

Mexico Tourism Industry Threatened by Swell in Guerrero Coast



Mexico City, July 8 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Mexican authorities warned on Tuesday that in the next four days there could be a swell in the coasts of the southern Mexican states of Guerrero, Michoacan and Oaxaca.

In Guerrero, the rising tide and heavy rains have already caused flooding in the internationally renowned tourist haven of Acapulco, and the government has already launched an eviction plan to prevent further affectations in other ports.

A swell consists of wind-generated waves that are hardly affected by the local wind at that time. According to the forecast, the waves will reach a height of 3.5 meters, and in interaction with strong winds will rise to four meters.

In Acapulco, authorities have asked the owners of restaurants and tourist services to deposit in safe places the beach furniture to avoid being swept away by high waves.

According to weather specialists the swell can travel long distances and strong winds down the east coast of South America can create swell that reaches Nigeria.

Swell in Mexico affects mainly the tourist industry, last year the North American country welcomed more than 14.2 million of international tourists, of which three million were cruise visitors, according to official sources.

In 2014, tourism generated more than \$13.8 billion in revenues, the industry currently accounts for 8.4 percent of the country's GDP and ranks as the number three source of foreign exchange.

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