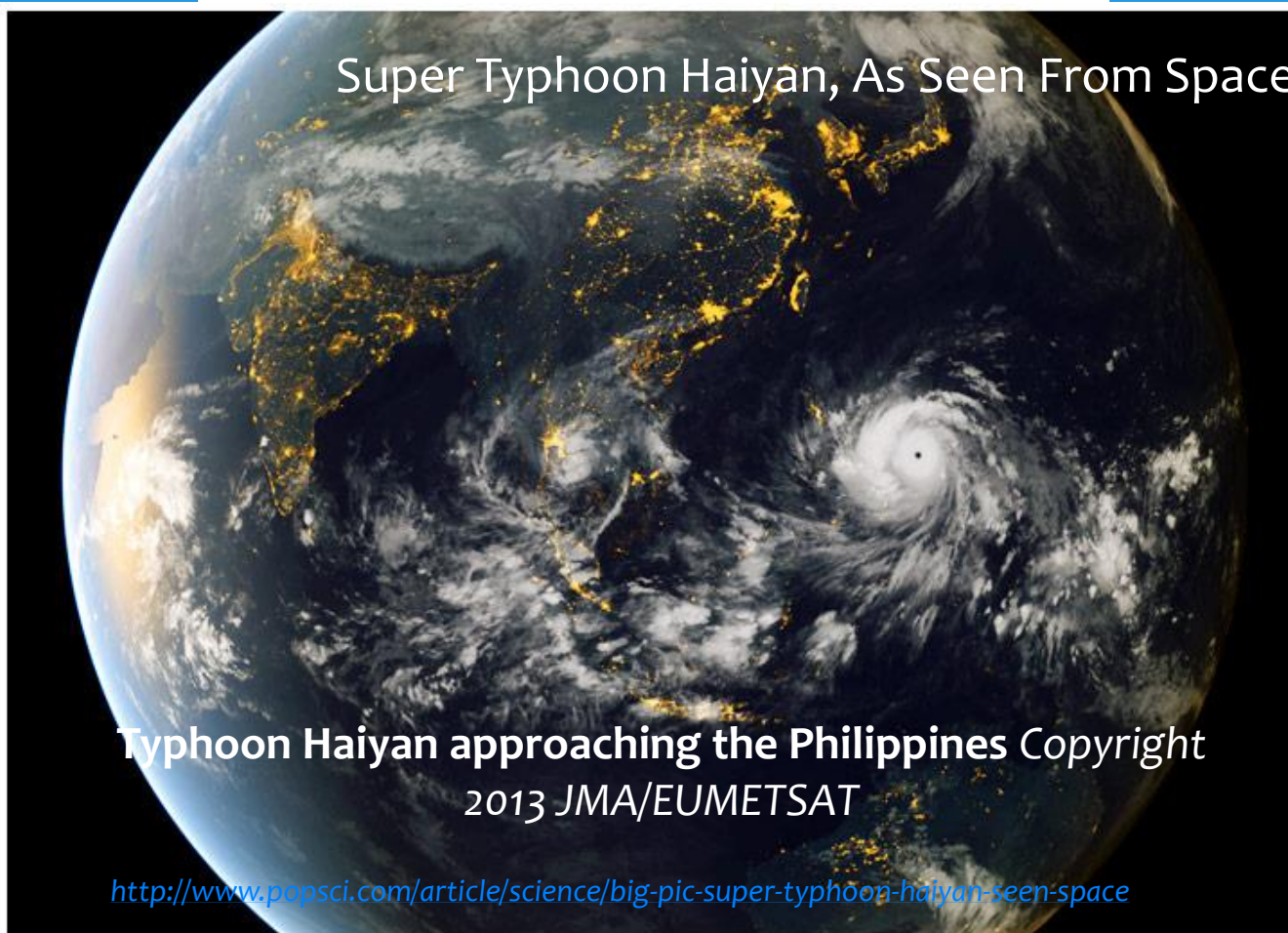




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Super Typhoon Haiyan, As Seen From Space

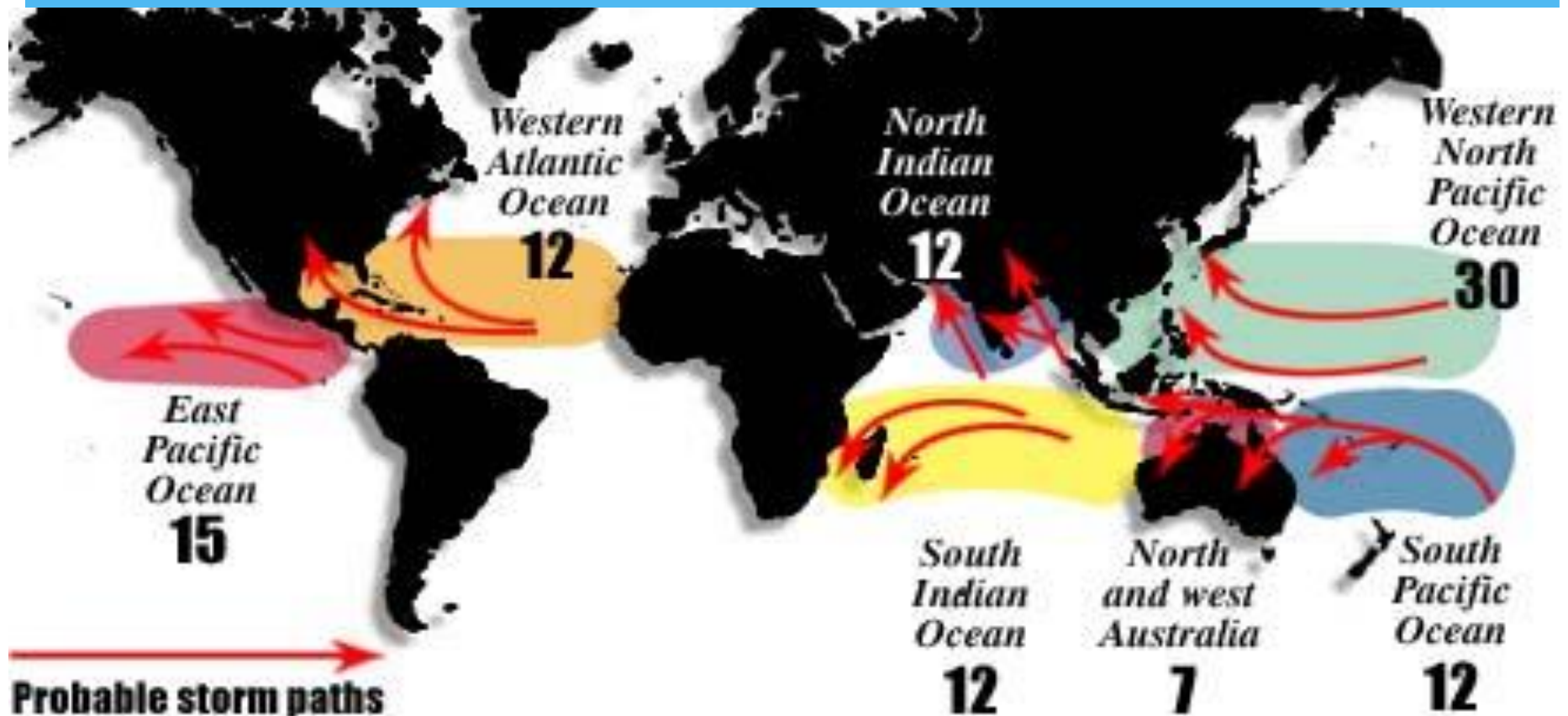


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## Report on TYPHOON YOLANDA (HAIYAN) Philippines

# Philippine tropical cyclone climatology



- \* Tropical cyclones which affect the country directly (landfalling) or indirectly usually forms over the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean on the east and at rare occasions, over the West Philippine Sea on the west.



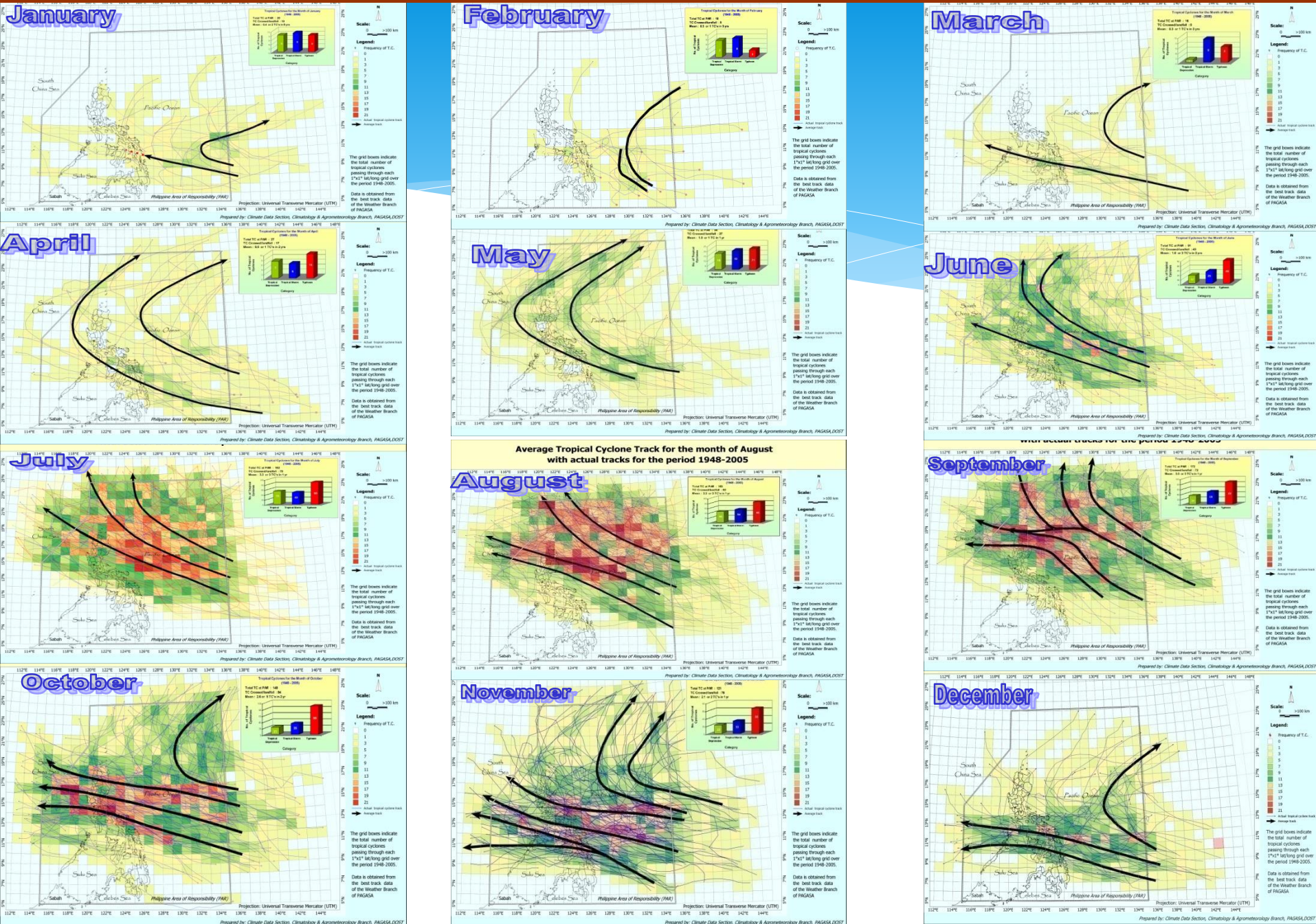
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Consolidated tropical cyclone track within the PAR for the period 1951 – 2000.

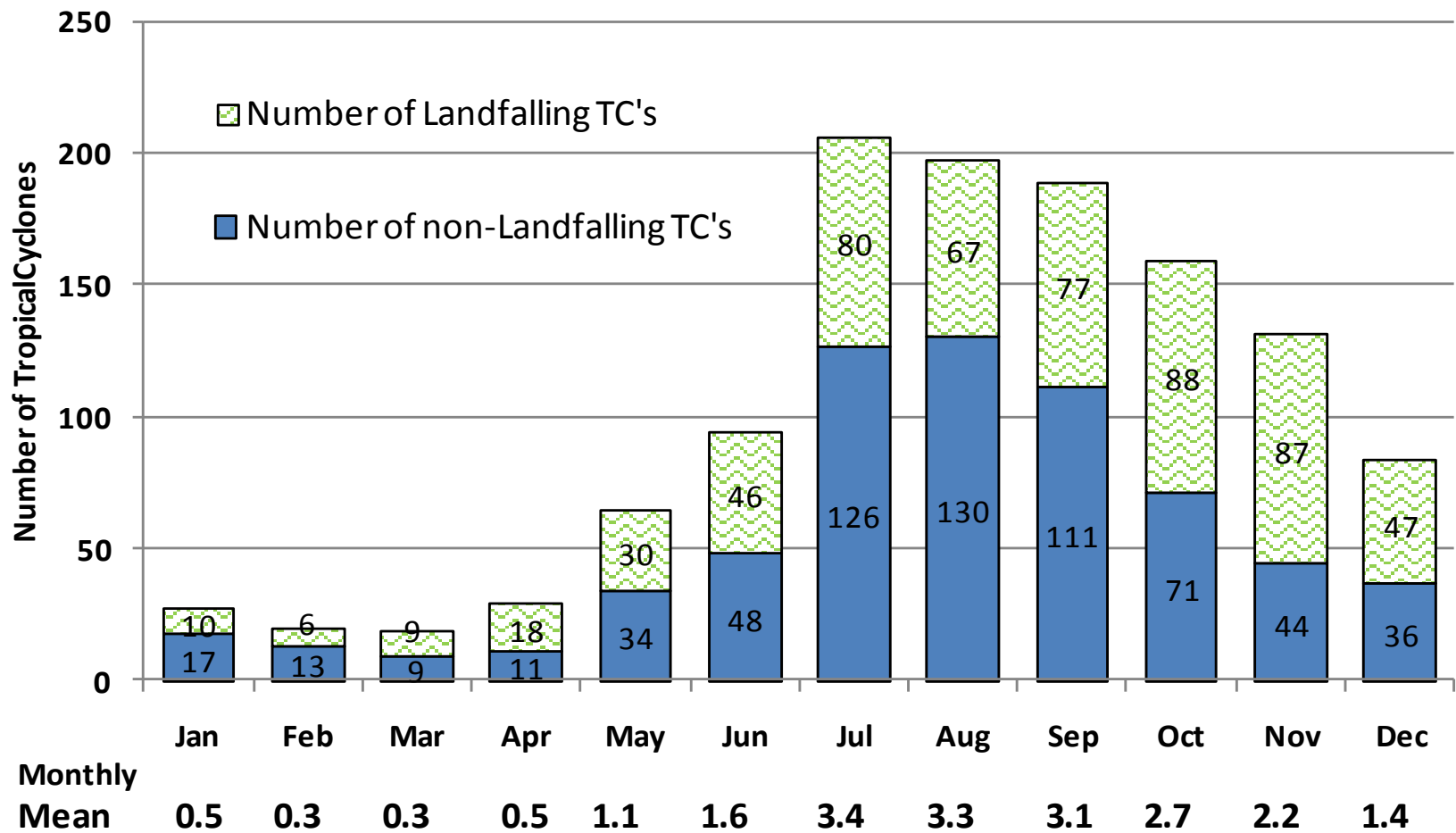


# Average tropical cyclone tracks (1948-2005)

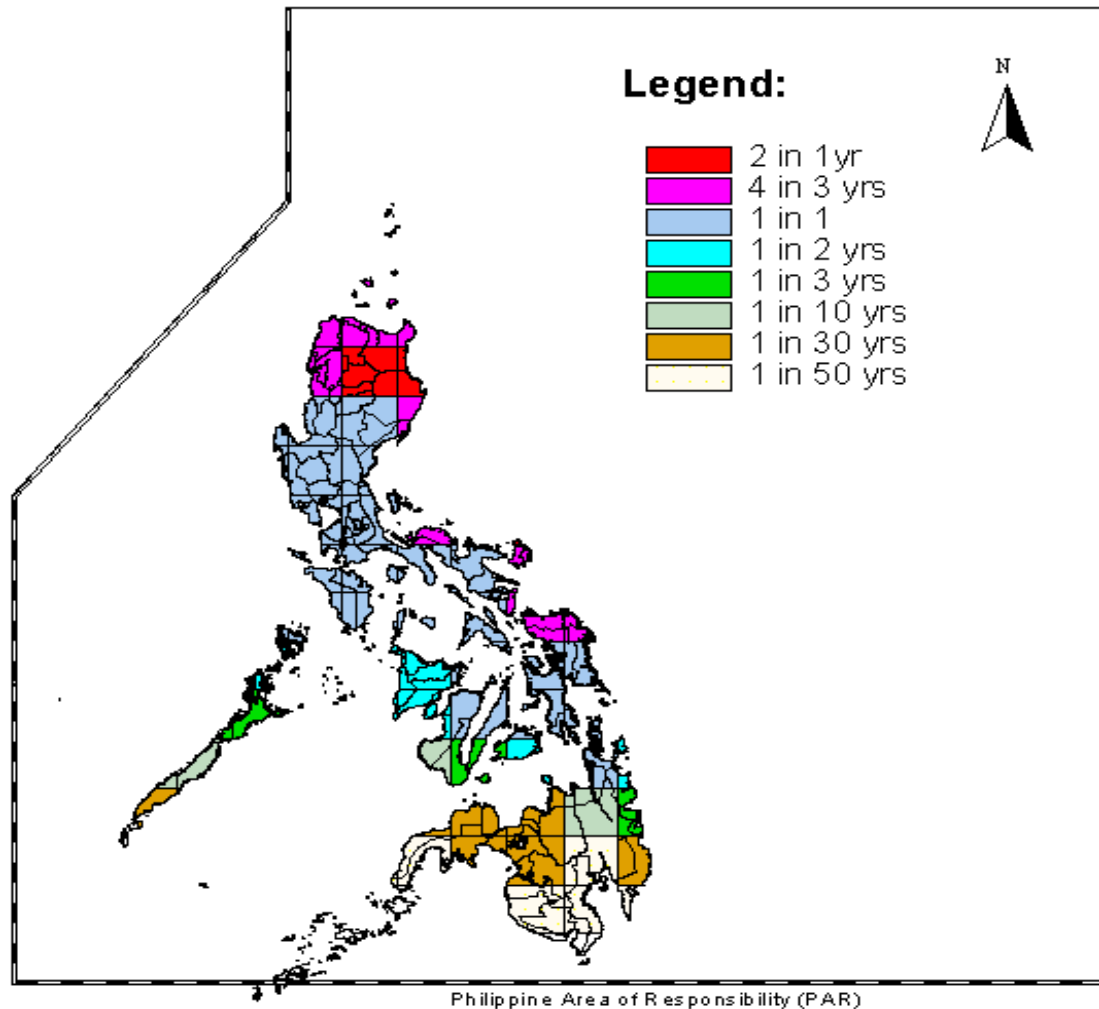




# Monthly frequency of T.C. entering the PAR and crossing the Philippines (1948-2010)



# Frequency of Tropical Cyclones in the Philippines (1948-2005)



Northern Luzon is most frequently hit by tropical cyclones followed by Catanduanes and Northern Samar and least in the Mindanao area.



# Chronology of PAGASA Activities

## 09 Nov 2013:

- PSWS #3 and #4 were lowered after Haiyan crossed Visayas islands and continued to move away from the country
- Final bulletin was issued at 3:30PM as Typhoon Haiyan exits PAR.

## 08 Nov 2013:

- Auxiliary bulletin was issued at 2AM to include other areas in Central Visayas and Southern Luzon under PSWS#4 due to acceleration of Haiyan
- 4:40AM, Haiyan made landfall over Guiuan, Eastern Samar
- 11PM, Haiyan exits the landmass of N. Palawan after crossing Central Visayas and Southern Luzon area

## 07 Nov 2013:

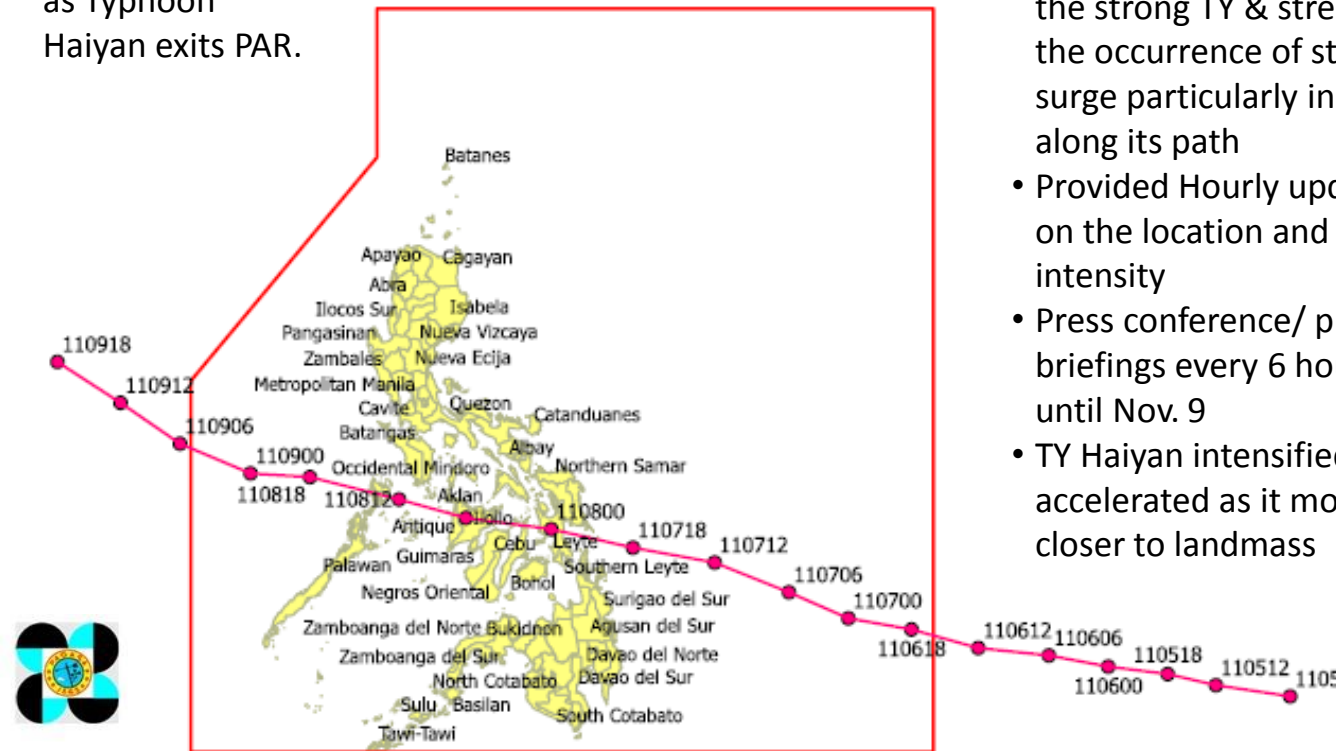
- Deployed STRIDE Team to Sorsogon
- Emphasized that a storm surge of **5-7 meters** is expected over the coastal areas in provinces of Surigao, Dinagat, **Samar and Leyte**, Sorsogon, Masbate, Northern Cebu and Bohol
- Conferred w/ the President who called for a nationwide preparation for the strong TY & stressed the occurrence of storm surge particularly in areas along its path
- Provided Hourly updates on the location and intensity
- Press conference/ press briefings every 6 hours until Nov. 9
- TY Haiyan intensified & accelerated as it moved closer to landmass

## 06 Nov 2013:

- Issued Regular Severe Wx. Bulletin although the TY was still outside PAR
- Presented in the NDRRMC meeting the forecast track of TY Haiyan and possible impacts
- Press conference - PAGASA emphasized that PSWS No. 4 will be issued and storm surge is expected.
- Assigned a meteorologist at the NDRRMC Operation Center
- Dispatched 2 meteorologists to Iloilo
- Dispatched 2 radar technicians to Hinatuan Radar operation.

## 05 Nov - Issued initial Weather Advisory

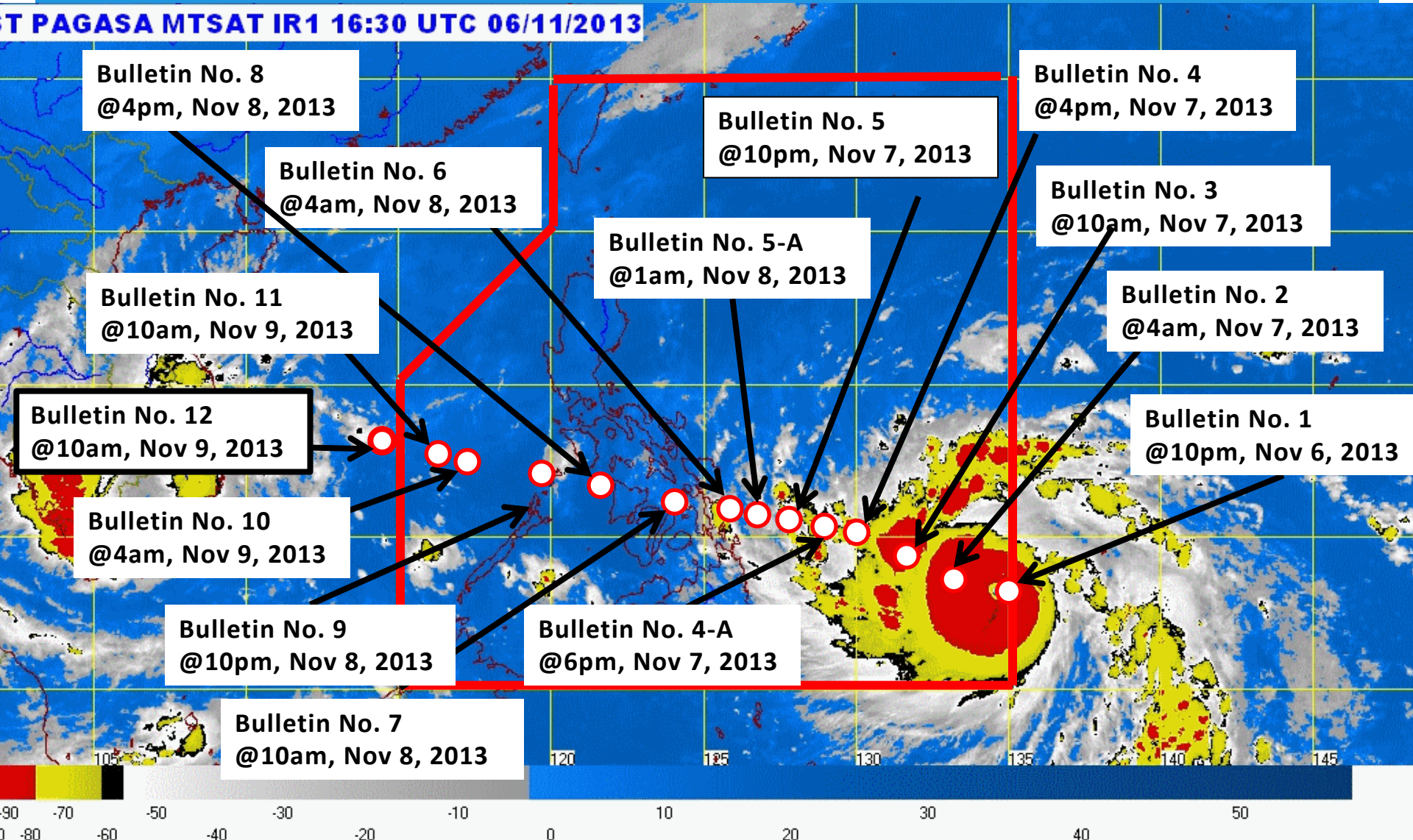
- Visayas PRSD alerted the media & Prov. Gov. of Cebu & Bohol approaching TY



# TYPHOON YOLANDA (HAIYAN)

November 6 – November 10, 2013

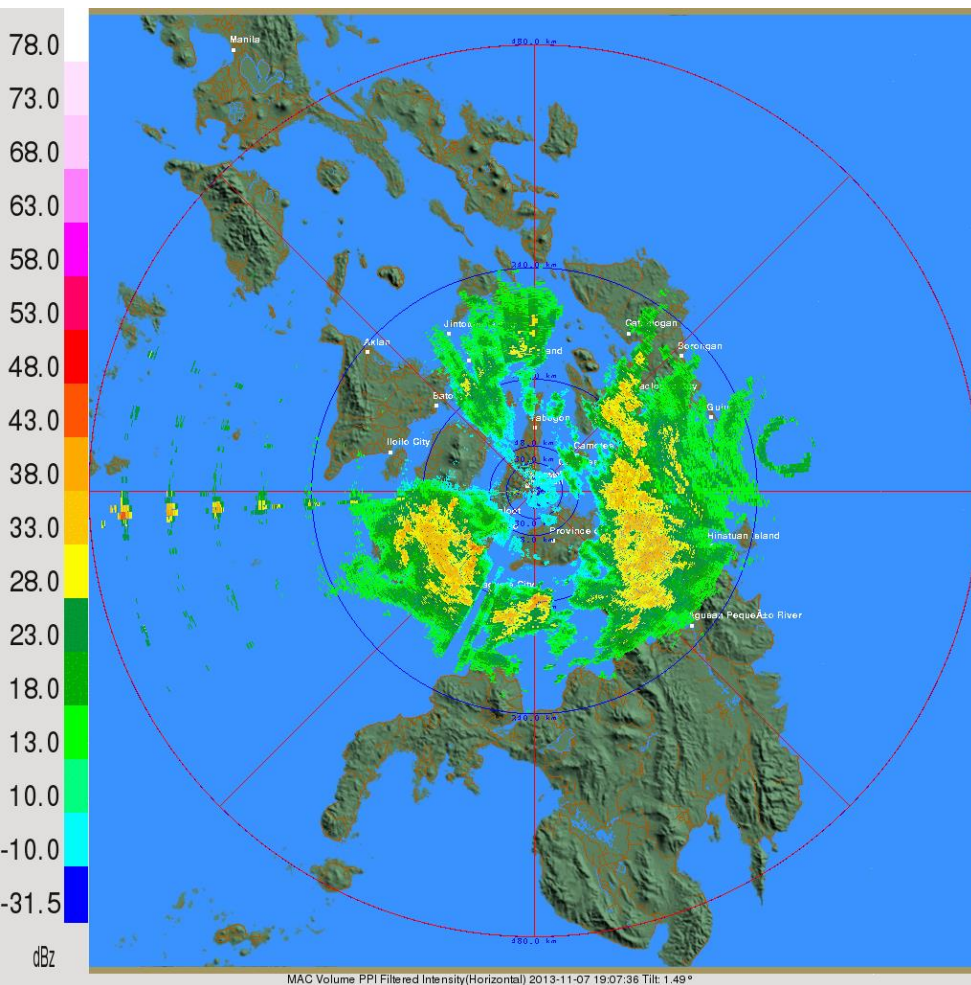
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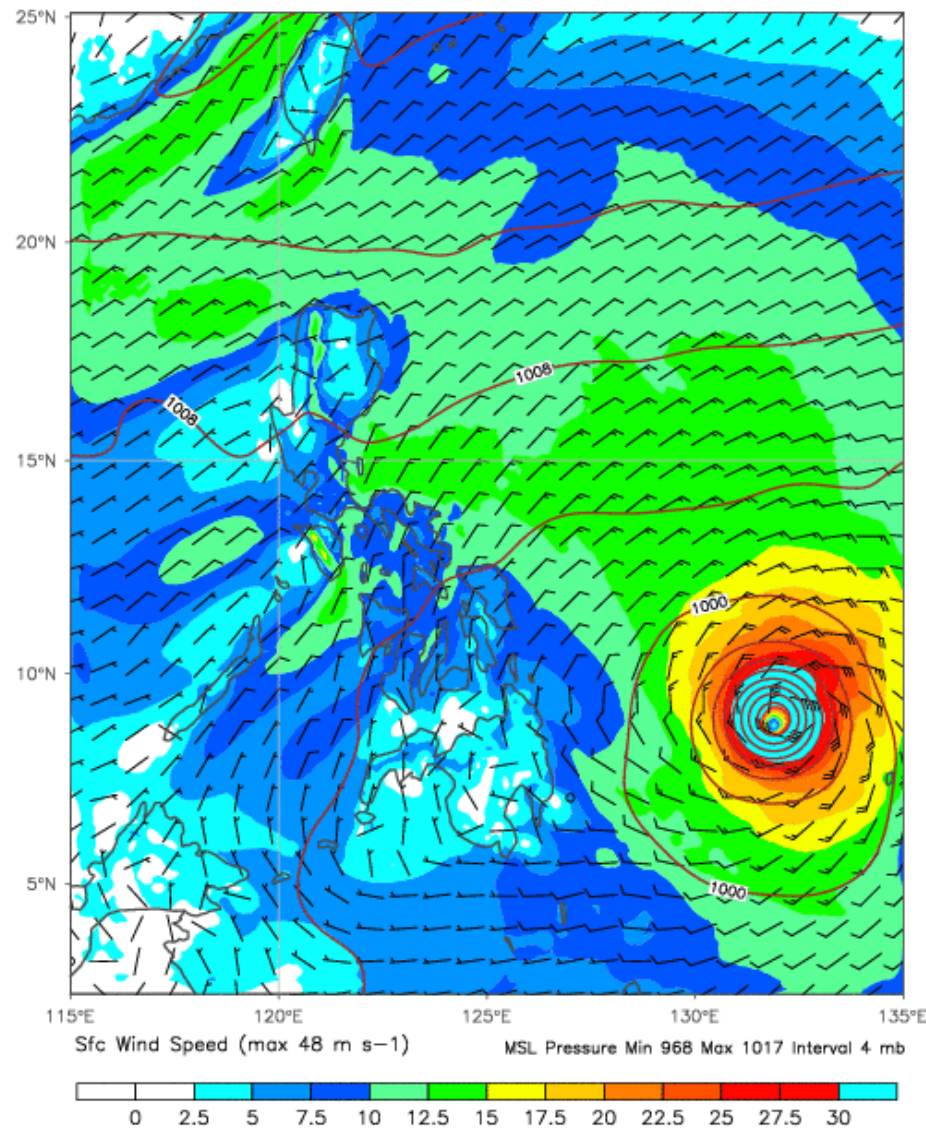
# Typhoon HAIYAN “YOLANDA”

## 6-9 November 2013 (23<sup>rd</sup> TC in PAR in 2013)

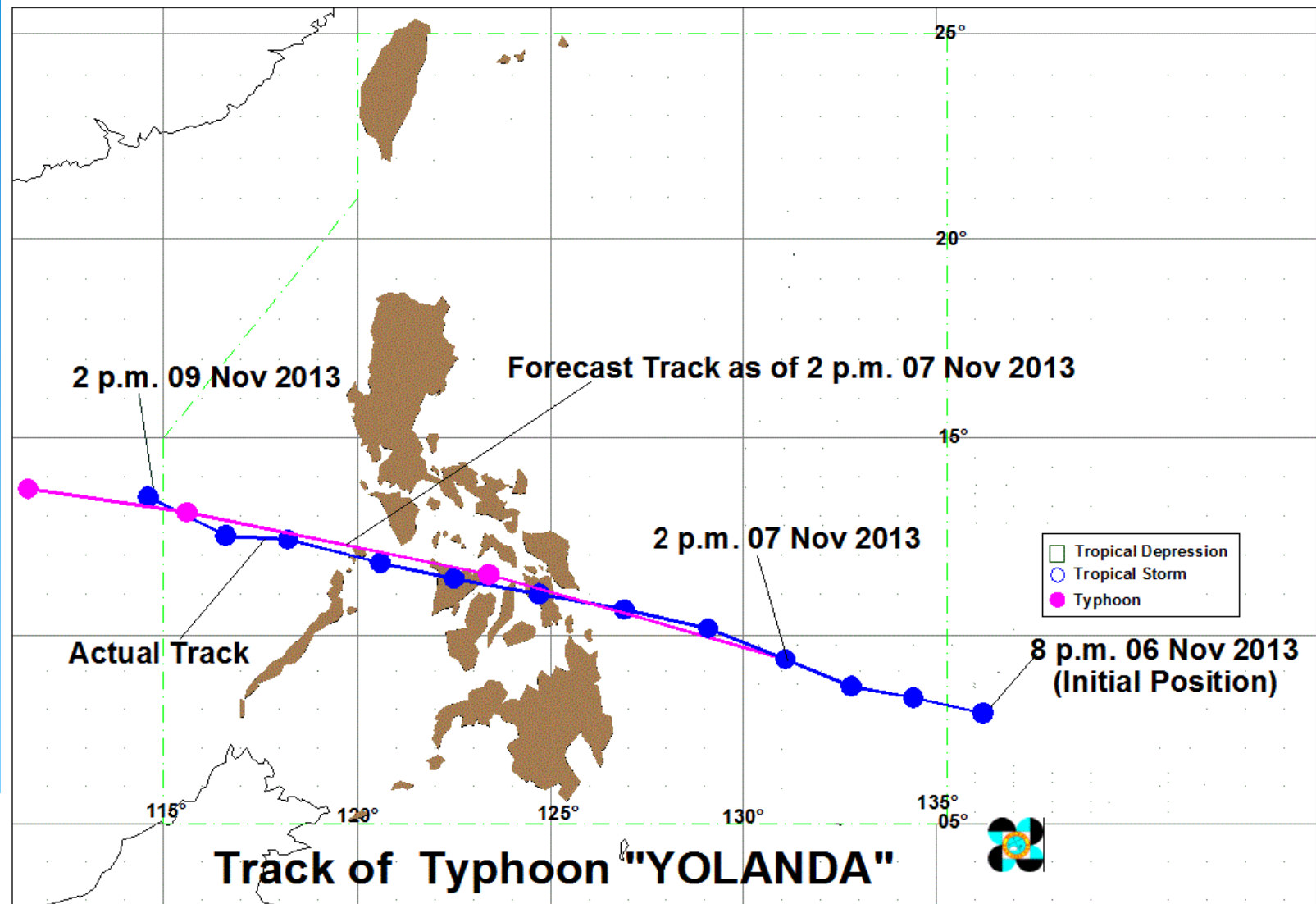


0 hr WRF forecast  
Thu 07 Nov 2013 03:00 UTC

Surface Wind Speed



# Forecast Track vs. Actual Track



● Actual track    ● Forecast track

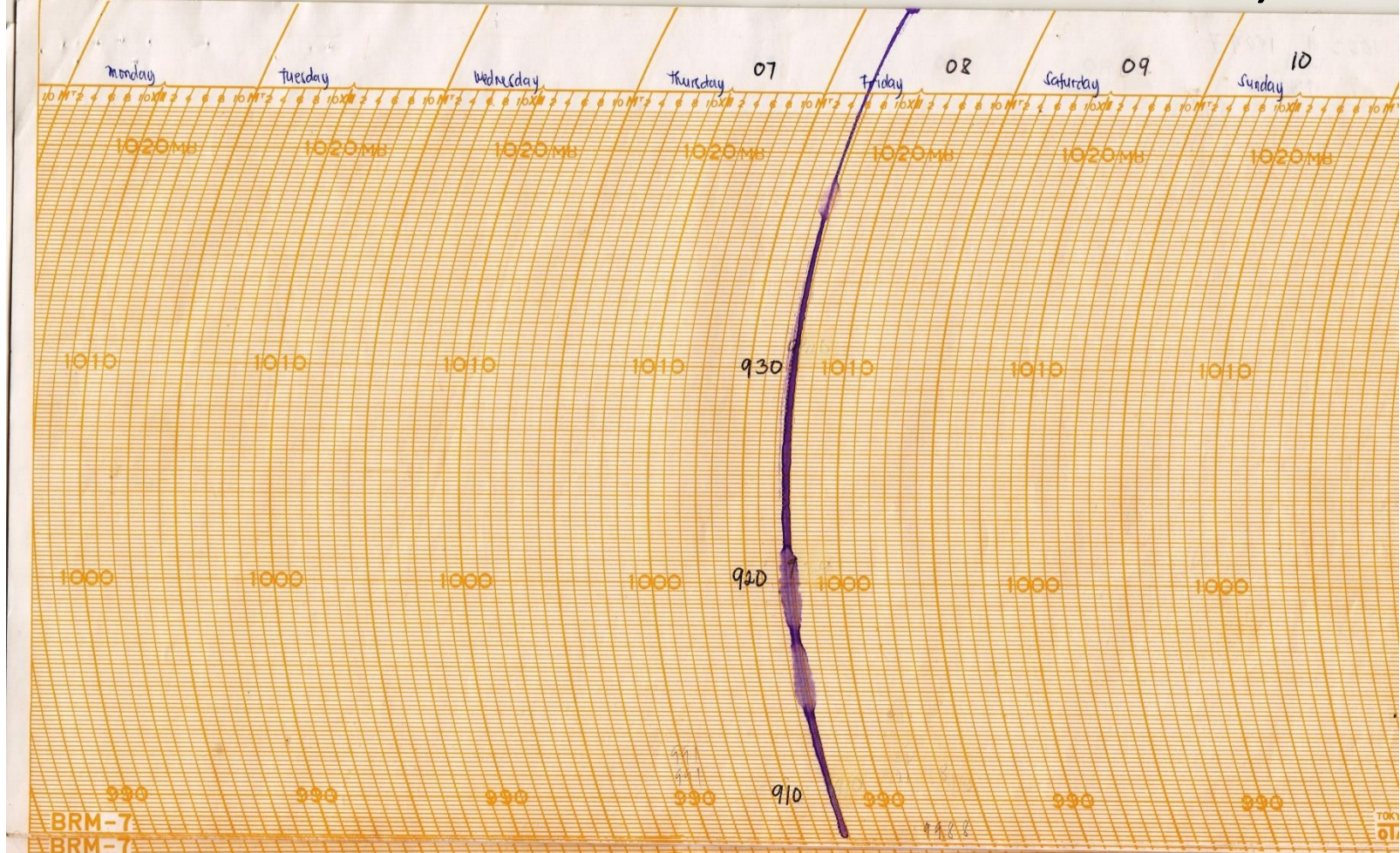




# OBSERVED DATA

STATION	MAX SUS. WINDS	GUSTINESS
Guiuan, Eastern Samar	160 kph	195 kph
Roxas City	130 kph	205 kph
Coron, Palawan	55 kph	160 kph
San Jose, Mindoro	75 kph	120 kph

# BAROGRAPH READING AT GUIUAN STATION ON NOV. 8, 2013



**Lowest pressure in Guiuan Station = 910 hPa**

- Observed at 5:00AM, Nov.8, 2013
- Equivalent to 240 kph max. sustained winds and 280 kph gustiness



# TY Yolanda vs TY Reming

## Typhoon Reming: Nov. 30, 2006

	Elevation	Max Winds	Remarks
Virac Radar	230 m	320 kph	
Virac Synop	40 m	270 kph	

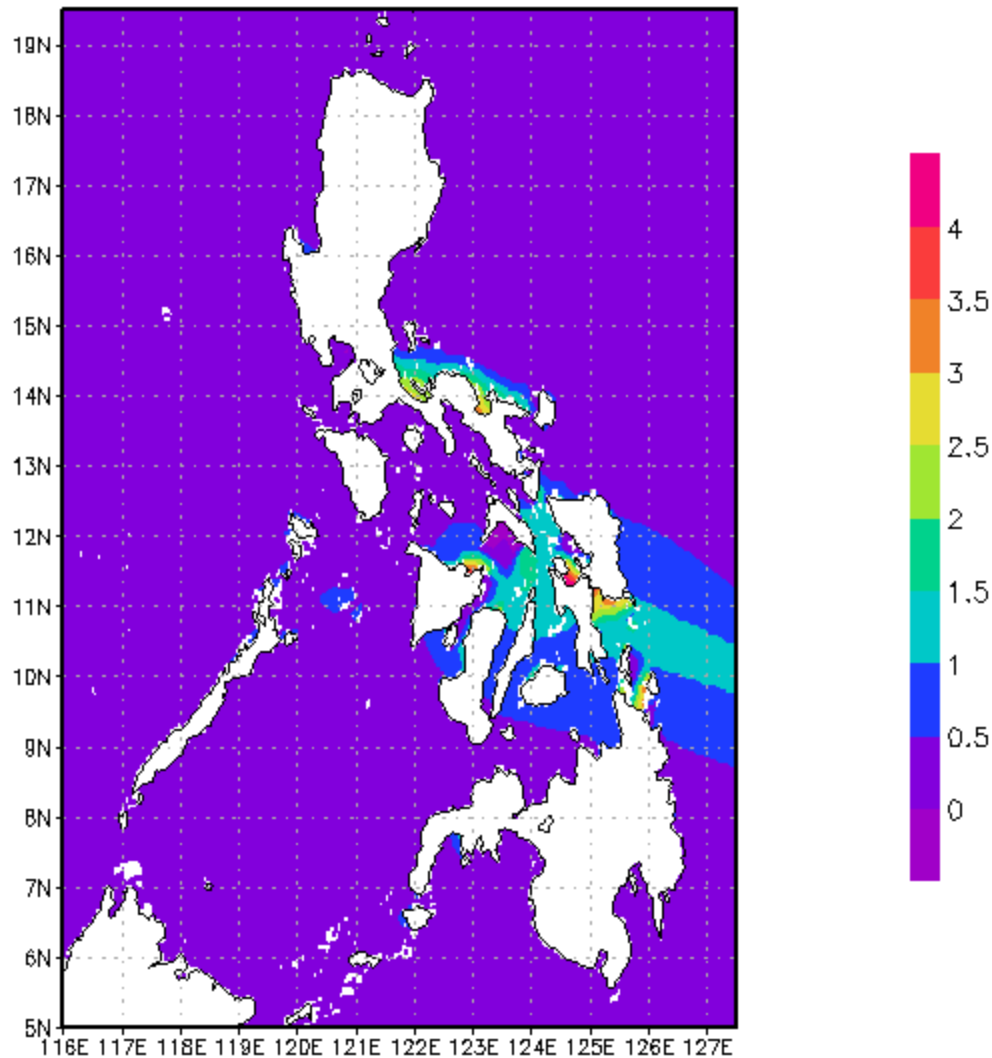
## Typhoon Yolanda: Nov. 8, 2013

Guiuan Radar	60 m	280 kph	910 hPa Using barograph
	Note: Winds increases exponentially with altitude		

If Guiuan is at a the same height of Virac radar, the wind of TY Yolanda estimated to be 20% stronger: **Max. winds = 336 kph**

**TY Yolanda is the strongest typhoon.**

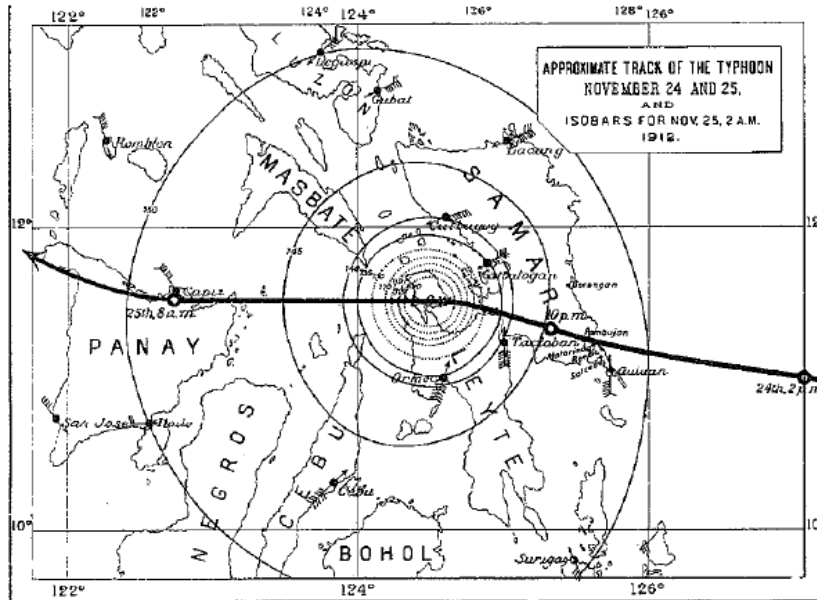
# Highest Storm surge output of the JMA model run by PAGASA





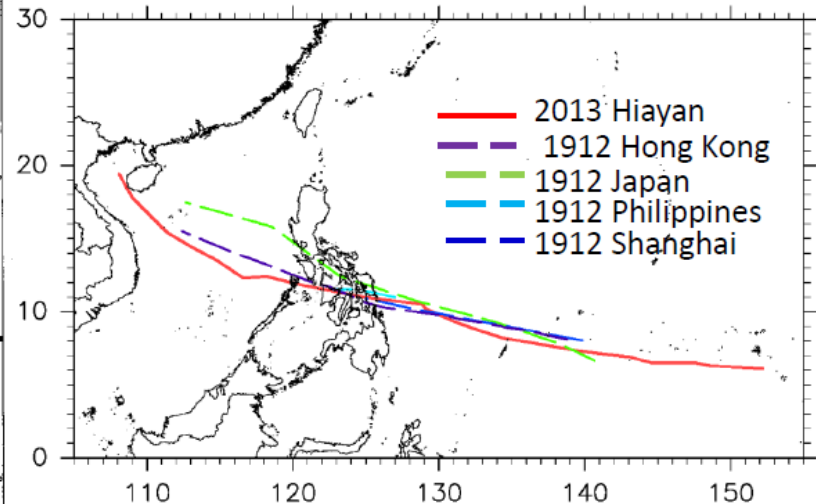
# TC Tracks in November 1912 and November 2013 (Typhoon Yolanda)

## TC track in Nov. 1912



## Similar track to Typhoon Haiyan

typhoon tracks 2013 & 1912



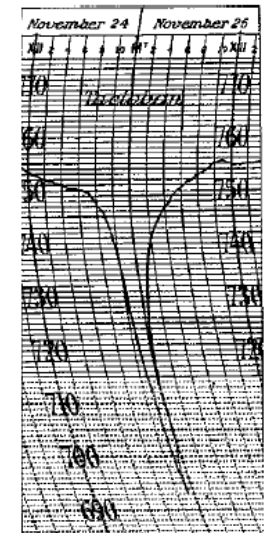
Landfall less than 920hPa



Water front, Tacloban,  
EFFECTS OF THE TYPHOON IN LEYTE, NOVEMBER 24 TO 25.



Provincial Building, Tacloban.



Damage in Tacloban

Source : H. Kubota, 2014

Pressure measurement in Tacloban

# Comparison between typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) ,1912 typhoon, and 1897 typhoon

## **Haiyan (Yolanda) 2013**

Maximum wind 240kph  
gust 280kph  
(Guiuan)

Minimum station pressure  
910.0 hPa (Guiuan)

Storm surge damage  
Guiuan to Hernani 6-7m  
Tacloban to Palo 5-6m  
Basey 5-6m

(PAGASA)

## **1912 typhoon**

Maximum wind Beaufort scale 12  
(Tacloban, Ormoc)

Minimum station pressure  
924.0 hPa (Tacloban)

Storm surge damage  
Santa Rita 7m  
Bobon, Tababao 6.1m  
Tacloban 2m  
Capiz 1m

(Monthly Bulletins of Philippines  
Weather Bureau 1912)

## **1897 typhoon**

Minimum station pressure  
925.2hPa  
(Tanawan or Tanauan)

Storm surge damage  
Hernani 7.3m  
Vasay 4.9m  
Guiuan 0.7m  
Tacloban 0.4m

(Monthly Bulletins of  
Philippines Weather  
Bureau 1912,  
Some characteristics of  
Philippine typhoons 1939)



Sources: European Commission Copernicus Emergency Management Service; OpenStreetMap

Areas where structures were:

- Destroyed
- Heavily damaged
- Less than heavy damage or status unknown

1/2 MILE

## PORT AREA

Several ships washed onto shore near a warehouse complex north of the city's downtown.

## DOWNTOWN

People lined up for supplies in a downtown plaza, where debris from surrounding buildings littered the streets.

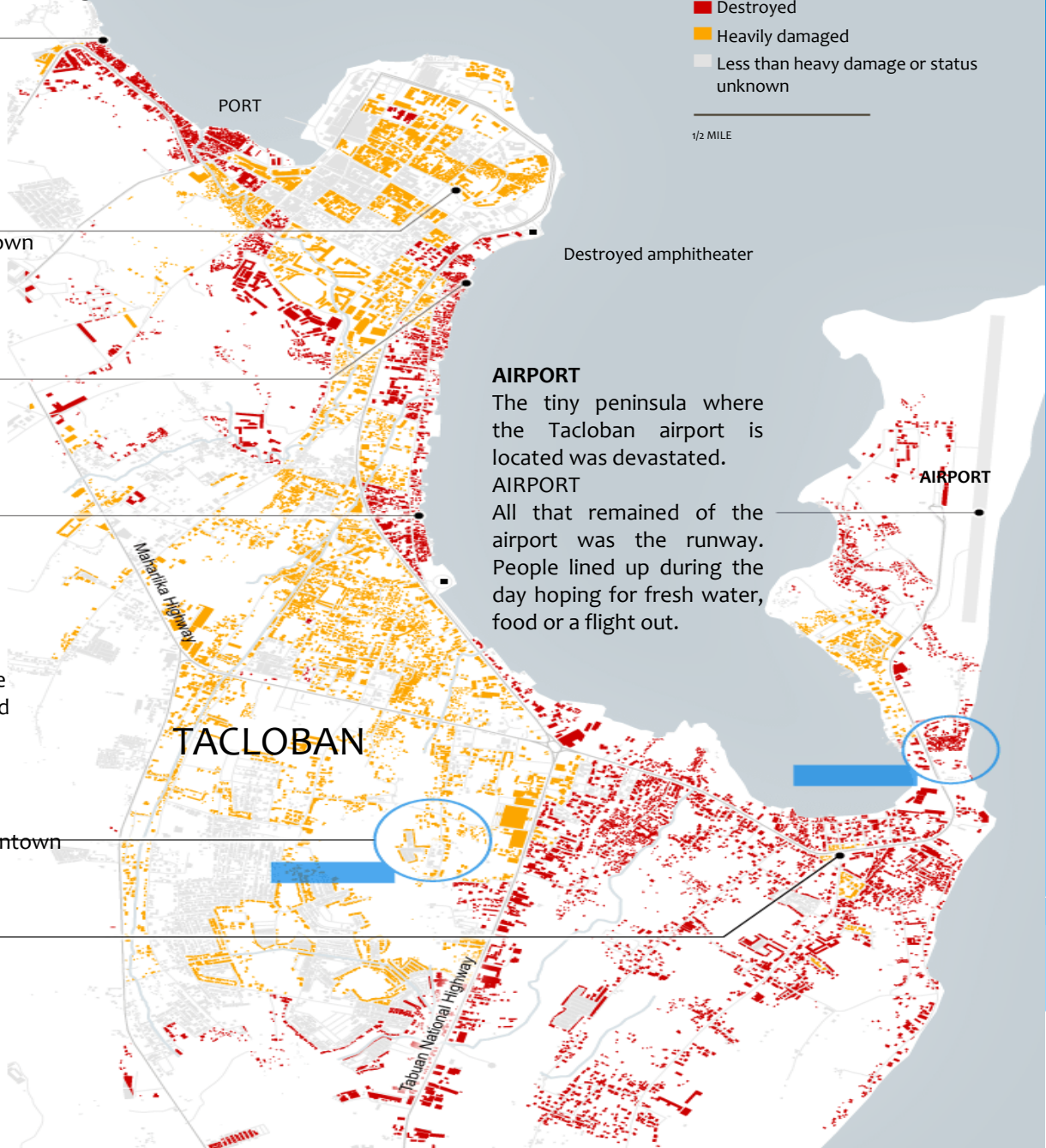
## DEVASTATED COASTLINE

Buildings near the fish port were leveled by the storm surge, which sent water over half a mile inland in some places.

Homes all along the coast were completely destroyed. According to the Philippine census office, about one third of homes in the city have wooden exterior walls, and one in seven have grass roofs

## FLOODED AREAS

Neighborhoods south of the city's downtown were inundated with water.





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## DESTRUCTION IN DULAG TOWN, LEYTE PROVINCE, PHILIPPINES

As seen in WorldView-2 imagery collected 10 November 2013

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The central portion of the town of Dulag with multiple structures and tree cover visible intact in pre-crisis image (top) collected prior to Typhoon Haiyan.

As of 10 November 2013 (bottom) most structures are gone with proximate debris indicative of complete destruction, and most tree cover likewise destroyed.



A portion of central Dulag town almost completely eradicated by Typhoon Haiyan. See Figure 1 (next page) for pre-disaster comparison.

Center Coordinates: 125°5'28.12"E 10°59'3.94"N



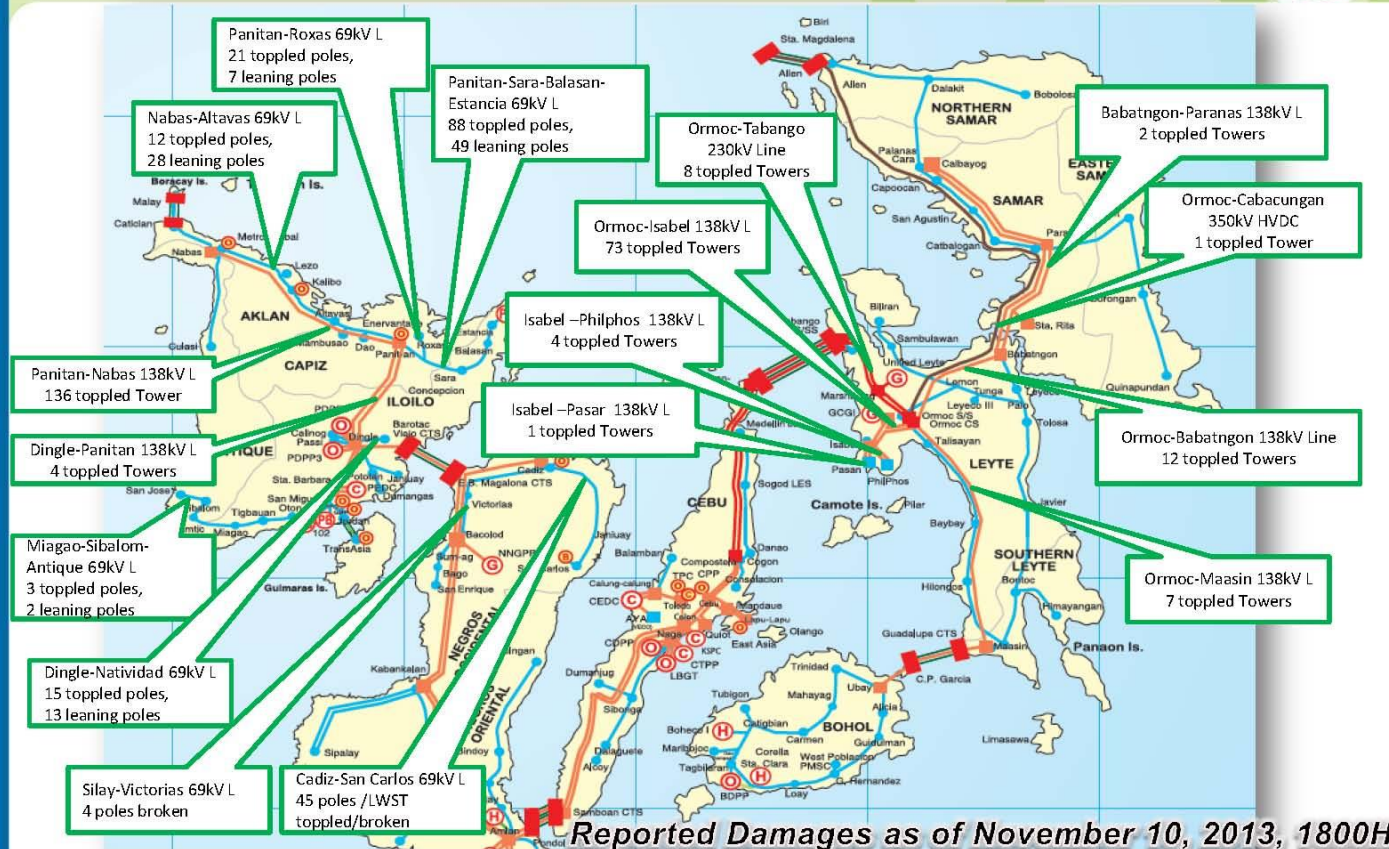
# Tacloban City





# Impacts: Toppled towers of National Grid Corporation of the PH

## Report on Damages due to Typhoon Yolanda



### Toppled:

- 40 transmission towers
- 2000 poles

### Estimated cost of damage:

- PhP5 billion (USD119 M)

Source: NGCP





# Impacts: Damaged PAGASA Doppler radar in Guiuan, Eastern Samar

**GUIUAN**



photo - credit: AFP Central Command from their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.356701284467306.1073741835.323973651073403&type=1>





# Impacts: Damaged PAGASA synoptic stations

(source: PAGASA Storm Chasers)



PAGASA Tacloban synoptic station



PAGASA Guiuan synoptic & radar station

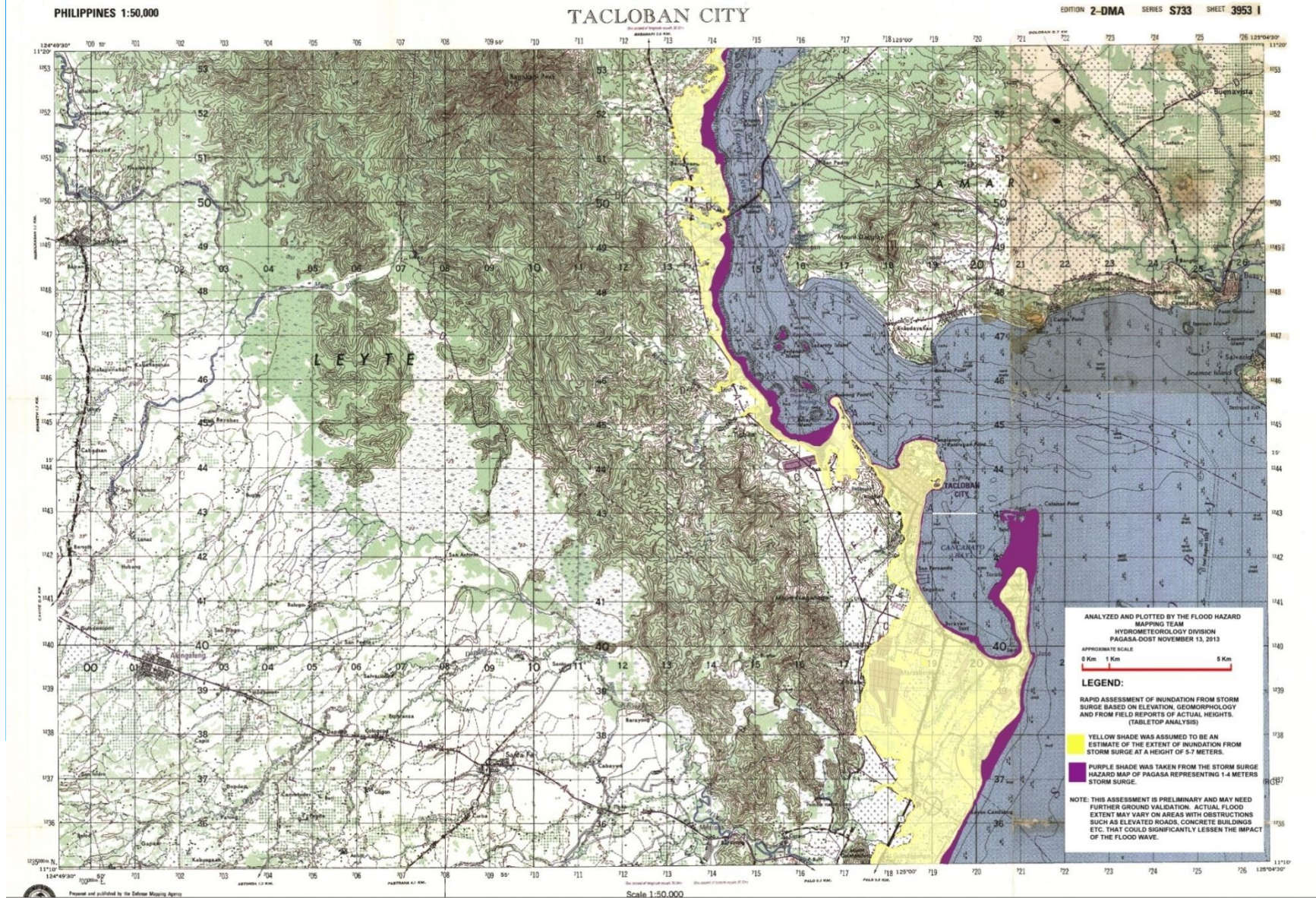


**List of Damaged PAGASA stations & facilities (P74.24M=44.24(bldg&eqpt) +30M(bouy))**

Station/facility	Damage	Remarks
1. Tacloban Synoptic	Building and Equipment totally damaged	Operation suspended
2. Coron Synoptic	Building and Equipment totally damaged	Operation suspended
3. Guiuan Radar and Synoptic	Old and new radar equipment totally damaged while buildings were partially/totally damaged; all basic meteorological instruments were totally damaged except standard 8" raingauge	Operation suspended for 1 week. Operation resumed for rainfall and visual observation. Installed solar panel for temporary lighting system and radio communication
4. Catbalogan Synoptic	Building partially damaged	Installed solar panel for temporary lighting system and radio communication. Repaired genset.
5. Borongan synoptic	Broken glass windows	
6. Maasin synoptic	No communication	Restore communication after a week
7. Roxas synoptic	Observer quarter and station unroofed; power line and PLDT (telephone) connection cut down; thermometer shelter unroofed, antennae connection and wirings were lost.	
8. Cuyo synoptic	Radio antennae mast bent down	
9. San Jose (Occidental Mindoro) synoptic	Thermometer shelter unroofed	
10. Mambusao Agromet	Perimeter shelter of station and thermometer shelter damaged, outside gutter fell down	
11. Visca Agromet	Thermometer shelter blown down, rain gauge damaged; sunshine instrument realigned.	
12. Met Buoy (Madridejos,	Totally damaged	All sensors were retrieved and



# Estimated extent of inundation resulting from the forecast 5-7m storm surge



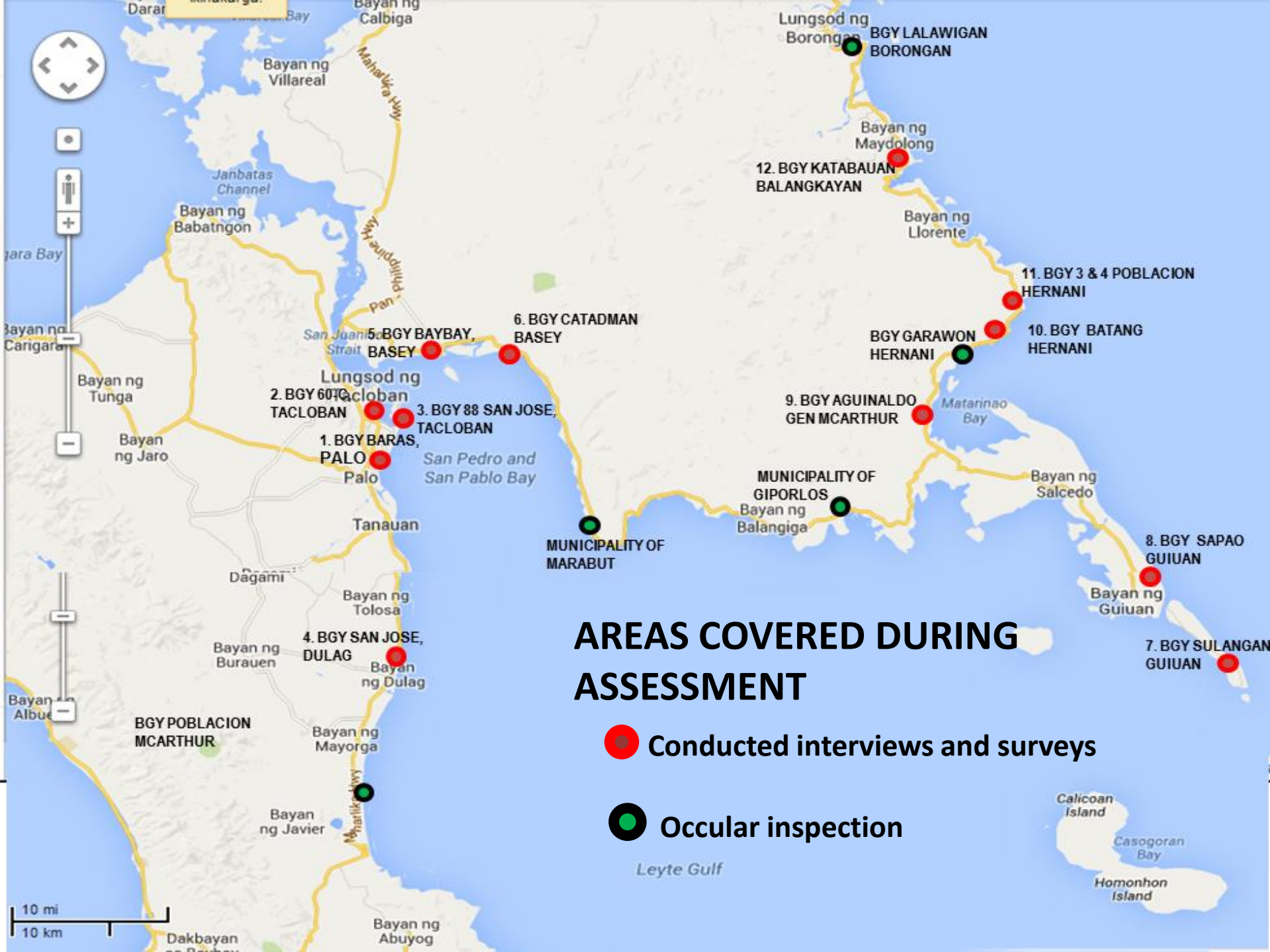


# Assessment Report

## (PAGASA STORM CHASER Team)

1. Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in Guiuan Eastern Samar specifically over Homonhon & Suluan Islands. The last recorded pressure before landfall at Guiuan station was 910.0 hPa. At this pressure, the equivalent **maximum sustained wind is 240kph** near the center and **gustiness up to 280kph**.
2. Based on interviews and actual observations in the area, the eye of Typhoon Haiyan passed between municipalities of Dulag and Tolosa, Leyte between 5am to 6am of Nov 8, 2013.
3. The provinces of Leyte and Eastern Samar were devastated by Typhoon Haiyan and the associated **storm surge**.
  - **Tacloban to Palo Leyte 5 to 6 meters** with inundation of **600 to 800 meters**.
  - **Basey Samar 5 to 6 meters** with inundation of **600 to 800 meters**.
  - **Guiuan to Hernani Eastern Samar 6 to 7 meters** with inundation of **800 to 1000 meters**.
  - In Tacloban PAGASA station, 2 container vans which were intended as temporary shelter for PAGASA staff were carried by the storm surge 100 meters away.





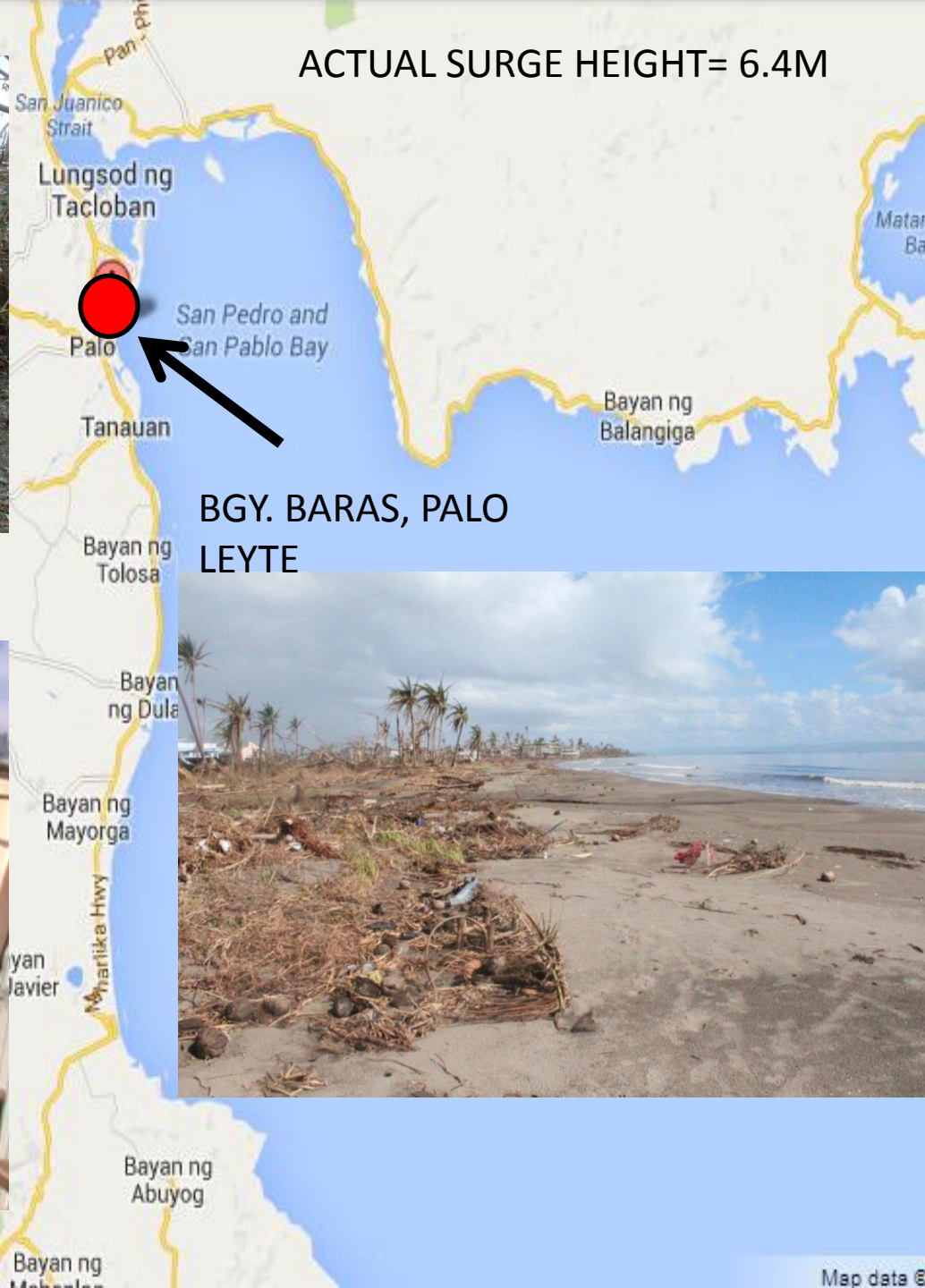


- Check/validate the reported height of the storm surge





ACTUAL SURGE HEIGHT= 6.4M



BGY. BARAS, PALO  
LEYTE



10 miles / n

Map data 8

## Actual Storm Surge Height (above msl)

	BGY/MUNICIPALITY	LAT	LON	H (msl)	INUNDATION
1	Bgy. Baras, Palo, LEYTE	11° 09.848'	125° 00.510'	6.39	800
2	Bgy 60C Old Rd Sagcahan, TACLOBAN	11° 13.556'	125° 00.242'	5.75	600
3	Bgy 88 San Jose, TACLOBAN	11° 12.656'	125° 01.604'	6.27	500
4	Bgy San Jose, Dulag, LEYTE	10° 59.108'	125° 02.347'	2.85	200
5	Bgy Baybay, Basey E. Samar	11° 17.021'	125° 04.277'	5.53	500
6	Bgy Catadman, Basey E. SAMAR	11° 16.290'	125° 09.164'	5.39	800
7	Bgy. Sulangan, Guiuan, E. SAMAR	10° 57.820'	125° 49.724'	7.14	800
8	Bgy Sapao, Guiuan, E. SAMAR	11° 02.835'	125° 45.524'	3.94	300
9	Bgy Aguinaldo Gen McArthur, E. SAMAR	11° 13.279'	125° 32.028'	2.26	80
10	Bgy. Batang, Hernani, E. SAMAR	11° 17.958'	125° 36.162'	6.61	800
11	Bgy 4 & 3 Poblacion Hernani, E. SAMAR	11° 19.384'	125° 37.040'	6.77	1000
12	Bgy 3Katabauan, Balangkayan, E. SAMAR	11° 28.048'	125° 30.428'	6.96	800



# Activities of the PAGASA Response Teams

- Basic instruments from destroyed Tacloban station were installed at the DOST Region 8 Office in Palo, Leyte
- Three (3) solar panels were put up for temporary lighting system and radio communication (SSB) at DOST R8 in Palo, Leyte, in Catbalogan and Guiuan stations.
- Repaired water line at Guiuan station
- Repaired the generator sets of Tacloban, Catbalogan and Catarman stations
- Repaired and re-installed all basic instruments in all affected PAGASA stations

# TACLOBAN STATION

Basic met instruments are installed at a new site, at DOST Region 8 Office in Palo, Leyte





# GUIUAN





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**Top Screenshot: PAGASA Website**  
The website header includes the Department of Science and Technology logo and navigation links (DOST HOME, DOST AGENCIES, DOST REGIONAL OFFICES). The main content area features the PAGASA logo, a map of the Philippines with weather data (e.g., 29.5°C, 10.2 km/h), and various forecast sections including Shipping Forecast, 24-hour Public Weather Forecast, Hydrological Warnings, and Climate Advisories.

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**Bottom Screenshot: Twitter Profile**  
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