



NDRRMC UPDATE

Severe Weather Bulletin No. 9
for Tropical Depression "USMAN"

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TROPICAL DEPRESSION "USMAN" CONTINUES TO MOVE TOWARDS EASTERN VISAYAS WHILE MAINTAINING ITS STRENGTH.

- Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #1 (TCWS #1) may be raised over Camarines Norte and Southern Occidental Mindoro in the next Severe Weather Bulletin. Possible disruption of maritime travel should be expected over these areas.
- "USMAN" may intensify into a Tropical Storm prior to landfall over Eastern Samar tomorrow evening (28 December).
- Moderate to heavy rains, which may trigger flooding and landslides, will continue over Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas and Dinagat Islands tonight. Meanwhile, moderate to heavy rains will affect 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, the seaboard of Northern Luzon, the eastern seaboard of Central and Southern 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).

Location of eye/center:	At 10:00 PM today, the center of Tropical Depression "USMAN" was estimated based on all available data at 330 km East of Guisan, Eastern Samar (10.5°N, 128.7°E).
Strength:	Maximum winds of up to 55 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 65 km/h.
Movement:	Moving West Northwest at 10 km/h.
Forecast Positions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 Hour (Tomorrow evening): 30 km Southeast of Borongan City, Eastern Samar (11.4°N, 125.6°E)• 48 Hour (Saturday evening): 150 km West Southwest of Coron, Palawan (11.3°N, 119.0°E)• 72 Hour (Sunday evening): 145 km East of Pagasa Island, Palawan (10.9°N, 115.4°E)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96 Hour (Monday evening): 155 km West Southwest of Pagasa Island, Palawan (OUTSIDE PAR) (10.4°N, 112.8°E) 		
TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL			
TCWS	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao
1 (30-60 km/h Expected in 36 hours)	Southern Quezon, Marinduque, Romblon, Catanduanes, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate, including Ticao and Burias Islands, Southern Oriental Mindoro, and Cuyo Island.	Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Samar, Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Northern Cebu including Camotes Islands, Aklan, Capiz, Iloilo, Guimaras, Antique, and Northern Negros Occidental	Dinagat Island
<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 2:00 AM tomorrow.</p>			

I. ACTIONS TAKEN

NDRRM Operations Center disseminated Severe Weather Advisory No. 9 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.