



TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 17
Severe Tropical Storm OPONG (BUALOI)

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OPONG HAS PASSED OVER SIBUYAN AND TABLAS ISLANDS IN ROMBLON AND IS NOW HEADING TOWARDS SOUTHERN PORTION OF MINDORO ISLAND.

Location of Center (10:00 AM)

The center of Severe Tropical Storm OPONG was estimated based on all available data, including those from Daet Doppler Weather Radar **over the coastal waters of Ferrol, Romblon (12.3°N, 121.9°E).**

Intensity

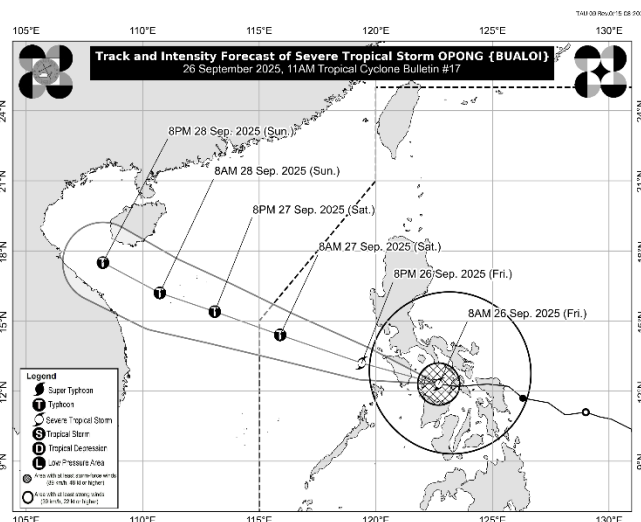
Maximum sustained winds of **110 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **150 km/h**, and central pressure of **985 hPa**.

Present Movement

Westward at 35 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

Strong to storm-force winds extend outwards up to **460 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 8:00 PM 26 September 2025	13.2	119.4	195 km West of Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro	110	STS	WNW 30
24-Hour Forecast 8:00 AM 27 September 2025	14.4	115.9	475 km West of Cubi Pt, Subic Bay	120	TY	WNW 35
36-Hour Forecast 8:00 PM 27 September 2025	15.4	113.1	735 km West of Iba, Zambales (OUTSIDE PAR)	130	TY	WNW 25
48-Hour Forecast 8:00 AM 28 September 2025	16.2	110.7	1,030 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	140	TY	WNW 20
60-Hour Forecast 8:00 AM 28 September 2025	17.5	108.3	1,290 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	140	TY	WNW 25



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TCWS No.	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
3 Wind threat: Storm-force winds	Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Occidental Mindoro, and Oriental Mindoro	The northern portion of Aklan (Makato, Tangalan, Kalibo, New Washington, Ibajay, Lezo, Malay, Nabas, Numancia, Batan, Buruanga), and Caluya Island	-
	Warning lead time: 18 hours Range of wind speeds: 89 to 117 km/h (Beaufort 10 to 11) Potential impacts of winds: Moderate to significant threat to life and property		
2 Wind threat: Gale-force winds	The southern portion of Zambales (San Marcelino, Subic, Olongapo City, Castillejos, San Antonio, San Narciso, San Felipe), Bataan, the southern portion of Pampanga (Porac, Santa Rita, Guagua, Sasmuan, Macabebe, Masantol, Santo Tomas, San Simon, Minalin, City of San Fernando, Bacolor, Floridablanca, Apalit, Lubao), the southern portion of Bulacan (Obando, Paombong, Bocaue, City of San Jose del Monte, Bustos, City of Malolos, City of Meycauayan, Balagtas, Guiguinto, Pandi, Plaridel, Calumpit, Santa Maria, Hagonoy, Baliuag, Bulacan, Marilao, Pulilan), Metro Manila, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, the southern portion of Quezon (Pitogo, Buenavista, Lucena City, Calauag, Pagbilao, Tiaong, Lopez, Catanauan, Mulanay, Guinayangan, Unisan, General Luna, Plaridel, Quezon, San Antonio, Alabat, Candelaria, Lucban, Sampaloc, Padre Burgos, Sariaya, City of Tayabas, Macalelon, Mauban, Dolores, Perez, Agdangan, Gumaca, Atimonan, Real, San Narciso, Tagkawayan, San Francisco, San Andres), the southern portion of Camarines Sur (Ocampo, Milaor, Nabua, Buhi, Baao, Cabusao, Bato, Camaligan, Pili, Sipocot, Pamplona, Ragay, Iriga City, San Fernando, Magarao, Minalabac, Del Gallego, Balatan, Libmanan, Naga City, Bombon, Bula, Canaman, Pasacao, Sagñay, Gainza, Lupi), Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate, Calamian Islands, and Cuyo Islands	The northern portion of Antique (Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi, Valderrama, Barbaza, Tibiao, Patnongon, Laua-An, Bugasong), the rest of Aklan, Capiz, the northern portion of Iloilo (Estancia, Carles, Balasan, Batad, San Dionisio, Concepcion, Sara, Ajuy, Lemery, Barotac Viejo, San Rafael, San Enrique, City of Passi, Bingawan, Calinog, Lambunao, Dueñas), the northern portion of Negros Occidental (Manapla, City of Victorias, Enrique B. Magalona, Cadiz City, Sagay City), the extreme northern portion of Cebu (Daanbantayan, Medellin) including Bantayan Islands, the extreme western portion of Northern Samar (San Vicente, Capul, San Antonio), the extreme western portion of Samar (Tagapul-An)	
	Warning lead time: 24 hours Range of wind speeds: 62 to 88 km/h (Beaufort 8 to 9) Potential impacts of winds: Minor to moderate threat to life and property		

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TCWS No.	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
1 Wind threat: Strong winds	Pangasinan, the rest of Zambales, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, the southern portion of Aurora (Dingalan, Baler, Maria Aurora, San Luis), the rest of Pampanga, the rest of Bulacan, the rest of Quezon, Camarines Norte, the rest of Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, and the northern portion of Palawan (El Nido, Taytay, Dumaran, Araceli, San Vicente, Roxas)	The rest of Antique, the rest of Iloilo, Guimaras, the central portion of Negros Occidental (Calatrava, Salvador Benedicto, San Carlos City, Silay City, City of Talisay, Bacolod City, Bago City, Murcia, La Castellana, Valladolid, Pulupandan, La Carlota City, San Enrique, Pontevedra, Moises Padilla, Isabela, Hinigaran, City of Escalante, Toboso), the northern portion of Negros Oriental (Vallehermoso, Canlaon City, City of Guihulngan), the northern and central portion of Cebu (Asturias, Danao City, Compostela, Liloan, Consolacion, Cebu City, Balamban, Mandaue City, Lapu-Lapu City, Toledo City, City of Talisay, Pinamungahan, Minglanilla, City of Naga, San Fernando, Aloguinsan, Borbon, Carmen, Tuburan, City of Bogo, Tabogon, Catmon, Cordova, San Remigio, Sogod, Tabuelan, Barili, City of Carcar) including Camotes Islands, the northern portion of Bohol (Getafe, Talibon, Bien Unido, Ubay, Trinidad, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, Mabini, San Miguel, Alicia, Pilar, Dagohoy, Danao, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin, Sagbayan), the rest of Northern Samar, the rest of Samar, Eastern Samar, Biliran, Leyte, and Southern Leyte	-
	Warning lead time: 36 hours Range of wind speeds: 39 to 61 km/h (Beaufort 6 to 7) Potential impacts of winds: Minimal to minor threat to life and property		

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OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS

Heavy Rainfall Outlook

Refer to Weather Advisory No. 28 issued at 11:00 AM today for the heavy rainfall outlook due to Tropical Cyclone OPONG and the Southwest Monsoon.

Severe Winds

The wind signals warn the public of the general wind threat over an area due to the tropical cyclone. Local winds may be slightly stronger/enhanced in coastal and upland/mountainous areas exposed to winds. Winds are less strong in areas sheltered from the prevailing wind direction.

- **Moderate to significant impacts** from storm-force winds are possible within any of the areas under Wind Signal No. 3.
- **Minor to moderate impacts** from gale-force winds are possible within any of the areas under Wind Signal No. 2.
- **Minimal to minor impacts** from strong winds are possible within any of the areas under Wind Signal No. 1.

The Southwest Monsoon enhanced by OPONG, will bring **strong to gale-force gusts** over the following areas **not under Wind Signal** (especially in coastal and upland areas exposed to winds):

- **Today:** Ilocos Region, Cordillera Administrative Region, Cagayan Valley, Palawan, Visayas, Zamboanga del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Camiguin, Caraga Region, and Davao Region.
- **Tomorrow (27 September):** Luzon and Western Visayas.



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HAZARDS AFFECTING COASTAL WATERS

A Gale Warning is in effect over the seaboard of Southern Luzon and Visayas and the western seaboard of Central Luzon. Refer to Gale Warning No. 3 issued at 5:00 AM today.

24-Hour Sea Condition Outlook

Up to very rough, high, or very high over the following coastal waters:

- **Up to 9.0 m:** The seaboard of Romblon.
- **Up to 6.0 m:** The seaboard of Batangas, Quezon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Island, Marinduque.
- **Up to 4.5 m:** The seaboard of Zambales, Bicol Region, Calamian Islands, Cuyo Islands, Western Visayas, Negros Occidental, Bantayan Islands, Camotes Islands, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Samar, Biliran; the western seaboard of Cavite and Bataan; the northern and western coasts of Leyte; the northern seaboard of Cebu.
- **Sea travel is risky for all types or tonnage of vessels. All mariners must remain in port or, if underway, seek shelter or safe harbor as soon as possible until winds and waves subside.**

Up to rough seas over the following coastal waters:

- **Up to 4.0 m:** The seaboard of Isabela, Aurora, Pampanga, Bulacan, and Metro Manila; the western seaboard of Pangasinan; the remaining seaboard of Bataan and Cavite.
- **Up to 3.5 m:** The seaboard of Batanes, Ilocos Norte, and Cagayan including Babuyan Islands; the eastern seaboard of Dinagat and Siargao Islands; the western seaboard of northern Palawan.
- **Mariners of small seacrafts, including all types of motorbancas, are advised not to venture out to sea under these conditions, especially if inexperienced of operating ill-equipped vessels.**

Up to moderate seas over the following coastal waters:

- **Up to 2.5 m:** The seaboard of Surigao del Norte, Davao del Sur, and Davao Oriental; the remaining seaboard of Luzon and Visayas.
- **Mariners of motorbancas and similarly-sized vessels are advised to take precautionary measures while venturing out to sea and, if possible, avoid navigation under these conditions.**

Coastal Inundation

There is a **moderate to high risk of life-threatening storm surge** with peak heights reaching **1.0 to 3.0 m** within 24 hours over the low-lying or exposed coastal localities of Bataan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Metro Manila, CALABARZON, Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Island, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Calamian Islands, Bicol Region, Northern Samar, Samar, Negros Occidental, Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Iloilo. **Refer to Storm Surge Warning No. 8 issued at 8:00 AM today for the details.**

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
- 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 the hoisted Wind Signals (for direct wind threat of the tropical cyclone) and "Other Hazards affecting Land Areas" for more details. Furthermore, the track may still shift more to the north or to the south but within the limit of the forecast confidence cone.
- After making landfall over San Fernando, Romblon and Alcantara, Romblon at 8:10 AM and 9:20 AM today respectively, OPONG will continue moving west northwestward and **may make landfall over the southern portion of Oriental Mindoro by noon or early afternoon today**. It will emerge over the Mindoro Strait tonight and head towards the West Philippine Sea. On the track forecast, OPONG will exit our Philippine Area of Responsibility tomorrow (27 September) afternoon.
- OPONG will likely remain as a severe tropical storm until it emerges over the Mindoro Strait. Re-intensification is highly likely as OPONG moves over the West Philippine Sea.

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 2:00 PM today.

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