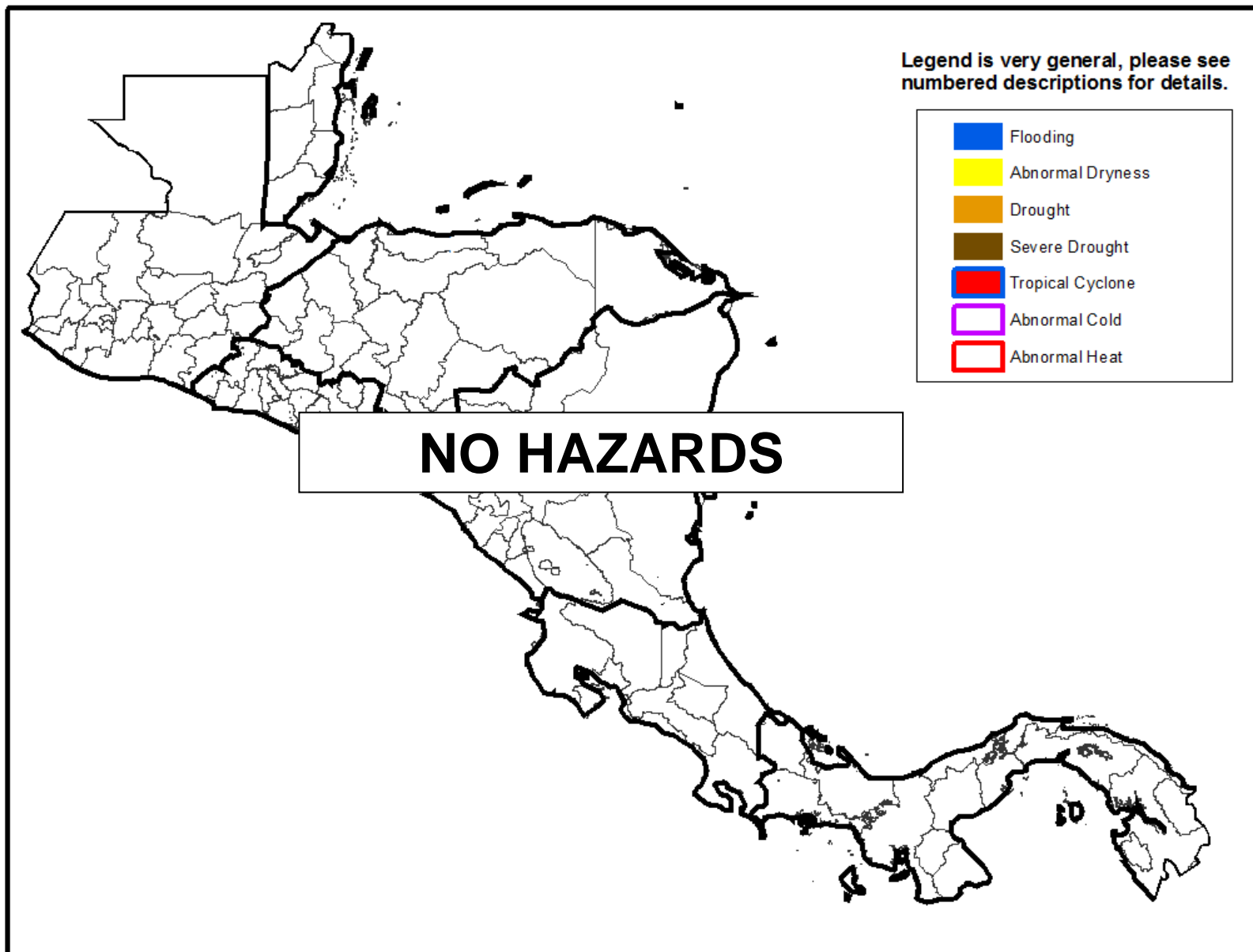




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook April 24 – April 30, 2014

- Average to above-average rainfall observed over Central America during the past observation period.



Increased rains forecast over the inland of northern Central America.

Dry weather continued over much of Central America during the past observation period as little to light rains prevailed across the region. Light to moderate rains were, however, registered over parts of southwestern and central Guatemala, southwestern Honduras and north-central El Salvador. Meanwhile, heavy rains fell over Costa Rica and western Panama. Accumulated rainfall has remained below-average over portions of northern and central Guatemala and western Honduras since the beginning of April. This has expanded thirty-day rainfall deficits in northern Central America. Recent vegetation index exhibited degrading conditions over localized areas of the west-central portions of the Petén department of northern Guatemala and the Yoró and Santa Barbara departments of northern and western Honduras.

During the next outlook period, light rains are expected to continue across the interior of Central America. However, isolated heavy rains are forecast over the Pacific Basin of northern Central America, including central and southwestern Guatemala, western El Salvador, and southwestern Honduras. Over the Southern Caribbean, abundant (> 50 mm) rains are forecast to continue. The gradual increase in rainfall during the current month should help to replenish ground moisture and aid cropping activities over many local areas of the region for the coming first rainy season.

