= Hurricane Darby (1992) =

Hurricane Darby was the fourth named storm of the 1992 Pacific hurricane season . The origins of Darby were from a tropical wave which moved off the coast of Africa on June 19 . It traversed the Atlantic , and moved across Mexico , where it re @-@ emerged in the Pacific on June 29 and became a tropical depression on July 2 , a tropical storm on July 5 , and a hurricane on July 6 . The storm remained well offshore , although it killed three people .

= = Meteorological history = =

The origins of Darby can be traced back to a tropical wave that emerged off the African coast on June 19 . The wave tracked westward across the Atlantic Ocean without further development , eventually passing over the Caribbean Sea and tracked over Mexico . The wave reached in the Pacific on June 29 , as its organization began to improve . The system was designated Tropical Depression 5 @-@ E on July 2 while moving southwest as it continued to organize . On July 4 , the depression attained tropical storm status and was named " Darby " . The tropical storm intensified to hurricane status as it brushed by the southern tip of Baja California . Although the storm remained well offshore , it contained a large circulation which produced tropical storm force winds extending up to 300 miles (480 km) away from the center . As Darby passed by , Socorro Island recorded a minimum pressure of 974 hPa . The storm then reached its peak intensity of 968 hPa before beginning a weakening trend due to colder waters .

The hurricane , now as a Category 2 hurricane on the Saffir @-@ Simpson Hurricane Scale , was moving to the northwest near 20 mph (32 km / h) . Darby continued on a northwest track as it moved away from the Baja California on July 6 . As the storm moved over cooler waters , deep convection decreased , and Darby was downgraded to a tropical storm on July 7 . Darby , now losing tropical characteristics , was downgraded to a tropical depression on July 9 . Darby soon dissipated , and moved into the southwest United States producing light rainfall . By July 10 , Darby had lost all of its tropical characteristics . As the remnant low pressure meandered across the southwest United States it moved north , and tracked offshore of California , where it persisted as a remnant low and produced shower activity to parts of California .

= = Preparations and Impact = =

Although Darby remained well offshore , the large size of the hurricane 's circulation prompted the government of Mexico to issue tropical storm warnings for the southern tip of Baja California .

The United States Coast Guard reported two separate boating accidents in Los Angeles , which were directly related to Darby . The first was a boat that experienced engine failure off the California coast . The seven people on board abandoned the boat , and were rescued . The second report was a boat that reported to be taking on water off the coast of California , on July 8 . A news source also reported that a tuna fishing boat experienced technical difficulties , but this is not official .

The effects from Darby were mostly minor , with three deaths reported by a Mexican newspaper . Four fishermen were reported missing , and onshore , 180 small stores were damaged along the Acapulco city port . Rainfall was mainly light , although some locations picked up 5 inches (125 mm) . In California , Darby 's remnants produced overcast skies around the Edwards Air Force Base . This caused the landing of the Space Shuttle Columbia to be postponed for a day at the conclusion of STS @-@ 50 , as well as the landing happening at Kennedy Space Center . Darby produced high humidity , fog , and heavy rain around Los Angeles . A .5 in (13 mm) fell in San Diego , setting daily records .