



SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone COOK passed through Vanuatu on 8 April, causing strong winds (max. sustained winds of 93 km/h) and heavy rainfall, that caused flooding in some areas. As of 10 April, some damage and power cuts were reported in the capital Port Vila, as well as loss of communication with some outer islands. About 300 people were evacuated.
- After having passed Vanuatu, TC COOK started moving south, towards New Caledonia, strengthening. It made landfall near Houailou in the early morning of 10 April (UTC), with max. sustained winds of 160-170 km/h. Then it crossed the center of the island in a north-south direction, affecting several areas of the island with strong winds, heavy rainfall and storm surge.
- The Civil Protection authorities of New Caledonia have issued an Alert Level 2 (all movements outside are discouraged) in most communities of the island and evacuations have taken place since the night of 9 April.
- On 11 April, TC COOK is forecast to move south-southeast over open water, away from New Caledonia.

Sources: GDACS, Météo France NC, Civil Protection NC, WMO, COGIC, JTWC, NASA, NOAA, Media

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