# Weather Impacts on the Cayman Islands in 2022

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## Cayman Islands 2022 Hurricane Season – Impacts



- Storm surge: 2 4 FEET
- Wave heights: 11 to 14 FEET CPA – 75 miles SW, 7 a.m. on Monday 26/09/2022
- Winds: 50 mph
- Rainfall: 2 to 4 inches
- Some coastal inundation along Southsound main road
- No fatalities or injuries

#### **Hurricane** Ian

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#### Radar Image of Hurricane Ian at its closes.

## **2022 Hurricane Season – Best Practices**



- Continue excellent communication with National Hurricane Center and our National Emergency Operations
   Center getting our message to top officials and to the public.
- Excellent works with the media requesting the many soundbites to broadcast our updates and views.

# **2022 Hurricane Season – Challenges**



Challenges:
1) Need more Staff
2) Better working environment.

• Suggestions to overcome or improve the situation

 1) Hire 3 to 5 more Meteorologist
 2) Build a National Weather Service building. (Est to start early 2023)

# Thank you

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