

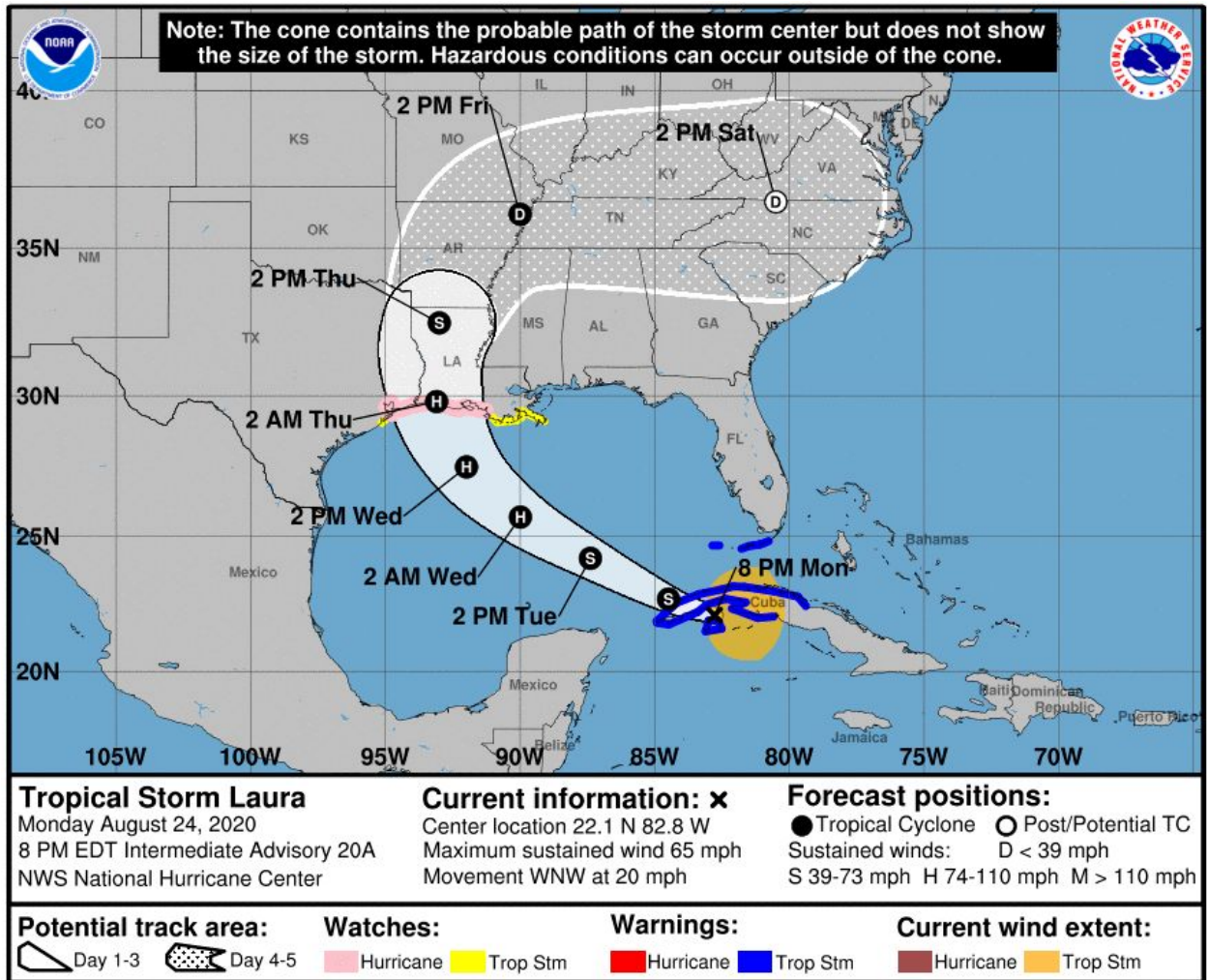
# TROPICAL STORM LAURA

## SITUATION REPORT No. 1

AS OF 8:00 PM ON 24 AUGUST, 2020



### LAURA CONTINUES WEST-NORTHWESTWARD OVER THE FAR NORTHWESTERN CARIBBEAN SEA



**NO HURRICANE OR TROPICAL STORM WARNINGS/WATCHES FOR CDEMA PSs.**

## **Caribbean Institute For Meteorology And Hydrology (CIMH) Analysis**

*Disclaimer: The CIMH provides special weather interpretation of the current and forecasted tropical weather affecting the Caribbean Region and is NOT an official forecasting agency.*

The Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) has been monitoring this system as it continued on its trajectory towards the Lesser Antilles. CIMH provided the below weather update as at 11:00 am Monday August 24, 2020.

**Weather** - Tropical storm conditions were expected across the Cayman Islands and much of Cuba today. Heavy rainfall was expected across Cuba and Jamaica today, with the possibility of mudslides and life-threatening flash and urban flooding.

**Winds** -Tropical storm force winds were not likely to significantly impact the Cayman Islands.

**Rainfall/Flood** -Rainfall amounts of 4 to 6 inches were expected in the vicinity of Cayman Islands and over portions of Jamaica during the passage of Laura.

**Seas** – High swells and rough seas likely to result in minor damages to vulnerable coastlines throughout the Bahamas.

## **Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) Actions**

- The RRM and RCC remains activated to provide joint coordination of the regional preparedness and response planning operations.
- The Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) Deployment teams remain on standby.
- The Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) meeting was convened on Monday August 24 at 1:00pm and co-chaired by the CDEMA Executive Director (ag) and the United Nations Haiti RCO.
- The meeting received a brief from the CIMH on the associated hazards of Tropical Storm Laura.
- CDEMA along with the regional partners, will continue to monitor the progress of the system and provide updates where necessary.

## Updates from the CDEMA Participating States



### ANGUILLA – Department of Disaster Management (DDM)

The following was reported by DDM, Anguilla:

- Anguilla saw very minimal impact from Tropical Storm Laura. There were some high winds experienced and some rainfall; no damages were incurred.



### ANTIGUA & BARBUDA – National Office of Disaster Services (NODS)

The following was reported by NODS, Antigua:

- The Tropical Storm Watch for Antigua was discontinued on Friday 21 August 11:00 pm.
- The country experienced minimal effects of Tropical Storm Laura- there was only light rainfall.



### THE BAHAMAS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

The following was reported by NEMA, the Bahamas:

- There has been no damage and no major impact as a result of Tropical Storm Laura.



### CAYMAN ISLANDS – Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)

The following was reported by HMCI, Cayman Islands:

- The Tropical Storm Warning for Little Cayman and Cayman Brac has been discontinued.
- Cayman Islands experienced heavy rains, rough seas and squalls but there was no significant impact.

## Updates from the CDEMA Participating States



### DOMINICA – Office of Disaster Management (ODM)

The following was reported by ODM, Dominica:

- There were flood incidents reported in Portsmouth. Overall however, there were no severe incidents reported.



### HAITI – The Civil Protection Directorate

The following was reported by the Civil Protection Directorate, Haiti:

- Tropical Storm Laura passed over Haiti on Sunday August 23, causing heavy rains, strong wind gusts and dangerous sea conditions.
- The alert level was raised from "orange" to "red" on the morning of Sunday August 23.
- Initial assessments show that the storm caused flooding in four Departments and four homes were destroyed.
- Several areas of the metropolitan region and its outskirts launched SOS following the flash floods.
- Thirty (30) people were evacuated to a total of eleven (11) emergency shelters, which remain open.
- Nine (9) deaths have been reported.
- Two persons have been reported missing- a mother and child.
- Teams have been deployed across the West and in the South East Departments for clearing of roads.
- Initial assessments have also revealed that the Cayes-Jacmel bridge is buried under alluvium and cannot be accessed.
- Further data collection was scheduled for today Monday, August 24, under the direction of the Civil Protection Directorate, in order to better assess the impact of the storm; helicopter reconnaissance flights are also planned.
- Flights which were delayed at Port-au-Prince airport were able to resume during the day.
- The Ministry of Agriculture reported the loss of crops and livestock; quantified evaluations are in progress.

## Updates from the CDEMA Participating States



### JAMAICA – Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM)

The following was reported by the ODPEM, Jamaica:

- Tropical Storm Laura passed north of Jamaica on Sunday August 23, 2020.
- The Meteorological Service of Jamaica issued a Flash Flood Watch for all low-lying and flood-prone areas of all parishes effective until 8:00 p.m. Monday August 24, 2020.
- The ODPEM will continue to monitor the system and provide the public further information pertaining to TS Laura.



### MONTSERRAT – Disaster Management Coordination Agency (DMCA)

The following was reported by DMCA, Montserrat:

- Montserrat experienced heavy showers and some wind but there was no significant impact.



### ST. KITTS & NEVIS – National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

The following was reported by NEMA, St. Kitts and Nevis:

St. Kitts:

- St. Kitts experienced moderate showers as a result of TS Laura
- The All Clear was given Sunday August 23 from 6:00am
- Partial activation of the NEOC has been stood down.

Nevis:

- There was minor build up of debris on the streets from street flow as a result of the persistent showers.
- There was a brief power outage reported in the area of Clay Ghaut as a light pole was hit by lightning. This was quickly restored by the Nevis Electrical Company (NEVLEC) Emergency Team.
- There was an occurrence of a falling tree on the island's main road, however this was cleared by a volunteer with heavy equipment.
- Partial activation of the EOC has been stood down.

## Updates from the CDEMA Participating States



### TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS – Department of Disaster Management & Emergencies (DDME)

The following was reported by DDME, Turks and Caicos Islands:

- There were no reports of damage and no major impact as a result of Tropical Storm Laura.