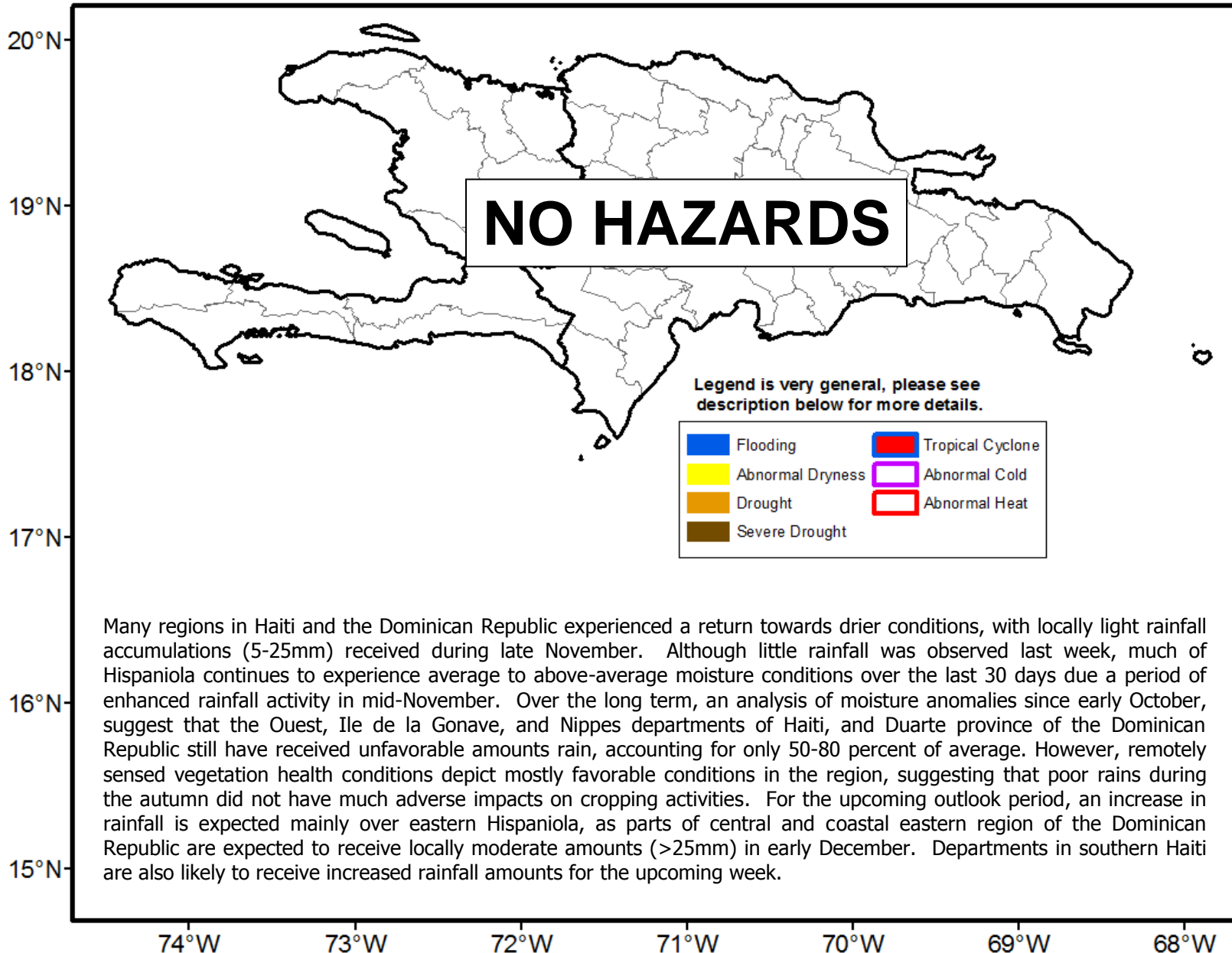




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 7 – December 13, 2017

- Increased rains forecast for eastern Dominican Republic during the next week.



Many regions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic experienced a return towards drier conditions, with locally light rainfall accumulations (5-25mm) received during late November. Although little rainfall was observed last week, much of Hispaniola continues to experience average to above-average moisture conditions over the last 30 days due a period of enhanced rainfall activity in mid-November. Over the long term, an analysis of moisture anomalies since early October, suggest that the Ouest, Ile de la Gonave, and Nippes departments of Haiti, and Duarte province of the Dominican Republic still have received unfavorable amounts rain, accounting for only 50-80 percent of average. However, remotely sensed vegetation health conditions depict mostly favorable conditions in the region, suggesting that poor rains during the autumn did not have much adverse impacts on cropping activities. For the upcoming outlook period, an increase in rainfall is expected mainly over eastern Hispaniola, as parts of central and coastal eastern region of the Dominican Republic are expected to receive locally moderate amounts (>25mm) in early December. Departments in southern Haiti are also likely to receive increased rainfall amounts for the upcoming week.