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Re: Removal of Shark Safety Gear on the KZN Coast, due to the approaching severe weather systems which have been predicted by forecasting services.

Good morning,

As you are all probably aware, a category 4 [wind speeds up to 110 knots] Tropical cyclone – “Batsirai” is currently on course and predicted to make land in southern Mozambique early next week. This forecast could possibly have a major effect on our local sea and weather conditions from Sunday the 6th February 2022. We are also, in association with several weather forecasting services, currently observing the development of two other severe weather advisories which are, unfortunately, also forecast to affect our local weather patterns at more or less the same time as the above- mentioned cyclone.

A very large mass of rainfall stretching from Namibia all the way across the Northern Cape and into the Eastern Cape is fast approaching the KZN coastline, and a massive cold front which is developing in the Atlantic Ocean and currently approaching the Western Cape is also predicted to reach us early next week. The attached images are for your reference.

Due to the above, the KZNSB Operations management team in conjunction with the Executive, have taken a decision to start removing all of the Boards, Shark Safety Gear from the water when boats launch this morning, the 3rd of February 2022. This action is taken to prevent unnecessary losses and/or damage to equipment as a result of strong winds and heavy seas, associated with these severe weather systems, and bathing will be closed at all recognized KZN bathing beaches as from the 4th February 2022.

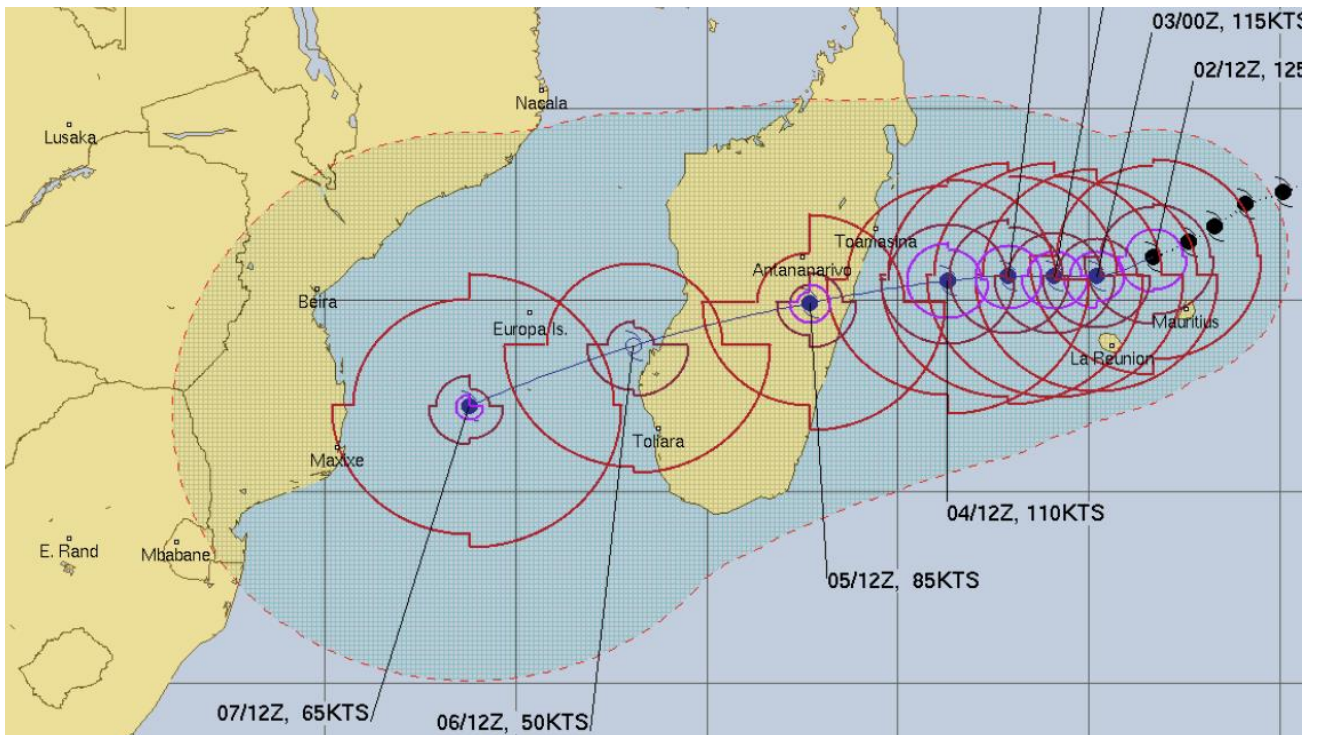
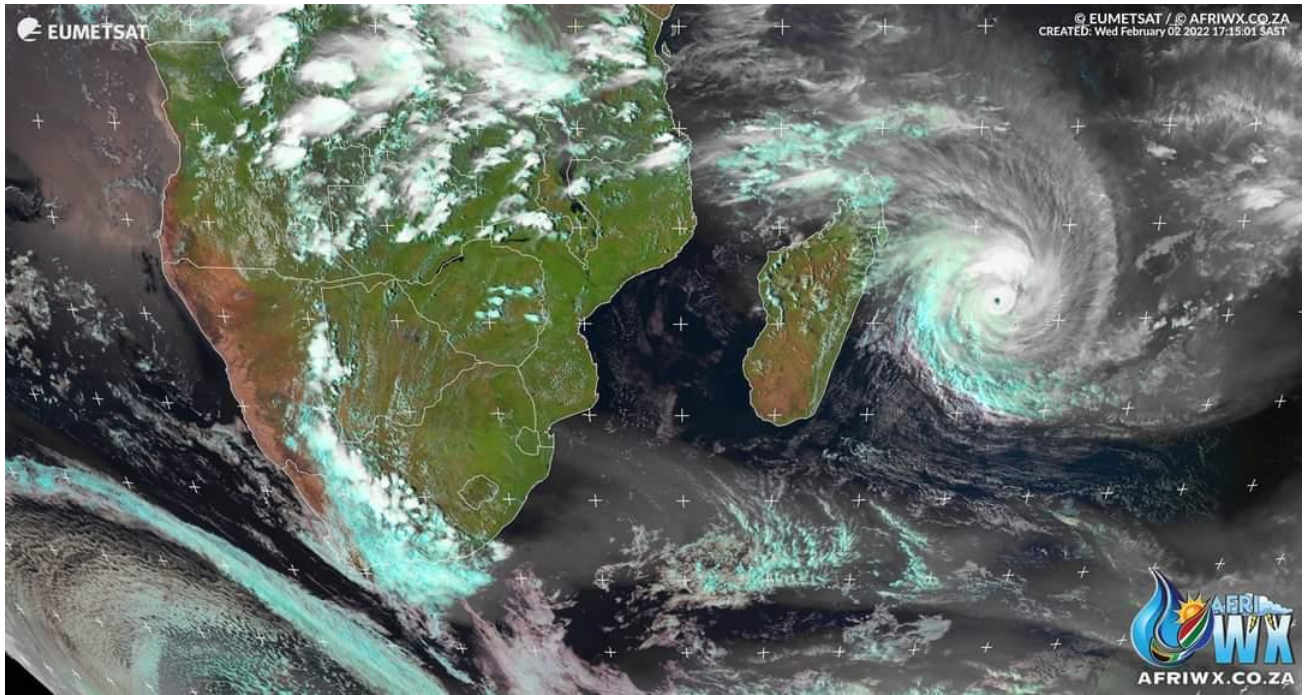
The gear will be redeployed once these systems dissipate, and the sea and weather conditions return to normal.

Yours sincerely

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KZN Sharks Board

Greg Thompson



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