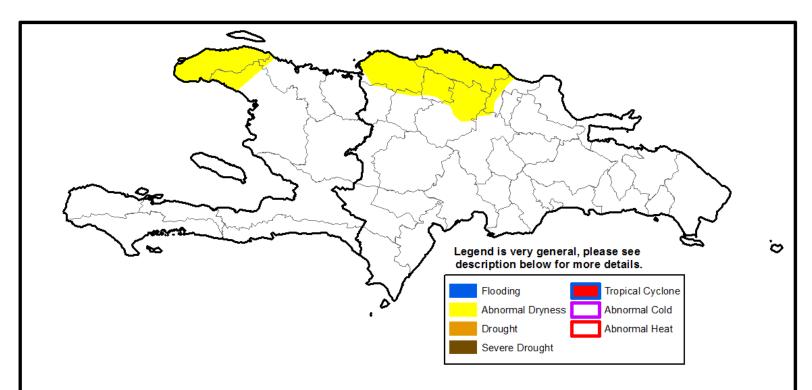


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 24 – December 30, 2015

Reduced rainfall expected over Haiti during late December.



Following a period of enhanced precipitation throughout Hispaniola, decreased amounts of rainfall have been observed during the middle of December. However, this past week's rainfall distribution has been more seasonable with locally moderate to light rainfall accumulations (5-25mm) received across both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Over the last 30 days, nearly all of Hispaniola has experienced average to above-average rainfall, with the highest moisture surpluses concentrated (>100mm) throughout the southern Haiti peninsula. The excess moisture from early December is expected to provide relief for many anomalously dry areas due to poor rains earlier in the summer and spring seasons. Remotely sensed vegetation indices continue to suggest improving ground conditions over southern Haiti, as well as, in other local areas to the north and east. However, unfavorable conditions are still noted in the northern departments of Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic where November and December rains have not been as abundant. During the upcoming outlook period, little to no rainfall is forecast for much Haiti, as an increase in precipitation is expected further east over the Dominican Republic.