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New Weather System Has Potential For Development, National Hurricane Center Says

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A weather system previously thought to be disorganized and projected to wither, is now expected to see further development, according to the National Hurricane Center, after NHC received new satellite-derived wind data.

The system, currently producing showers and thunderstorms, is located a few hundred miles south-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands and is projected to possibly see "some slow development over the next few days while it moves westward across the tropical eastern Atlantic," according to NHC.

N.H.C. gave the system a 20 percent chance of development in both the 48-hour and 5-day windows.

On Thursday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said atmospheric and oceanic conditions [were primed to fuel storm development in the Atlantic](#), leading to what could be an “extremely active” season, according to forecasters with NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service.

The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season has been off to a rapid pace with a record-setting nine named storms so far and has the potential to be one of the busiest on record. Historically, only two named storms form on average by early August, and the ninth named storm typically does not form until October 4. An average season produces 12 named storms, including six hurricanes of which three become major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5), NOAA said.

“This is one of the most active seasonal forecasts that NOAA has produced in its 22-year history of hurricane outlooks. NOAA will continue to provide the best possible science and service to communities across the Nation for the remainder of hurricane season to ensure public readiness and safety,” said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. “We encourage all Americans to do their part by getting prepared, remaining vigilant, and being ready to take action when necessary.”