



TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 1

Tropical Depression OPONG

Issued at 5:00 PM, 23 September 2025

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THE TROPICAL DEPRESSION HAS ENTERED THE PHILIPPINE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND WAS NAMED "OPONG".

Location of Center (4:00 PM)

The center of Tropical Depression OPONG was estimated based on all available data at **1,045 km East of Northeastern Mindanao (10.4°N, 135.0°E)**.

Intensity

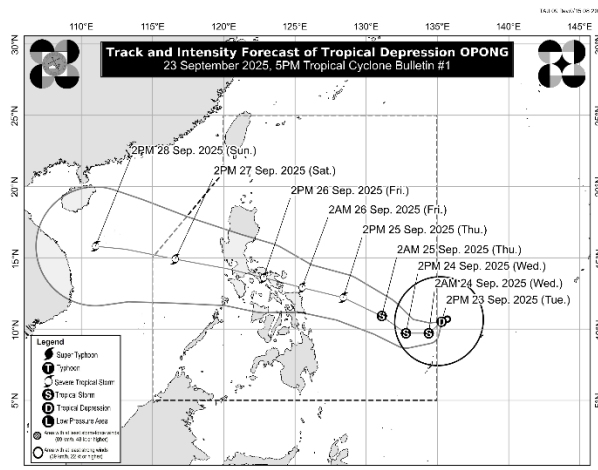
Maximum sustained winds of **55 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **70 km/h**, and central pressure of **1004 hPa**

Present Movement

West southwestward at 10 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

Strong winds extend outwards up to **360 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 AM 24 September 2025	9.7	134.4	980 km East of Northeastern Mindanao	65	TS	SW 10
24-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 24 September 2025	9.7	132.8	800 km East of Northeastern Mindanao	75	TS	W 15
36-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 25 September 2025	10.9	131.1	585 km East of Guiuan, Eastern Samar	85	TS	NW 20
48-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 25 September 2025	12.2	128.4	410 km East of Catarman, Northern Samar	95	STS	WNW 25
60-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 26 September 2025	12.9	125.5	Over the coastal waters of Palapag, Northern Samar	95	STS	WNW 30
72-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 26 September 2025	13.6	122.8	Over the coastal waters of Libmanan, Northern Samar	95	STS	WNW 25
96-Hour Forecast 2:00 AM 27 September 2025	14.9	116.6	365 km West of Iba, Zambales	95	STS	WNW 30
120-Hour Forecast 2:00 PM 28 September 2025	15.8	111.0	965 km West of Central Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	95	STS	W 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 36 hours. Onset of **heavy rains due OPONG is possible by Thursday (25 September) onwards**. For more information, refer to Weather Advisory No. 17 issued at 5:00 PM today.

Severe Winds

Wind Signal No. 1 will be hoisted over Eastern Visayas and Bicol Region as early as tomorrow (23 September), 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 and possible Easterlies, 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):

- **Tomorrow (24 September):** Most of Luzon, Western Visayas, Surigao del Norte, and Dinagat Islands.
- **Thursday (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 Eastern Visayas and northeastern Mindanao starting Thursday afternoon. Gale Warning may be raised over Eastern Visayas and Bicol Region as early as Thursday 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 either tomorrow (24 September) or on Thursday (25 September).

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TRACK AND INTENSITY OUTLOOK


- OPONG has entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility and is forecast to move generally southwestward in the next 24 hours before turning westward to west northwestward while approaching Eastern Visayas – Southern Luzon area. On the forecast track, OPONG may pass close or make landfall over Northern Samar by Friday (26 September) early morning and is expected to cross Southern Luzon area until Friday evening or Saturday (27 September) early morning.
- OPONG will continue to intensify while over the Philippine Sea and may reach severe tropical storm category by Thursday (25 September) afternoon. 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.**

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