

BULLETIN FOR CYCLONIC ACTIVITY AND SIGNIFICANT TROPICAL WEATHER  
IN THE SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN

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PART 1: WARNING SUMMARY

Bulletins WTIO22 044/06 and WTIO30 045/06 issued at 06 UTC on Severe Tropical Storm DUDZAI. Next bulletins issued at 12 UTC.

Bulletins WTIO24 and WTIO30 005/07 issued at 06 UTC. on Moderate Tropical Storm EWETSE. Next bulletins issued at 12 UTC.

PART 2 : TROPICAL WEATHER DISCUSSION

The basin displays a Monsoon Trough (MT) pattern between 8 and 12S, especially east of 65E. Convection is moderate to locally severe over the northern part of the MT, as well as over the Mozambique Channel.

The wave environment remains mixed for cyclogenesis over the basin this late January, with a dry phase of the MJO but also locally more favorable shorter waves. Firstly, a Kelvin wave and a weak equatorial Rossby wave are currently crossing paths in the far east of the basin. However, the associated low is expected to evolve east of 90E. Early next week, another equatorial Rossby wave is expected to move over the western part of the basin, supporting the persistence of a low-pressure area around Madagascar.

**Severe Tropical Storm DUDZAI :**

Information at 09 UTC :

Estimated position : 31.0S / 58.8E

Movement : SE, 29 kt

Maximum wind speed (averaged over 10 minutes) : 60 kt

Estimated central pressure : 987 hPa

*For further information, please refer to bulletins WTIO22 and WTIO30 issued at 06 UTC and following.*

**Overland Depression EWETSE :**

Information at 09 UTC :

Estimated position : 24.3S / 44.1E

Movement : NE, 07 kt

Maximum wind speed (averaged over 10 minutes) : 30 kt

Estimated central pressure : 999 hPa

*For further information, please refer to bulletins WTIO24 and WTIO30 issued at 06 UTC and following.*

**Apart from the system(s) for which warnings are issued, development of a moderate tropical storm is not expected for the next 5 days.**

**10-day outlook :**

In connection with the Equatorial Rossby wave moving over the west of the basin, followed by a new Kelvin wave, the risk of cyclogenesis is expected to increase next week to the east of Madagascar and also in the Mozambique Channel.

*NOTA BENE: The likelihood is an estimate of the chance of genesis of a moderate tropical storm over the basin within the next five days:*

*Very low: less than 10%    Moderate: 30% to 60%    Very high: over 90%*  
*Low: 10% to 30%            High: 60% to 90%*

*The Southwestern Indian ocean basin extends from the Equator to 40S and from the african coastlines to 90E.*