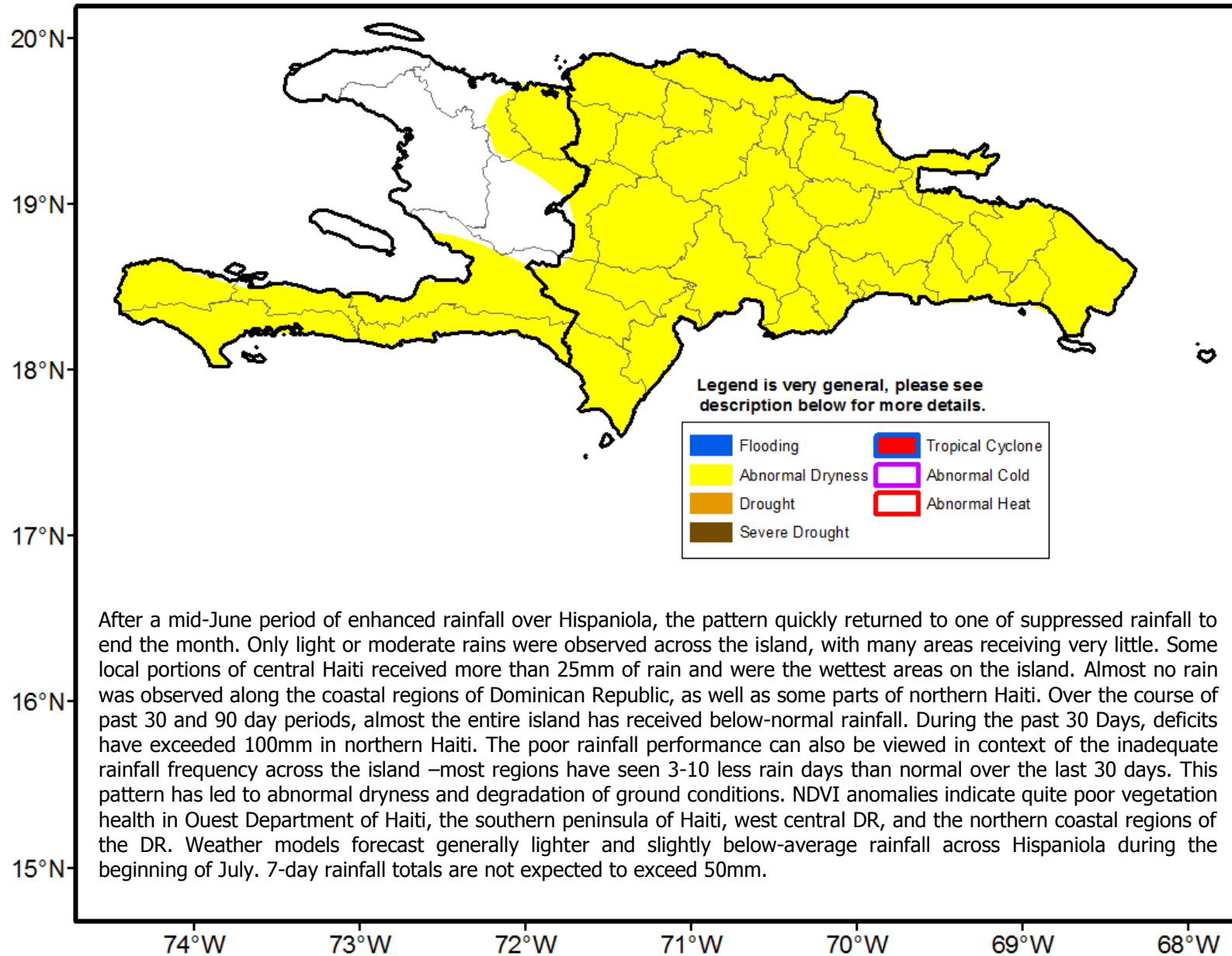




## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 5 – July 11, 2018

- A lighter than normal pattern of rainfall returned to the island last week.



After a mid-June period of enhanced rainfall over Hispaniola, the pattern quickly returned to one of suppressed rainfall to end the month. Only light or moderate rains were observed across the island, with many areas receiving very little. Some local portions of central Haiti received more than 25mm of rain and were the wettest areas on the island. Almost no rain was observed along the coastal regions of Dominican Republic, as well as some parts of northern Haiti. Over the course of past 30 and 90 day periods, almost the entire island has received below-normal rainfall. During the past 30 Days, deficits have exceeded 100mm in northern Haiti. The poor rainfall performance can also be viewed in context of the inadequate rainfall frequency across the island –most regions have seen 3-10 less rain days than normal over the last 30 days. This pattern has led to abnormal dryness and degradation of ground conditions. NDVI anomalies indicate quite poor vegetation health in Ouest Department of Haiti, the southern peninsula of Haiti, west central DR, and the northern coastal regions of the DR. Weather models forecast generally lighter and slightly below-average rainfall across Hispaniola during the beginning of July. 7-day rainfall totals are not expected to exceed 50mm.