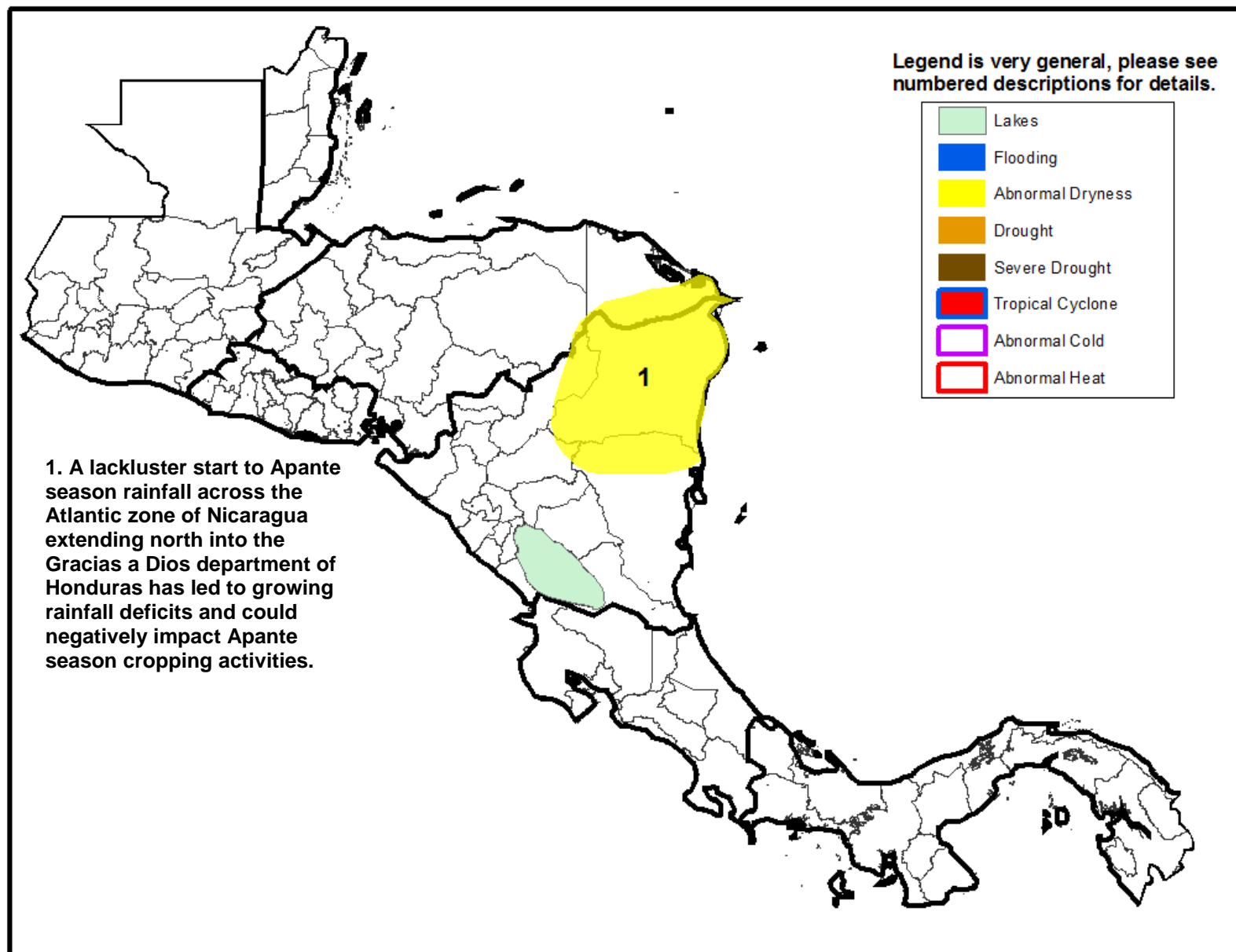




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook January 29– February 4, 2015

- Drier week observed across much of Central America.



**Moderate rain showers were observed along Gulf of Honduras coastline in Honduras.**

During the last week, little rainfall was observed across much of Central America. Rains were focused along the Caribbean coastlines of Central America with the heaviest rains (>40mm) falling in southern Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Moderate to locally heavy rain (>30mm) was also recorded along the Gulf of Honduras coastline in Honduras. Locations in northern Honduras have measured moderate to heavy rains for four consecutive weeks. Climatologically, rains are expected to occur across this region during the Apante season. Elsewhere, little rain was recorded. Thirty-day rainfall deficits remain across the Atlantic zone of Nicaragua and the Gracias a Dios department of Honduras which could negatively impact Apante cropping activities. Previous dryness in the Matagalpa region of Nicaragua delayed planting in December due to poor rains.

For the next week, coastal showers are expected along the Caribbean coastlines of Central America, with the heaviest rains (>40mm) likely in coastal areas of eastern Costa Rica and locations offshore. Moderate rains (10-40mm) are forecast for the Gulf of Honduras coastlines in Honduras for a fifth consecutive week. Elsewhere, light rains (<15mm) are expected in interior portions of northern Central America. Temperatures are forecast to be below-average across northern Central America with localized elevated areas in northwestern Guatemala observing below-freezing conditions.

