



Pitter-patter! Yuck! We're soaked through and if we don't dry quickly, we'll catch a nasty cold! Sit by the fire. While the storm passes, I'll show you some quite amazing images. They show the forces of nature when it is angry. Nature is precious, but when it gets really angry, it can be very dangerous!





This is a hurricane... a gigantic storm that forms in the ocean. When observed from the sky, it looks like an immense spiral! When it approaches the coast, its strength generates very high waves and the wind sweeps everything away: Palm trees, cars, and houses... The hurricane in this image was given the name Mitch. It struck the coast of Honduras in Central America with great strength. It caused a lot of destruction in its wake!



However, the lack of water also causes natural disasters: Droughts. Water is very important for life and there are more and more areas in the world where it rains very little or not at all. Without water, the rivers dry up and the plants and animals die of thirst. Can you imagine what it would be like if it didn't rain for several months? If no water flowed out of any taps? If you couldn't even drink a glass of water per day? This is the situation in which many African countries find themselves...

