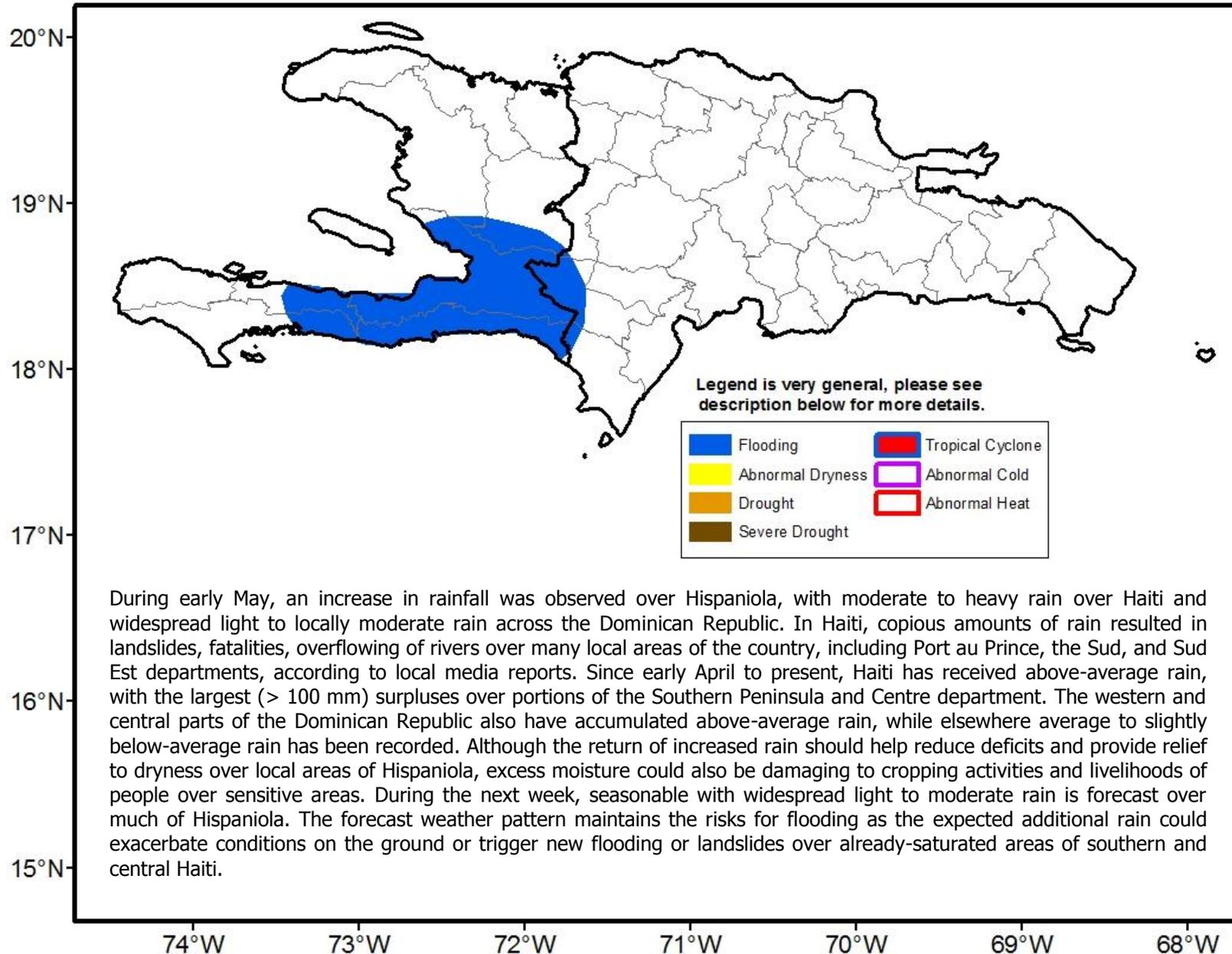




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook May 10 – 16, 2018

- The forecast additional rain during the next week sustains high risks for flooding over parts of Haiti.



During early May, an increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola, with moderate to heavy rain over Haiti and widespread light to locally moderate rain across the Dominican Republic. In Haiti, copious amounts of rain resulted in landslides, fatalities, overflowing of rivers over many local areas of the country, including Port au Prince, the Sud, and Sud Est departments, according to local media reports. Since early April to present, Haiti has received above-average rain, with the largest (> 100 mm) surpluses over portions of the Southern Peninsula and Centre department. The western and central parts of the Dominican Republic also have accumulated above-average rain, while elsewhere average to slightly below-average rain has been recorded. Although the return of increased rain should help reduce deficits and provide relief to dryness over local areas of Hispaniola, excess moisture could also be damaging to cropping activities and livelihoods of people over sensitive areas. During the next week, seasonable with widespread light to moderate rain is forecast over much of Hispaniola. The forecast weather pattern maintains the risks for flooding as the expected additional rain could exacerbate conditions on the ground or trigger new flooding or landslides over already-saturated areas of southern and central Haiti.