Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
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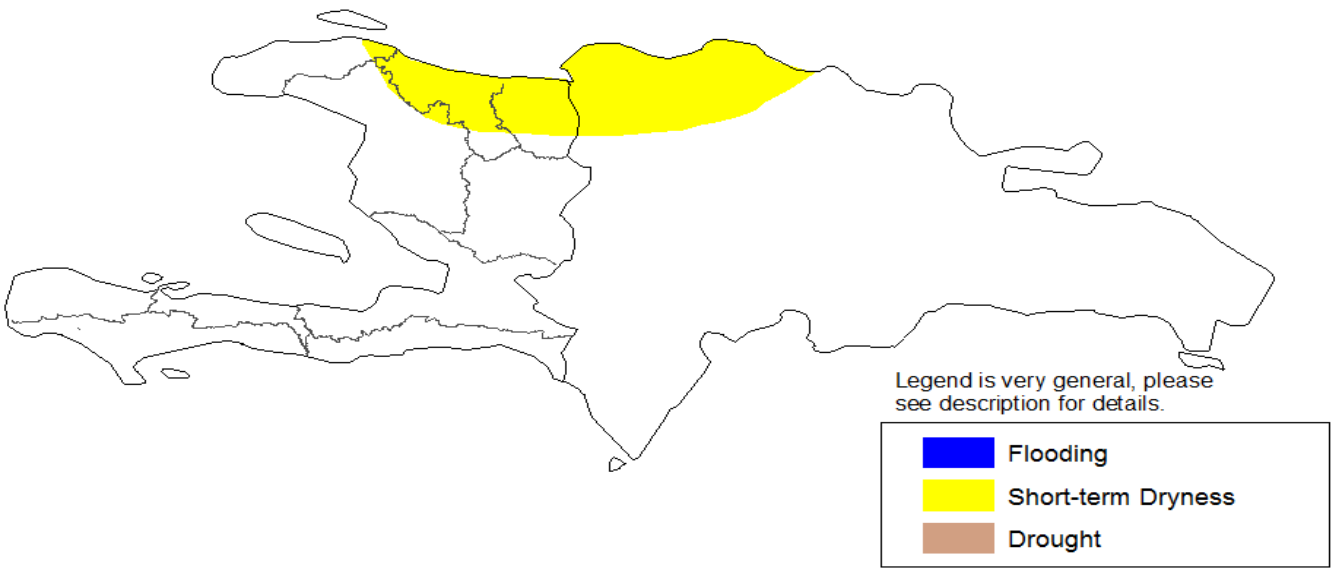
- **Moderate to heavy rains were recorded across much of southern Hispaniola helping to reduce seasonal deficits.**



During the past week, moist southerly winds resulted in an increase in precipitation across much of Hispaniola. The heaviest rains (>30mm) were recorded across southern Hispaniola with the highest totals (>50mm) located across the southwestern peninsula of Haiti. The well distributed rains helped to relieve dry conditions that had developed since the passage of tropical storm Isaac in August. While moderate thirty-day rainfall deficits (20-100mm) still exist along the coastlines of Hispaniola, the recent above-average rains in the south have provided needed ground moisture. In contrast, dry conditions remain in northern Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic as weekly rains were light to moderate (10-30mm). Additional weeks of average to above-average rains are needed to reduce seasonal deficits. For the next seven days, a return to lighter rainfall is expected. The highest rainfall amounts (20-40mm) are expected across localized areas in southwestern Haiti and western Dominican Republic. Elsewhere, light rainfall amounts (<15mm) are expected. This likely will result in a continued increase in seasonal rainfall deficits across northern Hispaniola.

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