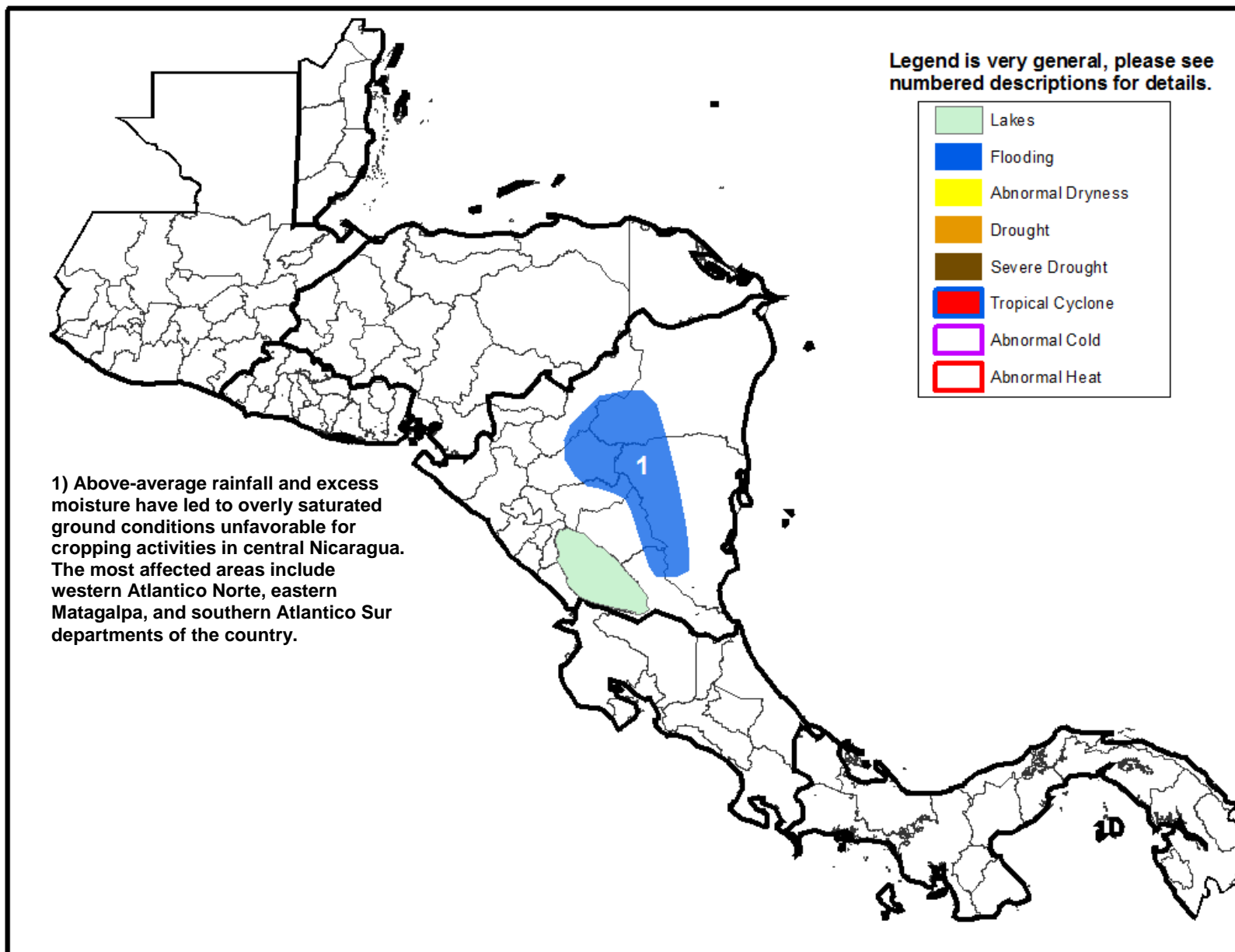




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook April 9 – April 15, 2015

- A slight reduction in rainfall expected over Central America during the next week.



Near-average rainfall was observed over Central America during March.

During the past month, near-average rainfall was, overall, observed over Central America. However, some localized areas such as east-central, west, and northern Guatemala, southwestern and north-central Honduras, and Panama received slightly below-average rainfall. Conversely, some areas registered slightly above-average rainfall. These included southwestern Guatemala and the Gulf of Honduras, where the largest surpluses were recorded. During the past week, marginal rainfall was mostly observed over Central America. While moderate to heavy rains fell across southeastern Guatemala and along the Gulf of Honduras, little to light rains prevailed elsewhere. The continued seasonal rains have helped sustain adequate soil moisture across most parts of the region. Recent vegetation indices indicated adequate conditions across much of Central America, though excess of moisture during previous several weeks has already negatively impacted ground conditions over central Nicaragua.

During the next week, a slight decrease in rainfall is expected over Central America, with little to light rains across much of the inland. Moderate showers are, however, possible over many localized areas of northern Central America, including Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. To the south, moderate, albeit below-average rains are forecast along the Pacific Basin of Costa Rica and western Panama.

