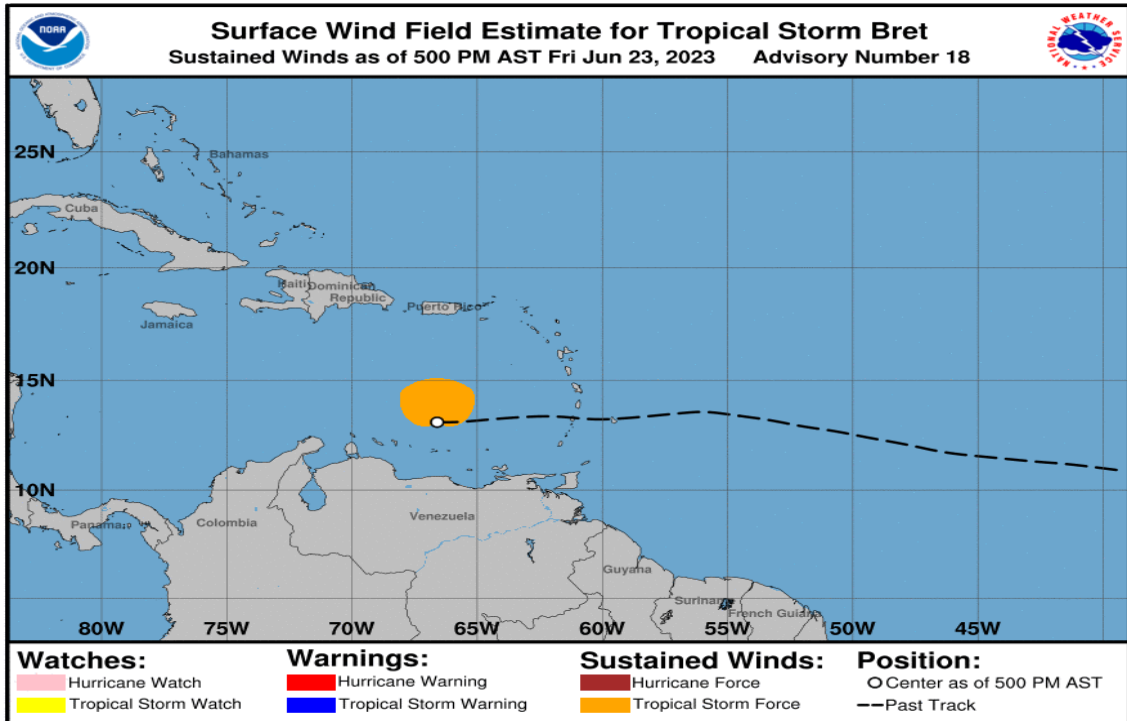


TROPICAL STORM BRET

FINAL SITUATION REPORT

5:00 PM on June 23, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS



[Source: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>]

On June 19, 2023, Tropical Depression Three formed over the Atlantic and strengthened to form Tropical Storm Bret, the second named storm of the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Bret gradually intensified as it moved across the Atlantic Ocean westward towards the Lesser Antilles. By June 20, 2023, a “Tropical Storm Watch” was in effect for Barbados, Dominica, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, and Saint Lucia. By 11:00 PM on June 21, 2023, the “Tropical Storm Watch” was elevated to a “Tropical Storm Warning”. Over the period June 22 -23, 2023, Bret moved across the Windward Islands with its center passing north of Barbados and over northern St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Damage from storm force gusts, heavy rains, floods and storm surge were reported across the impacted states. As of 5:00 PM June 23, 2023, Bret crossed the island arc into the Caribbean Sea where gradual weakening is anticipated over the next couple days. Bret is forecast to dissipates over the Central Caribbean Sea by Saturday into Sunday, June 24 -25, 2023.

Participating States Threatened/Impacted Updates



DOMINICA

- The Tropical Storm Warning for Dominica was discontinued
- Gusty winds were reported mainly over the southern half of the island.
- There were no reports of damage.
- The workday resumed to normal on Friday, June 23, 2023.
- All Schools remained closed except for CXC CAPE examination students with exams scheduled for June 23, 2023.
- A flood watch remains in effect for Dominica.



BARBADOS

- The Tropical Storm Warning for Barbados was discontinued.
- The “All Clear” was issued at 6:15 am, June 23, 2023.
- Schools were opened only for students sitting CXC CAPE Exams.
- 27 Category 1 Shelters were opened with 29 shelterees.
- The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) received some reports of damage assessments are ongoing.
- The Barbados Water Authority conducted damage assessments at its critical facilities across the island. Some pumping issues were reported resulting in water outages and low pressure. Teams were deployed to rectify the matter.
- Government Officials carried out an island-wide assessment of the impact of Tropical Storm Bret from wind, rain and high surf .
- The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) in its capacity as Sub-Regional Focal Point coordinated the shipment of 83 plastic sheets and 100 cots to Saint Lucia from their sub-regional warehouse in collaboration with CDEMA, the Regional Security System (RSS) and the Barbados Defense Force (BDF).

Participating States Threatened/Impacted



St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- The Tropical Storm Warning for St. Vincent and the Grenadines was discontinued and the All Clear Issued at 11:00 AM.
- A Flash Flood Warning is in effect until 6:00 am, June 24, 2023.
- The small craft and high surf warning was discontinued.
- 37 shelters were activated, only 10 shelters were utilized housing 150 shelterees.
- Some wind and storm surge damage were reported.
- There were reports of some damage to the agricultural sector – assessments are ongoing
- VINLEC reported 50% of customers without power. Restoration works are ongoing.



Saint Lucia

- The Tropical Storm Warning for Saint Lucia was discontinued.
- The “All Clear” was issued at 11:42 am, June 23, 2023.
- Schools remained closed and students scheduled to sit the CXC CAPE Exams were informed that exams were postponed until further notice
- LUCELEC estimated 60% loss of power across the network. Crews were dispatched and restoration work is ongoing.
- 35 roofs were damaged, 17 homes damaged – assessments are still ongoing.
- CDEMA through the Sub-Regional Focal Point (Department of Emergency Management - Barbados) provided 83 plastic sheets and 100 cots to NEMO at their request. Transportation was facilitated through the Regional Security System (RSS) and the Barbados Defense Force (BDF).
- The communication network was compromised. A team was deployed from CDEMA to re-establish communications at NEMO and to assist with the repair of NEMO’s VHF repeaters in the north and south.



CDEMA Coordinating Unit (CU) and the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) Updates

- The CDEMA Regional Coordination Plan (RCP) remains activated
- Further to request from NEMO Saint Lucia, the CDEMA Executive Director visited Saint Lucia on June 23, 2023, to support coordination efforts through NEMO.
- CDEMA in collaboration with the Central Sub-Regional Focal Point - The Department of Disaster Management (DEM) Barbados, the Regional Security System (RSS), and the Barbados Defense Force (BDF) facilitated the shipment of 83 rolls of plastic sheets and 100 cots from the sub-regional warehouse in Barbados to Saint Lucia via the Barbados Coast Guard Vessel, TRIDENT.
- Two (2) Communications Specialists from the CDEMA CU and the BDF were deployed to Saint Lucia via the RSS airwing on June 23, 2023, to restore communications to the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) through the establishment of a temporary stand-alone communications system; to assist with the restoration of NEMO's VHF repeaters in the north and south; and to support ongoing damage assessments with the use of aerial drone technology.
- The Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) and its response teams were placed on alert.
- CDEMA provided a briefing on the situation to the CARICOM Secretary General and the Chairman of CDEMA Council.
- Communication was established and maintained with all the affected CDEMA PSs.
- One meeting of the Caribbean Development Partner Group (CDPG) was held on June 21, 2023, where partners discussed their preparations for support.
- A meeting of the Multi-National Caribbean Coordination Cell (MNCCC) was held on, June 21, 2023. The British vessel, HMS Dauntless was prepositioned in the region on June 22, 2023, to support regional emergency operations.

