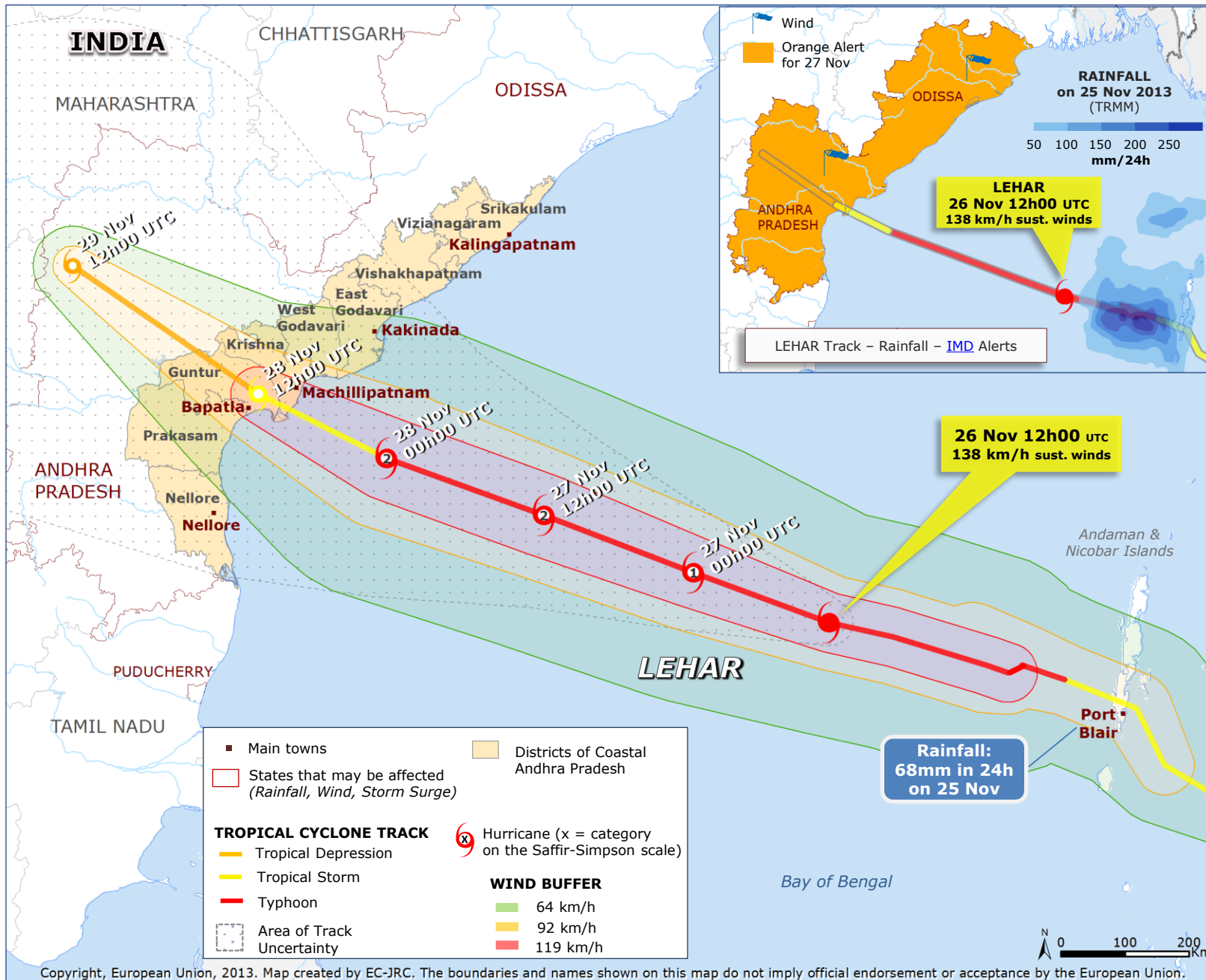


26 Nov 2013: INDIA – Tropical Cyclone LEHAR



SITUATION

- On 26 November, 12h00 UTC, **LEHAR** was a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm, with max. sustained wind speed of 138km/h (equivalent to a Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale). Its centre was located over central Bay of Bengal, approx. 470km north-west of Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and 870km south-east of Machillipatnam, Krishna district, in Andhra Pradesh State. It was moving with a north-western direction, towards western Bay of Bengal.

- As of the same day and time, **LEHAR** was forecast to continue moving north-west in the following 36h, strengthening. It is expected to approach Coastal Andhra Pradesh on 28 November and make landfall near Machillipatnam, approximately in the area where Tropical Cyclone HELEN made landfall on 22 November.

- As of 26 November, the Indian Meteorological Department notified of an Orange Alert for Wind in Odissa and Andhra Pradesh on 27 November. Moderate rain on 27 November and heavy to isolated extremely heavy rain (>244mm) on 28 November is expected along Coastal Andhra Pradesh, south Odissa State and parts of Puducherry Union Territory. Storm surge may also inundate low-lying areas in central Coastal Andhra Pradesh, as well as Puducherry.

- Precautionary measures adopted by local authorities in Coastal Andhra Pradesh include evacuations of people.

Sources: [GDACS](#), [IMD \(1, 2\)](#), [WMO](#), [Incois](#), Local Media ([1](#), [2](#))