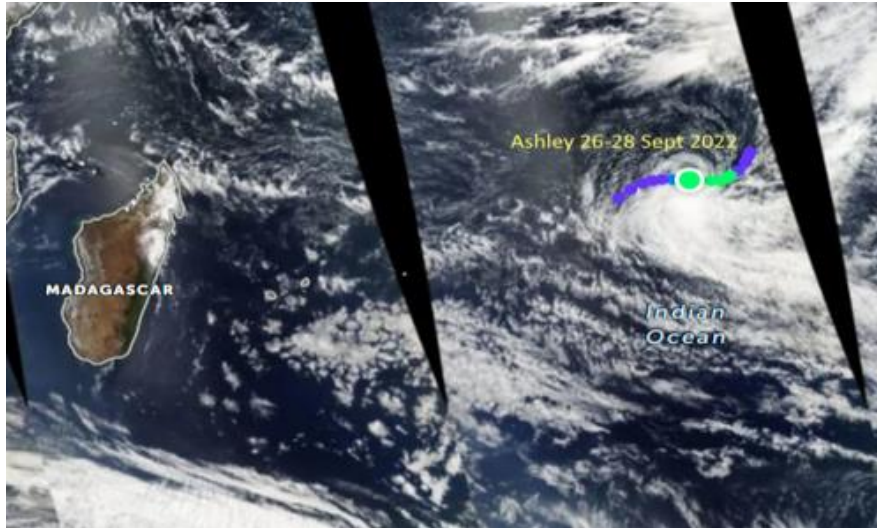


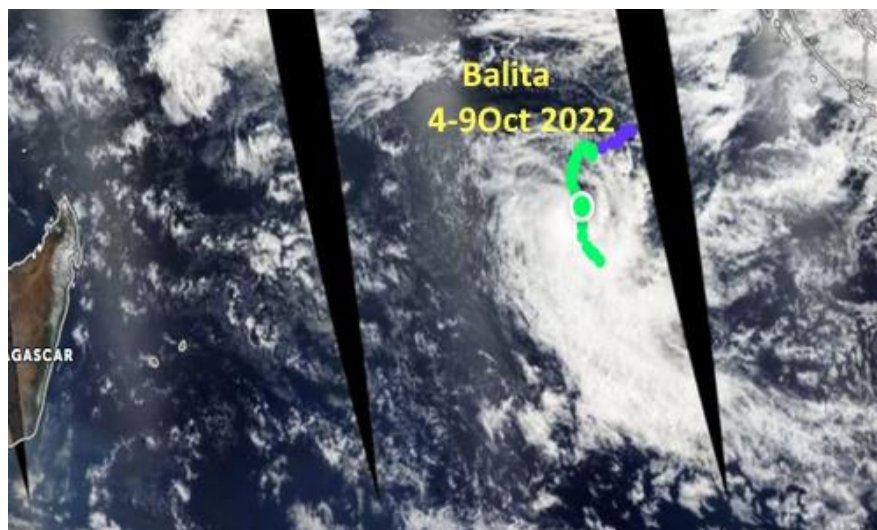
## Cyclones shy away from the Mascarenes

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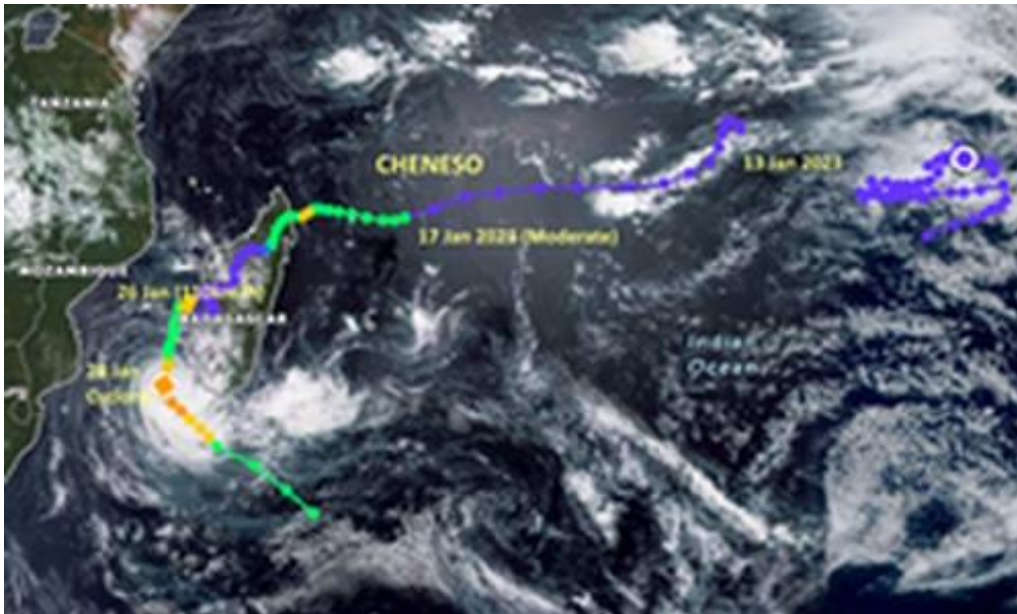
The first cyclone **Ashley** (name provided by Seychelles) was named by Mauritius on 28 September 2022. (Figure 1)



The second cyclone **Balita** (Madagascar) was named by Mauritius on 8 Oct 2022. (Figure 2)



The third cyclone of the season 2022-2023 **Cheneso** (Botswana) was named by Madagascar on 18 Jan 2023. (Figure 3)



## Comments

The first two were short-lived and were formed and dissipated close to Cocos Island, far away from the Mascarenes.

Cheneso formed to the South East of Diego Garcia and passed to the South of Agalega. The cyclone remained a cyclonic storm after crossing Madagascar and developed into a cyclone in the warm waters of South Mozambique Channel.

The slow-moving storm has swamped north-western Madagascar with rain, triggering

flash flooding and landslides. The storm Cheneso has killed dozens of people and displaced tens of thousands from their homes.

The strong anticyclone to the South and the cooler-than-normal Indian Ocean might be responsible for its westerly track and for the moderate depression stage.

The La Nina conditions may be studied for their possible impact on the conditions that inhibit the presence of tropical storms in the Mascarene region of the Indian Ocean.