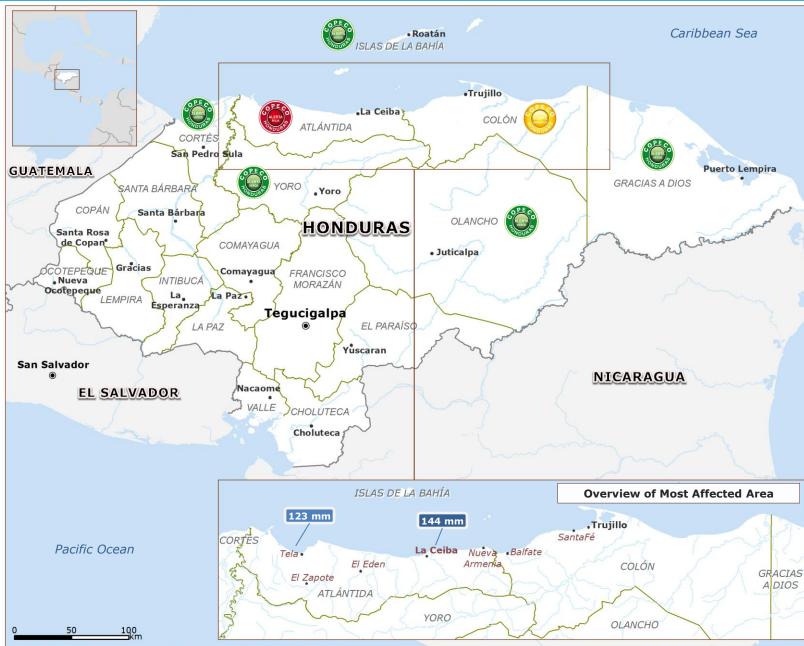
8 January 2014: Honduras – Severe Weather





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SITUATION

- Heavy rainfall and consequent river overflows have been affecting parts of **Honduras** in the last few days.
- As of 7 January, COPECO reports approx. 20 000 people isolated in several communities in the departments of Atlántida and Colón, due to the swollen rivers. The capital of Atlántida, La Ceiba, is reportedly worst affected and obligatory evacuations have been ordered. Preventive evacuations are also advised in Colón.
- As of the same day, COPECO has issued a Red Alert for River Overflow in Atlántida and a Yellow Alert for Colón, valid for the following 72h. Green Alerts are in effect in Gracias a Dios, Olancho, Yoro, Cortés and Islas de la Bahía.
- As of 8 January, moderate to heavy rainfall may still affect the western Caribbean coast of Honduras in the next 24h.

Sources: <u>COPECO</u>, <u>AFP</u>, <u>Local Media</u>, <u>National Meteo</u>, <u>WMO</u>

