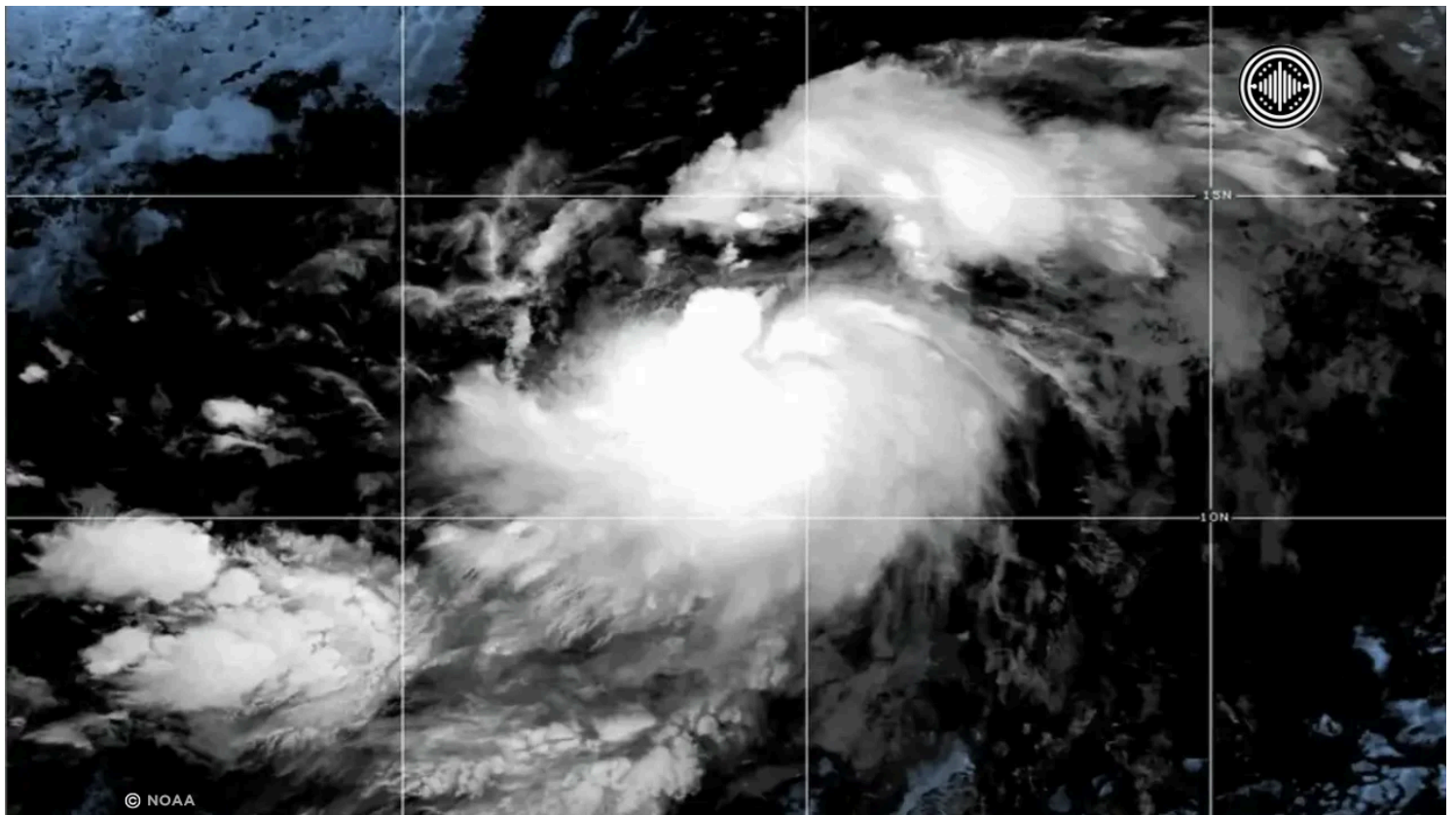


## Hurricane Gil Weakens Over Eastern Pacific, No Threat to Land

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Hurricane Gil continues to move through the eastern Pacific Ocean but poses no threat to any land areas, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center (NHC). The storm, which reached hurricane status on Friday, is expected to weaken steadily and transition into a post-tropical system as early as Sunday.

As of Saturday morning, Gil was located about 1,160 miles (1,865 kilometers) west-southwest of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 75 miles per hour (120 kilometers per hour), making it a minimal Category 1 hurricane. It was moving in a west-northwest direction at a speed of 20 miles per hour (31 kilometers per hour). Forecasters at the NHC in Miami reported that no coastal watches or warnings were in effect, as Gil remains far from any inhabited areas.

"Weakening is forecast to begin Saturday, and Gil is likely to become post-tropical as early as Sunday," the NHC said in its latest public advisory. The forecast indicates the system will lose tropical characteristics as it encounters cooler waters and less favorable atmospheric conditions over the weekend.

The 2025 eastern Pacific hurricane season has seen increased activity in recent weeks, with multiple named storms developing far off the coast of Mexico. Gil is one of several storms being tracked by meteorologists, though none currently pose a direct threat to populated areas. The season officially runs from May 15 to November 30, with peak storm activity typically occurring between July and September.

In addition to Hurricane Gil, forecasters have also been monitoring Tropical Depression Iona. The system, which was previously classified as a hurricane, has now weakened significantly. Iona is moving far to the west of Hawaii and, like Gil, is not expected to impact any landmass.

Meteorologists caution that while current systems remain offshore, the eastern Pacific basin could see additional storm development in the coming days. The NHC continues to monitor several low-pressure systems for potential formation, though forecast models suggest no immediate risk to coastal communities.

The agency advises mariners and residents in storm-prone regions to stay informed during the active hurricane season. While storms like Gil may never make landfall, their presence underscores the importance of preparedness and early warning systems, especially as conditions can shift rapidly during peak months.