

Worst Cyclones in History

1. Great Bhola Cyclone (1970)

Location: East Pakistan (now Bangladesh)

Date: November 11, 1970

Details: Recognized as the deadliest tropical cyclone ever recorded. It struck East Pakistan with winds of up to 260 km/h (160 mph).

Impact: Estimated 300,000 to 500,000 fatalities, primarily due to a massive storm surge that flooded low-lying areas.

2. Super Typhoon Tip (1979)

Location: Western Pacific (Guam, Japan)

Date: October 1979

Details: The most intense tropical cyclone on record by air pressure (870 hPa) and the largest by diameter (over 1,000 km).

Impact: While it weakened before hitting Japan, it still caused widespread flooding and 99 deaths.

3. Cyclone Nargis (2008)

Location: Myanmar

Date: May 2, 2008

Details: A Category 4 cyclone that caused catastrophic destruction in the Ayeyarwady Delta.

Impact: Over 138,000 people were killed or went missing. It caused \$10 billion in damages, making it the costliest cyclone in history.

4. Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) (2013)

Location: Philippines, Vietnam, China

Date: November 8, 2013

Details: One of the strongest tropical cyclones to make landfall, with sustained winds of 315 km/h (195 mph).

Impact: Devastated Tacloban City; over 6,300 deaths confirmed in the Philippines alone.

5. Hurricane Katrina (2005)

Location: United States (Gulf Coast)

Date: August 2005

Details: The costliest natural disaster in US history.

Impact: Caused over 1,800 deaths and \$125 billion in damage, largely due to levee failures in New Orleans.