

Hurricane John To Seriously Flood Lower West Coast of Mexico

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Kansas City, September 23 (World Weather Inc.) – [Hurricane John is a tiny storm located 85 miles from Punta Maldonado, Mexico at mid-day today. The storm was intensifying rapidly and was expected to become a Category Three hurricane prior to landfall Tuesday in Oaxaca. Hurricane force wind was only occurring out 10 miles from the storm center and tropical storm force wind was occurring out 45 miles. This storm's legacy will be partially to its very fast intensification and partially to the exceptional rain amounts that are likely in association with its landfall due to nearly stationary movement over multiple days. Rain totals may rise over 30 inches by the weekend.](#)



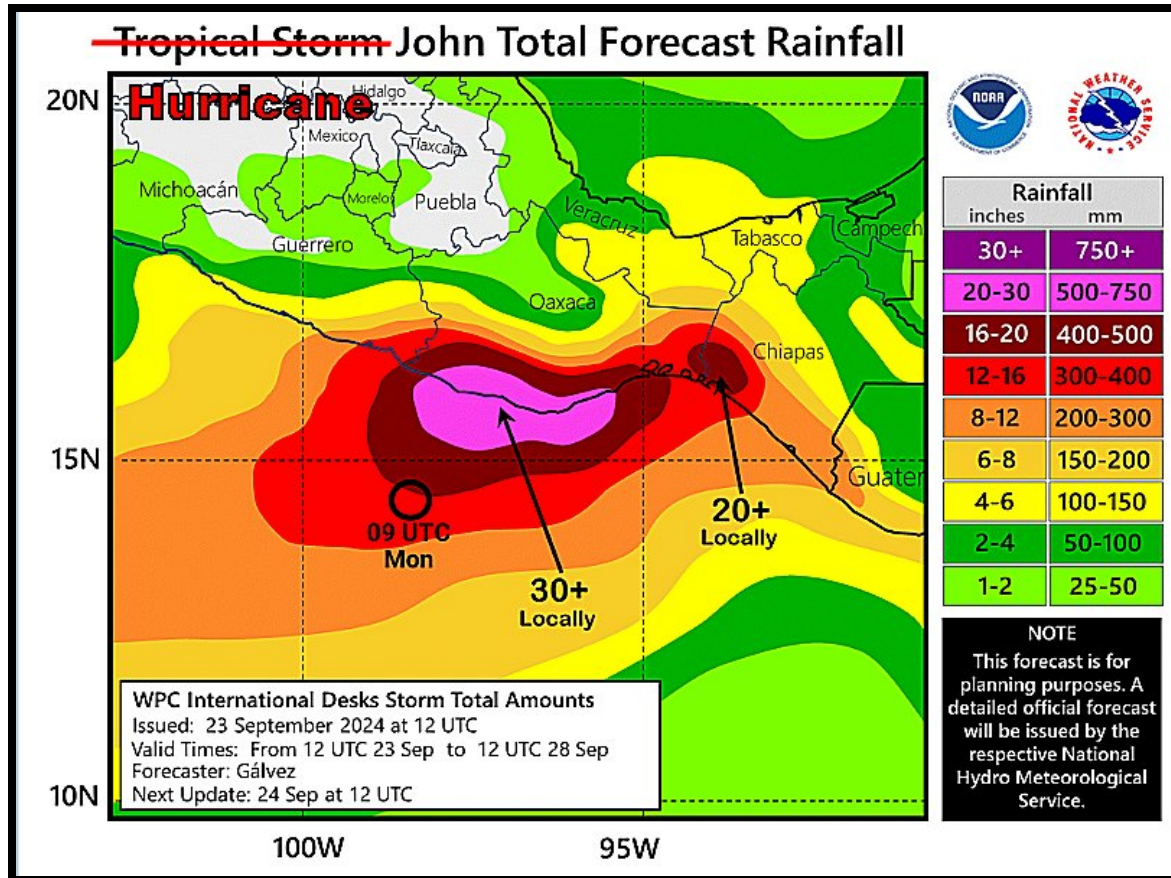
Hurricane John was near 15.1 north latitude and 98.4 west longitude at 1200 pm CDT today. The storm was moving northerly at 3 mph and maximum sustained wind speeds were reaching 85 mph near its center.

John will move northeasterly this afternoon through tonight and it will continue to intensify rapidly becoming a Category Three hurricane just prior to landfall tonight. The storm will grow in size, but remain a small system. However, this storm has potential to produce copious amounts of rain along the Oaxaca coast this workweek with rain totals of more than 30 inches probable, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. The storm

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may soak much of southern Mexico with more than 12 inches of rain occurring along the entire coast of Chiapas and Oaxaca as well as southern Guerrero.

Flooding in coastal areas will be exceptional. Landslides and property damage should be extensive because of flooding. Wind damage is also expected, although it will not be as widespread as the flooding rain is expected to be.



Southern Mexico produces corn, sorghum, coffee, citrus sugarcane and a host of other crops. The exceptional wind damage will be limited to a very small part of the coast while flooding may occur from southern Guerrero through southern Oaxaca to southern Veracruz, Tabasco and western and southern Chiapas.

The greatest rain will start out near the center of the storm, but its nearly stationary movement will allow the heavy rain to expand to the east and west engulfing a huge part of southern Mexico into what could become epic-like flooding. Rainfall on the above graphic is only for today through Sep. 28 and some of the rain is advertised to continue into early next week.

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