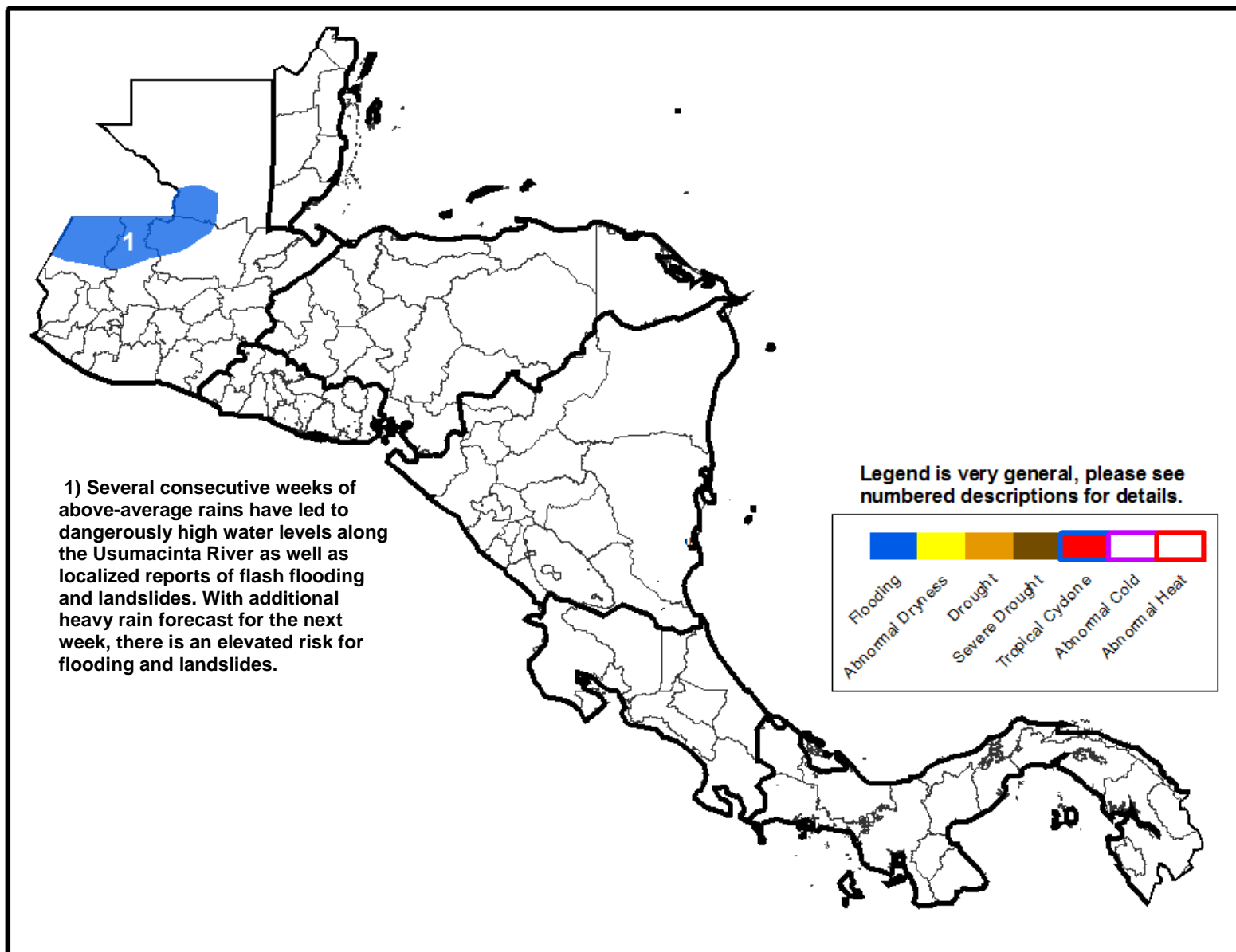




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook September 12 – September 18, 2013

- Torrential rains were observed across the Gulf of Fonseca and southern Honduras.



## Heavy rains are expected across northwestern Guatemala during the next week.

During the last seven days, moderate to heavy rain (>20mm) was observed across much of Central America. The heaviest rain (>100mm) was recorded across southern Honduras, the Gulf of Fonseca region, and northwestern Costa Rica. Heavy rain (>50mm) was also observed across much of Panama, Honduras and Belize. Elsewhere, moderate rain (10-40mm) fell in Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador. In Guatemala, rains caused localized landslides and flooding in the Petén, Santa Rosa, Sololá and Chimaltenango departments and raised water levels along the Usumacinta River on the Guatemala/Mexico border. Meanwhile, Postrera season rains continued across previously dry areas in central Guatemala and eastern Honduras. The recent improved rains have followed poor rains during the months of July and August. However, seasonal cropping is ongoing with sufficient ground moisture available.

For the next week, heavy rains (>50mm) are expected across western/northern portions of Guatemala and southern Central America in Costa Rica and Panama. Tropical activity in the Bay of Campeche is likely to enhance moisture across northern Central America. The heavy rains forecast for Guatemala are likely to cause localized flash/river flooding and landslides in western/northern parts of the country. Elsewhere, moderate rains (10-40mm) are expected for much of Honduras and Nicaragua providing sufficient moisture for any Postrera season cropping activities.

