




Storm Hillary



- Cyclone Hillary has reached California. The deadly storm off the Mexico coast brought heavy rains along with earthquakes and strong winds in California. Due to this devastation has taken place.
- Cyclone Hillary is being described as a Category 1 storm and is expected to cause extensive damage.





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- Hurricanes are classified on the Saffir–Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale and are ranked on a scale of 1 to 5 based on wind speed.
 - Hurricanes that reach category three or above are classified as major hurricanes. It is the first tropical storm to hit Southern California since 1939.



- Creates a favourable environment for tropical cyclones to form and move north along the coast of Mexico and Central America.

- Hillary is headed toward California due to a combination of factors, such as a high-pressure system in the western US, a low-pressure system in the eastern Pacific, and an El Niño event that warms ocean waters near the equator.





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- Due to cold water, cold currents and unfavourable winds on the west coast of America, most of these storms weaken or turn west before reaching California.
- Hillary is an exception as she has retained her strength and followed a more northerly track than usual.





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Black Palm Cockatoo

- Assam police have rescued six black palm cockatoos from Dholaikhal village near the India-Bangladesh border in Cachar district, forest officials said.
- The Australian parrots were handed over to the forest officials of the Dholai range under the Cachar Forest Division.





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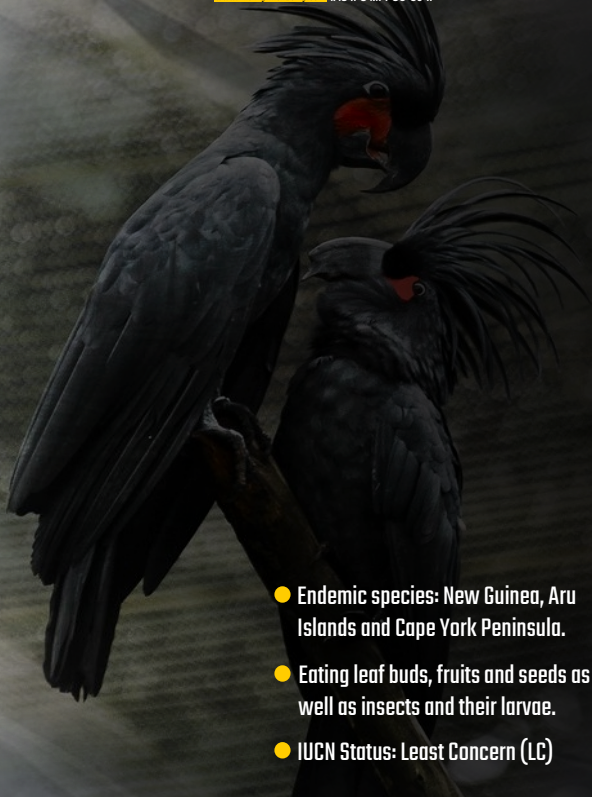
- The information about the seizure of exotic wild birds was shared with the regional office of the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau.
- Palm cockatoo A species of brown or black parrot with a large black beak and crest, pale yellow wings and red spots on the cheek.



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- Endemic species: New Guinea, Aru Islands and Cape York Peninsula.
- Eating leaf buds, fruits and seeds as well as insects and their larvae.
- IUCN Status: Least Concern (LC)



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→ **Matti Banana** ←

The Matti Banana variety, native to Kanniyakumari district, was given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag and is known for its unique characteristics that thrive only in the specific climate and soil conditions of its native region.



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The soil of Kanniyakumari is distinct with banana aroma and honey like taste.


Known as 'baby banana', it mainly thrives in Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks.

Of the three new entries, Kanniyakumari Matti Banana is a unique banana variety grown in the region.



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Its low total soluble solids content (TSSC) recommends it as a baby food.

The bunches of matti bananas are not straight rows like the bunches of other common bananas, but they are slightly curved.

Matti Banana is usually 2.5 to 3 cm long and looks like the mouth of a crocodile, hence it is also called 'Crocodile Finger Banana'.