Hurricane Irma

Activation: (Hurricane Irma)
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Situation Overview

Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 hurricane, moving west across the Atlantic began impacting the Leeward Islands in the Caribbean late on September 5, 2017. Winds have reached up to 185 mph making it the strongest hurricane to hit the island region. Irma first made landfall in Barbuda with gusts of 155 mph, causing a storm surge of eight feet. Early Wednesday morning, the eye of Irma then moved over St. Martin, St. Barthelemy and near Anguilla, where sustained winds of 117 mph were measured. Irma is tracking toward Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba and may possibly hitting Florida around September 9. source1 source2 source3

This is a preliminary report of the impacts of Hurricane Irma on the Leeward Islands and also includes useful information links for islands in Irma’s path. It is based on initial reports from social media and the internet.

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Significant Updates (most recent first)

Sep 6:

- Irma made its first landfall in Barbuda just before midnight on Sep 5. [source] A recent live video reports there is severe damage. [source]
- Anguilla reportedly was directly hit by Irma. [source] There are initial reports of serious damage and communications are down in the East End. [source] There is also damage to the Princess Alexandra Hospital. [source]
- Saba - There has been a lot of structural damage. [source] Satel is working hard on restoring telecommunication services. Local landlines are slowly being restored. Outgoing international calls are working, but incoming are not. [source]
- St Barthelemy (St Barts) - The fire station is under 1m of water and the fire engine is out of order. Firefighters are taking refuge on the first floor. [source] There is damage to several homes, there is no power, and there is widespread flooding. [source] [source] [source]
- St Martin - Cellular service is spotty [source] Four of the most solid buildings on the island were destroyed, and more rustic structures have probably been completely or partially destroyed," [source] There are electrical blackouts and widespread flooding. [source]
Regional Situation Reports and Maps

- OpenStreetMap with social media posts.
- NHC NOAA Map Sep 6
- ERCC Echo Map Sep 6
- IFRC Map Sep 5
- Unitar Map Sep 5

Situation Updates and Useful Links for Caribbean Islands

Anguilla

Situation Updates:
Sep 6:

- Anguilla reportedly was directly hit by Irma. source
- Bad damage and communications are down in the East End (photos). source
- Damage to Princess Alexandra Hospital. source
- Photos of damage and flooding at airport. source
- Radio Anguilla's staff are trapped—yet still broadcasting via Periscope—at their storm-battered station. source
- Digicel lines are currently down. source
- Live video report from Radio Anguilla office. source
- Video of Irma hitting Anguilla. source
- Photo of structural damage. source
- Photos of structural damage. source1, source2, source3, source4
- Photo: Sandy Ground in Anguilla. Local restaurant called the Pump House, under water. source
- Photos of damaged structures and car. source
- Photos of damaged structures and trees. source

Useful Links:

- Population: 17,087, source
- Government of Anguilla: website, facebook
- Disaster Management: website
- Ministry of Health and Social Development: website
- Royal Anguilla Police Force: facebook
- FLOW Anguilla (communications company): website, twitter, facebook
- Radio Anguilla: website, facebook
- Anguilla Beaches: twitter
- Nisha Dupuis (announcer at Radio Anguilla): twitter
- OCHA Anguilla map (reliefweb)
Antigua and Barbuda

**Situation Updates:**

Sep 6:
- Report from National Office of Disaster Services. source
- Irma made its first landfall in Barbuda just before midnight on Sep 5. source
- Barbuda - Preliminary reports indicate damage to roofs and to some buildings, but there are no reports of fatalities. Conditions are not fully clear yet. source
- Antigua was spared the worst. No deaths reported. Preliminary reports indicate that damage is minimal including some roof damage and some trees and telephone poles downed. Electricity and communications are still out. source
- The airport will be open for flights into and out of Antigua by 2pm today. source
- The situation on Barbuda is not clear since communication has been disrupted. source

**Useful Links:**
- Population: 94,731, source
- Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda: facebook
- Antigua and Barbuda Government Information and Services: website, facebook
- National Office of Disaster Services (NODS): website
- Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, Telecommunications, and Information Technology: twitter
- Ministry of Health & The Environment: website, twitter, facebook
- Antigua Met Service: website, twitter
- Antigua Nice: website, twitter, facebook
- Antigua News Room: website, twitter
- ABS Television / Radio: website, facebook
- [OCHA Antigua and Barbuda map (reliefweb)](https://reliefweb.int/map/Caribbean/Antigua-and-Barbuda)

British Virgin Islands

**Situation Updates:**

Sep 6
- Government Press Release: source

**Useful Links:**
- Population: 35,015, source
- Governor’s Office: twitter, facebook
- British Virgin Islands and the UK: website
- [OCHA Virgin Islands map (reliefweb)](https://reliefweb.int/map/Caribbean/British-Virgin-Islands)

Dominica

**Situation Updates:**

Sep 6:
• Dominica experienced heavy rain and winds as a result of the passage of Hurricane Irma. Government offices and schools were closed on Tuesday in preparation for the storm. Schools will remain closed until Thursday. The island suffered minimal damage from the high winds. [source]
• The Douglas-Charles Airport is closed. [source]
• Video statement by the Governor. [source]

Useful Links:
• Population: 73,897, [source]
• Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica: [website]
• Digicel Dominica: [twitter]
• FLOW Dominica: [twitter]
• Dominica News Online: [facebook]
• Reliefweb Dominica Map

Montserrat

Situation Updates:
• John A. Osborne Airport is currently closed but expected to reopen tomorrow [source]
• ZJB Radio reports from Davy Hill Montserrat that residents are cleared to continue normal daily activities, but exercise caution due to flash flood and landslide risks. Essential crews are on the roads carrying out repairs to services [source]
• Montserrat Utilities Limited (MUL) issued a public statement. The transmission and distribution network has been inspected and no obvious defects resulting from Irma. Some power disruptions will be expected throughout the day but electricity largely restored across the island at 10:30am. [source]

Useful Links:
• Population: 5,292, [source]
• Disaster Management Coordination Agency Montserrat [Facebook, Website]
• Montserrat Radio Echo [Facebook]
• FLOW Montserrat (communications company): [website, twitter]
• ZJB Radio Spirit of Montserrat on [Facebook]
• Montserrat Utilities Limited (MUL) website [outage map] is not functioning
• OCHA Montserrat map (reliefweb)
• UT Perry Castañeda Montserrat map

Puerto Rico

Situation Updates:
Sep 6:
• The National Weather Service in San Juan periodically updates the list of municipalities exposed to severe flooding. [source]
Governor of Puerto Rico, Ricardo Rossello, declared state of emergency. [source]
Reports indicate that 20% of the island is already without power supply. Water supply relies entirely on energy supply. [source]

Useful Links
- Population: 3,351,827, [source]
- Government: [website]
- Emergency Management: [website twitter]
- Police: [website]
- Puerto Rico Red Cross: [website twitter]
- PREPA (Puerto Rico Electrical Power National Power Authority) is the only power supplier in the island. It serves nearly 1.5 million customers. [source] The island is exposed to risk of power outage for the next months.
- Local schools have been set up as shelter camps. Map of shelters and emergency numbers available in government website. [source]
- National Weather Service. [source]
- Flash Flood Warnings Bulletin. [source]
- UT Perry Castañeda Puerto Rico map

Twitter
- Hashtags: #IrmaPR #PuertoRico
- Account: @ricardorosello (Governor), @AEMEAD1 (Emergency Management Bureau)

Saba

Situation Updates:
- Island Government of Saba is reporting on Facebook Sept 6 As of 3.30 p.m. local time, no deaths have been reported on Saba and only a few wounded. There has been a lot of structural damage. [source]
- Satel is working hard on restoring telecommunication services to Saba. Local landlines are slowly being restored. Outgoing international calls are reportedly possible. Saba seems not to be able to receive incoming international calls. [source]

Useful Links:
- Population: 1,991, [source]
- Official Government [Website Facebook]
- Saba Police and Fire [website]
- Dutch Caribbean Representative [website]
- Saba News map
- Wikipedia Saba Island map

St Barts (St Barthelemy)

Situation Updates:
Sep 6:

- The fire station is under 1m of water and the fire engine is out of order. Firefighters are taking refuge on the first floor. [source](#)
- Several homes have been damaged and roofs blown off. [source](#)
- There is a total electricity blackout and the main EDF sub-station is out of action. [source](#)
- French Ministry is warning citizens of St Barts not to go out, stay inside, be ready and stay informed. There are information links about shelters. All of it dated 5th September.
- the wind 363 km/h, pressure 913 hPa as of today (i.e. 6 Sept.) [source](#)
- Video of storm hitting. [source](#)

**Useful Links:**
- Population: 7,184, [source](#)
- Collectivité territoriale de Saint-Barthélemy - official [website](#)
- [Ministere des Outre-Mer](#) - information for citizens not to go out and wait at home
- information for citizens in case of hurricanes in [pdf](#)
- [shelters](#)
- [Wikipedia Saint Bart map](#)
- [European Union Copernicus Saint Bart map (reliefweb)](#)

**St Eustatius**

**Situation Updates:**
Sep 6:

- Video of damage in St Eustatius. [source](#)
- CNSI St Eustatius: damage under control; staff and guests safe and well; power down. [source](#)

**Useful Links:**
- Population: 3,193, [source](#)
- St Eustatius government: [website](#)
- St Eustatius National Parks: [website](#), [twitter](#)
- Dutch Caribbean Representative [website](#)
- [Wikipedia Sint Eustatius map](#)

**St Kitts and Nevis**

**Situation Updates:**
Sep 6:

- The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has given the all clear, and a rapid assessment team will assess damage when it is safe to do so. [source](#)
- No lives have been lost. There have been significant damages to a number of properties, but the St Kitts & Nevis were spared the worst of the storm. [source](#)
- If you need to contact NEMA to alert them about any emergency, feel free to call any of the following numbers and ask to speak to a NEMA representative who will take your information and relay it to the relevant response team:

  - support@humanityroad.org
  - www.humanityroad.org
  - Support our work
● St Kitts’ Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport (SKB) remains closed until further notice and visitors who have not evacuated are being sheltered. Updated information will be given when available. Anyone who planned to travel to the island this week is advised to contact their hotel and airline directly regarding their policies for handling storm related reservations and cancellations. source
● The island’s cruise ports are closed. source

Useful Links:
● Population: 52,715, source
● St Kitts & Nevis Government: website
● St Kitts & Nevis Information Service: facebook
● St Kitts & Nevis Times: facebook
● OCHA St. Kitts and Nevis map (reliefweb)
● UT Perry Castañeda St. Kitts and Nevis map

St Martin / Sint Maarten

Situation Updates:
Sep 6:
● Communications - Cellular service is spotty source
● Infrastructure - French interior minister Gerard Collomb said: "We know that the four most solid buildings on the island have been destroyed which means that more rustic structures have probably been completely or partially destroyed," source
● Power - The French government has confirmed there are electrical blackouts and widespread flooding on the islands of St Barthélemy and St Martin. source
● Some reports of looting source
● Government offices have been partly destroyed. The island perfect and 23 staff are taking shelter in a concrete-lined room. The fire station has been damaged. The island has been without electricity since 6am. Police have reported several roofs have blown off in the storm. source
● Photos of damaged structures and flooding. source source
● Live video as Irma hit, from Maho Beach cam. source
● Video of damage and flooding. source source

Useful Links:
● Population: 32,125, source
● Sint Maarten Government: website facebook
● Sint Maarten Police: facebook
● Red Cross: website
● University of Sint Maarten: facebook
● ABS Television / Radio: website, facebook
● OCHA Sint Maarten map (reliefweb)
US Virgin Islands

Situation Updates:
Sep 6:
  ● Rainfall: 12 inches of rainfall reported at 4:00 PM local time; Wind: wind damage biggest threat to safety, Governor reported North Eastern Quadrant of St. Thomas most affected; Power: Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority have lost its generating capacity; Public Health: Roy Lester Schneider Hospital is currently generating its own electricity although second floor is flooding and roof damage is present; Shelter: two emergency shelters are flooding (1) E. Benjamin Oliver Elementary School Shelter and (2) Eldra Schutelbrant Facility; Injuries: two reported injuries.  source
  ● Gov. Kenneth Mapp orders 36 hour minimum curfew.  source
  ● Storm center hits island of St. Thomas.  source
  ● Video of St. Thomas.  source
  ● Live video coverage of St. Croix.  source

Useful Links:
  ● Population: 107,268,  source
  ● Government of USVI:  website, twitter, facebook
  ● USVI Department of Health:  website, twitter, facebook
  ● Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Caribbean:  twitter
  ● Inform USVI:  website
  ● Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA):  facebook
  ● UT Perry Cañada USVI map
  ● UT Perry Cañada USVI National Park map

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