

# Tropical Storm Marie forms in Pacific off Mexico

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Meanwhile, Hurricane Lowell—the seventh of the season in the Pacific—lost steam and was downgraded to a tropical storm.

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Tropical Storm Marie is seen south of Mexico's Pacific coast on August 22, 2014

Tropical Storm Marie has formed in the eastern Pacific and is expected to become a hurricane this weekend that will stalk the Mexican coast, US forecasters warned Friday.

Packing [maximum sustained winds](#) of 50 miles (85 km) per hour, the weather system was "strengthening steadily" and predicted to cause life-threatening surf and [rip currents](#) along Mexico's coast over the coming days.

"Marie is likely to become a hurricane by early Saturday," the National Hurricane Center said.

The storm was currently swirling 325 miles south of the Mexican resort of Zihuatanejo, the Miami-based center said in its 1500 GMT advisory.

No coastal watches or warnings have been issued so far.

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