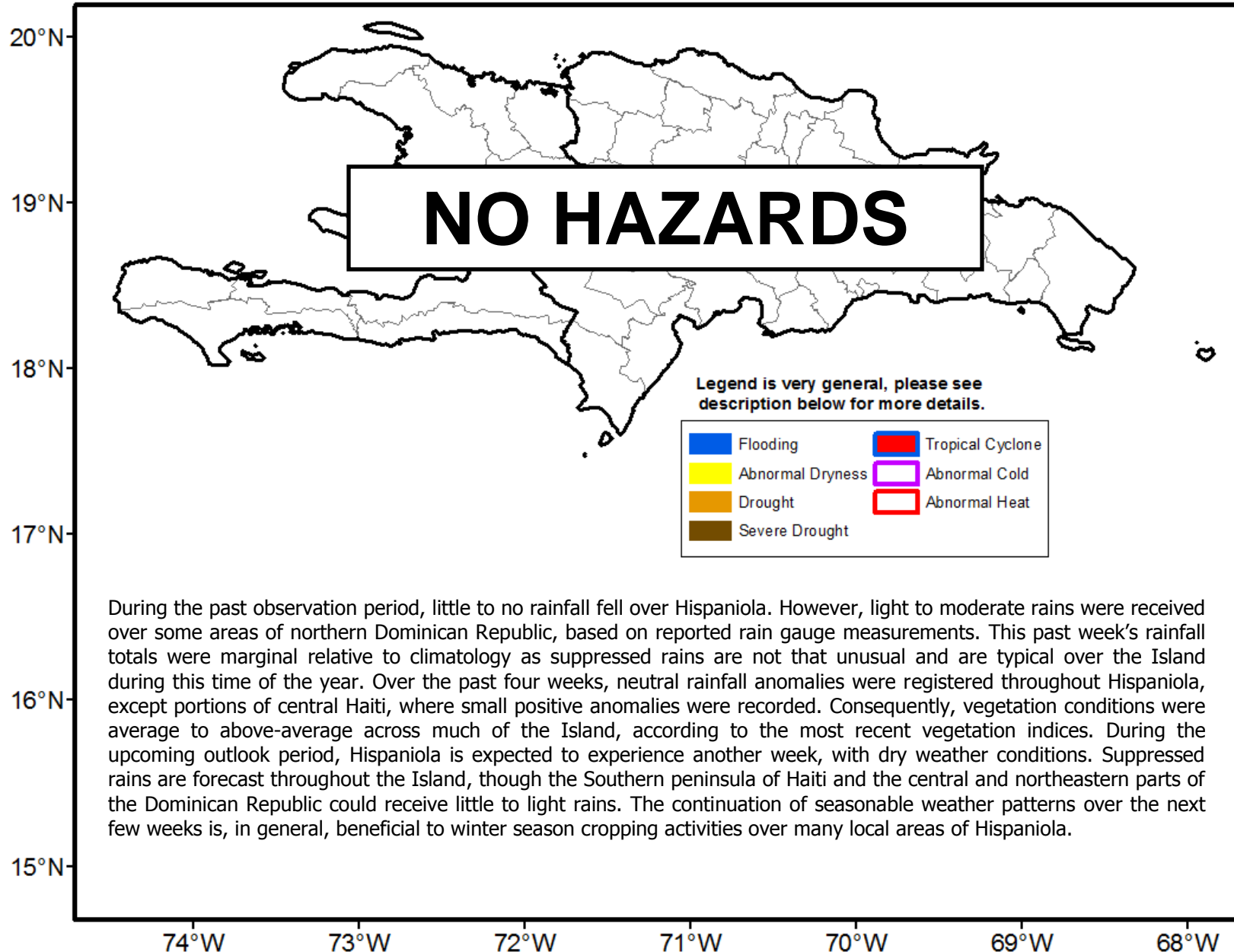




## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook February 15 – 21, 2018

- Dry but seasonable weather pattern expected over Hispaniola during the next outlook period.



During the past observation period, little to no rainfall fell over Hispaniola. However, light to moderate rains were received over some areas of northern Dominican Republic, based on reported rain gauge measurements. This past week's rainfall totals were marginal relative to climatology as suppressed rains are not that unusual and are typical over the Island during this time of the year. Over the past four weeks, neutral rainfall anomalies were registered throughout Hispaniola, except portions of central Haiti, where small positive anomalies were recorded. Consequently, vegetation conditions were average to above-average across much of the Island, according to the most recent vegetation indices. During the upcoming outlook period, Hispaniola is expected to experience another week, with dry weather conditions. Suppressed rains are forecast throughout the Island, though the Southern peninsula of Haiti and the central and northeastern parts of the Dominican Republic could receive little to light rains. The continuation of seasonable weather patterns over the next few weeks is, in general, beneficial to winter season cropping activities over many local areas of Hispaniola.