HURRICANE IRMA

Category 5 Hurricane, Irma, is the most powerful hurricane recorded over the Atlantic Ocean. The hurricane was so powerful that even seismometers (instruments used to measure movement of the ground) detected it.

The hurricane formed over the Atlantic Ocean along the west coast of the African continent. It travelled west hitting the Caribbean Islands with wind speeds reaching up to 215mph.

It is estimated that on the Caribbean island of Barbuda 90% of buildings were destroyed and 50% of the population were made homeless.