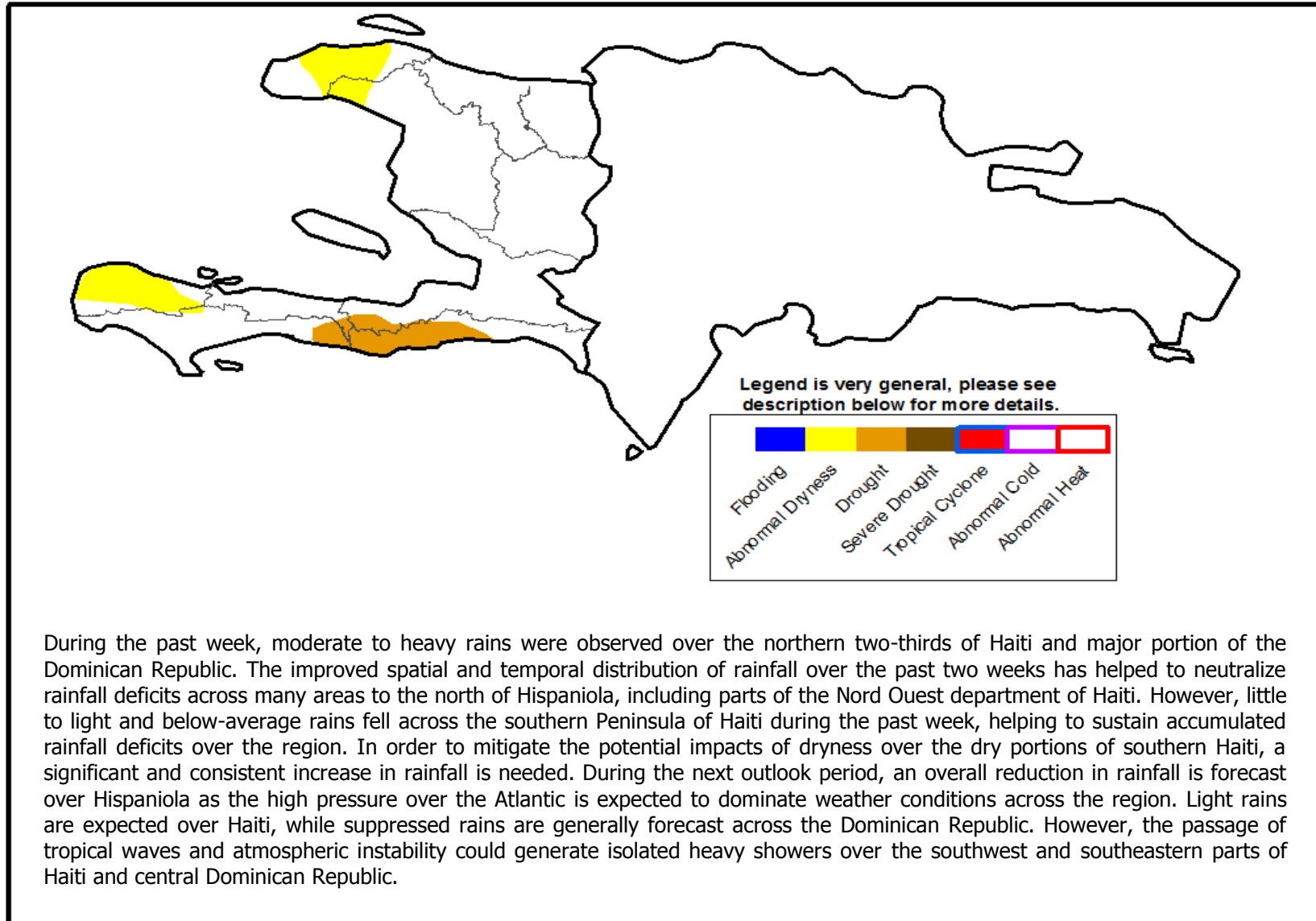




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook October 24 – October 30, 2013

- Increased rains during the past week helped to reduce rainfall deficits over northern Hispaniola.



During the past week, moderate to heavy rains were observed over the northern two-thirds of Haiti and major portion of the Dominican Republic. The improved spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall over the past two weeks has helped to neutralize rainfall deficits across many areas to the north of Hispaniola, including parts of the Nord Ouest department of Haiti. However, little to light and below-average rains fell across the southern Peninsula of Haiti during the past week, helping to sustain accumulated rainfall deficits over the region. In order to mitigate the potential impacts of dryness over the dry portions of southern Haiti, a significant and consistent increase in rainfall is needed. During the next outlook period, an overall reduction in rainfall is forecast over Hispaniola as the high pressure over the Atlantic is expected to dominate weather conditions across the region. Light rains are expected over Haiti, while suppressed rains are generally forecast across the Dominican Republic. However, the passage of tropical waves and atmospheric instability could generate isolated heavy showers over the southwest and southeastern parts of Haiti and central Dominican Republic.