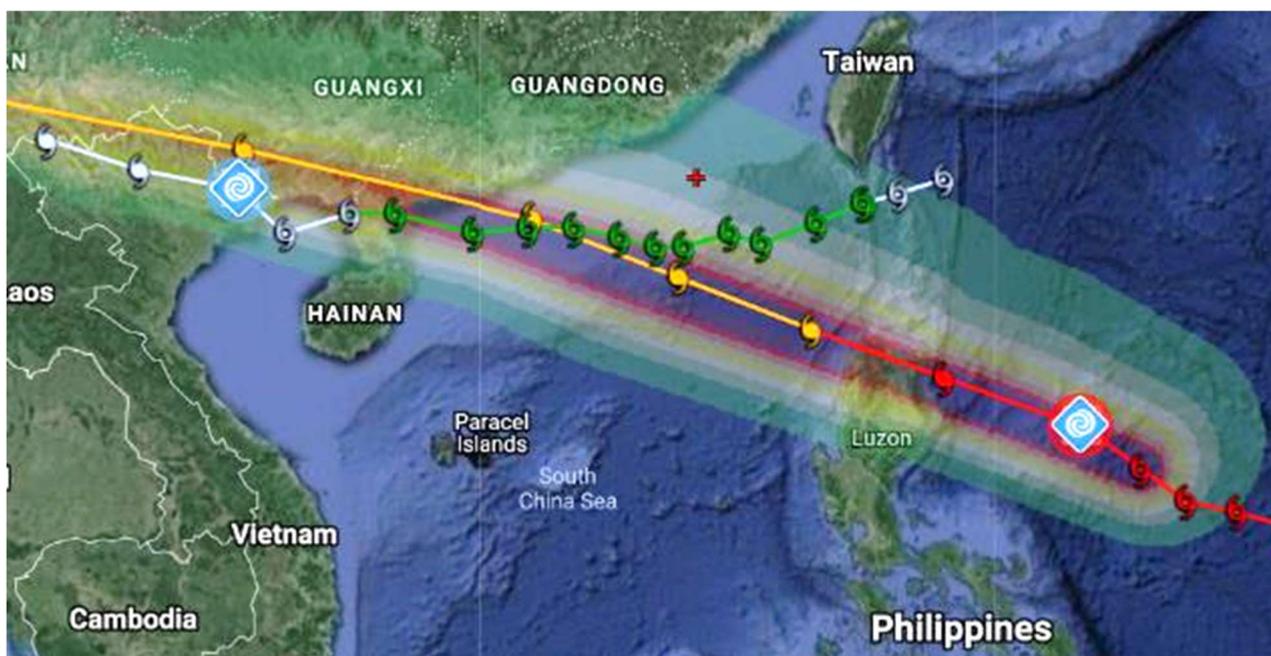




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## Situation Overview

- Super Typhoon Mangkhut is forecast to hit the northern mainland of Viet Nam on September 17 and 18, according to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting (NCHF). There is a high likelihood that Typhoon Mangkhut will impact the Tonkin Gulf between 16 and 17 September and winds and heavy rains are expected in North and North Central Viet Nam from 17-19 September.
- Currently a Category 5 storm, the highest level on the Hurricane Category, Super Typhoon Mangkhut became the strongest Typhoon of 2018, reaching its peak on September 12 with winds of up to 285kph. As Mangkhut travels westward at about 20 kph and crosses into the South China Sea, it may weaken slightly, however it is expected to remain a powerful typhoon.
- The Government of Viet Nam, through the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC) will coordinate the response in affected provinces at the national level. The Viet Nam Red Cross Society (VNRC), as well as the UN, both at country and regional level, are closely monitoring the situation, and will provide support if required.



Source: Pacific Disaster Center, Status: 14 September 2018

## Humanitarian Response

- The CCNDPC held a meeting on 13 September to direct all relevant agencies and localities to prepare for Super Typhoon Mangkhut.
- A representative of the Directorate of Water Resources under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development reported that about 80 per cent of northern reservoirs are nearly full. Relevant agencies have been instructed to reduce water levels in the reservoirs to ensure safety for residents if torrential rains hit.

- Viet Nam's Border Defence Force is co-ordinating with coastal provinces, ship owners, aquaculture facilities and other persons to actively prepare and evacuate dangerous areas. Over 44,600 offshore fishing vessels, in areas from Quảng Ninh to Bình Định, were informed about Super Typhoon Mangkhut and ships were advised not to go to sea.
- The Civil Aviation Administration of Viet Nam has requested the Northern Ports Authority to closely monitor the development of the storm to take timely measures. The Vietnam Air Traffic Management Corporation has instructed units to closely monitor the evolutions of the storm in order to have timely response measures, including planning and organizing alternative air routes in the affected area if necessary to ensure safe flight operations.
- The VNRC's National Disaster Response Team met on 14 September. Team members have been put on high alert, with different groups of members assigned to monitor the situation from 15-21 September and report the information and activities from local chapters. VNRC headquarters has reviewed the stock of humanitarian supplies and discussed the possibility of moving relief items (household kits, tarpaulins, water treatment sachets/units) that are warehoused in Hanoi to the Lao Cai provincial Red Cross chapter. This will enable quicker response taking account of the high risk of land slides and flooding in the northwestern provinces. VNRC is coordinating activities with the CNNDPC.
- The UN agencies and international and national humanitarian partners are closely monitoring the situation and will provide support when needed. PACCOM convened a meeting of the Disaster Management Working group on 14 September and NGOs are monitoring and prepared to provide emergency support. So far, the Government has issued no request for international humanitarian support from the UN agencies.

## General Coordination and Forecast

- In addition to potential wind damage, heavy flooding may result from Mangkhut as the rainfall from tropical storm Barijat may set the stage for a more significant flood event once Mangkhut arrives. Super Typhoon Mangkhut will bring heavy rains, strong winds and rough seas in the coming days, from September 17-19, with rainfall of about 300-400mm in Northern Provinces. There is a risk of flash floods and landslides, especially in mountainous and low-lying areas.
- The Government of Viet Nam, through the Central Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control (CCNDPC) and the Viet Nam Disaster Management Authority (VNDMA) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), serving as the CCNDPC Secretariat, will coordinate the response in the affected provinces and at the national level. The UN, both at country and regional level, as well as INGOs and the Viet Nam Red Cross are closely monitoring the situation, and will provide support if required.

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