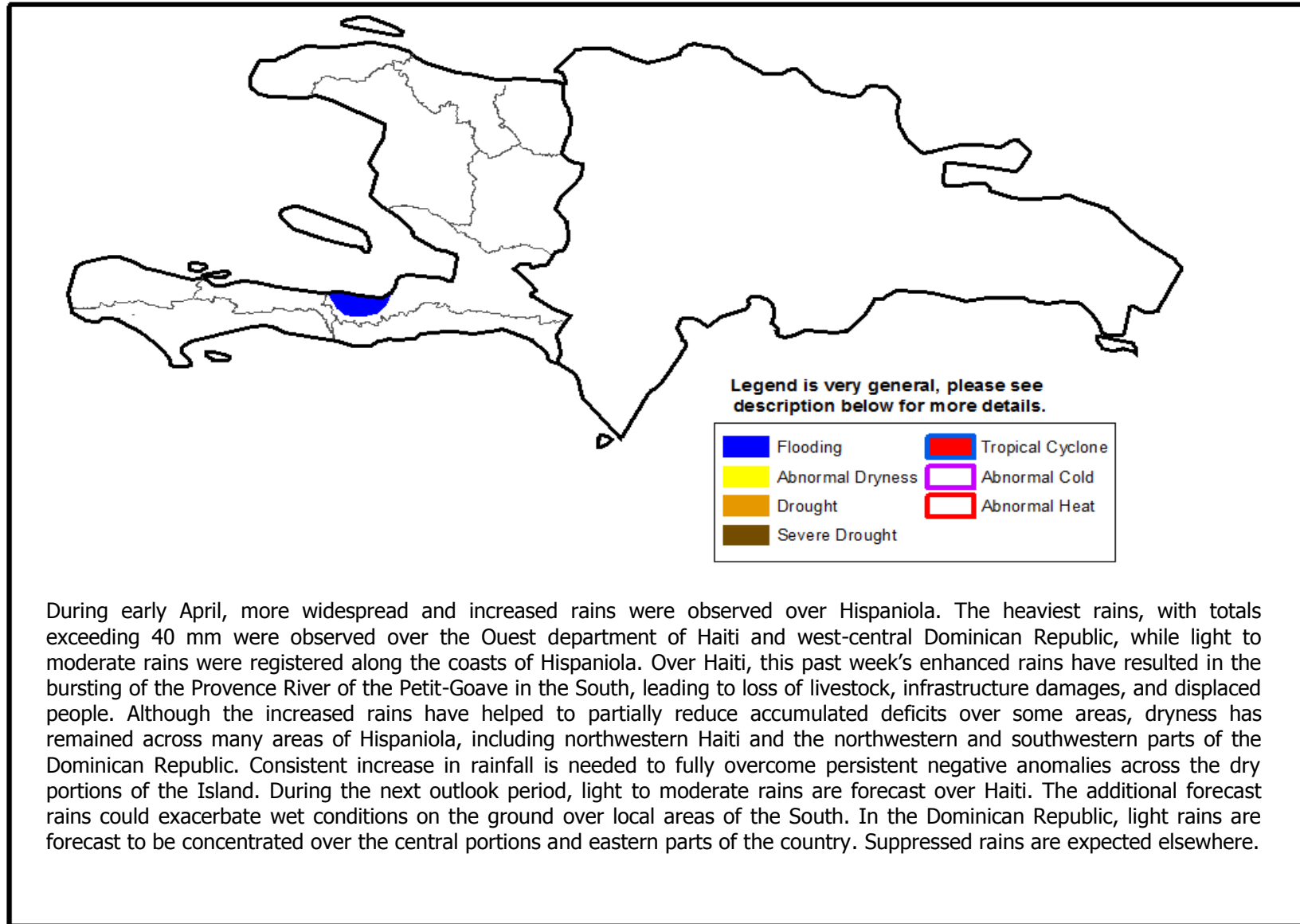




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook April 10 – April 16, 2014

- A more widespread distribution of rainfall was observed over Hispaniola during the past week.



During early April, more widespread and increased rains were observed over Hispaniola. The heaviest rains, with totals exceeding 40 mm were observed over the Ouest department of Haiti and west-central Dominican Republic, while light to moderate rains were registered along the coasts of Hispaniola. Over Haiti, this past week's enhanced rains have resulted in the bursting of the Provence River of the Petit-Goave in the South, leading to loss of livestock, infrastructure damages, and displaced people. Although the increased rains have helped to partially reduce accumulated deficits over some areas, dryness has remained across many areas of Hispaniola, including northwestern Haiti and the northwestern and southwestern parts of the Dominican Republic. Consistent increase in rainfall is needed to fully overcome persistent negative anomalies across the dry portions of the Island. During the next outlook period, light to moderate rains are forecast over Haiti. The additional forecast rains could exacerbate wet conditions on the ground over local areas of the South. In the Dominican Republic, light rains are forecast to be concentrated over the central portions and eastern parts of the country. Suppressed rains are expected elsewhere.