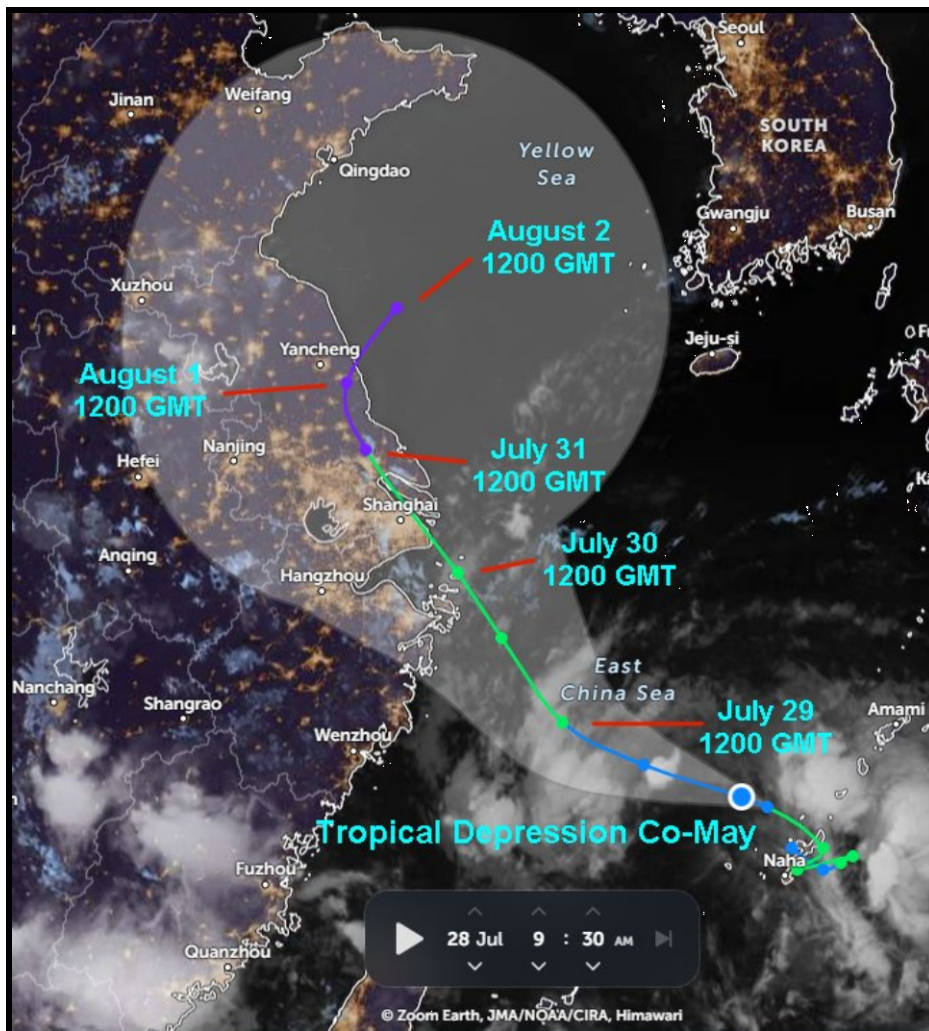


Tropical Depression Co-May Will Impact East-Central China

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Kansas City, July 28 (World Weather Inc.) – Tropical Depression Co-May evolved west of Luzon Island last week and was partially responsible for the 14-39.60 inches of rain that fell in western Luzon over the week ending Friday. The storm reached weak typhoon intensity prior to moving across northwestern Luzon Friday and then moved past Taiwan to the central Ryukyu Islands as a diminishing tropical cyclone during the weekend. *The storm has regained some integrity and will strengthen as it moves northwest toward east-central China this week. Co-May will promote waves of rain and flooding for Zhejiang, Jiangsu, eastern Shandong, and neighboring locations in China over the next few days. A small amount of crop damage is possible. Overall, production losses should be minimal.*

Tropical Depression Co-May will gradually weaken while meandering around eastern China later this week, though remnants of the disturbance may shift into the Yellow Sea over the weekend.



At 1500 GMT, Tropical Depression Co-May was located near 27.3 north latitude and 126.9 east longitude or approximately 54 miles north-northwest of Okinawa, Japan.

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Movement was northwesterly at 12 mph during the previous six hours. Maximum sustained surface wind speeds were reaching 35 mph with gusts to 46 mph.

Tropical Depression Co-May will advance toward southeastern China today and early Tuesday. There is potential Co-May intensifies into a tropical storm Tuesday before making landfall. The disturbance will then make landfall over Zhejiang either late Tuesday or early Wednesday before slowly tracking into Jiangsu Thursday and Friday. Co-May will slowly weaken when entering east-central China, though the disturbance may not dissipate completely.

Rainfall associated with Tropical Depression Co-May will begin in portions of Zhejiang, southern fringes of Jiangsu, and neighboring locations Tuesday and Wednesday. The main band of rain will shift into Jiangsu, eastern Shandong, and neighboring locations Thursday and Friday. Moisture totals by Saturday morning will range from 1.50 to 5.00 inches in much of Zhejiang, Jiangsu, eastern fringes of Shandong, and immediate neighboring locations. Several pockets in Zhejiang and coastal Jiangsu will receive 8.00 inches or more of rain as well.

Localized flooding will be the greatest concern for Zhejiang, Jiangsu, and neighboring locations due to Tropical Depression Co-May. Minor crop and structural damage will be possible, though overall production losses should be minimal. Port damage should be minimal as well.

Remnants of Tropical Depression Co-May may shift into the Yellow Sea over the weekend. The disturbance may trend near the Korean Peninsula late this weekend and early next week, though there is too much time out in the forecast to have high confidence.

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