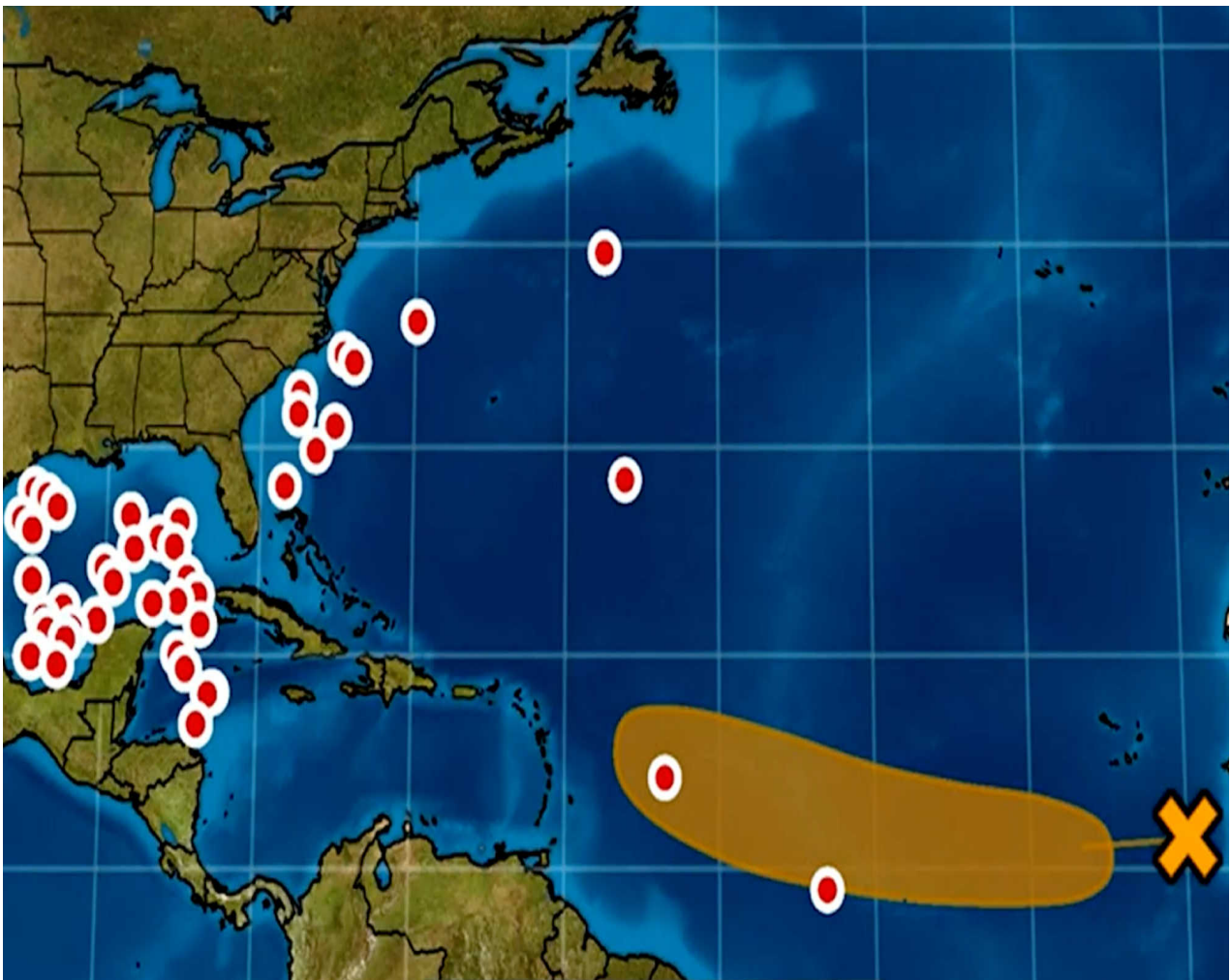


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Tropical Wave in Atlantic Shows Potential for Development

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The National Hurricane Center has issued a 2:00 a.m. Saturday tropical update, bringing into focus a tropical wave that is seeing favorable environmental conditions for development.

The wave, located several hundred miles south-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands, is generating a wide area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. According to NHC, there is a high likelihood of a tropical depression forming during the early to middle part of the upcoming week. The system is projected to track westward at a speed of 15 to 20 mph across the eastern and central tropical Atlantic.

As of now, the chances of formation within the next 48 hours are rated as medium, with a 40 percent probability. However, the prospects increase significantly over the next seven days, with a high formation chance of 70 percent. The National Hurricane Center will continue to monitor the tropical wave closely and provide updates as necessary.

Residents and authorities in the affected regions are advised to stay vigilant and keep a close eye on the progression of this weather system.

Tropical weather systems can rapidly evolve, so it is crucial for individuals to have a preparedness plan in place. This includes having emergency supplies readily available and staying informed about the latest weather forecasts. It is advisable to stay tuned to local news sources and official weather channels for the most accurate and up-to-date information.