



### SITUATION

- Hurricane **PATRICIA** is moving towards the coast of Jalisco state (**Mexico**), as the **strongest eastern Pacific hurricane on record**, with max sustained winds **325 km/h** (Category 5 Hurricane). On 23 October, at 12.00 UTC its center was located approx. 235 km south-west of **Manzanillo** with max. sustained winds of 325 km/h.
- PATRICIA is forecast to reach the coast of the state of **Jalisco** (pop. 7.3 million) on 23 October evening (UTC), as a **Category 5 Hurricane** with max. sustained winds of **325-335 km/h** (with **higher gusts**). After the landfall it is forecast to move north-east over Nayarit, Aguascalientes and Zacatecas states, weakening.
- Very Strong winds** and **storm surge** may affect the states of **Jalisco, Colima, Nayarit and Michoacan** on 23-24 October. PATRICIA is also expected to produce heavy rains (tot rainfall accumulation of **200-300 mm**, locally up to 500) in these states, as well as in Guerrero, with the risk of **flash-floods** and **landslides**.
- As of 23 October 12.00 UTC, a **Hurricane Warning** is in effect from San Blas to Punta San Telmo, a **Hurricane Watch** and a **Tropical Storm Warning** from Punta San Telmo to Lazaro Cardenas.
- In Jalisco, civil protection authorities have urged people to take refuge in the temporary shelters that have been made available. Evacuations have been reported also in Colima. Media report that shelters with the capacity to accommodate a total of 295 000 people have opened throughout the concerned states.

Sources: ECHO, GDACS, NOAA, CONAGUA, Media

