Season of the non-developer? A review of tropical lows: 08, 10, 11 and 12U

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All were forecast to be TCs but didn't develop?







Australian TC season thus far Very low Accumulated Cyclone Energy ACE

Australian region: 4 named TCs: Imogen, Joshua, Kimi, Lucas. No severe TCs. Online Concerned and Con

Note: JTWC has mc

SPac: dominated by

SIO: dominated by I

| Basin | Named Storms | Na Da |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| <u>South Indian (West of 135°E)</u> | 11 (10.1) | 44 |
| <u>South Pacific (East of 135°E)</u> | 9 (5.5) | 26 |
| Southern Hemisphere | 20 (15.6) | 70 |

Source: http://tropical.atmos.colosta

| Year | <u>Basin</u> | <u>Storm#</u> | Name | Dates TC Active | <u>Max</u> Wind (<u>kts)</u> | <u>MSLP</u> (<u>mb)</u> | <u>Cyclone</u> (<u>>=34 kt)</u> <u>Days</u> | <u>Cyclone</u> (<u>>=64 kt)</u> <u>Days</u> | <u>Major (>=96 kt)</u> Cyclone Days | <u>Accumulated</u> Cyclone Energy - |
|------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 2021 | South Indian | 9 | FOURTEEN | 1/21-1/22 | 40 | 997 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.6 |
| 2021 | South Pacific | 4 | IMOGEN | 1/3-1/4 | 45 | 995 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.6 |
| 2020 | South Pacific | 1 | FOUR | 12/11- 12/12 | 40 | 997 | 1.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.9 |
| 2021 | South Pacific | 7 | BINA | 1/30-2/1 | 45 | 991 | 1.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.0 |
| 2021 | South Pacific | 9 | TWENTY | 2/10-2/12 | 45 | 991 | 1.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.0 |
| 2021 | South Indian | 10 | EIGHTEEN | 2/4-2/6 | 35 | 991 | 2.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.1 |
| 2020 | South Indian | 3 | <u>THREE</u> | 12/8- 12/11 | 45 | 992 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.8 |
| 2021 | South Pacific | 5 | <u>KIMI</u> | 1/17-1/18 | 55 | 990 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.8 |
| 2021 | South Indian | 6 | JOSHUA | 1/15-1/18 | 45 | 998 | 3.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.9 |
| 2021 | South Indian | 8 | THIRTEEN | 1/21-1/26 | 35 | 999 | 4.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.0 |
| 2021 | South Indian | 7 | ELOISE | 1/17-1/20 | 50 | 994 | 3.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.5 |
| 2020 | South Indian | 4 | <u>CHALANE</u> | 12/25- 12/30 | 60 | 990 | 4.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.9 |
| 2020 | South Pacific | 3 | <u>ZAZU</u> | 12/13- 12/16 | 55 | 985 | 3.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.2 |
| 2020 | South Indian | 2 | BONGOYO | 12/7- 12/11 | 55 | 992 | 4.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.4 |
| 2021 | South Pacific | 6 | ANA | 1/30-2/2 | 65 | 976 | 3.50 | 0.50 | 0.00 | 3.6 |
| 2021 | South Pacific | 8 | LUCAS | 1/31-2/3 | 65 | 980 | 3.75 | 0.25 | 0.00 | 3.7 |
| 2020 | South Indian | 1 | <u>ALICIA</u> | 11/14- 11/17 | 65 | 983 | 3.75 | 0.75 | 0.00 | 4.2 |
| 2021 | South Indian | 5 | DANILO | 1/1-1/8 | 70 | 979 | 6.50 | 0.75 | 0.00 | 6.2 |
| 2020 | South Pacific | 2 | YASA | 12/12- 12/19 | 140 | 914 | 7.50 | 4.75 | 2.50 | 23.8 |
| 2021 | South Indian | 11 | FARAJI | 2/5-2/14 | 140 | 920 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 3.00 | 28.7 |



Less TCs but more rain!



Source:

http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/maps/rainfall/?variable=rainfall&map=decile&period=cnws®ion=nat&year=2021&month=02&day=10



Review of genesis influences

- Coriolis
- Moist unstable air mass
- Warm SST
- Deep Convection
- Weak vertical wind shear
- Low-level vorticity

- 1. Coriolis and Low-level vorticity
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- 3. Warm SST
- 4. Deep Convection
- 5. Weak vertical wind shear

Quiz: which one is NOT that important in the Australian region?

Answer in chat or type any questions there too!



Review of genesis influences

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SSTs* (still need ocean)



Sea surface temperature (deg C): Daily analysis for **Tue 9 Feb 2021** (c) Copyright Australian Bureau of Meteorology | **RAMSSA**



(Courtney) Conceptual Model



Time



(Courtney) Conceptual Model Fast Vs Slow development



Time



08U 18-23 Jan 2021

Standard Pilbara recurver BUT a non-developer!





08U Forecast Track Maps 19-22 Jan

Good track forecast

Early forecast cat three for landfall!

300 600 30015 600 8 pm Jan 18, Kilometres 19 Jan 20 Jan am Jan 8 pm Jan 2 Kalumburu Kuri Bay Ø am Jar Derby. Cape Leveque 8 am Jan 22 🛈 Broome 8 pm Jan 22 🛛 Bidyadanga Broome 2 pm Jan 8 am Jan 23 Bidyadanga Port Hedland Dampier Roebourne Port Hedland Karratha Onslow Exmouth 22 Jan 8 pm Jan 21 m jan 21 Kilometres Beagle Bay 8 pm/Jan 21 L Derby 2 am Jan 22 Beagle Bay Derby Broome 8 am Jan 22 1 Broome Bidyadanga 2 pm Jan 22 om Ian 22 1 Bidvadanga am Jan 23 1 . Sandfire 8 am Jan 30 Port Hedland. ort Hedland. Dampie •Whim Creek Karratha 2 pm Jan 23 Whim Creek 8 pm Jan 23 🛈 Marble Bar . Telfer Telfer. Nullagine . Tom Price Parnngurr. 8 am Jan 24

"...there remains a high level of uncertainty around the mid-level wind profile and resultant vertical wind shear. Some model guidance indicates that there will continue to be moderate to strong easterly shear which would inhibit development "



SST 19 Jan >31C

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Deep moisture 21 Jan







AMSR2 19/0514UTC SSMIS 19/2009UTC GMI 20/0455UTC



SSMIS 20/1957UTC SSMIS 21/0852UTC MHS 22/0142UTC





FNMOC_http://taweb.fnmoc.navy.mil/ta-bin/ta_home.a



Scatterometry series



Credits: NOAA: https://manati.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/datasets/ASCATData.php and NRL: https://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/TC.html



Scat near landfall indicates development 22/0142UTC

14S FOURTEEN 998mb 40k MHS METOP-B COMPOSITE

HIMAWARI-8 VIS

21 0142Z

ASCAT wrong wind direction solution but scalar winds indicate gales



Credits: NOAA: https://manati.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/datasets/ASCATData.php and NRL: https://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/TC.html



Shear and Upper winds 19/00UTC Easterly shear strong poleward outflow





Shear and Upper winds 20/00UTC Same: Easterly shear & strong poleward outflow





Shear and Upper winds 21/00UTC Easterly shear





Shear and Upper winds 22/00UTC Easterly shear







08U summary: finely balanced genesis mix

SST: YES

Deep moisture: YES

Upper-level outflow: Strong poleward

Circulation: Yes but weak and weak low-level inflow from north

Low Vertical Wind Shear: Not quite low enough! Models?

Persistent deep convection: downshear and unorganized

If it had become self-sustaining it could have intensified rapidly Shear diagnostic???



10U Cocos Low 19-26 Jan 2020/21 Microwave, scatterometry and Vis 20 Jan

SSMIS 19/2325UTC ASCATA 20/0109UTC Vis 20/0000UTC



Credit: NRL: https://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/TC.html



Shear and Upper winds 20/00UTC Mod/strong easterly shear



22/00UTC Credit: CIMSS http://tropic.ssec.wisc.edu/

10U WV: ok moist environment but not great





WV at 22/00UTC Credit: CIRA

https://rammb-data.cira.colostate.edu/tc realtime/products/storms/2021sh14/16kmgwvp/2021sh14 16kmgwvp 202101220000.gif



NWP forecast for 22/00UTC +48h MSLP, 300hPa winds and vorticity



What is your forecast for 22/00UTC?



What other influences should you be considering?

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10U Cocos Low 19-26 Jan 2020/21

Forecast cat 1 00UTC 22 January?





But what happened? Microwave series





Scatterometry 21 Jan

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Scatterometry 22-23 Jan



01/23/2 01/23/2 No Geost ASCATA 23/1419UTC FNMOC https://www.fnmoc.navy.mil/tcweb/cgi-bin/tc_home.cgi ASCAT (MetOp-A) Vectors (knots)



Scatterometry 23-24 Jan





Scatterometry 24-25 Jan





Scatterometry 25-26 Jan



Note: 1) Times are GMT 2)Times along bottom of 3)Data buffer is 22 hrs from 20210128 4)

Note: 1) Times are GMT 2)Times along bottom correspond to measurement 3)Data buffer is 22 hrs from 20210125 4) Black wind barbs indicate



SST: OK 28C initially then ~27C later on track

Deep moisture: OK initially then moderated from 25 Jan

Upper-level outflow: on western side, then southern side from 24

Circulation: improved on 21-23 Jan then weakened on 24 Jan

Low Vertical Wind Shear: No but eventually low from 26 Jan

Persistent deep convection: downshear mostly then a period of near the centre 24-25 Jan

Ingredients not quite right at the same time!!



11U pre-Lucas 24-27 Jan 2020/21

Slow moving Gulf system

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Forecast 25/18 UTC TC in +48h





Analysis 25 Jan

Strong inflow on northern side; Deep convection on eastern side



Credit: NRL: https://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/TC.html



Upper levels CIMSS 25/12UTC

Upper-level SE flow currently so not favourable but expected to change?





Upper level pattern EC for 27/18UTC

Weak flow; low shear;

upper-level circulation (blue) developing



Π 25 Mon 26 Tue 27 Wed 28 Thu 29 Fri 30 Sat 31 Sun 01 Mon 02 Tue 03 Wed 04 Thu



NWP 25/00 to 06UTC for 27/18UTC Models indicating TC







NWP 25/12UTC for 27/18UTC over land or offshore? Weaker?





NWP for 27/18UTC ACCESS and GFS much stronger on 25/06UTC runs

A-G 25/00UTC run

A-G 25/06UTC run





NWP for 27/18UTC ACCESS and GFS much stronger on 25/06UTC runs

GFS 25/00UTC run

GFS 25/06UTC run





11U summary: mostly good but for land!

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Persistent deep convection: eastern side

BUT LAND got in the way!



12U 27 Jan – 9 Feb 2021

Over land coastal hugger all rain and not much wind





IR loop 12U

3-hourly 27 Jan – 3 Feb 2021





Upper levels CIMSS 02/12UTC





Official Forecast Track 12U

OFT to 3 Feb bias north of analysis track





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NWP 29/00UTC run for 01/00UTC

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NWP 31/00UTC run for 02/00UTC

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NWP 31/00UTC run for 04/00UTC

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NWP AG hot over water early but improved

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Different runs for 02/12UTC (right to left)





NWP 01/00UTC run for 04/00UTC

A-G best others offshore





NWP 02/00UTC run for 03/00UTC All inland at last; warnings cancelled





12U (Courtney) Conceptual Model

Self-sustaining/TC

Coriolis & low-level vorticity Moist unstable air mass Warm SST - didn't turn up! Weak vertical wind shear Deep Convection

External effort

Time



Summary: mostly good but for land!

Coincidence that in a short period of time four circulations developed but did not reach TC intensity!

11U and 12U constrained by land

08U: balanced between circulation strength and wind shear

10U: very close to TC; gales impact at Cocos Is.

Lessons to be learned: following process and acting on best information at the time still remains.

Do anything differently next time??



What next for the rest of the season?

MJO dominated – quiet now but active March?

As season gets later formation area further north and less likely to be land affected – more likely to get severe TCs What happened in late Jan won't be remembered by March!

Comparison with 2011 La Nina Wet but fewer TCs

7 TCs 3 Severe

Source:



Northern wet season rainfall deciles for Australia 01/10/2010 – 30/04/2011

http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/maps/rainfall/?variable=rainfall&map=decile&period=cnws®ion=nat&year=2011&month=04&day=30