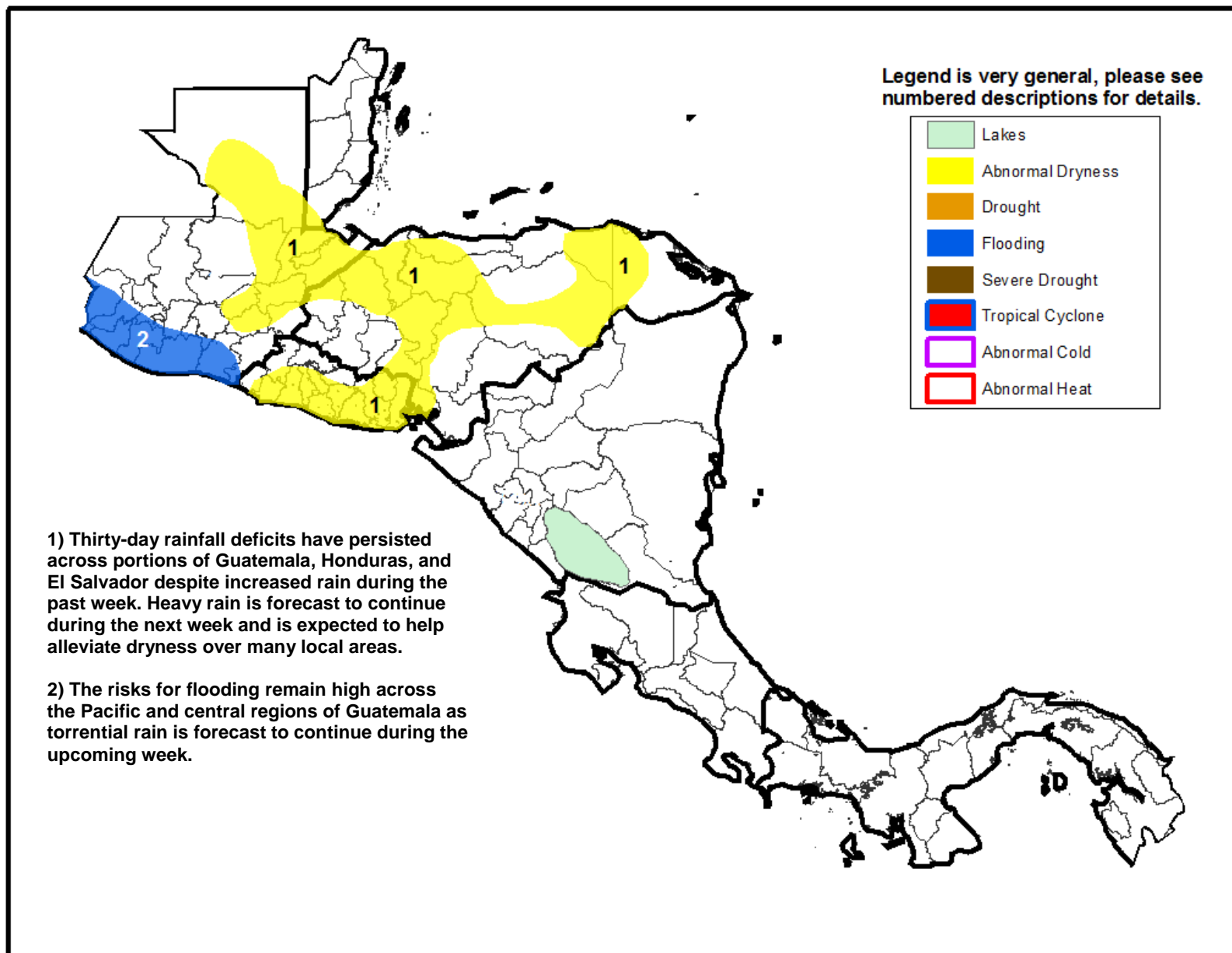




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook June 16 – June 22, 2016

- Widespread, abundant rain has caused flooding over localized areas of Central America.



## Wet weather is forecast to continue during the next seven days.

The recent increase in rainfall has been beneficial to the *Primera*, May-August season, in Central America. During the past seven days, widespread, heavy and above-average rain was observed across most areas, with the heaviest rain in northern Guatemala, Belize, the Gulf of Honduras, Gulf of Fonseca, and eastern Nicaragua. Meanwhile, moderate to heavy rain was recorded elsewhere. Although the stark increase in rainfall over the past two weeks has helped to eliminate thirty-day moisture deficits over many local areas of northern Central America, moderate, negative rainfall anomalies have persisted over the western, northern, and eastern parts of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. In Guatemala, poor rain during April and May has already led to wilted crops over some areas. Recent vegetation health indices have indicated mostly marginal to above-average conditions over Central America.

For next week, wet weather patterns are expected to continue over Central America, with heavy rain over southern Guatemala, the Gulf of Honduras, Honduras, Gulf of Fonseca, and the Southern Caribbean. Though the forecast, abundant rain should help eliminate moisture deficits over many areas, excess moisture could also exacerbate conditions over already-saturated and flood prone areas. This includes this past week's flood-stricken areas of the Sumpango, Sacatepéquez department of Guatemala, and San Miguel Arcangel, Tegucigalpa of Honduras. Elsewhere, light to moderate rain is forecast.

