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AmericasRelief Team

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Tropical Storm Ernesto

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Tropical Storm Ernesto Update 2 - August 27, 2006.

According to the National Hurricane Center (NHC), as of 5:00 p.m. EDT, the center of Tropical Storm Ernesto was located approximately 190 miles south-southeast of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and 375 miles south-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica (15.9N, 71.6W). Ernesto is moving toward the west-northwest near 13 mph, and this general motion is expected to continue for the next 24 hours. This motion could bring the center near the **south coast of Hispaniola tonight and near Jamaica on Sunday.** Some erratic motion could occur tonight as the center possibly re-forms. Maximum sustained winds are near 60 mph with higher gusts. Some additional strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours, and Ernesto could be near hurricane strength as it approaches Jamaica and western Haiti on Sunday. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 115 miles from the center.

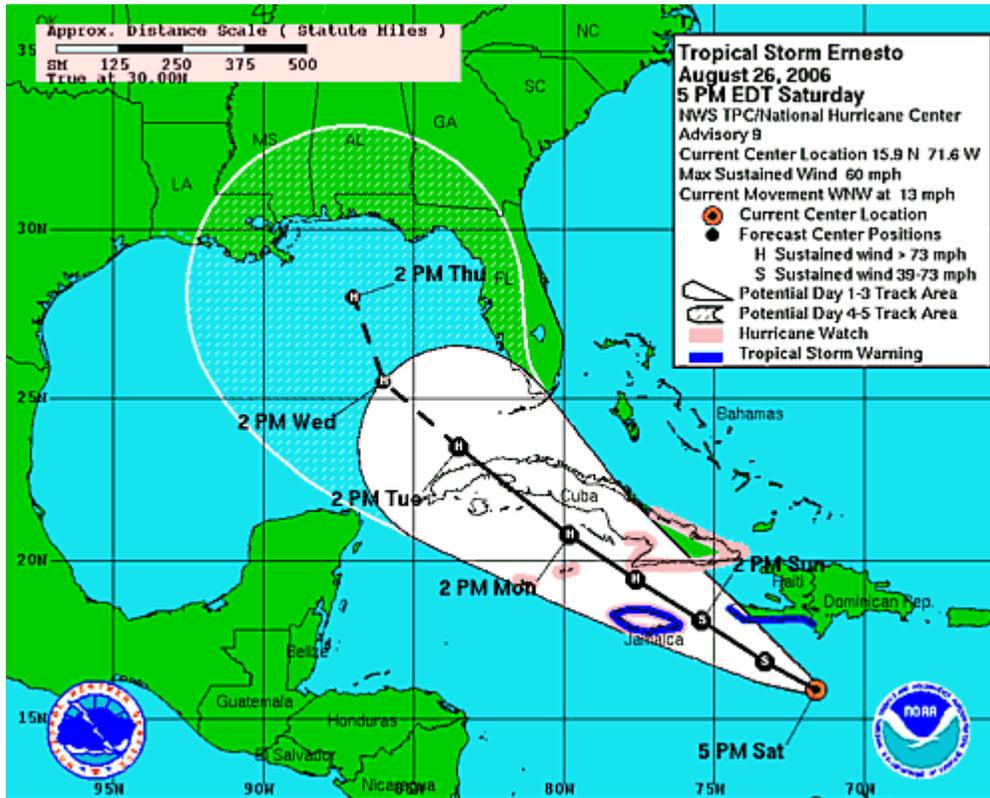
Tides of up to three feet above normal tide levels are expected on Jamaica and the southwestern peninsula of Haiti as the center of Ernesto approaches. Rainfall amounts of four to eight inches with **possible isolated maximum amounts of 12 inches are expected in association with Ernesto across portions of Jamaica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.** The outer bands of Ernesto may produce one to three inch rainfall amounts across Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The NHC's projected five-day trajectory of the storm is depicted below.

LAC Tropical Storm Watches/Warnings

Haiti: A tropical storm warning remains in effect for the south coast of Haiti from the Haiti–Dominican Republic border westward to the southwestern tip of Haiti. **Jamaica:** A tropical storm warning and a hurricane watch remain in effect for Jamaica. **Cuba:** The Government of Cuba has issued a hurricane watch for the provinces of Las Tunas, Granma, Holguin, Santiago de Cuba, and Guantanamo in eastern Cuba. **Cayman Islands:** A hurricane watch remains in effect for the Cayman Islands. **Dominican**

Republic: A tropical storm warning is recommended for the south coast of the Dominican Republic from Barahona to the Dominican Republic–Haiti border.



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