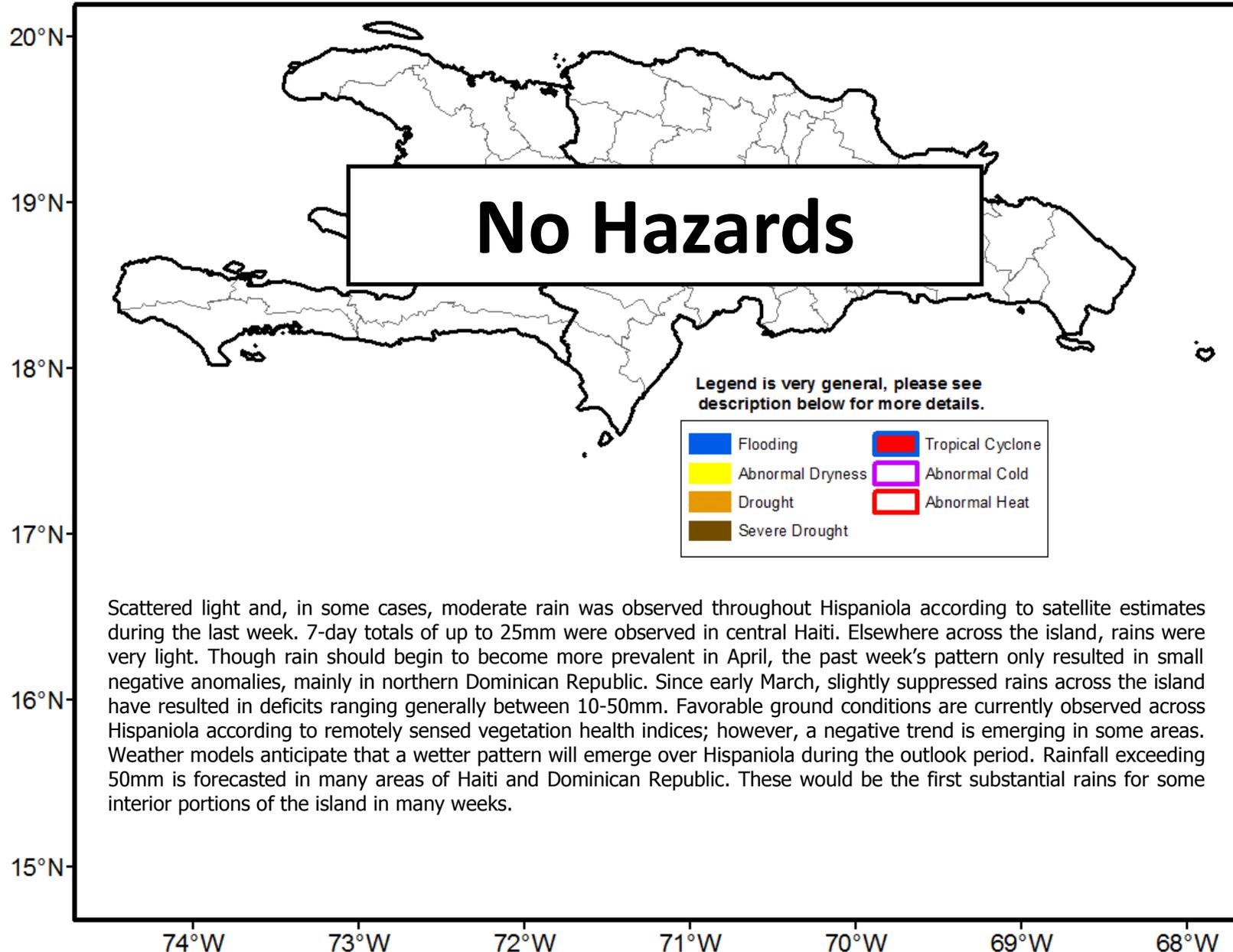




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook April 19 – April 25, 2018

- Scattered rain showers were observed during the past week, especially in eastern Dominican Republic



Scattered light and, in some cases, moderate rain was observed throughout Hispaniola according to satellite estimates during the last week. 7-day totals of up to 25mm were observed in central Haiti. Elsewhere across the island, rains were very light. Though rain should begin to become more prevalent in April, the past week's pattern only resulted in small negative anomalies, mainly in northern Dominican Republic. Since early March, slightly suppressed rains across the island have resulted in deficits ranging generally between 10-50mm. Favorable ground conditions are currently observed across Hispaniola according to remotely sensed vegetation health indices; however, a negative trend is emerging in some areas. Weather models anticipate that a wetter pattern will emerge over Hispaniola during the outlook period. Rainfall exceeding 50mm is forecasted in many areas of Haiti and Dominican Republic. These would be the first substantial rains for some interior portions of the island in many weeks.