

UNOCHA Update No.1 on TC OLI

UNOCHA Pacific

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- As many of you may be already know, there is another cyclone developed in the Pacific. It is named as **TC OLI**, and currently located at 14.2 S 162.3W at 01/18:00 UTC. It is now **Category 2**. Please find tracking maps attached. It has passed by Suvarrow Island in the North Cook Islands.
- Tropical cyclone warning remains in force for Suvarrow Islands while a strong wind warning remains in force for the rest of the Northern Cooks.
- NDMO in Cook Islands reports very high sea with flooding certain parts of Penrhyn and Pukapuka Islands in the North Cook Islands.
- According to information received from Red Cross yesterday, Penrhyn Island had been affected by a heavy rain, which caused flooding on the roads and houses. It also reports to have damaged wharfs at Omoka and Te Tautua.
- As soon as more updated information is available on the impacts/damages caused by this TC Oli, OCHA will send another update.

Please find the link to GDAC on this cyclone:

http://www.gdacs.org/reports.asp?eventType=TC&ID=16210&system=asgard&alertlevel=Green&glide_no=&location=&country=&new=true

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Special Weather Bulletin Number SIX for Northern Cooks ON TROPICAL CYCLONE OLI
ISSUED FROM RSMC NADI Feb 01/1949 UTC 2010 UTC.

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING.

A TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING REMAINS IN FORCE FOR SUWARROW.

A STRONG WIND WARNING REMAINS IN FORCE FOR THE REST OF THE NORTHERN COOKS.

TROPICAL CYCLONE OLI 07F CENTRE [985HPA] CAT 2 WAS LOCATED NEAR 14 DECIMAL 2 SOUTH 162 DECIMAL 3 WEST OR ABOUT 80 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF SUWARROW OR ABOUT 315 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AITUTAKI AT 011800 UTC. THE CYCLONE IS MOVING SOUTHEAST AT 17 KNOTS AND INTENSIFYING. CLOSE TO ITS CENTRE, THE CYCLONE IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE AVERAGE WINDS UP TO ABOUT 50 KNOTS WITH MOMENTARY GUSTS UP TO 75 KNOTS.

ON THIS TRACK, THE CYCLONE CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO LIE ABOUT 215 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF AITUTAKI OR ABOUT 350 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF RAROTONGA AT 020600 UTC AND ABOUT 150 NAUTICAL MILES OF AITUTAKI OR ABOUT 290 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF RAROTONGA AT 021800 UTC.

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS WILL BEGIN A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE CYCLONE CENTRE PASSES OVERHEAD OR CLOSE BY.

FOR SUWARROW:

DAMAGING GALE FORCE WINDS WITH AVERAGE SPEEDS OF 35 KNOTS WITH MOMENTARY GUSTS TO 60 KNOTS. FURTHER PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN WITH SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS. VERY ROUGH TO HIGH SEAS. HEAVY SWELLS.

FLOODING INCLUDING SEA FLOODING OF LOW-LYING COASTAL AREAS.

FOR THE REST OF THE NORTHERN COOKS:

STRONG NORTHWEST WINDS 25 TO 30 KNOTS WITH GUSTS TO 45 KNOTS.

FURTHER PERIODS OF RAIN HEAVY AT TIMES WITH SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS.

VERY ROUGH SEAS. MODERATE TO HEAVY SWELLS.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS BULLETIN.

THE NEXT SPECIAL WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE NORTHERN COOKS WILL BE ISSUED AROUND 012230 UTC OR EARLIER.



