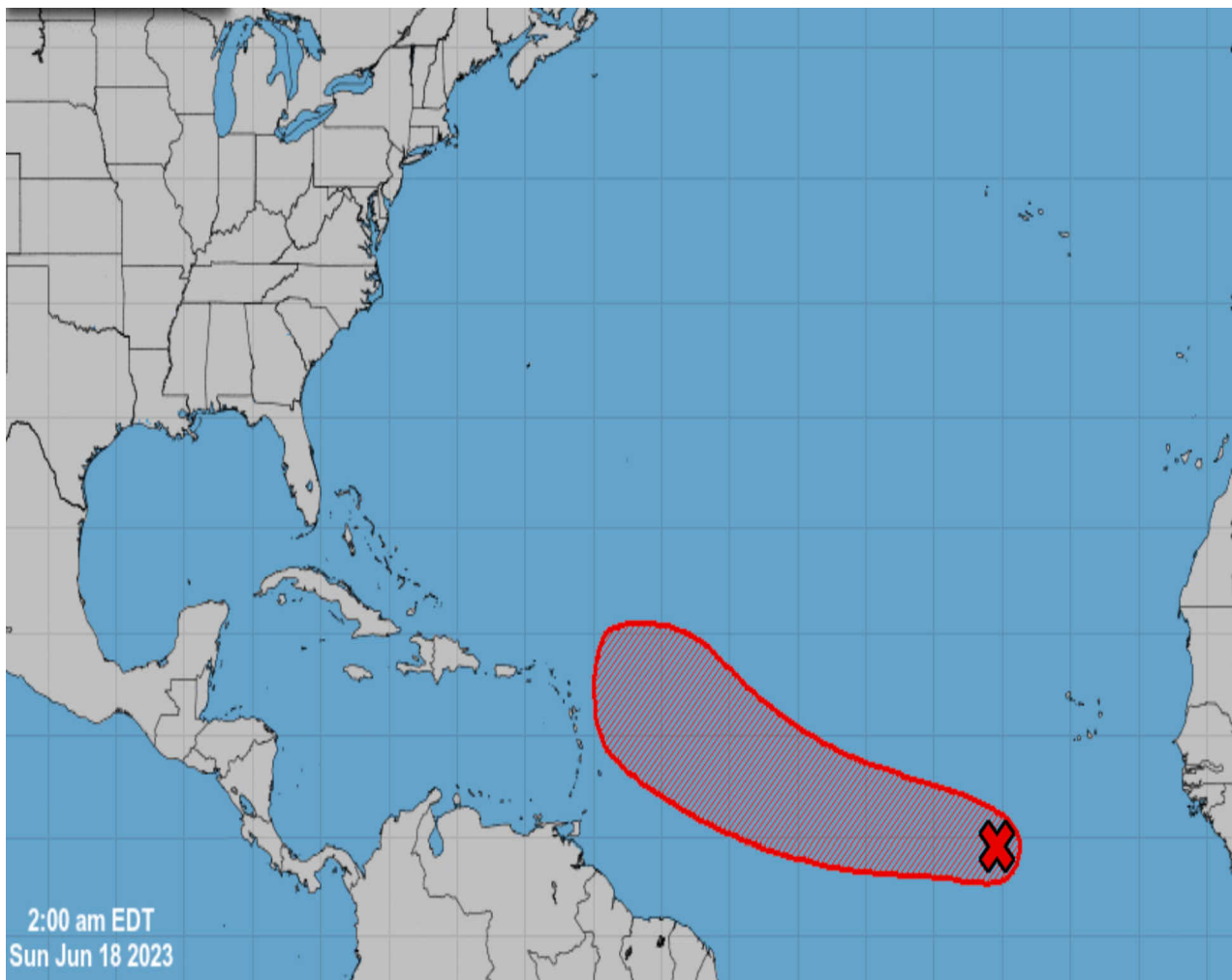


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Tropical Depression Looms: NHC Monitors Growing Storm Activity in Atlantic

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A tropical wave currently positioned several hundred miles southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands is showing signs of escalating weather activity, according to the latest update from the National Hurricane Center.

The environmental conditions appear favorable for further development, sparking forecasts of a tropical depression likely forming in the next few days.

The system, coded as AL92, has seen a gradual increase in organized showers and thunderstorms. The NHC warns that the system's potential for formation into a tropical depression is high over the next 48 hours, pegged at a 70 percent chance. The seven-

day outlook predicts a further rise to a 90 percent chance of formation.

Predicted to move westward at speeds of 15 to 20 mph, the system is likely to traverse the eastern and central tropical Atlantic over the middle of the coming week.

Residents in the path of the potential tropical depression are urged to stay informed through the NHC updates and to follow local authority directives to ensure their safety.

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