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**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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**NDRRMC UPDATE**

**Severe Weather Bulletin No. 5  
 for Tropical Depression "USMAN"**

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**TROPICAL DEPRESSION USMAN MAINTAINS ITS STRENGTH AS IT CONTINUES TO MOVES WEST-NORTHWESTWARD.**

- Possible raising of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #1 over Albay incl. Burias Island, Romblon, Aklan, Capiz, Northern section of Negros Occidental, and the Northern section of Iloilo in the next severe weather bulletin.
- "USMAN" may intensify into a Tropical Storm prior to landfall over Eastern Samar on 28 December (Friday).
- Moderate to heavy rains, which may trigger floodings and landslides, may affect Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas, Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Islands starting today. Residents of these areas, especially those living near river channels and in low-lying and mountainous areas, are advised to take precautionary measures, coordinate with local disaster risk reduction and management offices, and continue monitoring for updates.
- Fisherfolks and those with small seacrafts are advised not to venture out over the northern and western seaboard of Northern Luzon, eastern seaboard of Southern Luzon and including areas under TCWS due to rough seas associated with "USMAN".
- Possible exit PAR on 31 December.

<b>Location of eye/center:</b>	At <b>4:00 AM today</b> , the center of <b>Tropical Depression "USMAN"</b> was estimated based on all available data at <b>435 km East of Guiuan, Eastern Samar (10.6 °N, 129.7 °E)</b>
<b>Strength:</b>	Maximum winds of up to <b>55 km/h</b> near the center and gustiness of up to <b>65 km/h</b>
<b>Movement:</b>	Moving <b>West Northwest</b> at <b>20 km/h</b>
<b>Forecast Positions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24 Hour</b> (Tomorrow morning): <b>205 km East of Borongan City, Eastern Samar(11.5°N, 127.3°E)</b></li> <li>• <b>48 Hour</b> (Saturday morning): <b>45 km Northwest of Roxas City, Capiz(11.9°N, 122.5°E)</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72 Hour (Sunday morning): <b>200 km North Northwest of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan(11.4°N, 118.0°E)</b></li> <li>• 96 Hour (Monday morning): <b>10 km North of Pagasa Island, Palawan (OUTSIDE PAR)(11.1°N, 114.1°E)</b></li> <li>• 120 Hour (Tuesday morning): <b>275 km West Southwest of Pagasa Island, Palawan (OUTSIDE PAR)(10.3°N, 111.7°E)</b></li> </ul>			
<b>TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL</b>				
TCWS	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	Impacts of the wind
<b>1</b> (30-60 km/h Expected in 36 hours)	<b>Sorsogon  and  Masbate,  including  Ticao Island</b>	<b>Eastern  Samar,  Northern  Samar,  Samar,  Biliran,  Leyte,  Southern  Leyte,  and  Northern  Cebu,  including  Camotes  Islands</b>	<b>Dinagat  Island</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very light or no damage to low risk structures,</li> <li>• Light damage to medium to high risk structures</li> <li>• Slight damage to, some houses of very light materials or makeshift structures in exposed communities. Some banana plants are tilted, a few downed and leaves are generally damaged</li> <li>• Twigs of small trees may be broken .</li> <li>• Rice crops, however, may suffer significant damage when it is in its flowering stage</li> </ul>
<b>The public and the disaster risk reduction and management council concerned are advised to take appropriate actions and watch for the next Severe Weather Bulletin to be issued at 11 AM today</b>				

## I. ACTIONS TAKEN

NDRRM Operations Center disseminated Severe Weather Advisory No. **5** for Tropical Depression “**USMAN**” to all OCD Regional Offices through SMS and facsimile and uploaded in the NDRRMC website for further dissemination to their respective local DRRMCs from the provincial down to the municipal levels.