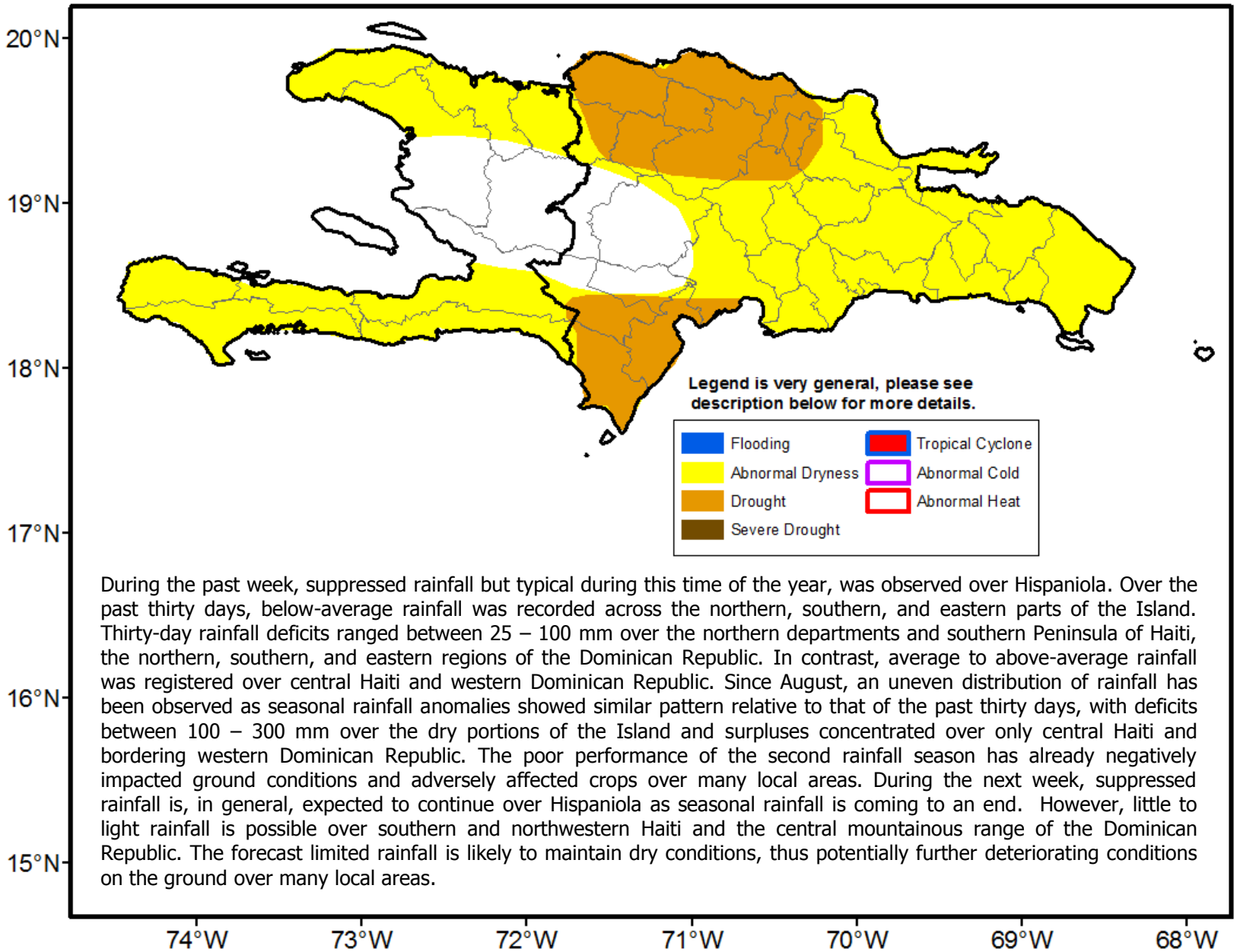
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
November 29 – December 5, 2018

- **Dry conditions to remain over Hispaniola as seasonal rainfall is coming to an end.**



During the past week, suppressed rainfall but typical during this time of the year, was observed over Hispaniola. Over the past thirty days, below-average rainfall was recorded across the northern, southern, and eastern parts of the Island. Thirty-day rainfall deficits ranged between 25 – 100 mm over the northern departments and southern Peninsula of Haiti, the northern, southern, and eastern regions of the Dominican Republic. In contrast, average to above-average rainfall was registered over central Haiti and western Dominican Republic. Since August, an uneven distribution of rainfall has been observed as seasonal rainfall anomalies showed similar pattern relative to that of the past thirty days, with deficits between 100 – 300 mm over the dry portions of the Island and surpluses concentrated over only central Haiti and bordering western Dominican Republic. The poor performance of the second rainfall season has already negatively impacted ground conditions and adversely affected crops over many local areas. During the next week, suppressed rainfall is, in general, expected to continue over Hispaniola as seasonal rainfall is coming to an end. However, little to light rainfall is possible over southern and northwestern Haiti and the central mountainous range of the Dominican Republic. The forecast limited rainfall is likely to maintain dry conditions, thus potentially further deteriorating conditions on the ground over many local areas.

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