



WMO Retired Hurricane Names for 2024

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The [World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\)](#) has retired four hurricane names **Beryl, Helene, Milton, and John** from its Atlantic and East Pacific storm lists due to the devastation they caused in 2024, making their reuse inappropriate due to the associated trauma and sensitivity.

- **Beryl** became the **earliest Category-5 hurricane** (Winds exceeding 157 miles per hour) **on record**, severely impacting the **Caribbean**.
- **Helene and Milton** caused catastrophic damage in the **United States**, while **John** led to deadly flooding in **Mexico**.
- WMO has selected **Brianna, Holly, and Miguel** as replacements in the Atlantic, and **Jake** in the eastern Pacific. Storm names are **reused every six years unless retired due to severe impact**.
- **Naming of Cyclones in India:** India uses a one-time naming system for cyclones in the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.
 - Cyclones are assigned names once wind speeds exceed **34 knots** or more, and these names are never reused, even if the cyclone moves into another region.
 - The [India Meteorological Department](#) names cyclones in coordination with the **Tropical Cyclone Regional Body** on behalf of littoral countries, which includes **13 countries** (India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Oman, Thailand, Iran, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Yemen).

Read more: [New List of Names of Tropical Cyclones](#)

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