulations (>30mm) across much of the northern coastline of Honduras, the Izabal and Petén department of Guatemala and coastal Belize. The highest precipitation totals fell near La Ceiba and Roatán, Honduras, where rain gauges recorded >260mm during the past week and flooding was reported. The abundant rains helped to increase thirty-day and Apante season rainfall surpluses. Elsewhere, moderate rains (10-40mm) were recorded along the Caribbean coastlines or just off shore of Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The lack of rain across Costa Rica has led to thirty-day and Apante season rainfall deficits. However, the below-average rains have not impacted vegetation. Farther inland and across the Pacific coastline of Central America, rainfall was limited (<5mm), which is to be expected during this time of year.

During the next week, coastal rain showers are forecast to continue across the Gulf of Honduras. The heaviest rains (>40mm) are forecast across Belize, Guatemala and northern Honduras. The heavy rains could cause additional flooding in Honduras. Light to moderate rains (5-30mm) are expected along the Pacific coastline of Guatemala and farther south across the Caribbean coastline of Nicaragua. Meanwhile, seasonably light rains (<10mm) are likely across inland areas of Central America. With regards to temperatures during the next week, easterly winds will help keep minimum temperatures above-zero in the higher elevations of Guatemala.



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