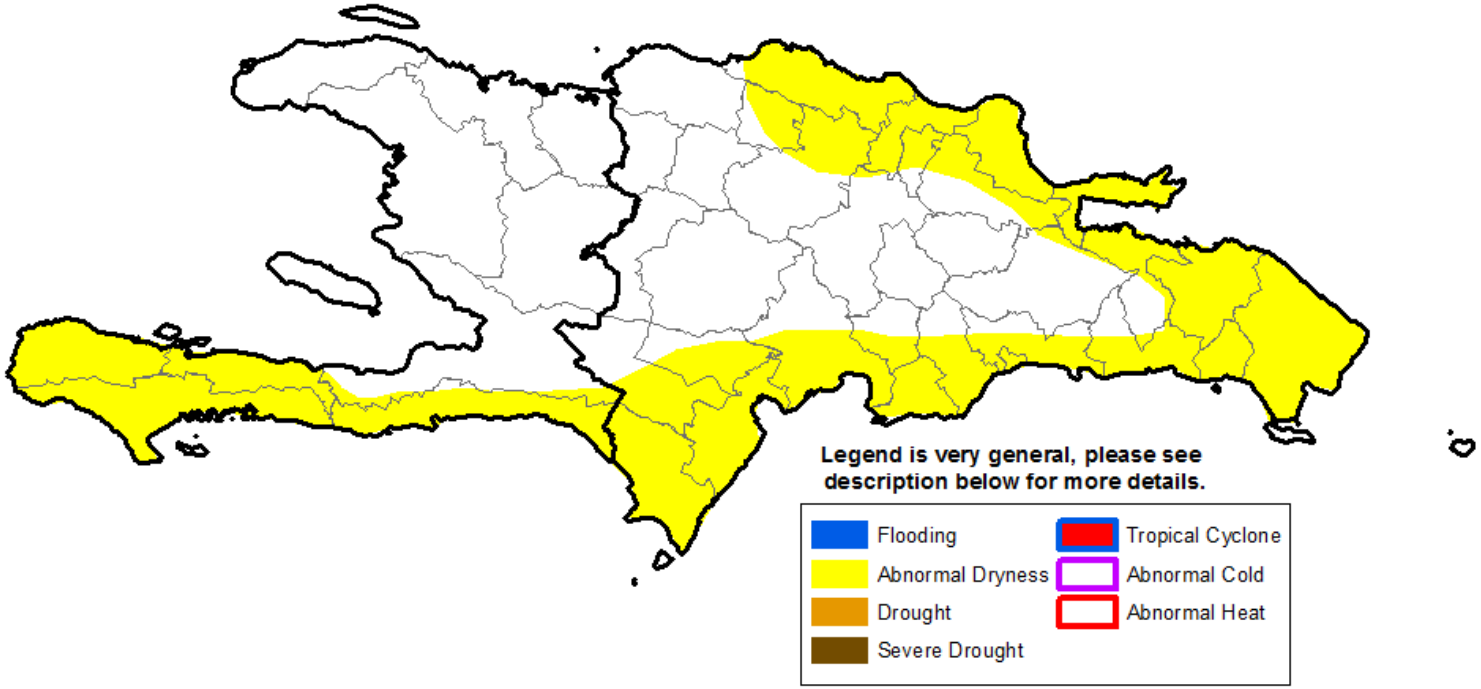
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
October 29 – November 4, 2015

- **Heavy rains were prevalent across many central and northern provinces of the Dominican Republic last week.**



During the past week, moderate to heavy rain was observed over many central and northern provinces in the Dominican Republic. Several provinces of the Dominican Republic recorded over 100mm of rain according to satellite estimates. Light to moderate rain prevailed elsewhere across the island. Over the past thirty days, rainfall anomalies have indicated moderate to large (50-200 mm) moisture surpluses across north-central Dominican Republic and northern Haiti, but comparable rainfall deficits for the southern half of Haiti. Since the beginning of August, rainfall has been unevenly distributed both in space and time over Hispaniola, resulting in moderate seasonal deficits along the southern coasts of the island and eastern two-thirds of the Dominican Republic. Recent vegetation indices have indicated poor and degraded conditions over many local areas near the coasts, especially in western Haiti, and average to above-average conditions across the central portions of Hispaniola. Some improvement is being observed in western Haiti. During the next week, mostly near average average rainfall is forecast over Hispaniola. Locally heavy rain is possible in many local regions of the Dominican Republic. The forecasted locally heavy rain may reduce accumulated deficits a bit and aid cropping activities over some local areas of the Dominican Republic after a poor performance of the first rainfall season, especially in southern regions.

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