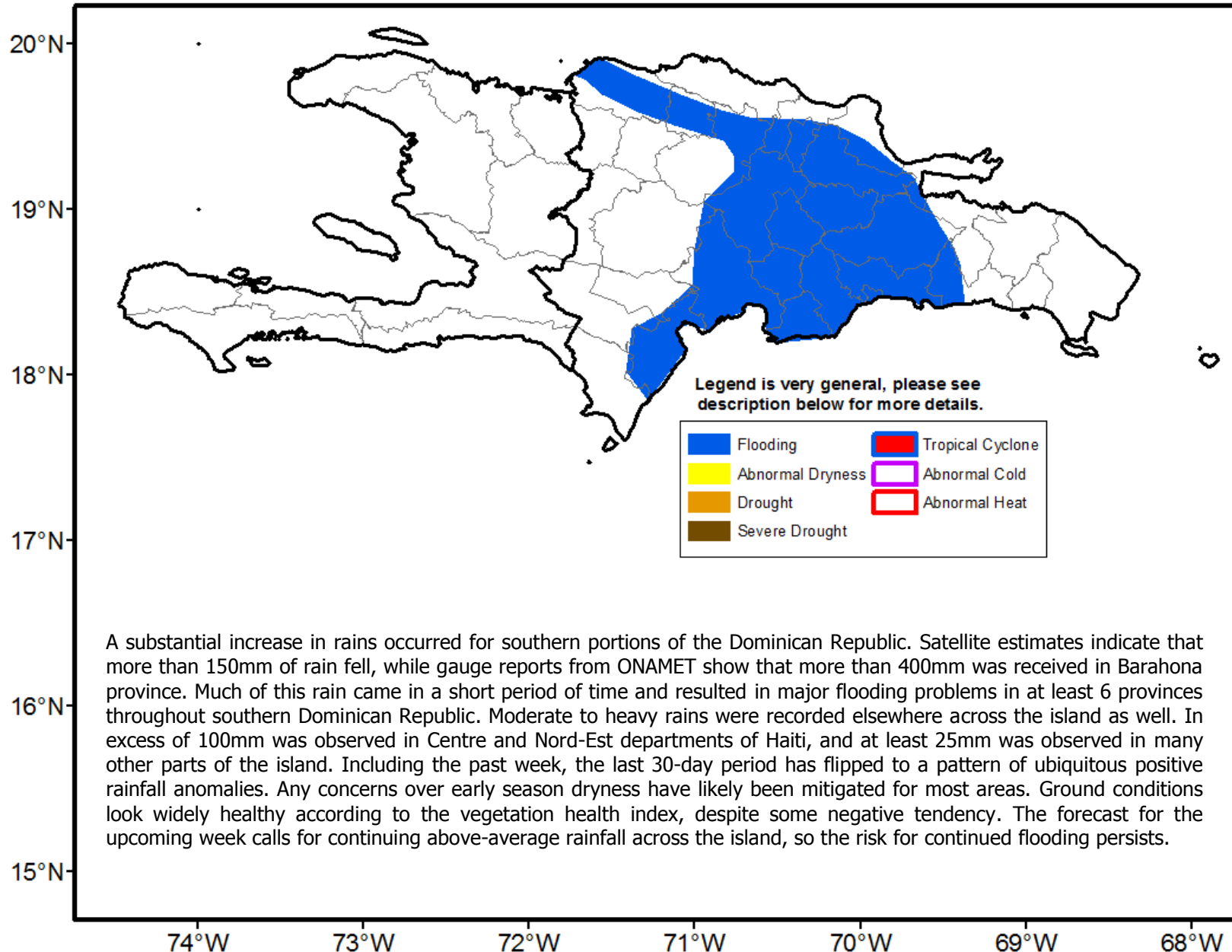




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook May 4 – 10, 2017

- Torrential rains were reported last week in portions of southern Dominican Republic.



A substantial increase in rains occurred for southern portions of the Dominican Republic. Satellite estimates indicate that more than 150mm of rain fell, while gauge reports from ONAMET show that more than 400mm was received in Barahona province. Much of this rain came in a short period of time and resulted in major flooding problems in at least 6 provinces throughout southern Dominican Republic. Moderate to heavy rains were recorded elsewhere across the island as well. In excess of 100mm was observed in Centre and Nord-Est departments of Haiti, and at least 25mm was observed in many other parts of the island. Including the past week, the last 30-day period has flipped to a pattern of ubiquitous positive rainfall anomalies. Any concerns over early season dryness have likely been mitigated for most areas. Ground conditions look widely healthy according to the vegetation health index, despite some negative tendency. The forecast for the upcoming week calls for continuing above-average rainfall across the island, so the risk for continued flooding persists.