

FIJI METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

7- Day Outlook for FIJI

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Situation.

A tropical disturbance (TD) located about 360 miles west of Vanuatu is expected to start moving southeast by Wednesday, 7th January and be located south of Fiji by Friday, 9th January. The convergence zone to the north of the country is expected to drift south onto northern Vanua Levu on Tuesday, 6th January and remain within/close to the Fiji domain till Sunday, 11th January..

Forecast for Fiji Group

6th – 7th January

Fine weather prevailing over the country apart from afternoon showers and thunderstorms especially over the interior and southern parts of the larger islands. Rain developing over Vanua Levu on Tuesday night, 6th January.

8th – 11th January

Rain should gradually spread onto the rest of the country on Wednesday, 7th January. Winds should be increasing up to at least 20 knots over land by Thursday and up to 30 knots in squally thunderstorms as the tropical disturbance moves southeast to lie south of the Fiji group.

For Rotuma, rain should start easing from Tuesday, 6th January and mostly fine from Wednesday, 7th January till Sunday, 11th January. Brief showers are possible.

For Mariners

Northerly winds 10 to 15 knots and turning northwesterly 15 to 20 knots from Thursday and increasing to 25 knots with gusts up to 35 knots in thunderstorm squalls. Moderate seas, becoming rough.

(*****The next review will be on Thursday 8/01/09*****)

Note: Wind strengths (taken from Beaufort wind scale):

Light = 5-10 knots

1 knot = 1.85 kilometres per hour

Moderate= 11-16 knots

Fresh= 17-21 knots

Strong= 22-27 knots

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