



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Micronesia, Tropical Storm Warning

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The U.S. Embassy in Kolonia, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), alerts U.S. citizens residing and traveling in FSM that the National Weather Service has issued a tropical storm warning for Yap Proper, the main island of Yap state, as well as the islands of Fais and Ulithi. The storm is likely to affect the island of Yap Proper this evening, Wednesday, June 13, 2012 and continue throughout the night. The National Weather Service in Guam has included the following advice in its tropical storm warning:

DO NOT ATTEMPT INTER-ISLAND TRAVEL AT LEAST THROUGH THURSDAY AFTERNOON AS SEAS WILL BE ROUGH AND DANGEROUS. NORTHWEST WINDS OF 10 TO 20 MPH THIS MORNING WILL INCREASE TO 15 TO 25 MPH AROUND NOON TODAY. WINDS THEN WILL SHIFT TO THE WEST AND INCREASE FURTHER TO BETWEEN 25 AND 30 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS IN SHOWERS DURING THIS AFTERNOON. DAMAGING SOUTHWEST WINDS OF 30 TO 40 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS IN SHOWERS ARE POSSIBLE BY THIS EVENING AS TROPICAL STORM GUCHOL PASSES JUST NORTH OF THE ISLAND.

OFFSHORE SEAS OF 5 AND 8 FEET WILL INCREASE TO BETWEEN 8 AND 11 THIS AFTERNOON. SURF COULD BUILD TO 10 TO 12 FEET ON EXPOSED SHORES THIS AFTERNOON AND COULD LAST THROUGH THIS EVENING. INUNDATION OF 1 TO 2 FEET ABOVE HIGH TIDE IS POSSIBLE ALONG NORTHERN AND WESTERN EXPOSURES THIS MORNING...AND ALONG WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPOSURES THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. RIP CURRENTS WILL BE VERY STRONG AND LIFE THREATENING.

U.S. citizens in Yap state are advised to monitor local radio and other media, and the National Weather Service to be aware of weather developments. Minor tropical storms can develop into hurricanes or typhoons very quickly, limiting the time available for a safe evacuation. Inform family and friends of your whereabouts and remain in close contact with your tour operator, hotel staff, transportation providers (airlines, cruise lines, etc.), and local officials for evacuation instructions during a weather emergency.

For information on this and other storm warnings, please consult the Joint Typhoon Warning Center in Honolulu or the National Weather Service's Forecast Office in Guam.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S.



Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the embassy/consulates to contact them in case of emergency.