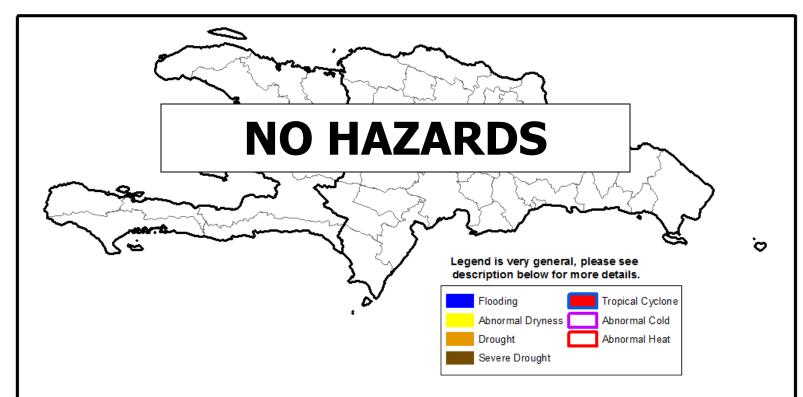


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook January 22 – January 28, 2014

Light showers were recorded across eastern Dominican Republic.



During the past week, light rain showers (5-20mm) occurred across eastern Dominican Republic and the Gulf of Gonaives in Haiti. The heaviest rain (>20mm) fell offshore of eastern/southern Dominican Republic. Some of these showers did make it onshore which lead to the light rainfall totals. Overall, weekly precipitation totals across Hispaniola were near-average, even though totals were not large. This is indicative of the dry time of year that Hispaniola is currently in. Even so, during the past thirty days, rainfall totals have been slightly below-average across Haiti and the Dominican Republic, with the largest negative anomalies across the northern coastline of Hispaniola and the southwest peninsula of Haiti. These regions have experienced drier than average conditions dating back to the middle of the rainy season in 2014. Recent vegetative indices still show the effects of these poor rains as ground conditions remain below-average in parts of southern and northwest Haiti and bordering regions in southwestern Dominican Republic. The northern coastline in the Dominican Republic, in contrast, has neutral vegetative conditions, which reflect an increase in rain observed during November. During the next week, light to locally moderate rain (5-15mm, locally 15-25mm) is forecast for central/eastern Dominican Republic with only light showers expected over southern Haiti. Seasonal dryness is expected to continue.