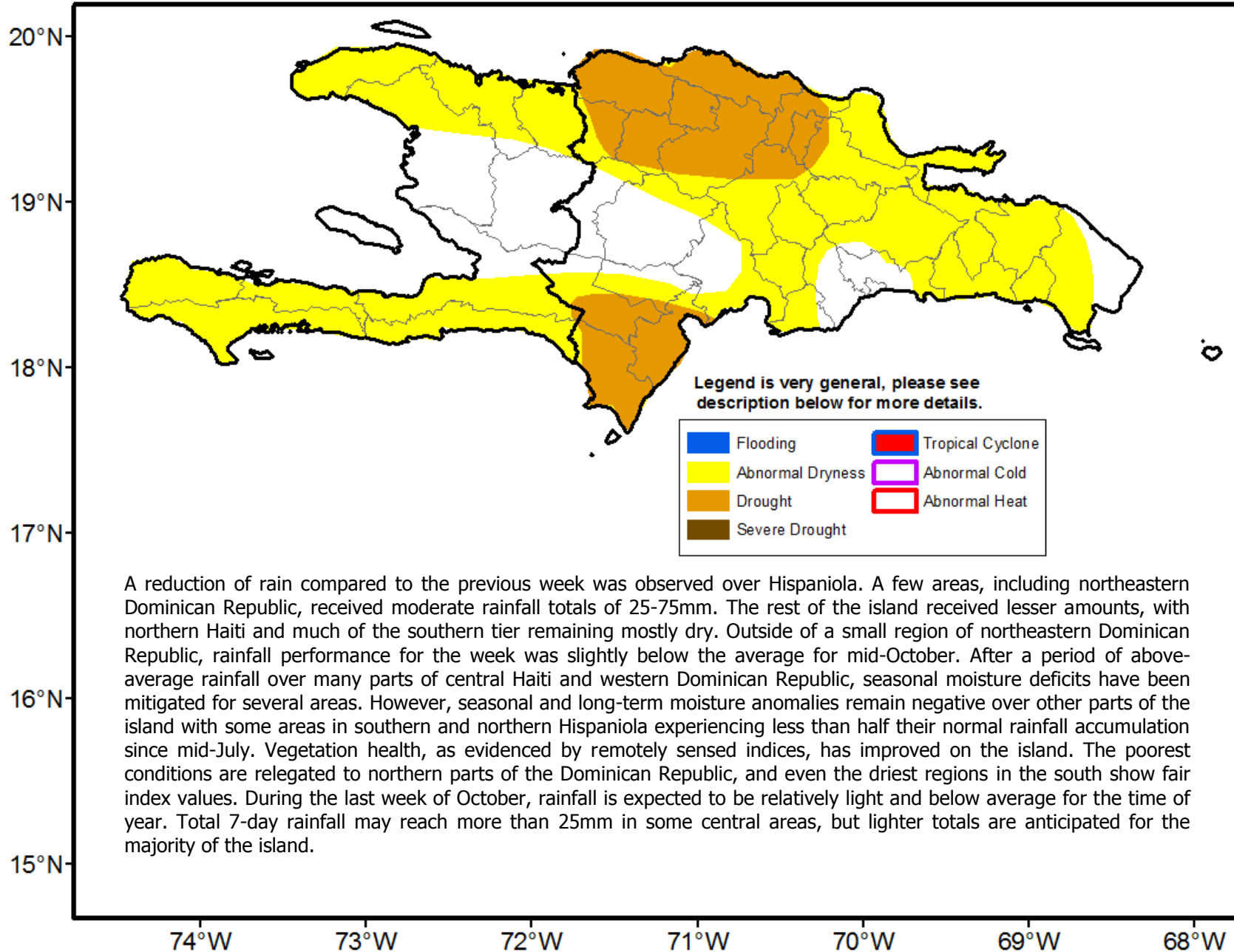




Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook October 25 – October 31, 2018

- Several weeks of beneficial rain have improved ground conditions in several parts of Haiti and western DR.



A reduction of rain compared to the previous week was observed over Hispaniola. A few areas, including northeastern Dominican Republic, received moderate rainfall totals of 25-75mm. The rest of the island received lesser amounts, with northern Haiti and much of the southern tier remaining mostly dry. Outside of a small region of northeastern Dominican Republic, rainfall performance for the week was slightly below the average for mid-October. After a period of above-average rainfall over many parts of central Haiti and western Dominican Republic, seasonal moisture deficits have been mitigated for several areas. However, seasonal and long-term moisture anomalies remain negative over other parts of the island with some areas in southern and northern Hispaniola experiencing less than half their normal rainfall accumulation since mid-July. Vegetation health, as evidenced by remotely sensed indices, has improved on the island. The poorest conditions are relegated to northern parts of the Dominican Republic, and even the driest regions in the south show fair index values. During the last week of October, rainfall is expected to be relatively light and below average for the time of year. Total 7-day rainfall may reach more than 25mm in some central areas, but lighter totals are anticipated for the majority of the island.