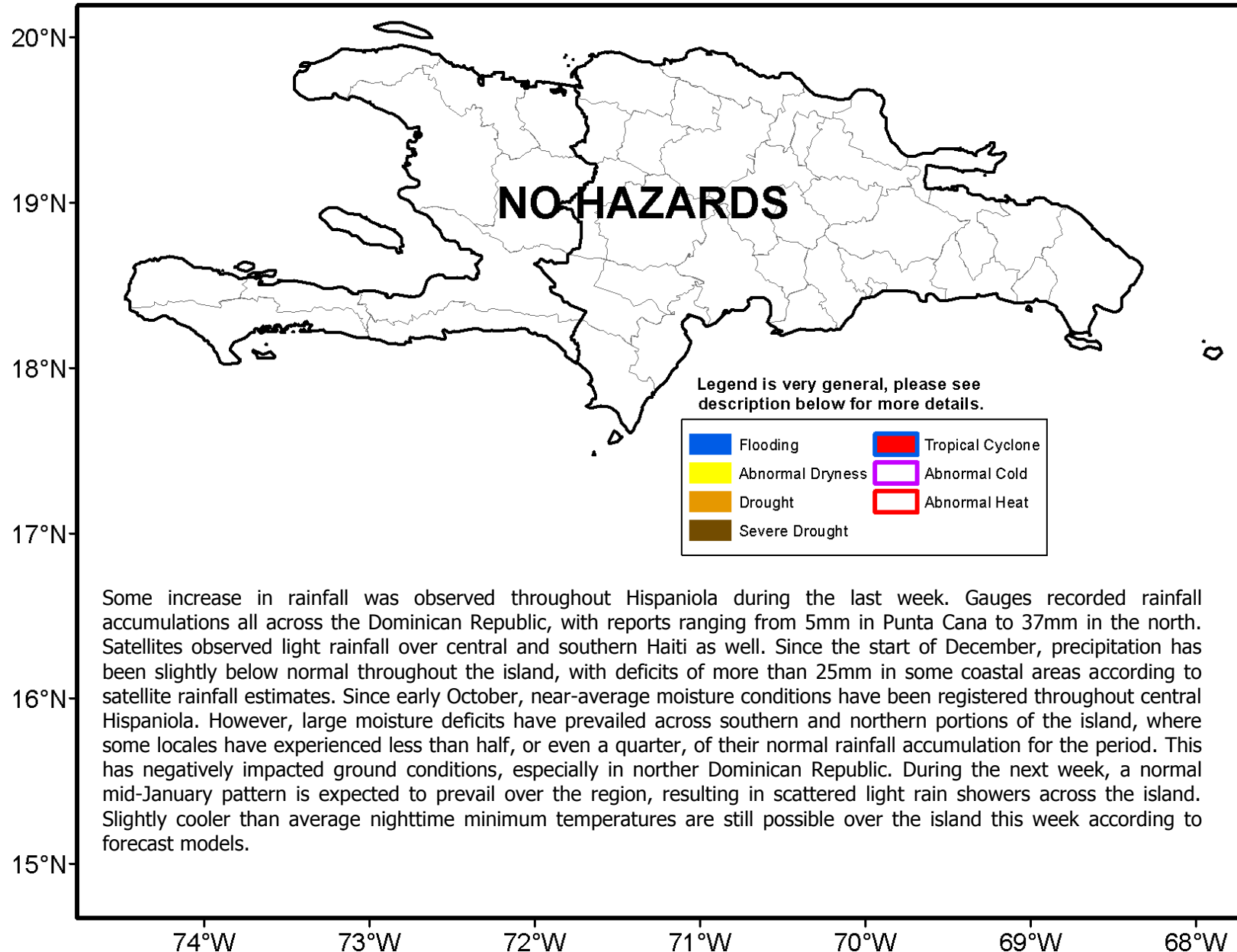




## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook January 17 – 23, 2019

- Increased shower activity was observed over the island during the last week.



Some increase in rainfall was observed throughout Hispaniola during the last week. Gauges recorded rainfall accumulations all across the Dominican Republic, with reports ranging from 5mm in Punta Cana to 37mm in the north. Satellites observed light rainfall over central and southern Haiti as well. Since the start of December, precipitation has been slightly below normal throughout the island, with deficits of more than 25mm in some coastal areas according to satellite rainfall estimates. Since early October, near-average moisture conditions have been registered throughout central Hispaniola. However, large moisture deficits have prevailed across southern and northern portions of the island, where some locales have experienced less than half, or even a quarter, of their normal rainfall accumulation for the period. This has negatively impacted ground conditions, especially in northern Dominican Republic. During the next week, a normal mid-January pattern is expected to prevail over the region, resulting in scattered light rain showers across the island. Slightly cooler than average nighttime minimum temperatures are still possible over the island this week according to forecast models.