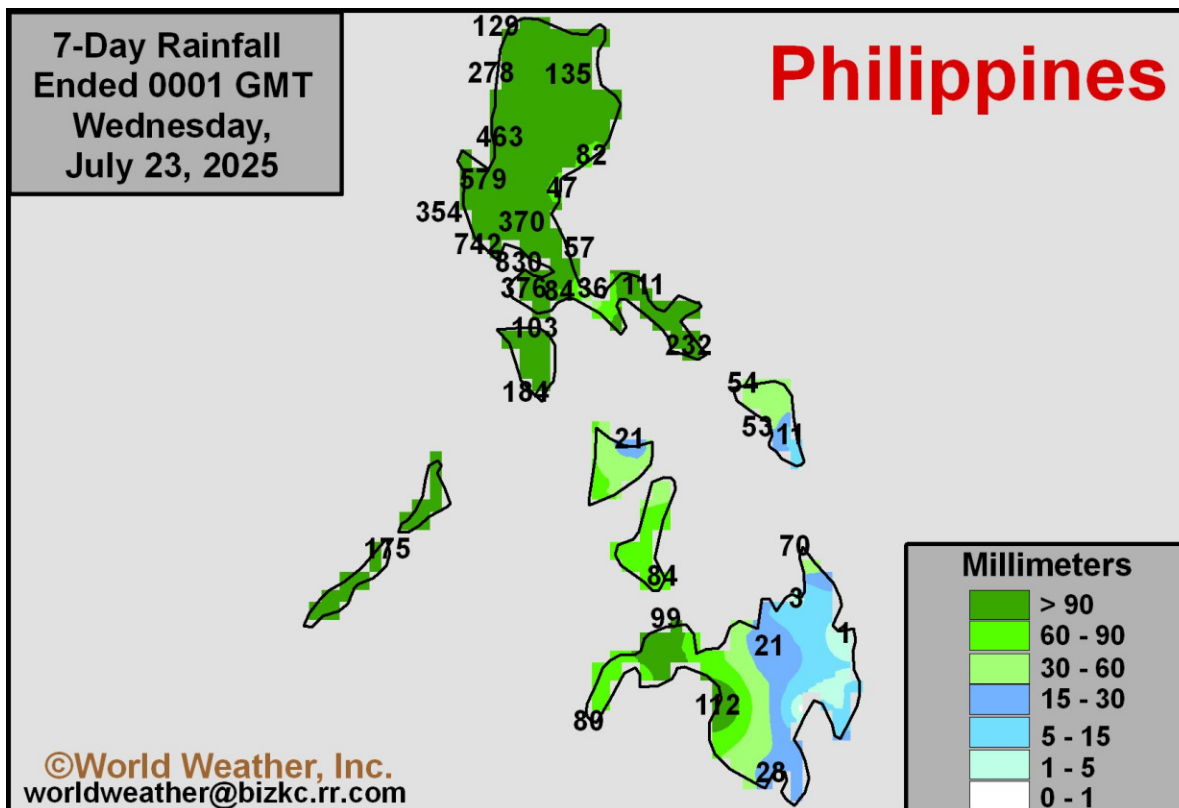


Tropical Storm To Aggravate Serious Luzon Island Flooding

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Kansas City, July 23 (World Weather Inc.) – [Torrential rain this week has induced very serious flooding in western Luzon Island, Philippines and a nearly stationary tropical storm nearby will seriously aggravate the situation by dumping additional torrents of rain into the weekend. Rainfall through the past week has already ranged from 7.00 to more than 14.00 inches with one location northwest of Manila reporting 33.00 inches most of which fell in the past few days. Tropical Storm Eleven will produce another 10.00 to 20.00 inches of rain by Saturday resulting in horrific flooding. Crop and property damage is expected to be significant with some potential for loss of life.](#)

Luzon Island reported varying amounts of rain during the past week. Moisture totals for the seven-day period ending this morning ranged anywhere from 5.00 to nearly 33.00 inches in the western half of the island. Some of the heaviest rain fell just northwest of Manila. Areas farther east received 1.42 to 5.31 inches with local amounts up to 9.13 inches in the southeast. Several areas in Mindoro and Palawan received 4.00 to 7.25 inches of rain during this time as well. Western Mindanao received 3.15 to 4.41 inches of rain while other locations in Mindanao and the remaining portions of the Visayan Islands received 0.43 to 3.31 inches with drier pockets in eastern Mindanao.



[Flooding and landslides were already noted in portions of western Luzon Island and a few locations in Mindoro due to the heavy rainfall associated with an enhanced monsoon in recent days. Areas impacted by flooding and landslides produce rice, peanuts,](#)

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and some corn and sugarcane. Some of these crops may have been damaged or destroyed, though the extent of the impacts was not known.

Tropical Storm Eleven evolved over the South China Sea Tuesday and overnight. The disturbance will meander off the western Luzon coastline today and early Thursday before clipping the northwest corner of the island late Thursday and early Friday. This system will then enter the East China Sea later Friday and Saturday and may be absorbed by another tropical system between the Ryukyu Islands of Japan and Taiwan.

Waves of torrential rain will evolve across the western half of Luzon and portions of Mindoro through Saturday as Tropical Storm Eleven slowly travels near the region. Moisture totals by Sunday morning will range from 8.00 to 15.00 inches with local amounts over 20.00 inches. Other areas in Luzon will receive 1.00 to 5.00 inches of rain with locally greater amounts in the southeast.

Additional rain in the coming days will likely enhance flooding and continue to promote landslides for western Luzon and Mindoro. Severe crop and structural damage will be possible for these locations. The storm may also disrupt loading and shipping operations in the ports especially in and near Manila

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