



**NDRRMC UPDATE**

**Severe Weather Bulletin No. 6  
for Tropical Depression "USMAN"**

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**TROPICAL DEPRESSION "USMAN" HAS SLOWED DOWN AS IT MOVES TOWARDS EASTERN VISAYAS.**

- Possible raising of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #1 (TCWS #1) over Camarines Norte, southern Quezon, Marinduque, southern Oriental Mindoro, Antique, rest of Iloilo, and Guimaras in the next Severe Weather Bulletin. Possible disruption of maritime travel is expected over these areas.
- "USMAN" may intensify into a Tropical Storm prior to landfall over Eastern Samar on 28 December (Friday).
- Moderate to heavy rains, which may trigger flooding and landslides, are expected to affect Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas and Dinagat Islands today (December 27). Meanwhile, the same severe weather will prevail over Visayas, Bicol Region, Mindoro Provinces, Marinduque, Romblon, and Quezon tomorrow (28 December). Residents of these areas, especially those living near river channels and in low-lying and mountainous areas, are advised to take appropriate 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 seaboard of areas under TCWS #1, as well northern and western seaboard of Northern Luzon and the eastern seaboard of Surigao Provinces due to the approaching Tropical Depression and the surge of the Northeast Monsoon.
- "USMAN" may exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility between Sunday evening (December 30) and Monday morning (December 31).

<b>Location of eye/center:</b>	At 10:00 AM today, the center of Tropical Depression "USMAN" was estimated based on all available data at 450 km East of Surigao City, Surigao del Norte or 440 km East Southeast of Guiuan, Eastern Samar (10.0 °N, 129.6 °E )
<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</b> at <b>15 km/h</b>
<b>Forecast Positions:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24 Hour(Tomorrow morning): 120 km East of Guiuan, Eastern Samar(11.0°N, 126.8°E)</b></li> <li>• <b>48 Hour(Saturday morning):50 km North Northeast of Cuyo, Palawan(11.3°N, 121.1°E)</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72 Hour(Sunday morning): 250 km West Northwest of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan(10.9°N, 116.8°E)</li> <li>• 96 Hour(Monday morning):590 km West of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan (OUTSIDE PAR)(10.4°N, 113.4°E)</li> </ul>			
<b>TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL</b>				
TCWS	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	Impacts of the wind
1 (30-60 km/h Expected in 36 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romblon</li> <li>• Catanduanes</li> <li>• Camarines Sur</li> <li>• Albay</li> <li>• Sorsogon and Masbate</li> <li>• including Ticao and Burias Islands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Samar</li> <li>• Northern Samar</li> <li>• Samar</li> <li>• Biliran</li> <li>• Leyte</li> <li>• Southern Leyte</li> <li>• Northern Cebu including Camotes Islands</li> <li>• Aklan</li> <li>• Capiz</li> <li>• Northern Iloilo and Northern Negros Occidental</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dinagat Island</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twigs and branches of small trees may be broken.</li> <li>• Some banana plants may be tilted or downed.</li> <li>• Some houses of very light materials (nipa and cogon) may be partially unroofed.</li> <li>• Unless this warning signal is upgraded during the entire existence of the tropical cyclone, only very light or no damage at all may be sustained by the exposed communities.</li> <li>• Rice crop, however, may suffer significant damage when it is in its flowering stage.</li> </ul>
<p>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 5:00 PM today</p>				

**I. ACTIONS TAKEN**

NDRRM Operations Center disseminated Severe Weather Advisory No. **6** 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.