

9 February 2026

The SAWS Monitoring Moderate Tropical Storm Gezani in the South-West Indian Ocean

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is closely monitoring a moderate tropical storm named Gezani, currently located over the south-west Indian Ocean to the east of Madagascar. The name **Gezani**, contributed by South Africa, marks the seventh named system of the 2025/26 south-west Indian Ocean cyclone season. At present, there is no indication of any direct threat to South Africa.

Gezani is currently moving westward under favourable environmental conditions, and forecast guidance indicates that landfall over eastern Madagascar is likely on Tuesday afternoon, 10 February 2026. As the system approaches Madagascar, environmental conditions may support further intensification, and Gezani could strengthen into a tropical cyclone, or possibly an intense tropical cyclone, before landfall.

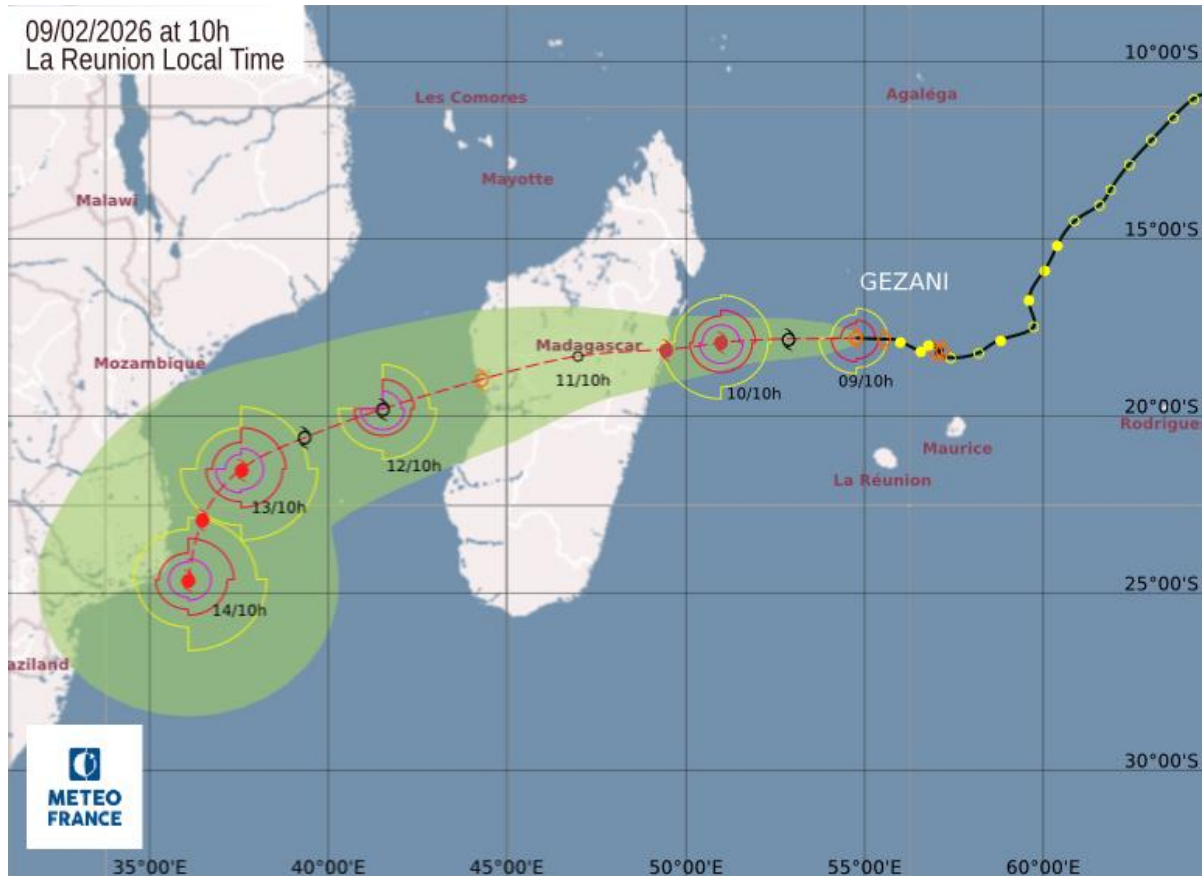
Following landfall, the system is expected to weaken while tracking south-westward across Madagascar. Gezani is then forecast to enter the Mozambique Channel late on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, where environmental conditions may once again become favourable for re-intensification. Some forecast scenarios suggest a possible approach toward the Mozambique coast later in the week; however, uncertainty remains regarding the exact track and intensity during this phase.

The SAWS advises vessels operating in or transiting through the south-west Indian Ocean and the Mozambique Channel, as well as offshore marine operations to exercise caution, as rough seas, strong winds, and hazardous marine conditions are expected in the vicinity of the storm.

**Certified for
Excellence**

Board Members: Ms Sandika Daya (Chairperson), Prof. Sylvester Mpandeli (Deputy Chairperson), Dr Lesley Luthuli, Ms Mpho Mogodi, Dr Phumudzo Tharaga, Prof. Thando Ndarana, Ms Balebetje Zondi, Adv. Ikaneng Mokgosi, Ms Ané Bruwer, Dr Prittish Dala, Mr Maesela Kekana, Mr Ishaam Abader (CEO).

Acting Company Secretary: Ms Karabo Moreroa



LEGEND :

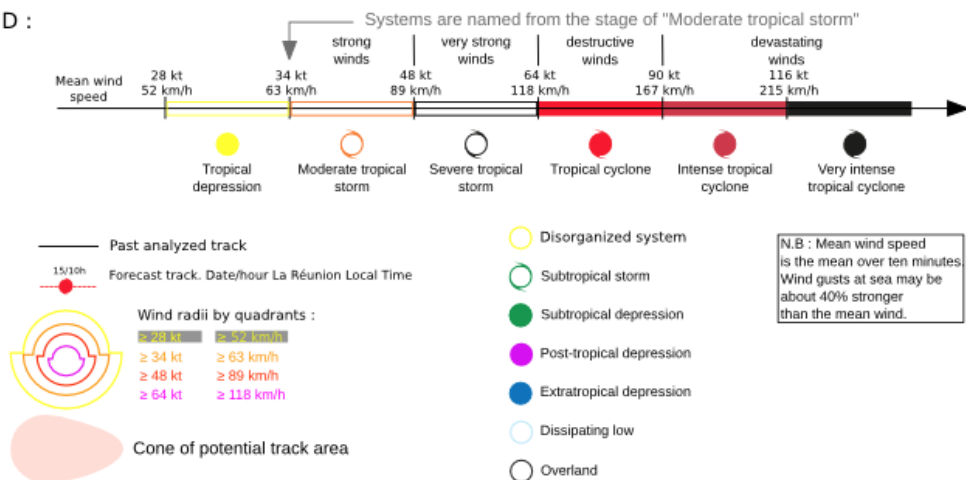


Figure 1: Forecast track of Tropical Storm Gezani at 10h00 La Réunion local time (08h00 SAST) on 9 February 2026, showing westward movement towards Madagascar (Source: Météo-France). At this stage, GEZANI poses no danger to South Africa. (SAWS).

At present, Gezani does not pose any threat to South Africa. The SAWS will continue to monitor the system closely and will issue updates as new information becomes available. The public and relevant authorities are urged to follow official weather warnings and advisories from reliable sources.

For regular updates, please visit <https://www.weathersa.co.za> or follow SAWS official media channels.

Compiled by: Cape Town Weather Office

Edited by: Cape Town Weather Office

Approved by: Lebogang Makgati, Senior Manager: Marine

For technical and weather enquiries:

Cape Town Weather Office: Marine: Tel: 021 935 5700.

Media enquiries: Ms Hannelee Doubell: Manager, Communications; Tel: (012) 367 6104; Cell: 072 222 6305; E-mail: hannelee.doubell@weathersa.co.za

USSD: Dial *120*7297#; Weather-ready, Climate-smart

Download our WeatherSMART APP free from the App store:

For Apple Smartphones: <https://apps.apple.com/za/app/weathersmart/id1045032640>

For Android Smartphones: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=za.co.afrigis.saws.droid.activity&gl=ZA>