

**1981/2006 SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE STRONGEST CYCLONES  
MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION\***

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTALS
CASES					4	9	16	11	22	17			79

- **THE STRONGEST SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE TROPICAL CYCLONES ARE THE TCs HAVING REACHED ESTIMATED MAX SURFACE WINDS OF 120KT(CAT 4 AND 5 ON THE AUSTRALIAN SCALE) AND HIGHER OVER 01MINUTE AVERAGE.**
- **THE FIRST WARNING AT 120KT(OR MORE) DETERMINES THE MONTH ANY TC PERTAINS TO**
- **DATA : FROM 1980/1981 TO 2005/2006**
- **DATA : BASED ON JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER BASED ON BEST TRACKS.**

**Although February is the most prolific month as far as cyclones of at least Hurricane/Typhoon intensity (at least 65kts) are concerned it is worthy of note that its tally is only slightly superior to December's and largely inferior to those of March ,April and January for the "strongest cyclones" (120kts and more).**

**March and April with high ocean heat content are the most prolific months for 120kts(and higher) cyclones especially off Western Australia and across the South Pacific.**