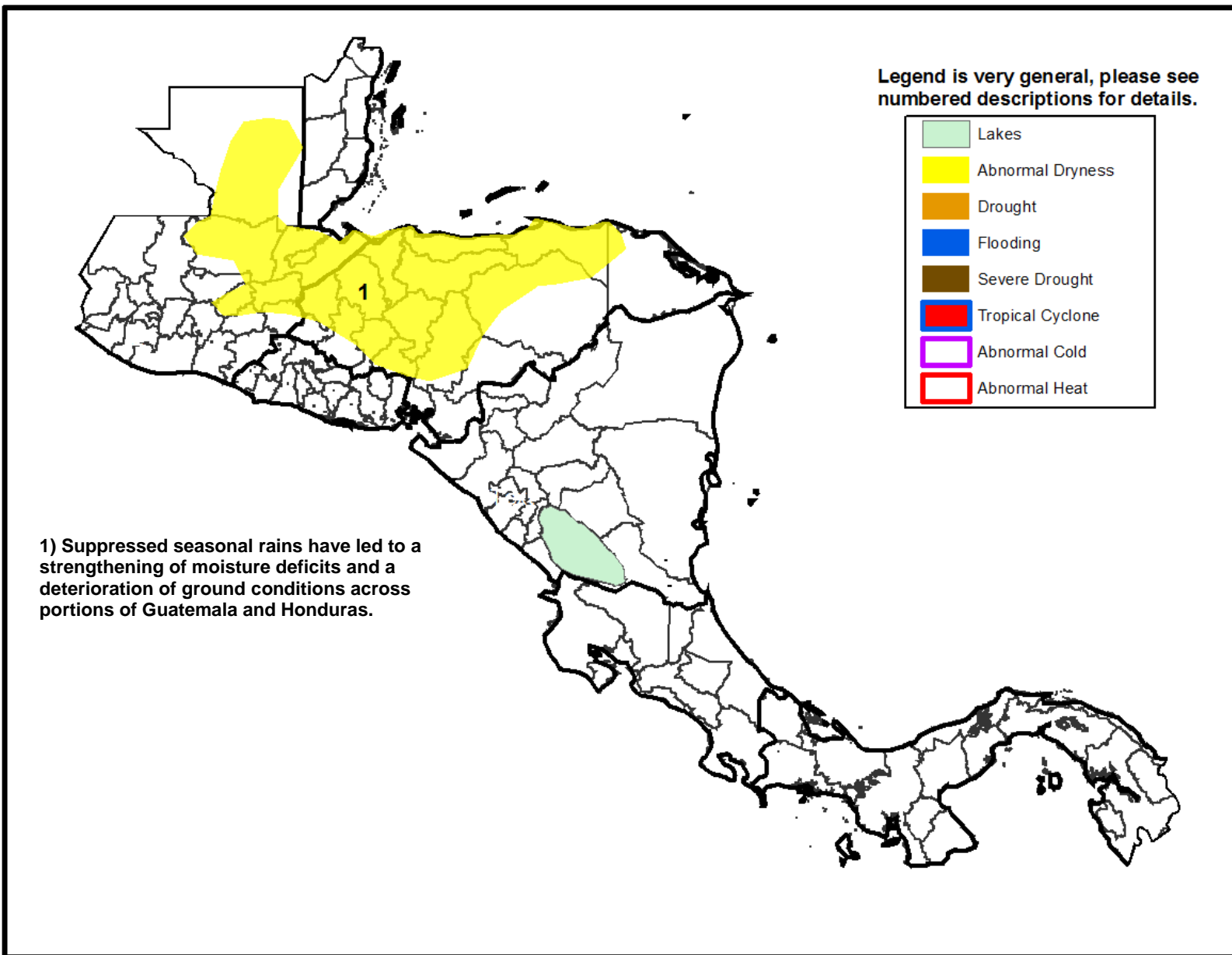




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook June 30 – July 6, 2016

- Suppressed rains continued over many anomalously dry areas of Central America.



Little relief to dryness expected over Guatemala and Honduras.

In the last seven days, seasonal rains continued throughout Central America, however below-average totals were again registered across many anomalously dry regions. The highest weekly precipitation accumulations (>100mm) were received throughout many coastal areas in the Yucatan peninsula, southern Guatemala, and along the Atlantic coastline of Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. Lesser, but well distributed totals were received over many interior departments of Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Since the end of May, seasonal dryness continues to strengthen across many central regions of Guatemala and Honduras. While many of these areas have experienced an increased number of days of rain during this span, several weeks of below-average totals have led to many areas experiencing between 50 to 80 percent of their normal rainfall accumulation over the past three months. In western Guatemala, the delayed onset and erratic distribution of rainfall have already resulted in wilted, early-planted crops. A failure of Primera rains by mid-summer would mark the 3rd consecutively failed season of Guatemala and Honduras.

During the next week, little improvement to the anomalous dryness is expected as precipitation forecasts suggest largely suppressed rainfall throughout the Atlantic basin of Central America. Below-average precipitation totals over portions of northern Guatemala and central Honduras are likely to strengthen seasonal dryness.

