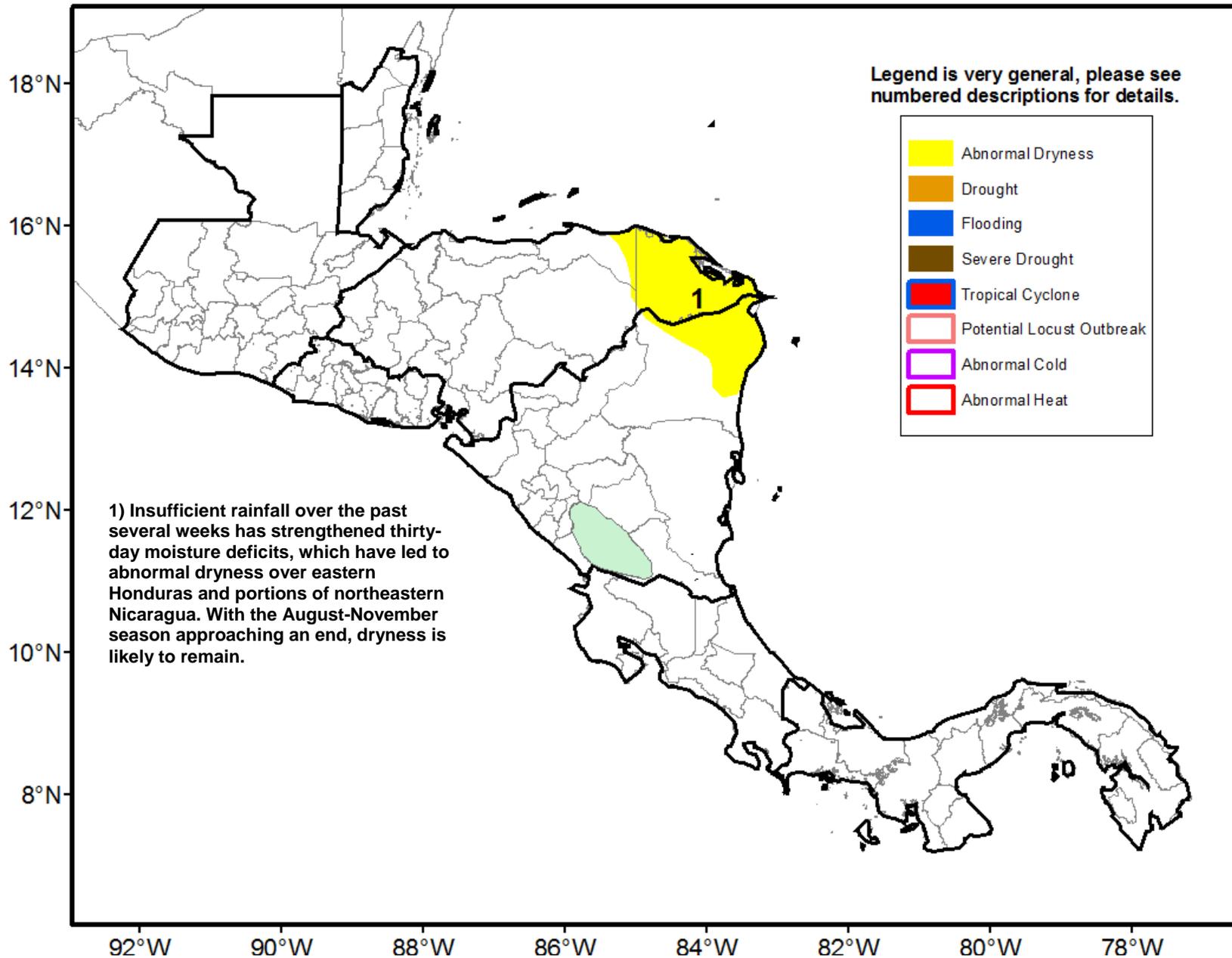




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook November 28 – December 4, 2019

Abnormal dryness persisted over parts of Central America as the August-November season is ending.



The August-November rainfall season approaching to an end over Central America

During the past observation period, suppressed rainfall continued over much of the inland of Central America. Dry weather pattern prevailed over much of the region. However, light to locally moderate rain was received over southern Guatemala, the central parts of Nicaragua, and portions of the southern Caribbean. As the *Postrema*, August-November, season is ending, the typical reduction in rainfall has maintained thirty-day moisture deficits over the dry portions of eastern Honduras and northeastern Nicaragua. Since late October, eastern Honduras and northeastern Nicaragua experienced dryness, with rainfall deficits ranging between 100-300 mm. Over the long-term, since the beginning of August, below-average rain was registered across portions of northern Guatemala, eastern Honduras, and northeastern Nicaragua. Cumulative, seasonal rain accounted for between 50-80 percent of the average over these dry areas. Conversely, above-average rain was mostly recorded along the Pacific-facing region of Central America, which helped replenish soil moisture and benefit cropping activities and yield over southern Guatemala, El Salvador, and the Gulf of Fonseca region. The latest vegetation condition indices showed that near-average conditions were observed over most areas, except localized sites of western Guatemala, eastern Honduras, and east-central Nicaragua. Also, the continuing dry conditions are likely to favor environment, conducive to forest fires over many local areas of the region.

During the outlook period, little to light rain is forecast to continue over the interior of Central America. However, moderate to locally heavy rain is possible along the Atlantic littorals of Honduras and Nicaragua and across the southern Caribbean. For temperature, although minimum temperature is forecast to average near-normal during the next week, nighttime and early-morning temperature could still fall near or below-freezing over higher terrains. No Tropical Cyclone activities are expected over the Atlantic Basin or eastern Pacific Basin during the next few days.

