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RSMC / TROPICAL CYCLONE CENTER / LA REUNION TROPICAL CYCLONE FORECAST WARNING (SOUTH-WEST INDIAN OCEAN)

0.A WARNING NUMBER: 9/7/20122013 1.A MODERATE TROPICAL STORM 7 (FELLENG)

2.A POSITION 2013/01/28 AT 0600 UTC: WITHIN 30 NM RADIUS OF POINT 13.0 S / 59.6 E (THIRTEEN DECIMAL ZERO DEGREES SOUTH AND FIFTY NINE DECIMAL SIX DEGREES EAST) MOVEMENT : WEST-NORTH-WEST 7 KT

3.A DVORAK ANALYSIS: 2.5/2.5/D 0.5/24 H 4.A CENTRAL PRESSURE: 998 HPA 5.A MAX AVERAGE WIND SPEED (10 MN): 35 KT RADIUS OF MAXIMUM WINDS (RMW) :46 KM

6.A EXTENSION OF WIND BY QUADRANTS (KM): 28 KT NE: 310 SE: 280 SW: 90 NW: 130 34 KT NE: 70 SE: 70 SW: NW:

7.A FIRST CLOSED ISOBAR (PRESSURE / AVERAGE DIAM): 1009 HPA / 800 KM 8.A VERTICAL EXTENSION OF CYCLONE CIRCULATION : DEEP

1.B FORECASTS:

12H: 2013/01/28 18 UTC: 13.4 S / 57.1 E, MAX WIND=040 KT, MODERATE TROPICAL STORM

24H: 2013/01/29 06 UTC: 13.8 S / 55.1 E, MAX WIND=045 KT, MODERATE TROPICAL STORM

36H: 2013/01/29 18 UTC: 14.4 S / 53.7 E, MAX WIND=050 KT, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM 48H: 2013/01/30 06 UTC: 15.4 S / 52.4 E, MAX WIND=055 KT, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM 60H: 2013/01/30 18 UTC: 16.4 S / 51.6 E, MAX WIND=065 KT, TROPICAL CYCLONE 72H: 2013/01/31 06 UTC: 18.5 S / 51.0 E, MAX WIND=075 KT, TROPICAL CYCLONE

2.B LONGER-RANGE OUTLOOK : 96H: 2013/02/01 06 UTC: 21.6 S / 50.3 E, MAX WIND=095 KT, INTENSE TROPICAL CYCLONE 120H: 2013/02/02 06 UTC: 24.1 S / 50.5 E, MAX WIND=090 KT, INTENSE TROPICAL CYCLONE

2.C ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS: T=2.5+, CI=2.5+.

SYSTEM KEEPS ON MOVING GENERALY WESTWARDS ON THE NORTH-WESTERN

EDGE OF THE LOW LEVEL SUBTROPICAL HIGH PRESSURES. THIS NIGHT AVAILABLE SCATTEROMETRY DATA ARE VERY PARTIAL BUT 0442Z ASCAT SWATH SUGGEST HOWEVER THAT GALE FORCE WINDS EXIST IN THE EASTERN SEMI-CIRCLE. LOW LEVEL CIRCULATION HAS IMPROVE ON LAST TRMM DATA 0224Z.SO THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN NAMED.

AVAILABLE NWP MODELS ARE IN RATHER GOOD AGREEMENT ABOUT THE FORECAST TRACK AT SHORT RANGE. SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO KEEP A WEST-SOUTH-WESTWARDS TRACK OVER THE NEXT 36/48 HOURS.

ON THIS FORECAST TRACK, THE MODERATE EAST-SOUTHEASTERLY VERTICAL WIND-SHEAR IS EXPECTED TO LIMITATED INTENSIFICATION WITHIN THE NEXT 12 HOURS. THEN, ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IMPROVE PROGRESSIVELY IN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WEAKENING VERTICAL WIND-SHEAR AND WITH A SECOND UPPER LEVEL OUTFLOW BUILDING POLEWARD ON AND AFTER THURSDAY.LOW LEVEL CONVERGENCE REMAINS VERY GOOD WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD, ON THE BOTH SIDES.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE THEN VERY FAVOURABLE FOR FURTHER INTENSIFICATION. HOWEVER, THE VICINITY OF THE MALGASY COASTLINE SHOULD BE A LIMITED FACTOR.

ON AND AFTER WEDNESDAY, SYSTEM IS THEN EXPECTED TO UNDERGO THE NORTHERLY STEERING INFLUENCE OF THE MID-LEVEL RIDGE IN ITS EAST AND TO TRACK SOUTHWARDS.

GIVEN ALL THE ABOVE, UNHABITANTS OF EASTERN MALAGASY COASTLINE SHOULD CLOSELY MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THIS SYSTEM.