



NDRRMC UPDATE

Severe Weather Bulletin No. 7 re Tropical Storm "KAREN"

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

"KAREN" has intensified into a severe tropical storm and now threatens Catanduanes Province.

- Estimated amount of rainfall is from moderate to heavy within the **500 km** diameter of the Severe Tropical Storm
- **Possible raising of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal #2 over the provinces of Quezon, Aurora, Albay and Polilio Island this evening or tomorrow morning.**
- **Possible occurrence of flash floods and landslides over the areas with TCWS #2 and #1.**
- **Fisherfolks and those with small seacrafts are advised not to venture out over the eastern seaboard of Eastern Samar**

Location of Eye/Center (as of 4:00 PM)	205 km of East of Virac, Catanduanes (13.9°N, 126.1°E)			
Strength	Maximum sustained winds of up to 100 kph near the center and gustiness of up to 140 kph			
Forecast Movement	Forecast to move West Northwest at 9 kph			
Forecast Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 Hour (Tomorrow afternoon): In the vicinity of Catanduanes ▪ 48 Hour (Sunday afternoon): 45 km North Northeast of Iba, Zambales ▪ 72 Hour (Monday afternoon): 520 km West Northwest of Iba, Zambales (OUTSIDE PAR) ▪ 96 Hour (Tuesday afternoon): 840 km North of Northwest of Pagasa Island, Palawan (OUTSIDE PAR) 			
TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL				
TCWS	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	Impacts of the Wind
2 (61-120 kph expected in 24 hours)	Catanduanes, Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light to moderate damage to high risk structures • Very light to light damage to medium-risk structures • No damage to very light damage to low risk structures • Unshielded, old dilapidated schoolhouses, makeshift shanties, and other structures of light materials are partially damaged or unroofed

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of nipa and cogon houses may be partially or totally unroofed. • Some old galvanized iron (G. I.) roofs may be peeled or blown off • Some wooden, old electric posts are tilted or downed • Some damage to poorly constructed signs/billboards • In general, the winds may bring light to moderate damage to the exposed communities. Most banana plants, a few mango trees, ipil-ipil and similar types of trees are downed or broken • Some coconut trees may be tilted with few others broken • Rice and corn may be adversely affected • Considerable damage to shrubbery and trees with some heavy-foliaged trees blown down
Wave Height (Open Sea) 4.1- 14.0 meters Storm Surge possible at coastal areas				
1 (30-60 kph in 36 hours)	Albay, Sorsogon, Quezon including Polilio Island, Aurora, Isabela, Quirino, Laguna, Rizal, Marinduque, Ticao, and Burias Island, Masbate, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Pampanga, Cavite, Batangas and Metro Manila	Northern Samar		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very light or no damage to low risk structures • Light damage to medium to high risk structures • Slight damage to some house very light materials or makeshift structures in exposed communities. Some banana plants are tilted, a few downed and leaves are generally damaged • Twigs of small tree may be broken • Rice crops, however, may suffer significant damage when it is in its flowering stage
Wave Height (Open Sea) 1.25- 4.0 meters				

- The public and the disaster risk reduction and management councils (DRRMCs) concerned are advised to take appropriate actions and watch for the next weather bulletin to be issued at **11:00 PM** today.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- NDRRM Operations Center disseminated **Severe Weather Bulletin No. 07 for Tropical Storm "KAREN"** to all OCD Regional Offices through SMS and facsimile and uploaded on the NDRRM website for further dissemination to their respective local DRRMCs from the provincial down to the municipal levels.
- Directed RDRRMCs concerned through the OCD Regional Offices to undertake precautionary measures in their areas of responsibility (AOR) and subsequently advised local DRRMCs to initiate pre-emptive evacuation of families in low-lying areas and mountainous areas if situations warrants.