

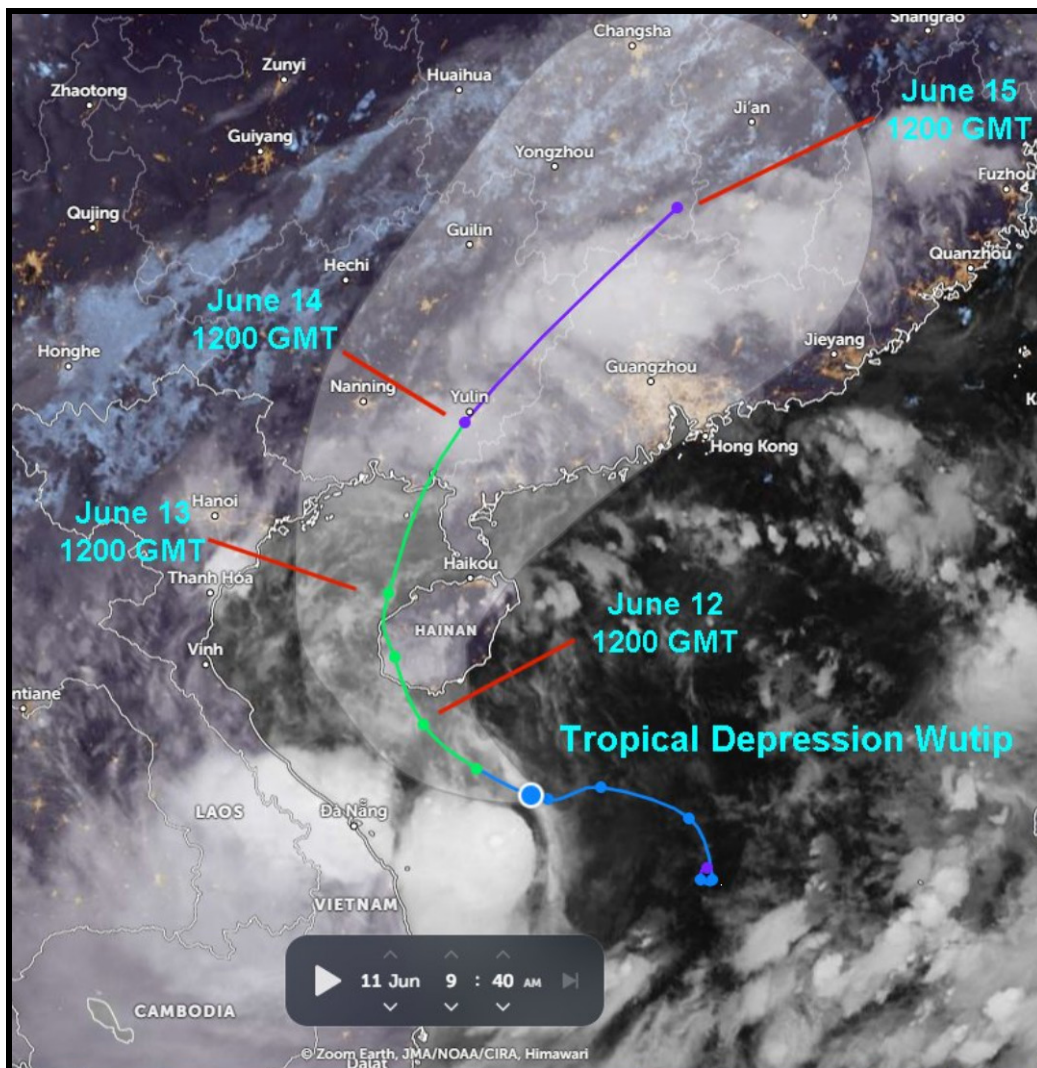
# Tropical Storm Wutip Aiming For Southern China

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Kansas City, June 11 (World Weather Inc.) – [Tropical Storm Wutip recently evolved over the South China Sea. Wutip will slowly advance northwesterly across the South China Sea through Friday with some intensification likely. Heavy rain will expand across central Vietnam, Hainan, China and neighboring areas due to the close proximity of Wutip with flooding and landslides a concern. The disturbance will then shift northeasterly into southern China over the weekend and early next week. Torrential rain could promote flooding in several portions of southern China as Wutip advances over the region. Damage to rice, corn, sugarcane, and other crops is likely barring a significant change to the storm's path over China.](#)

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At 2100 GMT, Tropical Storm Wutip was located near 16.5 north, 110.6 east, or approximately 151 miles east of Da Nang, Vietnam. Movement was west-northwesterly at 6 mph during the previous six hours. Maximum sustained surface wind speeds were reaching 46 mph with gusts up to 58 mph.



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Tropical Storm Wutip will advance northwesterly toward the Beibu Gulf (Gulf of Tonkin) through Friday. Warm water over the South China Sea will help Wutip intensify later today and Thursday. There is potential Wutip intensifies further into a weak typhoon for brief periods of time late Thursday or Friday, though the disturbance may remain a tropical storm if the storm tracks near or over Hainan, China as predicted.

Torrential rain will evolve across central Vietnam and neighboring areas in Laos today and Thursday as Tropical Storm Wutip tracks nearby. The band of heavier rain will shift into portions of Hainan and coastal areas of northeastern Vietnam later Thursday and Friday. Several areas in central Vietnam and southern Laos will receive 5.00 to 10.00 inches of rain with local amounts of 15.00 inches or in the higher elevated areas. Northeastern Vietnam and Hainan will receive 2.00 to 6.00 inches of rain with locally more.

Central Vietnam is not a major producer of much agricultural, although small amounts of rice, peanuts, coffee and other tree crops are produced in areas that will see torrential rain. Flooding and landslides could significantly damage crops and infrastructure in coming days. Some negative impact is also expected over Hainan, China where sugarcane and rice are produced.

Tropical Storm Wutip will then enter southwestern China Saturday before moving east-northeasterly across southern China later this weekend and early next week as a frontal boundary advances over southern China. Areas from Guangdong and southern and eastern Guangxi into Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangxi, and immediate neighboring areas will potentially receive 2.00 to 6.00 inches of rain with local amounts of 10.00 inches or more possible. These areas are already excessively wet and the additional rain could promote severe flooding. Damage to rice, corn, sugarcane, and other crops produced this time of year will be possible.

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