



Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Antananarivo (Madagascar) Tropical Storm Warning

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This security message alerts U.S. citizens residing and traveling in Madagascar that according to published reports by the RSMC Tropical Cyclone Center, Tropical Storm FIFTEEN will hit Madagascar between Morondava and Maintirano, with winds between 60 and 70 km/hour. According to published reports, it is slowing moving eastward at 7 km/h, and is likely to make landfall on Monday, 9 March.

The current trajectory of the storm indicates it will make landfall around Maintirano, pass through Miandravaz, and then exit the country via the Central East Coast. While the system remains a weak Tropical Storm, it has the potential to bring significant additional rainfall to areas already impacted by severe flooding, including the capital of Antananarivo. U.S. citizens either visiting or resident in these flood-affected areas are thereby advised to take appropriate measures as the flooding and landslide risks will increase with additional precipitation.

The storm's progress can be monitored at the World Meteorological Organization's website at: <http://severe.worldweather.org/tc/swi/> and at <http://www.tropicalstormrisk.com/>.

The U.S. Embassy will continue to monitor the storm and will issue updated messages as necessary. U.S. citizens in affected areas are urged to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents with them (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure these in a safe, waterproof location. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts and well-being.

Additional information on disaster preparedness may be found on the "Natural Disasters"

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page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Madagascar enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at travel.state.gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Madagascar. For additional information, refer to the "Traveler's Checklist" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to have travel information at your fingertips.

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U.S. citizens in need of urgent assistance should call the emergency number for the U.S.

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