

HURRICANE Erin

SITUATION REPORT #1

8:00 PM on 19th August 2025

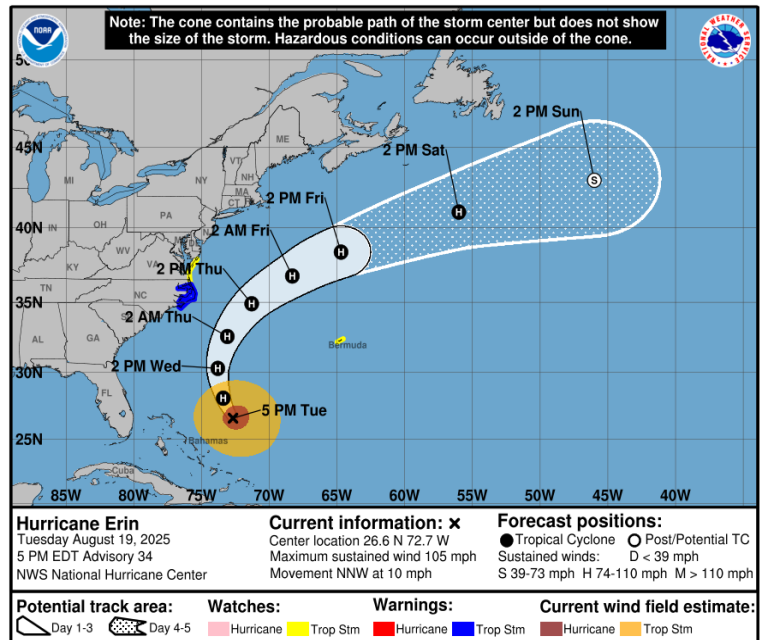
CARIBBEAN SPARED DIRECT IMPACT FROM HURRICANE ERIN.

At 2:00 p.m. the Bahamas Department of Meteorology has **discontinued**:

- The **Tropical Storm Warning** for the Southeast Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands
- The **Tropical Storm Watch** for Central Bahamas

National Authorities in both states issued the **ALL CLEAR** at 3.00 PM on August 19, 2025.

While the direct threat from Hurricane Erin has passed coastal and marine hazards remain and vigilance is still advised.



(Source: [National Hurricane Centre](https://www.nhc.noaa.gov))

SITUATIONAL OVERVIEW FROM THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTRE (NHC)

As at 5:00 p.m. Hurricane Erin with a current intensity of 105 mph has shifted to a north-northwestward track, reducing the likelihood of direct wind or rainfall impacts on the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) and The Bahamas. However, Erin's expanded wind field means these areas remain exposed to indirect hazards, particularly along coastal zones. The primary concern for TCI and The Bahamas is life threatening surf, rip currents, and large swells which are expected to persist over the coming days. While the direct threat of strong winds and heavy rainfall has lessened, hazardous marine conditions could still cause beach erosion, coastal flooding, and dangerous swimming conditions. Residents and visitors are advised to heed guidance from local authorities and warning systems.

Hurricane Erin has clearly shifted away from the region, with model consensus confirming its northward and eventually northeastward trajectory. Although Erin may strengthen further in the short term, the greatest risks for TCI and The Bahamas are now coastal and marine, rather than direct land impacts.

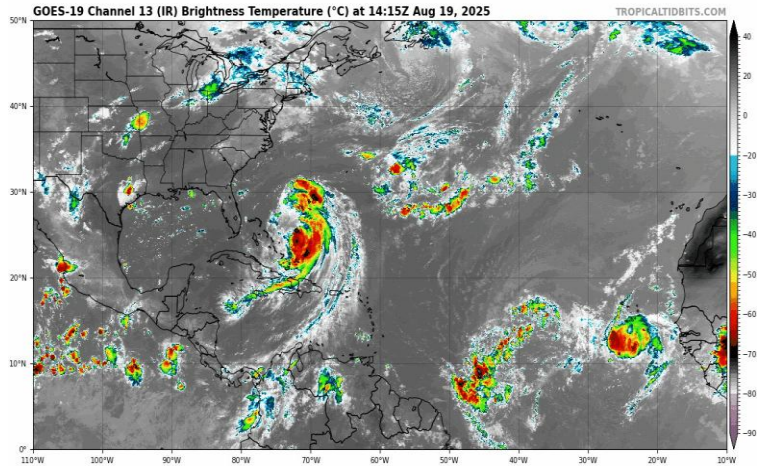
Weather Update from the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) at 11:00 AM, 19 August 2025.

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.

Key Messages

Hurricane Erin tracks northward, moving away from Turks and Caicos Islands, Central and Southeast Bahamas. However, its reduced forward speed is expected to prolong the effects of swells and associated rainfall in the area.

Additionally, the region is closely monitoring two (2) tropical waves over the Atlantic moving westward towards the Lesser Antilles. Environmental conditions appear generally favorable for further development over the coming days. Regional interests are advised to maintain preparedness measures and remain alert to the potential for adverse weather impacts in the coming days.



(Source: GOES-19)

Storm Surge: Erin is expected to generate dangerous surf and rip currents along the beaches of The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos. Residents and visitors are strongly advised to heed guidance from local authorities and to observe advisories.

Rainfall: Rainbands associated with Erin are expected to continue affecting the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Southeast Bahamas on Tuesday, increasing the risk of flooding. The approaching tropical waves are forecast to bring additional rainfall across Lesser Antilles. States are advised to prepare for potential heavy rainfall, including flooding and other associated hazards.

Updates from Impacted Participating States



The Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Updates from the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Authority

- The Bahamas Department of Meteorology has discontinued the Tropical Storm Warning and Watch for Southeast and Central Bahamas respectively at 2:00 p.m. August 19, 2025. The ALL CLEAR was issued at 3:00 pm.
- No major impacts have been reported by the Family Island Administrators. The impact reports have been minimal thus far.
- There were few power outages which have been restored.
- Rough seas and swells continue, mariners have been advised to exercise caution.
- Overall impact: **RRM Level 1** – no external assistance required at this time.

Updates from Impacted Participating States



British Virgin Islands

Updates from the Department of Disaster Management

- Over 95% of electricity has been restored. The main desalination plant is back online after a brief grid related outage. Water supply has been restored.
- Ten (10) persons housed in Anegada shelter have returned to their homes; all shelters have been closed.
- Engineering assessments are ongoing on damaged roads to determine repair needs.
- More than 9 inches of rainfall caused localized flooding and minor damage to homes.
- Initial cleanup has been completed in the capital, including mud clearance. Normal business activity has resumed.
- Distribution of sandbags continue as a precaution for a possible impact from the approaching tropical waves.
- Overall impact: **RRM Level 1** – no external assistance required.



Turks and Caicos Islands

Updates from the Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies (DDME)

- The Bahamas Department of Meteorology has discontinued the Tropical Storm Warning for TCI at 2:00 p.m. on August 19, 2025. The ALL CLEAR was issued at 3:00 p.m.
- Heavy rainfall occurred overnight into the early morning on August 19 across all islands, accompanied by intermittent showers and gusty winds. Conditions have since improved, though occasional rainfall remains possible.
- Localized flooding and pooling were reported on some roadways. While no homes were flooded, several incidents of minor roof leaks were noted.
- Downed power lines caused outages in Grand Turk and Salt Cay; restoration efforts are ongoing.
- Preliminary visual assessments indicated no structural damage to ports. However, rough marine conditions limited further inspection by boat. Large amounts of sargassum seaweed washed ashore, particularly in South Caicos, where clearance operations are ongoing.
- All airports are open, with Providenciales fully operational. Fallen trees were reported in the vicinity of the airport, with clearance operations underway.
- Assessments are still ongoing in the eastern islands, including Grand Turk, Salk Cay, and South Caicos.
- Overall impact – **RRM Level 1** – no external assistance required at this time.

Updates from the Caribbean Development Partners Group (CDPG) Thematic Working Groups (TWGs)

The CDPG Partners remain on standby to provide support to response operations as required. Additional updates from the Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) include:

Coordination Thematic Working Group

- TCI's internal capacity assessment identified potential gaps, particularly with specialized damage assessments and logistics. Any RRM support will follow established procedures, beginning with engagement of the UK as the administering authority, followed by possible support from within the northwestern sub-region, led by Jamaica, and the wider RRM, if required.