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Monitoring of Tropical Low Pressures in South-West Indian Ocean Basin

Following a very quiet start to the current tropical cyclone season, this weekend (22 – 23 January 2022) could see the first named low pressure system in the South-West Indian Ocean Basin. Tropical low pressure systems are only named once reaching “moderate tropical storm” stage, when wind speeds reach at least 63 km/h. There is currently an indication that there could even be multiple tropical low pressures developing in the basin in the next few days, however, there is still a lot of uncertainty regarding their exact location, strength and track. At present, these low pressures pose no direct threat to South Africa.

The South African Weather Service will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide regular updates.

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