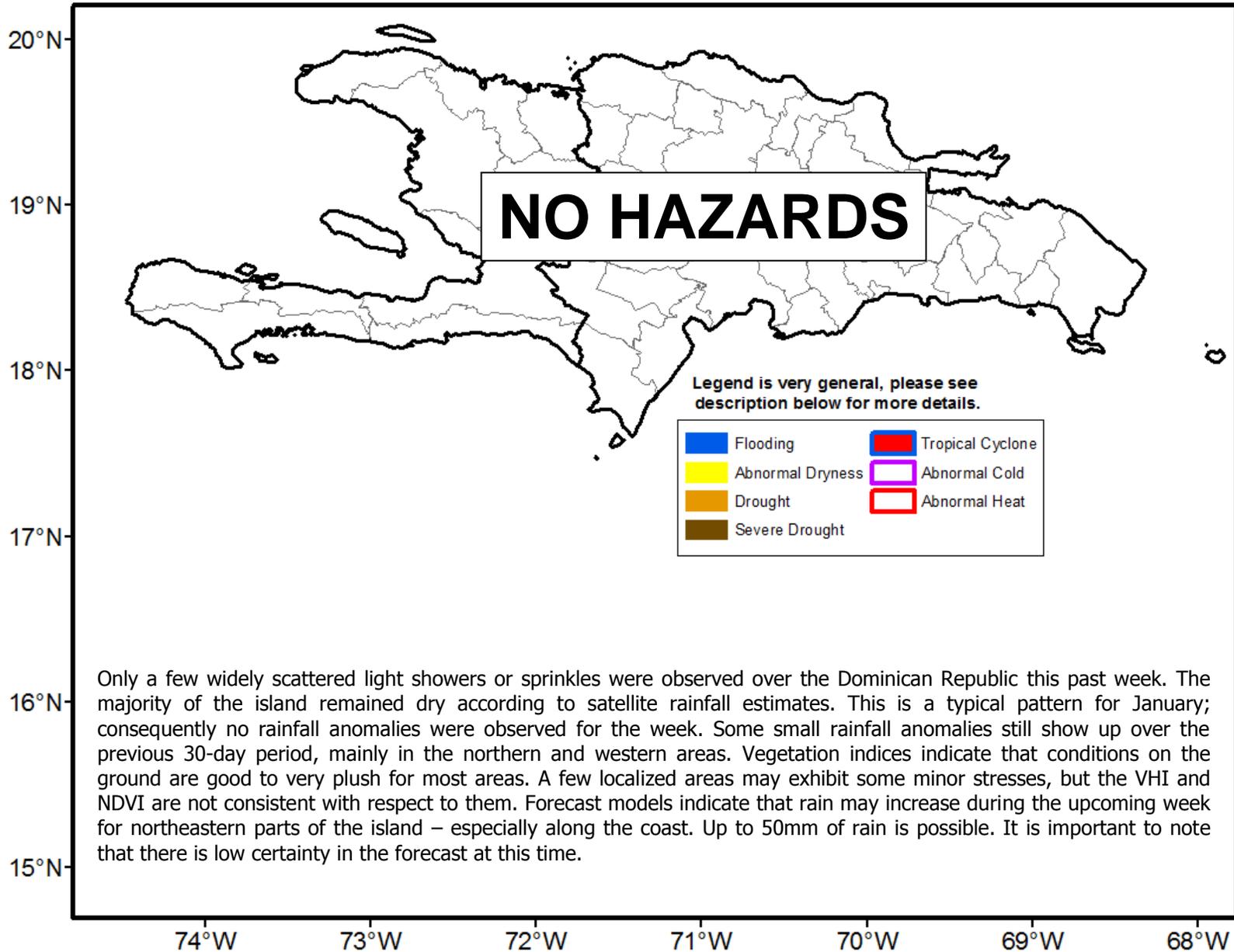




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook January 12 – 18, 2017

- Almost no rain was observed last week; increased rain chances during the upcoming week.



Only a few widely scattered light showers or sprinkles were observed over the Dominican Republic this past week. The majority of the island remained dry according to satellite rainfall estimates. This is a typical pattern for January; consequently no rainfall anomalies were observed for the week. Some small rainfall anomalies still show up over the previous 30-day period, mainly in the northern and western areas. Vegetation indices indicate that conditions on the ground are good to very lush for most areas. A few localized areas may exhibit some minor stresses, but the VHI and NDVI are not consistent with respect to them. Forecast models indicate that rain may increase during the upcoming week for northeastern parts of the island – especially along the coast. Up to 50mm of rain is possible. It is important to note that there is low certainty in the forecast at this time.