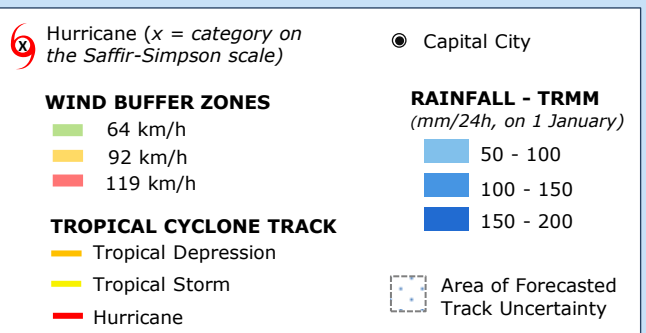
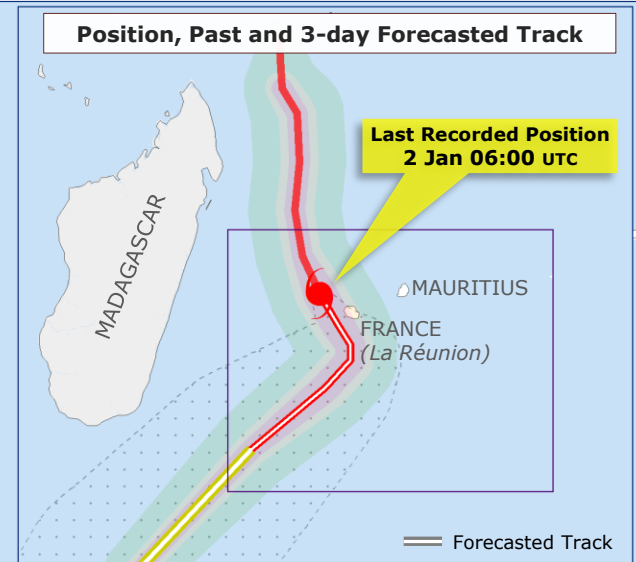
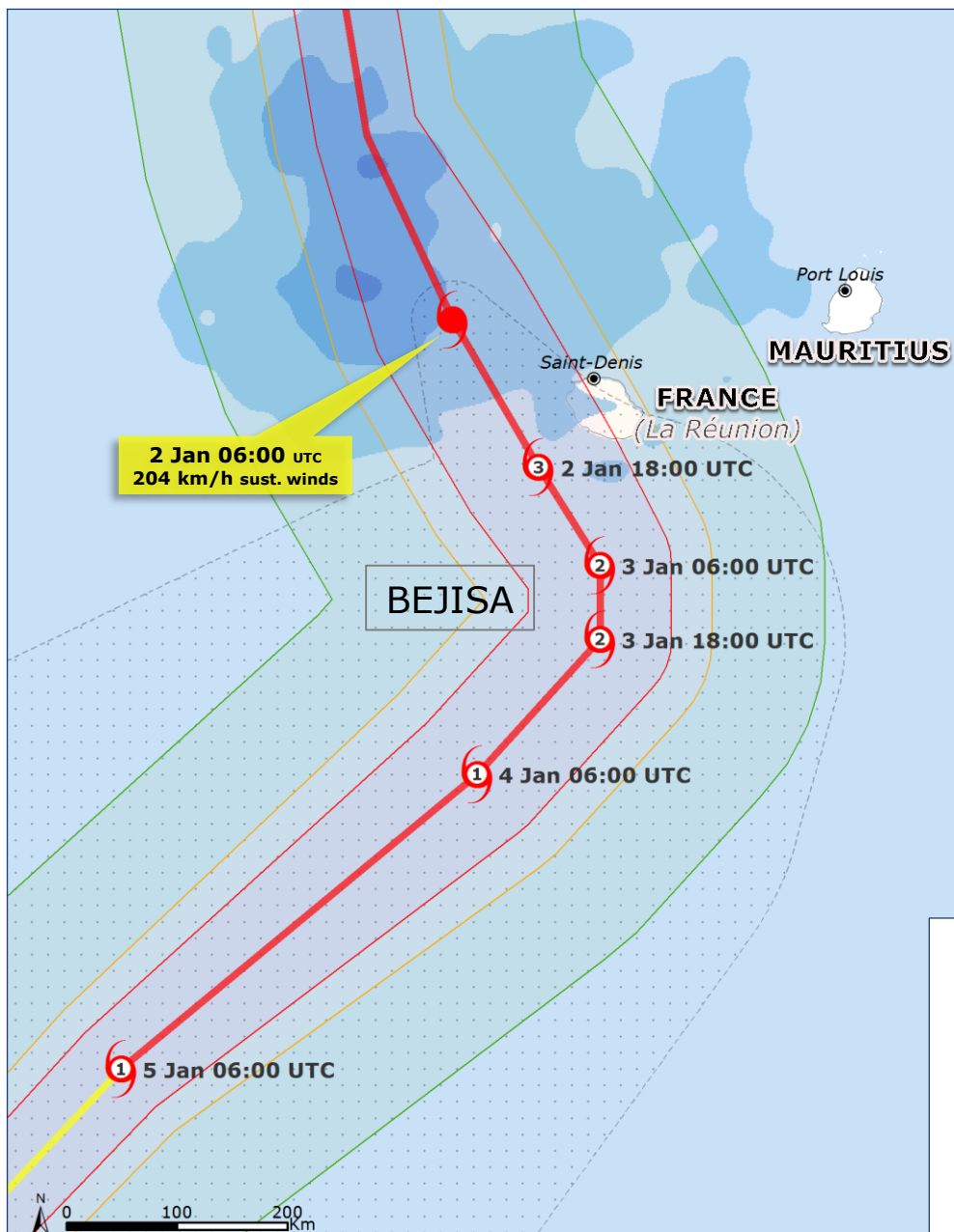


2 January 2014: Indian Ocean – Tropical Cyclone BEJISA



SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone **BEJISA** continues moving south-east, close to the French island of La Réunion, in the southern Indian Ocean.
- On 2 January, 06:00 UTC, **BEJISA**'s centre was located approx. 120km north-west of La Réunion and had maximum sustained wind speed of 204km/h.
- As of the same day and time, for the following 24h the Tropical Cyclone was forecasted to keep moving with a south-eastern direction, past La Réunion, weakening. Subsequently, it will turn towards the south and then to the south-west, weakening further. Its centre is not expected to make landfall on the island, but it will pass really close to its western coast.
- Following passage of **BEJISA**, strong winds and heavy rainfall are expected to affect La Réunion on 2 and 3 January. As of 2 January, the whole island is under Red Alert, issued by [Meteo France-Réunion](#).
- Similar conditions are also expected to affect the island of Mauritius. As of 2 January, the [Mauritius Meteorological Services](#) have issued a Class II Cyclone Warning.
- As of 2 January early morning UTC, 14 000 people on the island of La Réunion have experienced power outages, while flights have been cancelled. Media further report some damage to houses caused by strong winds, traffic disruptions and the preventive evacuation of families on the west coast.

Sources: [GDACS](#), [JTWC](#), [Meteo France](#), [MMS](#), [AFP](#), [BBC](#)