

EVENTS EXPERIENCED IN SAINT LUCIA

Disaster Matrix Revised November 10, 2004

DATE	EVENT	NUMBER KILLED	NUMBER HOMELESS	COST	COMMENT
October 11, 1780	Hurricane	2,000 - preliminary estimate 800 - revised estimate			Every bridge on the island collapsed
October 21, 1817	Hurricane	unknown			Loss to shipping and damage to west coast villages
August 11, 1831	Hurricane	11			
January 11, 1839	Earthquake (7.5)	1			Located East of Martinique - In Castries all public buildings and masonry houses were severely damaged with partial collapse in some cases. In Soufriere one person killed.
August 1841	Yellow Fever	9			
March 1849	Civil unrest	8			
July - October, 1854	Cholera	(est.) 1,500			
September 11, 1898	Hurricane	13			17 inches of rain estimated in Castries
February 2, 1906	7.0 Earthquake				
September 25, 1908	Rainstorm	1			Killed in landslide
February 7, 1911	Rainstorm	11			10 killed at night in flash flood in Mabouya Valley 1 in landslide at Roseau.
May 14/15 1927	Castries Town Fire				17 Blocks burnt
November 7, 1933	Rainstorm	3			Killed in landslides
February 24, 1935	MV George overturned	41 persons drown			

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February 13, 1937	Sinking of the May Rose	12 persons drown			
November 21/22, 1938	Ravine Poisson Landslide	100			
May 21, 1946	Earthquake				Building damage
June 19/20, 1948	Castries Town Fire		2,300 homeless		
March 19, 1953	Earthquake 7.3				In Castries there was partial collapse of buildings previously damaged by the 1948 fire, and some damage to other buildings. New buildings designed to resist earthquakes were undamaged.
June 9, 1955	Soufriere Town Fire	3	2,000 homeless	EC\$1.25 million (at 1955 prices)	7 blocks (478 houses lost)
September 22, 1955	Hurricane Janet				Coastal damage and jetties lost
July 10, 1960	Hurricane Abby	6		EC\$4 million	Landslide at Fond St. Jacques
September 25, 1963	Hurricane Edith			EC\$3/4 million	
August 1, 1966	Tropical Depression			EC\$3/4 million	
September 7, 1967	Tropical Storm Beulah	1		EC\$2 million	
March 23, 1972	The upper floor of Teacher's Training College collapsed				250 people involved but not all were injured.
October 29, 1973	Islander Airplane Crash	4			Saint Lucia Airways Mt. Gimie at 2,000 ft.
August 29, 1979	Hurricane David				Coastal damage

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August 4, 1980	Hurricane Allen	9	6,000	EC\$250 million (US\$100 million)	
November 30, 1981	Cargo Transport Airplane Crash	3			Guyana DC6B crashed at Vigie Airport
September 8, 1986	Tropical Storm Danielle				
September 1989	Swarm of Locusts				Landed island wide, however there was no damage as the Phiprites ate them all up
Year of 1990	Series of Earthquakes			EC\$579,996.00	From February to November ranging in strength from 3.0 to 4.5.
November 6, 1990	Landslide at Morne du Don		68	EC\$10,000.00 (initial allocation)	
November 29, 1992	Landslide at Bocage		10 families affected (36 persons)	EC\$10,000.00 (initial allocation)	
October 7, 1993	Civil unrest	2			Unrest in the banana industry. Demonstrations at La Ressource, Dennery
September 9/10, 1994	Tropical Storm Debby	3		EC\$230 million	
October 19, 1995	Oil Spill MV Flinders			EC\$3,257.37 (claims)	Cul-de-Sac Bay 93 Barrels Arabian Light Crude Oil. The oil belonged to Mobile Oil. The oil spread from Hess Oil Compound at Cul-de-Sac to the North of the Island
February 1, 1996	Fire at Victoria Hospital				
February 11, 1996	Fire at Patterson's Gap		10 families displaced		

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October 26, 1996	Tropical Wave			EC\$12 million	
June 5, 1998	Collapse of telephone system			Immeasurable	Payphones, normal phones, pagers, fax machines, internet and emergency numbers affected.
October 14, 1998	Landslide at Boguis		12 house holds (49 people)		
October 21, 1998	Tropical Wave	1	3 families displaced	EC\$621,500	One family (with 1 dead at Vannard, Anse la Raye.) Two families at Sunbuilt, Castries.
June 3, 1999	Oil Spill - Saint Lucia Linen			\$US1, 168.50	4,000 gallons found its way into the Choc River.
September 1999	Black Mallet/Maynard Hill Landslip		102 (Families relocated)	\$1 million (Preliminary estimate)	
November 19, 1999	Hurricane Lenny			\$16.9 million	
October 17, 2000	Clay products spill			\$3,988.00	45 gallons of an oily/water mixture discharged into the Cul de Sac River.
December 31, 2000	Attack at Basilica Minor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	2		\$20,000.00 (Preliminary estimate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 12 burnt - 6 sent to New York 2 to Martinique and 2 to Barbados for medical attention. • 2 men arrested.
May 18, 19 and 20, 2002	Collapse of telephone system			Minimal: May 18 and 19 was a weekend. May 20 was a holiday.	Payphones, normal phones, pagers, fax machines, internet and emergency numbers affected.

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September 22/23, 2002	Tropical Storm Lili		125 in temporary shelters	\$EC20.3 million	Became known for the evacuation order given for the village of Anse la Raye that the entire village ignored.
July 7 th 2003	Tropical Wave			EC\$3.07 million	EC\$3 million to the banana sector
June 6 th , 2004	Fire at Conway	None	51 persons	EC\$450,000.00 [preliminary estimate]	
September 9 th , 2004	Hurricane Ivan [cat 4]	None	0	EC\$6,981,800.00	
November 6, 2004	Island wide electrical blackout	None	None	Unknown	

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