



Tonga Meteorological Service – Ministry of Civil Aviation

A report on the

**LIST OF TROPICAL CYCLONES  
THAT HAS AFFECTED AT LEAST A PART OF TONGA FROM 1960 TO PRESENT**

<b>No</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AREA AFFECTED</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>
1.	Unnamed	17-19 Jan	1960	Northern and Central	Storm
2.	Unnamed	14-19 Mar	1961	Central and Southern	Severe Hurricane
3.	Unnamed	22-23 Nov	1964	Southern	Gale
4.	Unnamed	25-26 Feb	1969	Central and Southern	Gale
5.	Unnamed	11-17 Jan	1969	Northern and Central	Gale
6.	Dolly	11-25 Feb	1970	Northern	Hurricane
7.	Gillian	08-11 Apr	1970	Central	Hurricane
8.	Helen	13-16 Apr	1970	Northern	Storm
9.	Bebe	19-28 Oct	1972	Southern	Hurricane
10.	Collete	02-03 Nov	1972	Northern	Storm
11.	Eleanor	31-07Feb	1973	Northern	Hurricane
12.	Juliet	03-04 Apr	1973	Central	Severe Hurricane
13.	Tina	23-28 Apr	1973	Central	Storm
14.	Lottie	05-12 Dec	1974	Southern	Hurricane
15.	Val	29-05 Feb	1975	Northern	Hurricane
16.	Pat	15-18 Mar	1977	Central	Storm
17.	Anne	25-31 Dec	1977	Central	Storm
18.	Ernie	16-23 Feb	1978	Central and Southern	Storm
19.	Leslie	21-23 Feb	1979	Central	Storm
20.	Meli	24-23 Mar	1979	Northern and Southern	Hurricane
21.	Ofa	10-15 Dec	1979	Northern	Storm
22.	Tia	21-27 Mar	1980	Central	Storm
23.	Peni	01-06 Jan	1980	Southern	Storm
24.	Val	24-29 Mar	1980	Northern	Storm
25.	Betsy	30-03 Feb	1981	Central and Southern	Gale
26.	Cliff	08-15 Feb	1981	Central	Storm
27.	Daman	20-24 Feb	1981	Northern	Storm

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28.	Isaac	27-05 Mar	1982	Central and Southern	Severe Hurricane
29.	Lance	03-08 Apr	1984	Northern	Storm
30.	Drena	11-14 Jan	1985	Northern	Storm
31.	Eric	14-20 Jan	1985	Central and Southern	Hurricane
32.	Keli	08-12 Feb	1986	Southern	Gale
33.	Martin	10-14 Apr	1986	Central	Storm
34.	Kerry	29-03 Apr	1989	Northern and Southern	Storm
35.	Ofa	30-10 Feb	1990	Northern	Severe Hurricane
36.	Sina	24-04 Dec	1990	Central and Southern	Hurricane
37.	Val	04-13 Dec	1991	Northern	Hurricane
38.	Joni	06-13 Dec	1992	Southern	Storm
39.	Nina	23-05 Jan	1993	Northern and Central	Hurricane
40.	Kina	26-05 Jan	1993	Southern	Hurricane
41.	Mick	05-09 Feb	1993	Central	Storm
42.	Hina	12 -21Mar	1997	Southern	Hurricane
43.	Keli	10-15 Jun	1997	Northern	Hurricane
44.	Ron	01-08 Jan	1998	Northern	Severe Hurricane
45.	Cora	23-30 Dec	1998	Central and Southern	Hurricane
46.	Mona	08-10 Mar	2000	Central and Southern	Storm
47.	Paula	26-08 Mar	2001	Central and Southern	Storm
48.	Waka	29-01 Jan	2001	Northern and Central	Severe Hurricane
49.	Yolande	03-05 Dec	2002	Central	Gale
50.	Ami	10-15 Jan	2003	Southern	Storm
51.	Cilla	27-28 Jan	2003	Central	Gale
52.	Eseta	13-14 Mar	2003	Central and Southern	Gale
53.	Fili	14-15 Apr	2003	Central	Gale
54.	Heta	05-06 Jan	2004	Northern	Severe Hurricane
55.	Lola	30-01 Feb	2005	Southern	Gale
56.	Tam	12-13 Jan	2006	Northern	Gale
57.	Urmil	14-15 Jan	2006	Northern	Gale
58.	Vaianu	11-15 Feb	2006	Southern	Gale

Northern = Niufo'ou and Niuatoputapu, Central = Vava'u and Ha'apai, Southern = Tongatapu and Eua  
 Gale means average winds of 34 to 47knots; Storm means average winds of 48 to 63 knots,  
 Hurricane means average winds of 64 to 100 knots; Severe Hurricane means average winds of >100 knots