



TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 3

Tropical Storm OPONG (BUALOI)

Issued at 5:00 AM, 24 September 2025

Valid for broadcast until the next bulletin at 11:00 AM today.

“OPONG” INTENSIFIES INTO A TROPICAL STORM

Location of Center (4:00 AM)

The center of Tropical Storm OPONG was estimated based on all available data at **855 km East of Northeastern Mindanao (9.8°N, 133.3°E)**.

Intensity

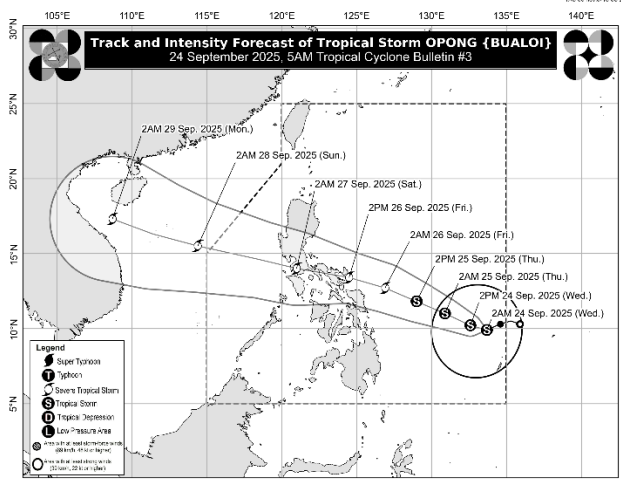
Maximum sustained winds of **65 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **80 km/h**, and central pressure of **1000 hPa**

Present Movement

West southwestward at 20 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

Strong to gale-force winds extend outwards up to **400 km** from the center



TRACK AND INTENSITY FORECAST

Date and Time	Center Position			Intensity		Movement dir. and speed (km/h)
	Lat. (°N)	Lon. (°E)	Location	MSW (km/h)	Cat.	
12-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 24 September 2025	10.2	132.6	780 km East of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte	75	TS	WNW 10
24-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 25 September 2025	11.0	130.9	560 km East of Guiuan, Eastern Samar	85	TS	WNW 15
36-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 25 September 2025	11.8	129.0	365 km East Northeast of Guiuan, Eastern Samar	85	TS	WNW 20
48-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 26 September 2025	12.7	126.9	250 km East of Catarman, Northern Samar	95	STS	WNW 20
60-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 26 September 2025	13.4	124.5	Over the coastal waters of Bato, Catanduanes	100	STS	WNW 25
72-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 27 September 2025	14.0	121.0	In the vicinity of San Nicolas, Batangas	100	STS	W 30
96-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 28 September 2025	15.5	114.4	600 km West of Iba, Zambales (OUTSIDE PAR)	110	STS	WNW 30
120-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 29 September 2025	17.3	108.7	1,245 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	110	STS	WNW 25



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TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNALS (TCWS) IN EFFECT

No Wind Signal currently hoisted.

OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS

Heavy Rainfall Outlook

OPONG is less likely to directly affect the weather condition of the country in the next 24 hours. Onset of **heavy rains due to OPONG is possible by tomorrow (25 September) onwards**. For more information, refer to Weather Advisory No. 19 issued at 5:00 AM today.

Severe Winds

Wind Signal No. 1 will be hoisted over northeastern Mindanao, Eastern Visayas, and Bicol Region within the day, and the highest Wind Signal that may be hoisted throughout its passage is Wind Signal No. 3, considering that this tropical cyclone may reach severe tropical storm category.

The Southwest Monsoon, both enhanced by NANDO and OPONG, will bring **strong to gale-force gusts** over the following areas (especially in coastal and upland areas exposed to winds):

- **Today:** Most of Luzon, Western Visayas, Surigao del Norte, and Dinagat Islands.
- **Tomorrow (25 September):** Batanes, Babuyan Islands, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Palawan, Siquijor, Camiguin, Surigao del Norte, Dinagat Islands, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur, and Davao Occidental.
- **Friday (26 September):** Batanes, Babuyan Islands, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Siquijor, Northern Mindanao, Caraga, and Davao Region.

HAZARDS AFFECTING COASTAL WATERS

24-Hour Sea Condition Outlook

OPONG may bring moderate to rough seas over the coastal waters of Southern Luzon, Eastern Visayas, and northeastern Mindanao starting tomorrow afternoon. Gale Warning may be raised over Eastern Visayas and Bicol Region as early as tomorrow afternoon in anticipation of rough to very rough sea conditions.

Coastal Inundation

There is a potential risk of coastal flooding due to storm surge in low-lying coastal areas of Southern Luzon and Eastern Visayas due to the passage of OPONG. Storm surge warning may be issued starting today or tomorrow (25 September).

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- OPONG is forecast to begin moving west northwestward while approaching Eastern Visayas – Southern Luzon area. On the forecast track, OPONG may make landfall over Bicol Region by Friday (26 September) afternoon and is expected to cross Southern Luzon area from Friday afternoon until Saturday (27 September) morning. It may exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility by Saturday evening or Sunday (28 September) morning.
- **It must be emphasized that heavy rainfall, severe winds, and storm surge may still be experienced in localities outside the landfall point and the forecast confidence cone. Refer to “Other Hazards affecting Land Areas” for more details. Furthermore, the track may still shift within the limit of the forecast confidence cone.**
- OPONG will continue to intensify while over the Philippine Sea and may reach severe tropical storm category by tomorrow (25 September) evening. Further intensification, especially after the passage over the Philippine landmass, is not ruled out.

Considering these developments, the public and disaster risk reduction and management offices concerned are advised to take all necessary measures to protect life and property. Persons living in areas identified to be highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards are advised to follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials. **For heavy rainfall warnings, thunderstorm/rainfall advisories, and other severe weather information specific to your area, please monitor products issued by your local PAGASA Regional Services Division.**

The next tropical cyclone bulletin will be issued at 11:00 AM today.

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