



## TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 15 Severe Tropical Storm OPONG (BUALOI)

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### OPOONG WEAKENS INTO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AND IS NOW OVER MASBATE.

#### Location of Center (4:00 AM)

The center of Severe Tropical Storm OPOONG was estimated based on all available data including those from Guiuan and Laoang Doppler Weather Radar **in the vicinity of Palanas, Masbate (12.1°N, 123.9°E)**.

#### Intensity

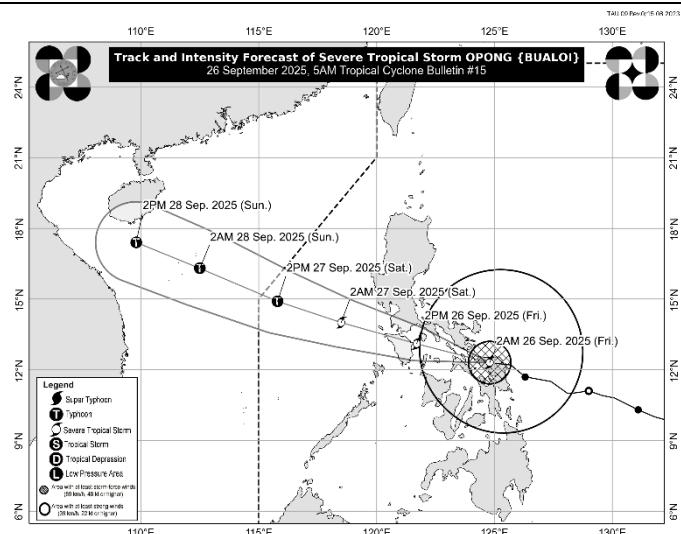
Maximum sustained winds of **110 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **150 km/h**, and central pressure of **985 hPa**.

#### Present Movement

**West northwestward at 30 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.	
<b>12-Hour Forecast</b> 2:00 PM 26 September 2025	13.1	121.7	Over the coastal waters of Pola, Oriental Mindoro	110	STS	WNW 30
<b>24-Hour Forecast</b> 2:00 AM 27 September 2025	14.0	118.5	275 km West of Ambulong, Tanauan City, Batangas	110	STS	WNW 30
<b>36-Hour Forecast</b> 2:00 PM 27 September 2025	14.9	115.8	500 km West of Abucay, Bataan	120	TY	WNW 25
<b>48-Hour Forecast</b> 2:00 AM 28 September 2025	16.3	112.5	840 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	120	TY	WNW 30
<b>60-Hour Forecast</b> 2:00 PM 28 September 2025	17.4	109.8	1,130 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	120	TY	WNW 25



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<b>TCWS No.</b>	<b>Luzon</b>	<b>Visayas</b>	<b>Mindanao</b>
<b>3</b>  Wind threat: <b>Storm-force winds</b>	<p><b>Sorsogon, Masbate including Ticao and Burias Islands, Albay, the western and southern portions of Camarines Sur</b> (Buhi, Iriga City, Bato, Nabua, Balatan, Baa, Bula, Minalabac, San Fernando, Pamplona, Pasacao, Libmanan, Sagñay, Tigaon, Pili, Ocampo, Calabanga, Naga City, Bombon, Canaman, Magarao, Gainza, Milaor, Camaligan, Cabusao, Sipocot, Lupi, Ragay, Del Gallego), <b>the southern portion of Quezon</b> (San Francisco, San Andres, San Narciso, Mulanay, Buenavista, Catanauan, General Luna, Guinayangan, Lopez, Macalelon, Tagkawayan, Calauag, Gumaca, Pitogo, Unisan, Plaridel, Atimonan, Padre Burgos, Agdangan, Pagbilao, City of Tayabas, Lucban, Sampaloc, Lucena City, Sariaya, Candelaria, Dolores, Tiaong, San Antonio), <b>Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Islands, Batangas, and the southern portion of Laguna</b> (Alaminos, San Pablo City, Rizal, Nagcarlan, Liliw, Majayjay, Luisiana)</p>	<p><b>Northern Samar, the northern and central portions of Eastern Samar</b> (Can-Avid, Maslog, City of Borongan, San Policarpio, Taft, Maydolong, Dolores, Jipapad, Oras, Arteche, Balangkayan, Sulat, San Julian), <b>the northern and central portions of Samar</b> (San Jorge, San Sebastian, Santa Rita, Villareal, Zumarraga, Matuguinao, Pinabacdao, Almagro, Calbayog City, Talalora, Jiabong, Pagsanghan, City of Catbalogan, Gandara, Motiong, Santo Niño, Tagapul-An, San Jose de Buan, Santa Margarita, Tarangnan, Calbiga, Daram, Paranas, Basey, Hinabangan), <b>Biliran</b>, and <b>the northern portion of Leyte</b> (Babatngon, San Miguel, Tacloban City, Barugo, Calubian, San Isidro, Leyte, Capoocan, Carigara)</p>	-
Warning lead time: <b>18 hours</b> Range of wind speeds: <b>89 to 117 km/h (Beaufort 10 to 11)</b> Potential impacts of winds: <b>Moderate to significant threat to life and property</b>			



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<b>2</b> Wind threat: <b>Gale-force winds</b>	<p><b>Catanduanes, the rest of Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, the rest of Quezon, the rest of Laguna, Rizal, Cavite, Metro Manila, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, the southern portion of Zambales</b> (San Marcelino, Subic, Olongapo City, Castillejos, San Antonio, San Narciso, San Felipe), and , and <b>Calamian Islands</b></p>	<p><b>The rest of Eastern Samar, the rest of Samar, the northern and central portions of Leyte</b> (Tunga, Pastrana, Mahaplag, Matag-Ob, Tolosa, Palo, Mayorga, Julita, Dagami, Inopacan, Jaro, Abuyog, Santa Fe, Albuera, Villaba, La Paz, Palompon, MacArthur, Tabontabon, Tanauan, Merida, Ormoc City, Isabel, Javier, Dulag, Alangalang, Hindang, City of Baybay, Burauen, Tabango, Kananga), <b>the northern portion of Cebu</b> (Medellin, Daanbantayan, Tabogon, City of Bogo, San Remigio, Borbon, Sogod, Tabuelan, Tuburan, Catmon, Carmen) <b>including Camotes and Bantayan Islands, the extreme northern portion of Negros Occidental</b> (Toboso, City of Escalante, Sagay City, Cadiz City, Manapla, City of Victorias, Enrique B. Magalona), <b>the northern portion of Iloilo</b> (Estancia, Carles, Balasan, Batad, San Dionisio, Concepcion, Sara, Ajuy, Lemery, Barotac Viejo, San Rafael, San Enrique, City of Passi, Bingawan, Calinog), <b>Capiz, Aklan, and the northwestern portion of Antique</b> (Libertad, Pandan, Sebaste, Culasi) <b>including Caluya Islands</b></p>
<p>Warning lead time: <b>24 hours</b> Range of wind speeds: <b>62 to 88 km/h (Beaufort 8 to 9)</b> Potential impacts of winds: <b>Minor to moderate threat to life and property</b></p>		

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TCWS No.	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
<b>1</b> Wind threat: <b>Strong winds</b>	<b>The central and southern portions of Isabela</b> (Alicia, San Mateo, Aurora, Ramon, Naguilian, Dinapigue, San Guillermo, Luna, City of Cauayan, Echague, Angadanan, Benito Soliven, City of Santiago, Reina Mercedes, San Agustin, San Manuel, Cabatuan, Gamu, San Isidro, Cordon, Jones, Burgos, San Mariano, Palanan), <b>Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Ifugao, the southwestern portion of Mountain Province</b> (Bauko, Sabangan, Tadian), <b>Benguet, the southern portion of Ilocos Sur</b> (Suppon, Alilem), <b>La Union, Pangasinan, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, the rest of Zambales, Cuyo Islands, and the northern portion of mainland Palawan</b> (El Nido, Taytay, Dumaran, Araceli)	<b>Southern Leyte, the rest of Leyte, the eastern and central portions of Bohol</b> (Getafe, Talibon, Bien Unido, Ubay, Trinidad, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, Mabini, San Miguel, Alicia, Candijay, Anda, Guindulman, Pilar, Dagohoy, Danao, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin, Sagbayan, Carmen, Sierra Bullones, Duero, Jagna), <b>the central portion of Cebu</b> (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, City of Carcar, Barili), <b>the northern portion of Negros Oriental</b> (Vallehermoso, Canlaon City, City of Guihulngan), <b>the northern and central portions of Negros Occidental</b> (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), <b>the central portion of Iloilo</b> (Banate, Anilao, Dueñas, Dingle, Barotac Nuevo, Dumangas, Lambunao, Janiuay, Badiangan, Pototan, Mina, Zarraga, New Lucena, Cabatuan, Maasin), <b>and the central portion of Antique</b> (Tibiao, Barbaza, Bugasong, Laua-An, Valderrama)	<b>Dinagat Islands and Surigao del Norte including Siargao Island and Bucas Grande Islands</b>
Warning lead time: <b>36 hours</b> Range of wind speeds: <b>39 to 61 km/h (Beaufort 6 to 7)</b> Potential impacts of winds: <b>Minimal to minor threat to life and property</b>			

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#### OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS

##### Heavy Rainfall Outlook

Refer to Weather Advisory No. 27 issued at 5:00 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 seaboards 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 11.0 m:** The seaboards of Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Samar, Biliran, Masbate including Ticao and Burias Islands; the southern and eastern seaboards of Albay and Sorsogon.
- Up to 6.0 m:** The seaboards of Romblon, Marinduque, and Oriental Mindoro; the northern seaboards of Leyte, Cebu, Iloilo, Capiz, and Aklan; the remaining seaboards of Bicol Region; the southern seaboards of Quezon and Batangas.
- Up to 4.5 m:** The seaboards of Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Island, and Polillo Islands; the western seaboards of Zambales and Bataan; the remaining seaboards of Batangas
- 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 seaboards of Isabela, Aurora, Cavite, Cuyo, and Calamian Islands; the remaining seaboards of Quezon
- Up to 3.5 m:** The seaboards of Cagayan including Babuyan Islands, Pampanga, Bulacan, and Metro Manila; the remaining seaboard of Bataan; the seaboards of Ilocos Norte; the eastern seaboards 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 seaboards of Surigao del Norte, Davao del Sur, and Davao Oriental; the remaining seaboards of Palawan 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 **high risk of life-threatening storm surge** with peak heights **exceeding 3.0 m** within 36 hours over the low-lying or exposed coastal localities of Zambales, Bataan, Metro Manila, CALABARZON, Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Island, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Palawan, Bicol Region, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Samar, Biliran, Leyte, Cebu, Aklan, Antique, and Capiz. **Refer to Storm Surge Warning No. 7 issued at 2:00 AM today for the details.**

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#### TRACK AND INTENSITY OUTLOOK

- 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.
- OPONG will continue moving west northwestward traversing Masbate, Sibuyan Sea, southern CALABARZON, and northern MIMAROPA, before emerging over the West Philippine Sea late evening today or tomorrow (27 September) early morning.
- As OPONG crosses the archipelago, it will likely remain as a severe tropical storm. Re-intensification is highly likely once OPONG emerges 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.**

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