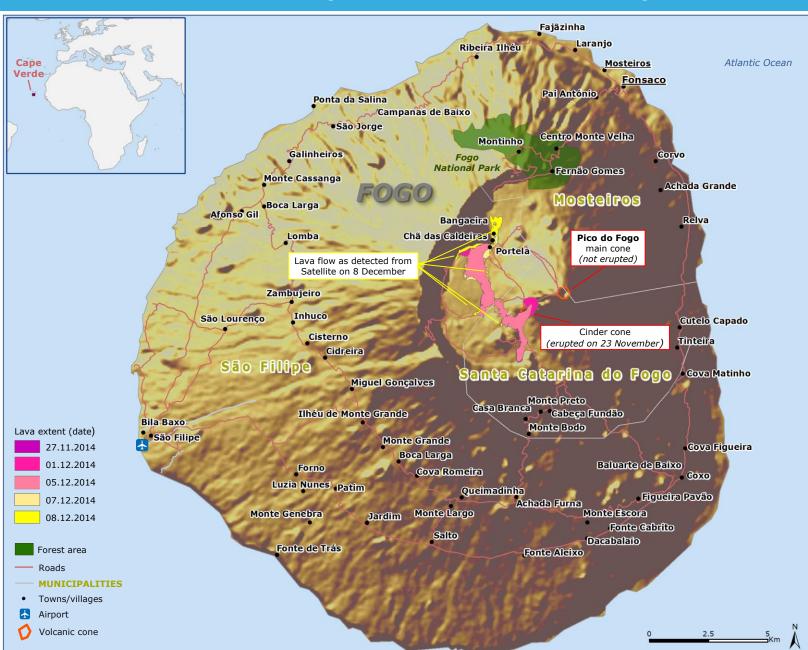
10 December 2014: Cape Verde - Volcanic eruption





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SITUATION

- Based on the latest assessments, the overall situation in Fogo Island has stabilized in the past 24 hours. Because the eruption is still ongoing, authorities will most likely evacuate the Cutelo Alto and Fonsaco area, north-east of the island, near Mosteiros, on 10 December. In the worst case scenario, the government will have a window of three days to guarantee the evacuation. The number of people that might need to be evacuated varies from 1 500 to 4 000.
- Potential forest fires are also being considered at this stage and authorities will intervene creating control lines between the lava flow path and the forest.
- According to the latest UNDAC assessment, there are 1 500 people at risk on the north-eastern side of the volcano, to be evacuated depending on lava flow, 1 030 people are displaced from the affected area of Chã das Caldeiras, out of which 850 are currently displaced in collective centres and relocated in shelter, and 80 buildings are destroyed.
- The ERCC received a Request of Assistance from the Ministry of External Relations of Cape Verde on 26 November, including experts, equipment and goods.

Sources: ECHO, UN Cabo Verde, OCHA (1, 2), Copernicus EMS, Cape Verde Government (1, 2, 3), UNDAC, UNOSAT, Smithsonian Institution, VAAC Toulouse, NASA (1, 2), Local Media (1, 2)

Satellite image of the erupted volcano on Fogo island

29 November, MODIS NASA

