

# New System Could Become a Tropical Depression in Day or Two

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The National Hurricane Center in its 2:00 a.m. advisory said showers and thunderstorms continue to show signs of organization in association with a vigorous tropical wave located several hundred miles west-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands, and that the system could develop into a tropical depression in the coming days.

"Environmental conditions are expected to be somewhat conducive for additional development to occur, and a tropical depression is likely to form during the next day or two while the disturbance moves generally westward at around 15 mph across the tropical Atlantic," [N.H.C. said](#).

The good news is N.H.C. said conditions are forecast to become less conducive for development by the end of the week.

The system was given a 60 percent chance of development in both the 48-hour and 5-day forecast windows.

The next storm in the Atlantic will be named Josephine.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said last Thursday that atmospheric and oceanic conditions are 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.”