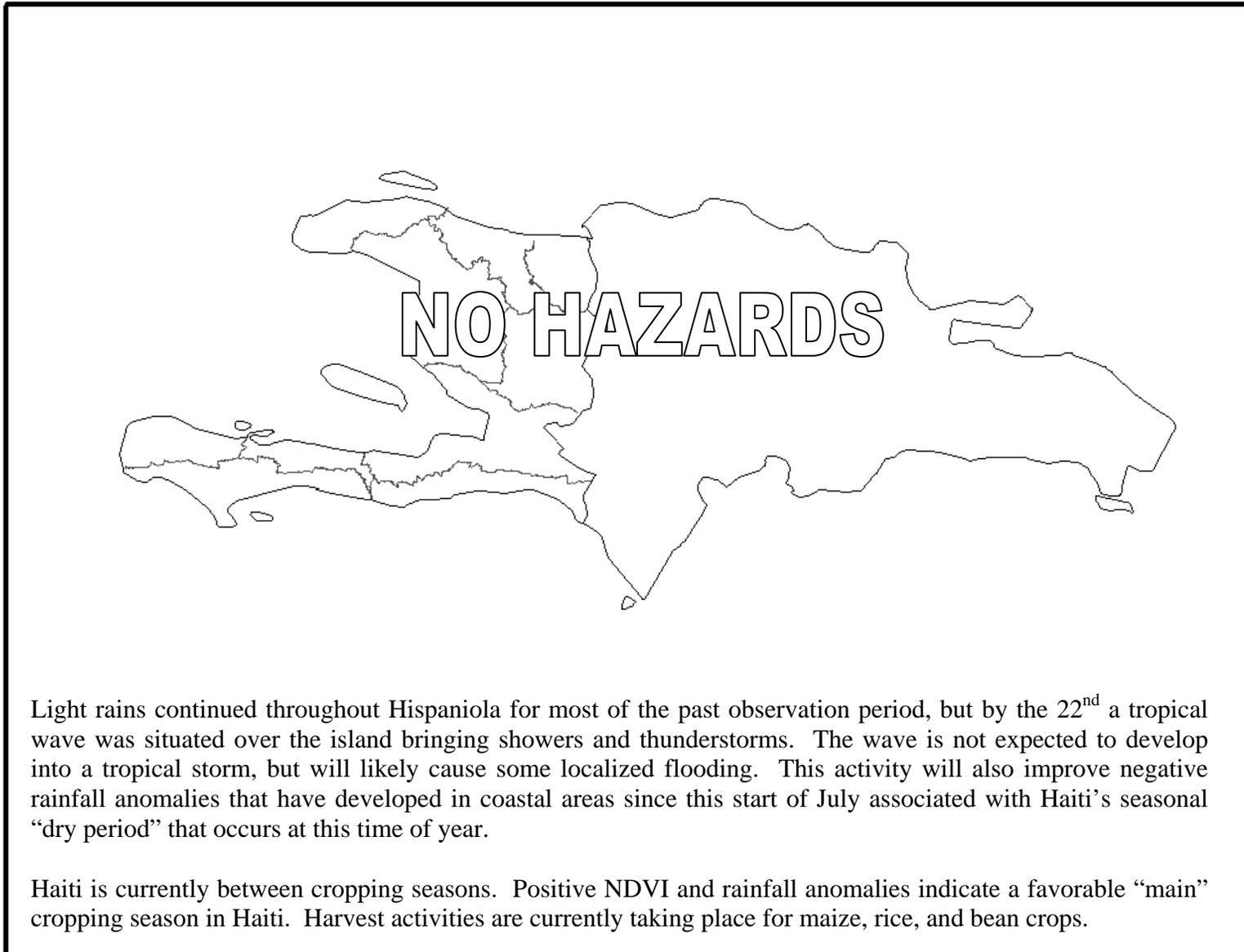


Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For
July 23 – 29, 2009



Light rains continued throughout Hispaniola for most of the past observation period, but by the 22nd a tropical wave was situated over the island bringing showers and thunderstorms. The wave is not expected to develop into a tropical storm, but will likely cause some localized flooding. This activity will also improve negative rainfall anomalies that have developed in coastal areas since this start of July associated with Haiti's seasonal "dry period" that occurs at this time of year.

Haiti is currently between cropping seasons. Positive NDVI and rainfall anomalies indicate a favorable "main" cropping season in Haiti. Harvest activities are currently taking place for maize, rice, and bean crops.