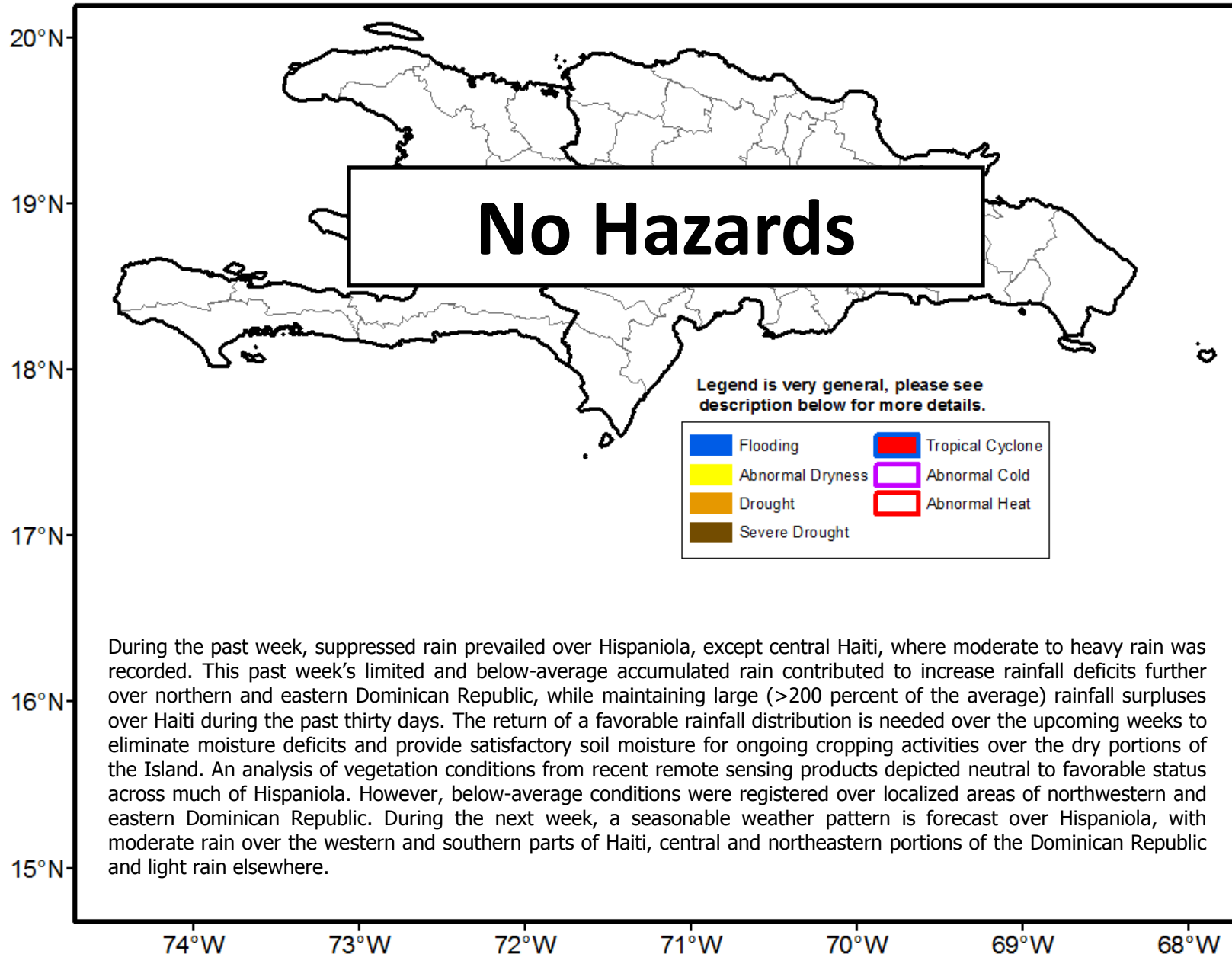




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook May 17 – 23, 2018

- Seasonable rain forecast to continue over Hispaniola during the next week.



During the past week, suppressed rain prevailed over Hispaniola, except central Haiti, where moderate to heavy rain was recorded. This past week's limited and below-average accumulated rain contributed to increase rainfall deficits further over northern and eastern Dominican Republic, while maintaining large (>200 percent of the average) rainfall surpluses over Haiti during the past thirty days. The return of a favorable rainfall distribution is needed over the upcoming weeks to eliminate moisture deficits and provide satisfactory soil moisture for ongoing cropping activities over the dry portions of the Island. An analysis of vegetation conditions from recent remote sensing products depicted neutral to favorable status across much of Hispaniola. However, below-average conditions were registered over localized areas of northwestern and eastern Dominican Republic. During the next week, a seasonable weather pattern is forecast over Hispaniola, with moderate rain over the western and southern parts of Haiti, central and northeastern portions of the Dominican Republic and light rain elsewhere.