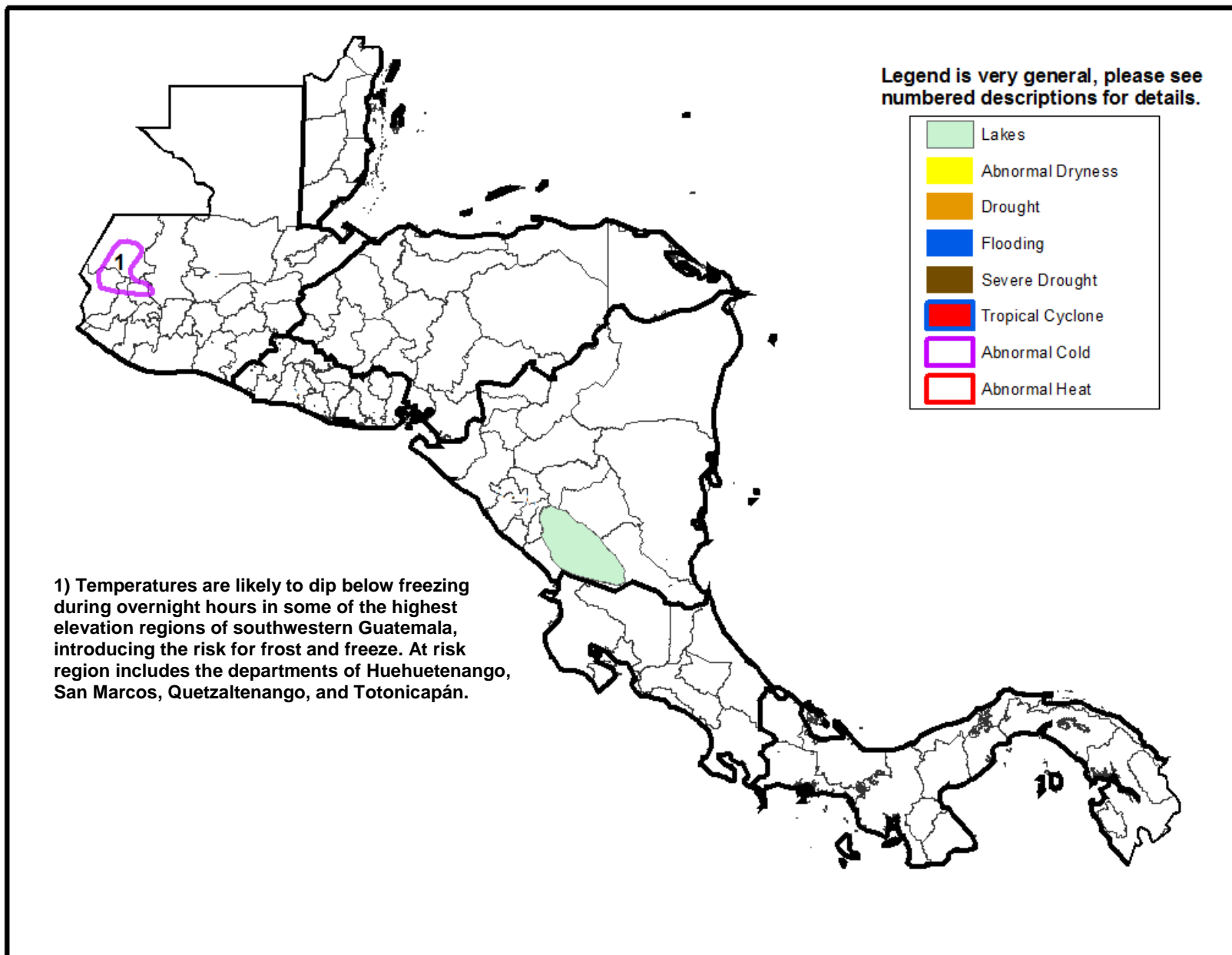




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook January 21 – January 27, 2016

- Seasonably calm conditions prevailed during the past week



## Seasonable pattern of light rains remains in place. Cool nighttime temperatures are expected in Guatemala.

During the past week, generally near or slightly below-normal conditions were experienced across the region. With a pattern very typical for the time of year, light rains fell in departments along the Caribbean coastline, while very little rainfall fell in central and Pacific facing departments. Some more enhanced rains were observed over the Gulf of Belize and to the north of Panama, but these mainly stayed offshore. Over the previous 30-day period, dating to December 12th, most regions have observed slightly below-normal amounts of rain. The greatest of these deficits are found in the Petén Department of Guatemala and in southeastern Nicaragua. Vegetation indices remain quite good in most areas, especially in Pacific facing portions of the region. The region along the western border of Petén Department in Guatemala is the primary place where vegetation indices indicate any chance for concern about moisture deficits. Vegetation Index trends also continue to be positive in most areas.

For the upcoming outlook period, near-average conditions are expected again across the Central America region. Light to moderate rains should be contained to the Caribbean coastal facing departments. The greatest possibility for more substantial rainfall totals resides in parts of extreme southeastern Nicaragua and into eastern Costa Rica. Light rains are likely for eastern portions of Nicaragua and northern portions of Honduras, and some parts of central Guatemala, while very little rain can be expected elsewhere. Temperatures are likely to dip below freezing in the highest elevations of Guatemala during a couple of nights, introducing the risk for frost.

