

WOCA31 TAPA
TROPICAL CYCLONE INFORMATION STATEMENT
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES
3:00 PM ECT THU JULY 01 2021

THIS IS FOR THE LEEWARD ISLANDS AND THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS.

...TROPICAL STORM ELSA FORECAST TO STAY CLEAR OF THE AREA...

THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES CONTINUES TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF TROPICAL STORM ELSA, WHICH WAS POTENTIAL TROPICAL CYCLONE FIVE. THE SYSTEM IS FORECAST TO BECOME A STRONG TROPICAL STORM IN 24 HOURS AND IMPACT PARTS OF THE CARIBBEAN.

THERE IS GROWING CONFIDENCE THAT THE CENTRE OF TROPICAL STORM ELSA WILL PASS A SAFE DISTANCE, OVER 200 MILES, AWAY FROM THE NORTHEAST CARIBBEAN AND SPARE THE AREA ANY SUSTAINED STORM-FORCE WINDS AND MOST OF THE OTHER ASSOCIATED STORM HAZARDS. THUS, THE GENERAL THREAT LEVELS, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO WIND, REMAIN, AT THIS TIME, LITTLE TO NONE, FOR THE LEEWARD AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. THEREFORE, NO IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS ARE REQUIRED. NOTWITHSTANDING, HAVE YOUR HURRICANE DISASTER PLANS PREPARED AND MONITOR THIS SYSTEM CLOSELY.

AT 1800 UTC OR 2 PM ECT, TROPICAL STORM ELSA WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 10.6 NORTH, LONGITUDE 52.6 WEST OR ABOUT 755 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE LEEWARD ISLANDS MOVING RAPIDLY WEST-NORTHWEST AT 28 MPH.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE AROUND 45 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. STRENGTHENING IS FORECAST DURING THE NEXT 48 HOURS.

ON ITS FORECAST TRACK, ELSA WILL MOST LIKELY PASS THROUGH THE WINDWARD ISLANDS FRIDAY MORNING.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ALERTS, WATCHES OR WARNINGS ARE IN EFFECT, AT THIS TIME, AND THIS IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE.

RESIDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS DEVELOPING SYSTEM CLOSELY AND HAVE THEIR HURRICANE PLANS PREPARED, FOR THE REST OF THE HURRICANE SEASON.

AN UPDATE WILL BE GIVEN AROUND 11 AM TOMORROW OR SOONER, IF REQUIRED. STAY TUNED TO UPDATES COMING OUT OF THE MET OFFICE VIA ANTIGUAMET.COM AND FACEBOOK.COM/ABMETSERVICE

FORECASTER DALE DESTIN