

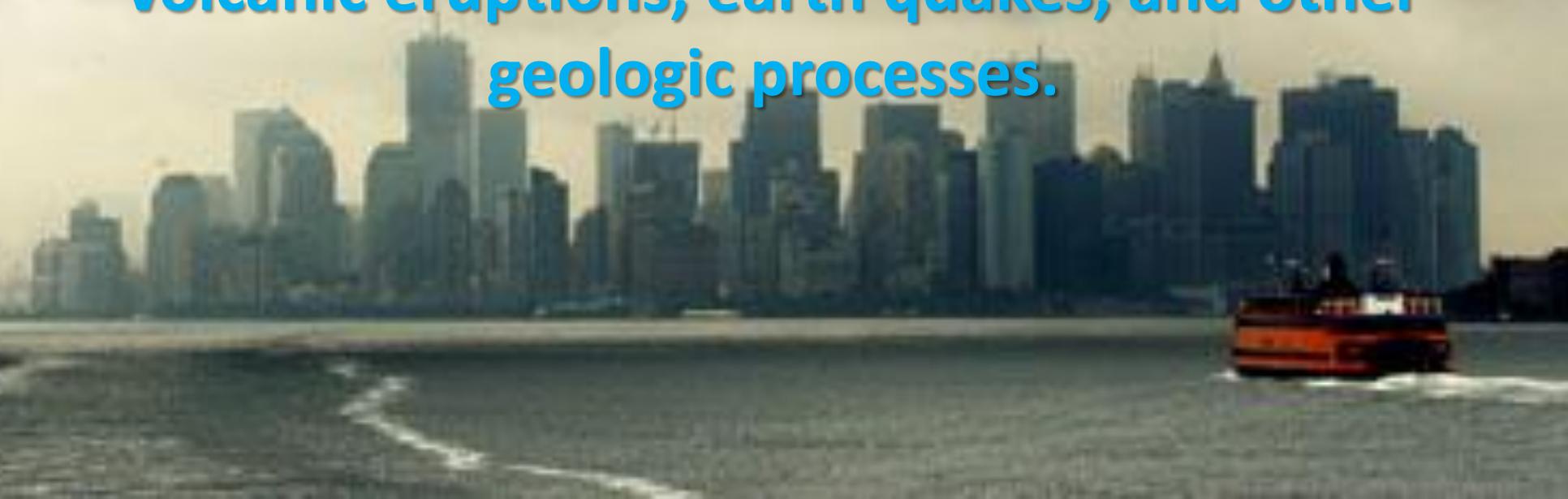
**NATURAL
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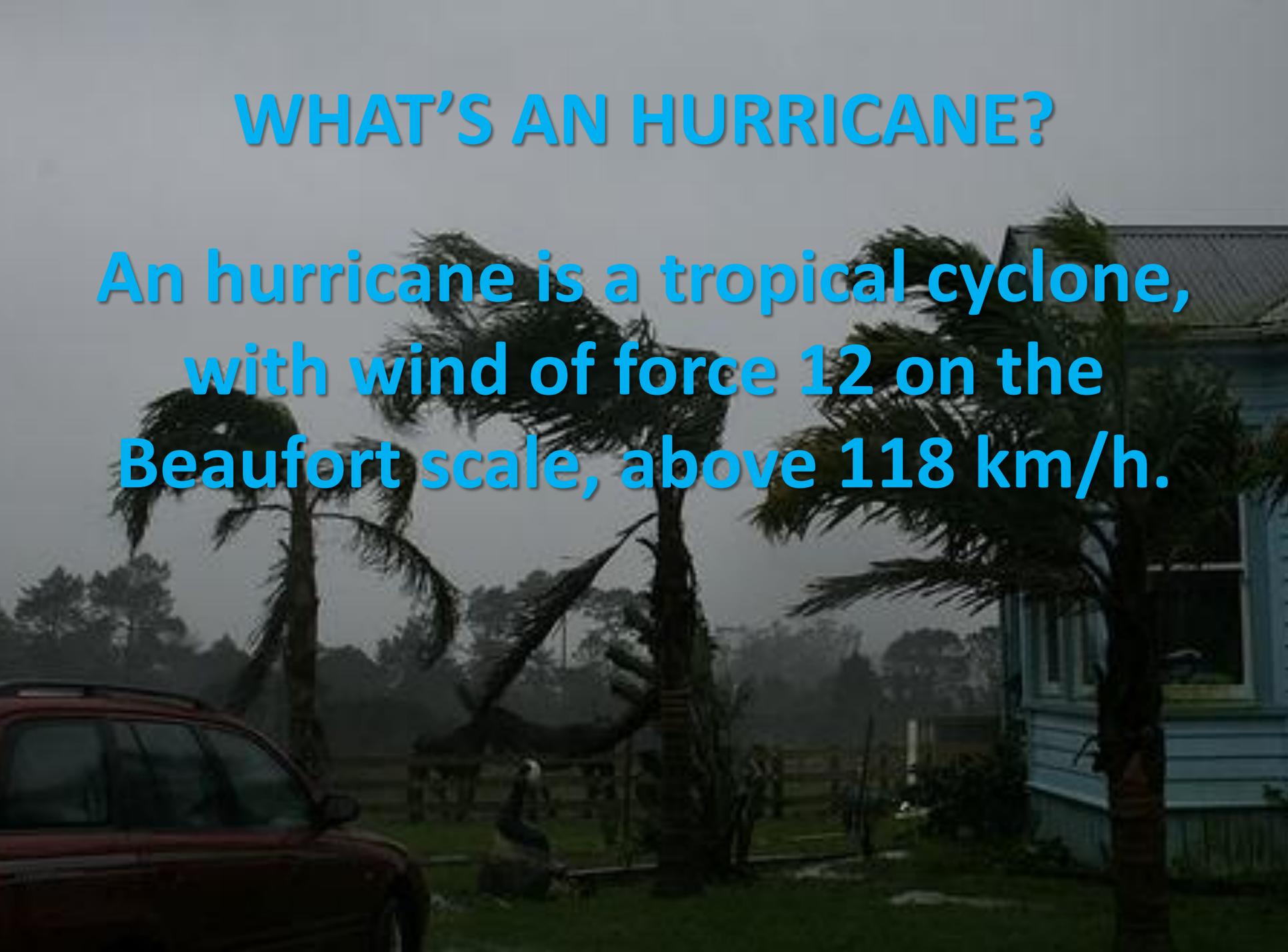
WHAT'S A NATURAL DISASTER?

It is a major adverse event resulting from natural processes of the Earth; examples include floods, severe weather, volcanic eruptions, earth quakes, and other geologic processes.



WHAT'S AN HURRICANE?

An hurricane is a tropical cyclone,
with wind of force 12 on the
Beaufort scale, above 118 km/h.



The background of the image is a close-up, high-resolution photograph of the United States flag. The top-left portion shows the blue field with white stars, while the rest of the image is dominated by the red and white stripes, which are draped and folded in a way that creates deep shadows and bright highlights, giving it a three-dimensional, textured appearance.

HURRICANES

IN

THE

UNITED

STATES



Mississippi

Alabama

Louisiana

Florida

Bahamas

Cuba

Yucatan Peninsula

Hispaniola

Jeanne

Puerto Rico

HURRICANE ANDREW

It was not the deadliest tropical cyclone in the U.S. mainland, but the compact, fast-moving storm remains one of the strongest and costliest on record.



August 25

August 24

August 23

Florida

100 km



What has it caused?

in Andrew's case, high wind speeds proved most destructive. Whole neighborhoods were flattened and thousands of homes lost their roofs; more than 90 percent of mobile homes in affected areas were destroyed.



HURRICANE SANDY

Hurricane Sandy devastated portions of the Caribbean and the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States during late October 2012, with lesser impacts in the Southeastern and Midwestern states and Eastern Canada.



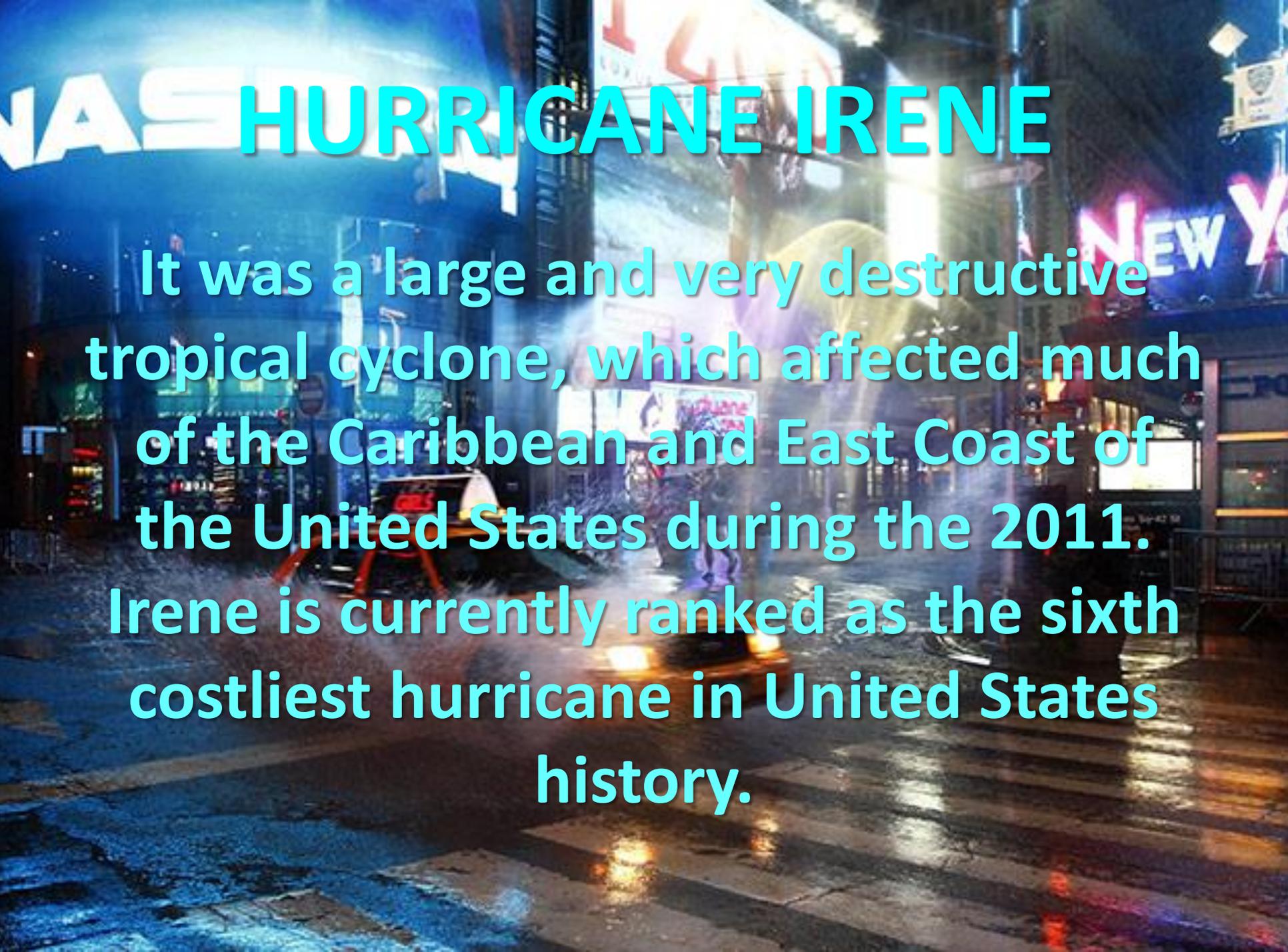
What has it caused?

Sandy, classified as the eighteenth named storm and tenth hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, was a Category 2 storm at its peak intensity. At least 253 people were killed along the path of the storm in seven countries. Hurricane Sandy affected 24 states.





HURRICANE SANDY – GROUND ZERO



HURRICANE IRENE

It was a large and very destructive tropical cyclone, which affected much of the Caribbean and East Coast of the United States during the 2011. Irene is currently ranked as the sixth costliest hurricane in United States history.

What has it caused?

Irene caused widespread destruction and at least 56 deaths; Damages throughout the United States are estimated near \$15.6 billion, which made it the sixth costliest hurricane in United States history.



HURRICANE ISAAC

Hurricane Isaac was a slow-moving tropical cyclone that caused severe damage in the Caribbean and along the northern Gulf Coast of the United States in late-August 2012.

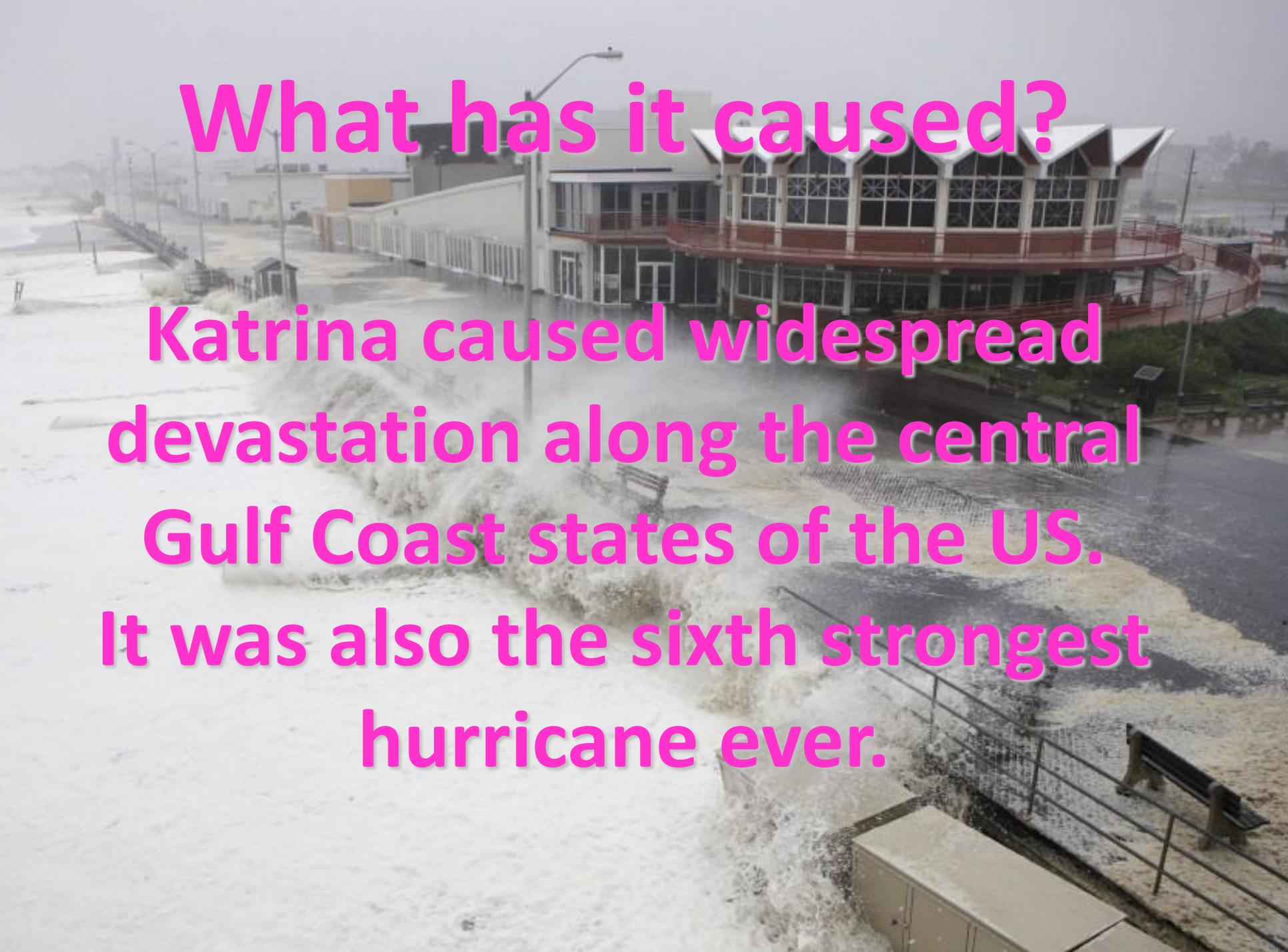
What has it caused?

Isaac has dumped more rain than Hurricane Katrina. While New Orleans was spared, many along the Gulf Coast say its impacts were far worse than Katrina.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Hurricane Katrina was one of the strongest storms to impact the coast of the United States during the last 100 years. Katrina was the 11th named storm, fifth hurricane, third major hurricane and second category 5 hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season.

What has it caused?

An aerial photograph showing the aftermath of a hurricane. A large, multi-story building with a curved facade and many windows is partially submerged in floodwater. The water is turbulent, with large waves crashing against the building and the surrounding area. The sky is overcast and grey, suggesting a storm is still present or has just passed. The overall scene depicts significant destruction and flooding.

Katrina caused widespread devastation along the central Gulf Coast states of the US. It was also the sixth strongest hurricane ever.

An aerial photograph of a hurricane's eye, showing a bright, circular center surrounded by dark, swirling clouds. The text is overlaid on this image.

Cities such as New Orleans, LA, Mobile, AL, and Gulfport, MS bore the brunt of Katrina's force and will need weeks and months of recovery efforts to restore normality. 705 people are reported as still missing as a result of hurricane Katrina.



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