



SITUATION

- TC FANTALA formed over the south-western Indian Ocean on 11 April. It then moved west, intensifying. It passed near the island of Farquhar on 17 April at 6.00 UTC with max. sustained wind speed of 241 km/h and on 19 April at 18.00 UTC with max. sustained wind speed of 157 km/h, causing damage. On 21 April at 6.00 UTC its centre was located approx. 230 km south-west of the Agalega islands (Mauritius) and 640 km north-east of Madagascar and it had max. sustained wind speed of 167 km/h.
- According to local media, most of the buildings on the Farquhar islands (Outer islands, Seychelles) have been destroyed, as of 21 April.
- Over the next 48 h it is forecast to move south-east and then turn north-west again and move towards northern Madagascar, remain still an intense Tropical Cyclone. Heavy rain and strong winds are expected to affect the northern areas of Madagascar.

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, MétéoFrance-La Reunion, MétéoMadagascar, NASA, Local Media

ACCUM. RAINFALL OVER THE PAST 7 DAYS, AS OF 20 APRIL (NASA)

