MONITORING EXPLOSIVE CYCLONES ON THE COAST OF THE ANTARCTIC CONTINENT

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During this month, 03 events were registered among the 13 research stations located on the coast of the Antarctic utilized as references for the monitoring of explosive cyclones, at the stations of: Neumayer, Dumont D'Urville and Mirny, totaling 02 less cases than in the previous month. The most intense cyclone recorded was number 97/2017 at the Neumayer station on November 04th with sustained winds of up to 25.0 m/s (56 mph). The cyclone which registered the lowest atmospheric pressure at sea level was also number 97/2017 at the Neumayer station, with values reaching 957.4 hPa. Throughout 2017 the station with the largest number of events has been the Australian Casey with 16 cases, followed by the Frei stations with 11 cases. Russkaya's Russian station was not operating this month, so it was not possible to monitor that region.

Classification	Bergeron Scale	Intensity	Total of cases registered in the month	
B1	1 a 1.2	Weak	02	
B2	1.3 a 1.8	Moderate	01	
B3	>1.8	Strong	00	

Highest pressure drop	Lowest recorded pressure	Highest sustained wind	Average minimum pressures	Mean of pressure drops
-32.0 hPa/24h	957.4 hPa	25.0 m/s	966.2 hPa	-27.9 hPa/24h
Neumayer Station	Neumayer Station	Neumayer Station		
November 05	November 13	November 12		









EXPLOSIVE CYCLONE N°97/2017- DATA: 04/NOV/2017 LOCAL: NEUMAYER STATION – WMO 89002 (OPERATED BY GERMANY)



DROP OF PRESSURE IN 24H: -32.0 hPa MINIMUM PRESSURE REGISTERED ON STATION: 957.4 hPa MINIMUM PRESSURE ESTIMATED IN THE CYCLONE CORE: 948.0 hPa SUSTAINED MAXIMUM WIND: 25.0 m/s (56 mph) MAXIMUM WIND GUST: none m/s (mph) BERGERON: 1.3 (MODERATE)

EXPLOSIVE CYCLONE N°98/2017- DATA: 06/NOV/2017 LOCAL: MIRNY STATION – WMO 89592 (OPERATED BY RUSSIA)



DROP OF PRESSURE IN 24H: -24.1 hPa MINIMUM PRESSURE REGISTERED ON STATION: 972.4 hPa MINIMUM PRESSURE ESTIMATED IN THE CYCLONE CORE: 960.0 hPa SUSTAINED MAXIMUM WIND: 12.5 m/s (28 mph) MAXIMUM WIND GUST: 15.0 m/s (34 mph) BERGERON: 1.0 (WEAK)

EXPLOSIVE CYCLONE N°99/2017- DATA: 30/NOV/2017 LOCAL: DUMONT D'URVILLE STATION –WMO 89642 (OPERATED BY FRANCE)



DROP OF PRESSURE IN 24H: -24.4 hPa MINIMUM PRESSURE REGISTERED ON STATION: 968.8 hPa MINIMUM PRESSURE ESTIMATED IN THE CYCLONE CORE: 958 hPa SUSTAINED MAXIMUM WIND: 17.5 m/s (39 mph) MAXIMUM WIND GUST: 27.5 m/s (62 mph) BERGERON: 1.0 (WEAK)

Sources:

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