



TROPICAL CYCLONE BULLETIN NR. 20
Severe Tropical Storm OPONG (BUALOI)

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SEVERE TROPICAL STORM “OPONG” IS NOW OVER THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

Location of Center (7:00 PM)

The center of Severe Tropical Storm OPONG was estimated based on all available data including those from Busuanga Doppler Weather Radar at **215 km West of Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro (13.5°N, 119.2°E).**

Intensity

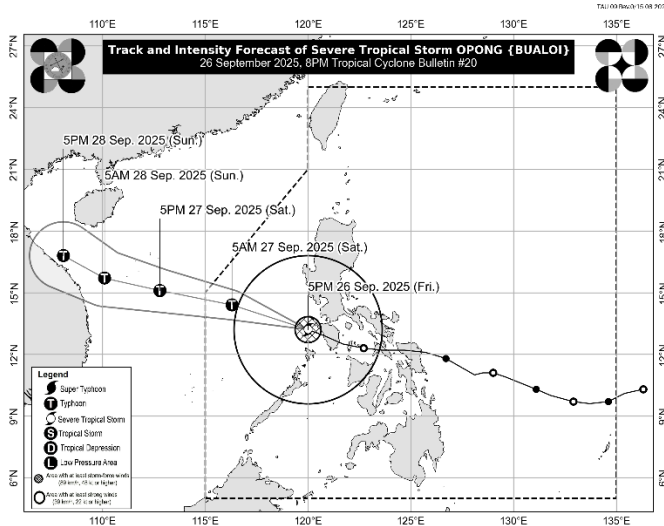
Maximum sustained winds of **110 km/h** near the center, gustiness of up to **135 km/h**, and central pressure of **985 hPa**.

Present Movement

West northwestward at 30 km/h

Extent of Tropical Cyclone Winds

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



TRACK AND INTENSITY FORECAST

Date and Time	Center Position		Location	Intensity		Movement dir. and speed (km/h)
	Lat. (°N)	Lon. (°E)		MSW (km/h)	Cat.	
12-Hour Forecast 5:00 AM 27 September 2025	14.4	116.3	430 km West of Cubi Pt, Subic Bay	120	TY	WNW 35
24-Hour Forecast 5:00 PM 27 September 2025	15.1	112.8	770 km West of Iba, Zambales (OUTSIDE PAR)	130	TY	WNW 30
36-Hour Forecast 5:00 AM 28 September 2025	15.7	110.1	1,060 km West of Central Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	140	TY	WNW 25
48-Hour Forecast 5:00 PM 28 September 2025	16.8	108.1	1,310 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR)	150	TY	WNW 20

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TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNALS (TCWS) IN EFFECT			
TCWS No.	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
2 Wind threat: Gale-force winds	The western portion of Batangas (Nasugbu, Tuy, Balayan, Lian, Calatagan, Calaca), Occidental Mindoro, and Calamian Islands	-	-
	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		
1 Wind threat: Strong winds	Pangasinan, the southern portion of Aurora (Dingalan, Baler, Maria Aurora, San Luis), Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Zambales, Bataan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Metro Manila, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, the rest of Batangas, Quezon, the western portion of Camarines Norte, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and the northern portion of Palawan including Cuyo Islands (Dumaran, San Vicente, Roxas, Taytay, Araceli, El Nido)	Aklan, the northern portion of Antique (Patnongon, Barbaza, Pandan, San Jose, Bugasong, Culasi, Sebaste, Tibiao, Belison, Laua-An, Libertad) including Caluya Islands, and the western portion of Capiz (Sapi-An, Tapaz, Mambusao, Jamindan)	-
	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		

OTHER HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND AREAS
<p><u>Heavy Rainfall Outlook</u></p> <p>Refer to Weather Advisory No. 29 issued at 5:00 PM today for the heavy rainfall outlook due to Tropical Cyclone OPONG and the Southwest Monsoon.</p> <p><u>Severe Winds</u></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today: Luzon, 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 Central and Southern Luzon, eastern seaboard of Northern Luzon, and the western seaboard of Visayas. Refer to Gale Warning No 4 issued at 5:00 PM 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 Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Island.
- **Up to 6.0 m:** The seaboard of Batangas, Oriental Mindoro, and Calamian Islands.
- **Up to 4.5 m:** The seaboard of Isabela, Aurora, Zambales, Quezon, Romblon, Marinduque, Catanduanes, Cuyo Islands, Masbate including Ticao and Burias Islands, Aklan, Capiz, and Antique; the western seaboard of Cavite and Bataan; the northern seaboard of Palawan the northern and eastern seaboard of Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur.
- **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 Pampanga, Bulacan, and Metro Manila; the western seaboard of Pangasinan; the remaining seaboard of Bataan, Cavite, Western Visayas, and Bicol Region.
- **Up to 3.5 m:** The seaboard of Batanes, Ilocos Norte, Cagayan including Babuyan Islands, Negros Island Region, and Central Visayas; the remaining seaboard of 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 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, Cavite, Batangas, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, the northern portion of Palawan including Calamian and Cuyo Islands, Marinduque, Romblon, the western portion of Aklan, and the northern portion of Antique. **Refer to Storm Surge Warning No. 10 issued at 8:00 PM today for the details.**


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.**
- On the track forecast, OPONG will exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) tomorrow (27 September) morning or afternoon. Outside the PAR region, OPONG will move generally west northwestward towards northern Vietnam.
- OPONG may re-intensify into a Typhoon within the next 12 hours as it 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 11:00 PM today.

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