

= Tropical Storm Matmo ( 2008 ) =

Severe Tropical Storm Matmo , known in the Philippines as Tropical Storm Dindo , formed to the east of Manila in the Philippines as a tropical disturbance on May 13 , 2008 . Early the next day , the Joint Typhoon Warning Center ( JTWC ) issued a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert on the developing system while later that day the Japan Meteorological Agency ( JMA ) classified the disturbance as a weak tropical depression and started to issue advisories on it . The JTWC then designated the depression as Tropical Depression 04W while the JMA started to issue full advisories on the storm . On May 15 , the tropical depression intensified into a tropical storm and was named Matmo by RSMC Tokyo . Later that day the Philippine Atmospheric , Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration issued their first advisory on Matmo and assigned the local name Dindo . The JTWC upgraded the system to a tropical storm later that day . It then intensified into a severe tropical storm the next day while the JTWC issued their final advisory on Matmo as they thought the storm had become extratropical . However , the JMA kept issuing advisories on Matmo , until the storm dissipated the next day . There was no impact reported from Tropical Storm Matmo .

= = Meteorological history = =

Late on May 13 , 2008 , a tropical disturbance formed about 550 km ( 340 mi ) , to the east of Manila in the Philippines . The disturbance was located in an area of low vertical wind shear and had a low @-@ level circulation center which had started to consolidate . The Joint Typhoon Warning Center ( JTWC ) then issued a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert on the disturbance early the next day , as deep convection was building near to the low pressure area . Later that day both the JTWC and the Japan Meteorological Agency ( JMA ) upgraded the disturbance to a tropical depression , with the JTWC designating it as Tropical Depression 04W . This was because the system had become more consolidated and had a good outflow .

Early on May 15 , as the storm was moving towards the northwest , the JMA upgraded the tropical depression to a Tropical Storm and named it Matmo . The Philippine Atmospheric , Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration ( PAGASA ) then designated the storm as Tropical Depression Dindo . Later that day Matmo rapidly tracked towards the northeastern boundary of PAGASA 's area of responsibility as it had started to interact with a mid @-@ latitude trough . The JTWC then reported that the cyclone had intensified into a tropical storm and had reached its peak intensity with winds of 75 km / h ( 45 mph ) . Early on May 16 , both PAGASA and the JTWC issued their final advisories on the storm as it approached the edge of PAGASA 's Area of responsibility , with the JTWC reporting that Matmo was now extratropical . However , the JMA continued to issue advisories on the storm at this time and reported that it had reached ten @-@ minute peak wind speeds of 95 km / h ( 60 mph ) , which made Matmo a severe tropical storm . Though , within their next advisory , the JMA downgraded Matmo to a tropical storm and reported that it had weakened into a tropical depression early the next day before dissipating later that day .

= = Preparations , impact and naming = =

In preparation for Tropical Storm Matmo , the Japan Meteorological Agency issued warnings for the , Naha , Moji and Yokohama areas of Japan . However , there was no impact reported from either Japan or the Philippines .

The name Matmo was submitted to the ESCAP / WMO Typhoon Committee , by the United States of America , for use from January 1 , 2004 and means heavy rain in the Chamorro language . This came after the name Chataan was retired , following the 2002 Pacific typhoon season . The Philippine Atmospheric , Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration ( PAGASA ) also assigned the local name of Dindo to Matmo , which was last assigned by PAGASA , in the 2004 Pacific typhoon season .