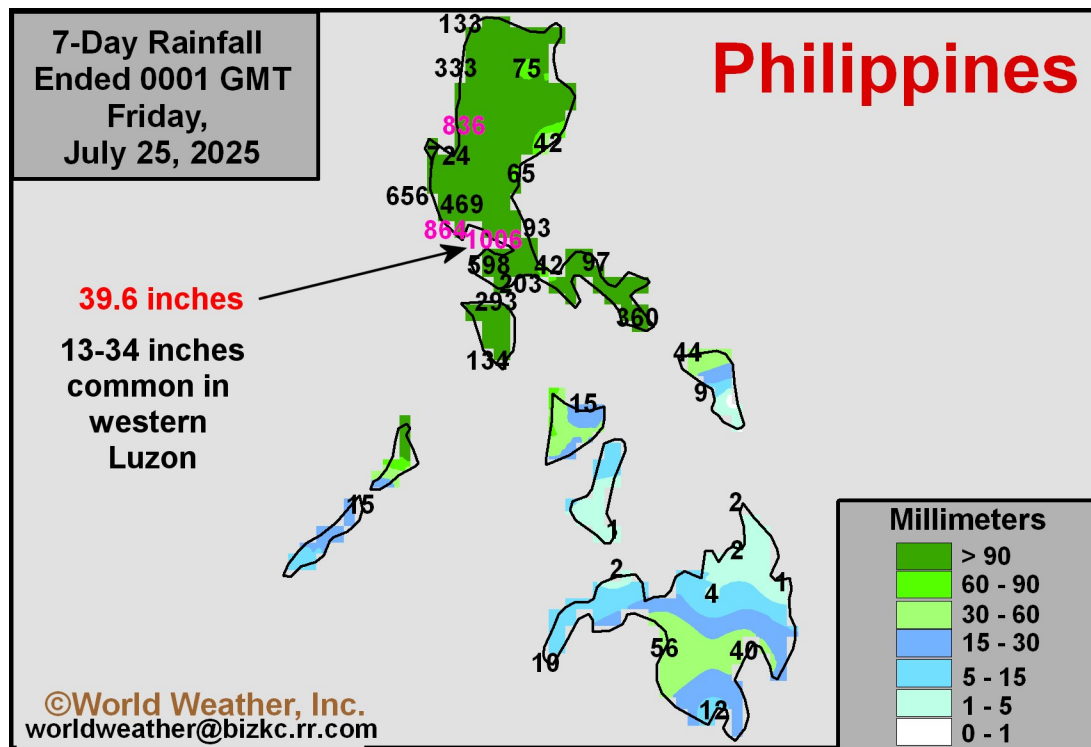


Philippines Flooding To Take Short Break; More Rain Likely

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Kansas City, July 25 (World Weather Inc.) – Rain in western Luzon Island in the past seven days has been torrential and the flooding horrific. A part of the Manila area reported 39.6 inches during the 7-day period ending 0001 UTC today. The remainder of western Luzon had reported 13-34 inches of rain and flooding this week was widespread and damaging. Tropical Cyclone Co-may (Emong) was responsible for the latest round of heavy rain, but the skies have cleared temporarily and the excessive moisture should begin draining out of the region. However, more heavy rain is likely next week in the same areas.



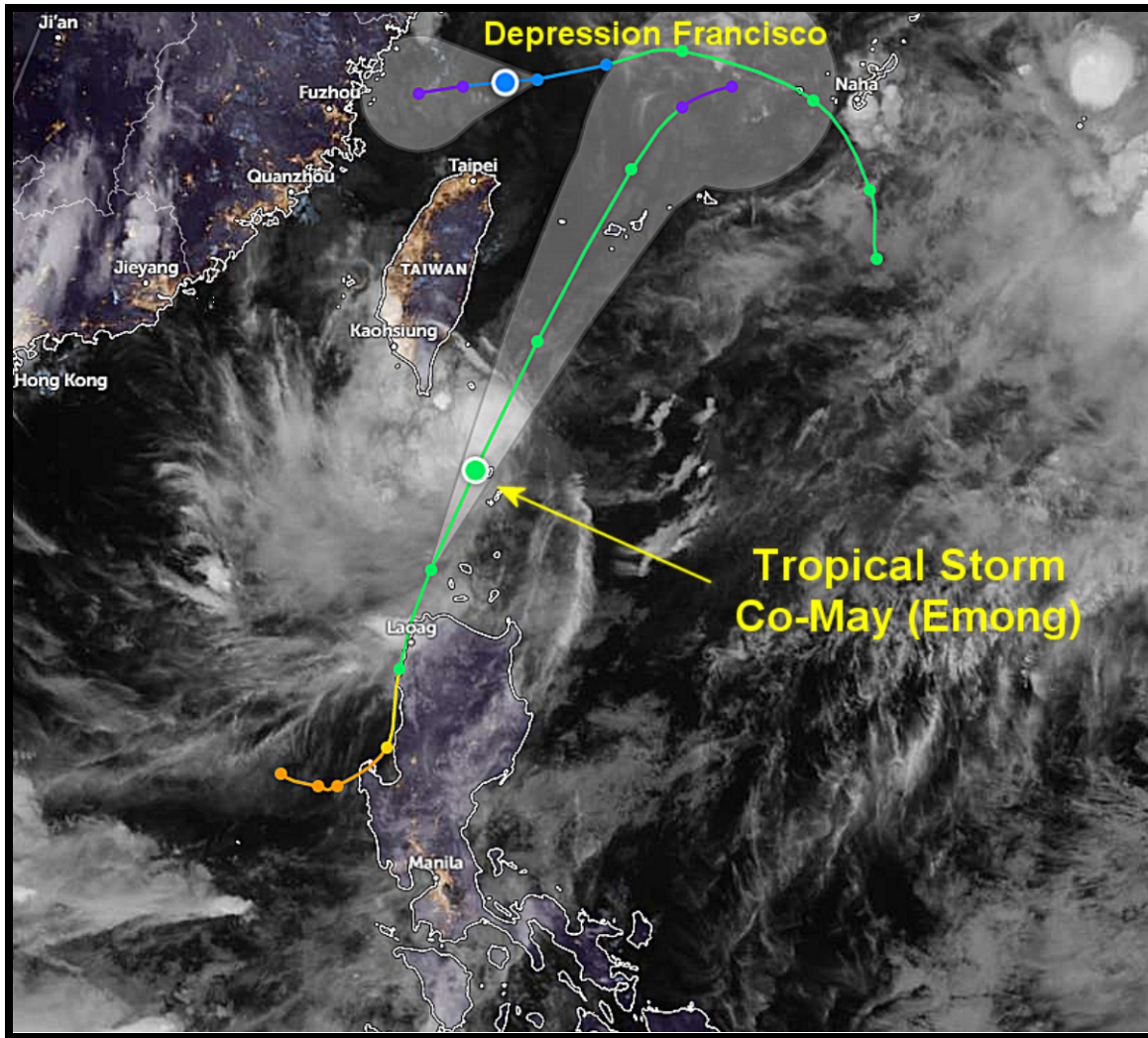
The excessive rain event began with the passage of Tropical Storm Wipha last weekend and then the development of Typhoon Co-may (Emong). These two storm systems produced the crazy amounts of rain reported in this past week.

Co-may is now a tropical storm and was located south southeast of the southern tip of Taiwan as a weakening storm. Co-May will move past Taiwan today and end up dissipating near the southern Ryukyu Islands of Japan later this weekend. Some heavy rain will fall in eastern Taiwan, but the impact will not be nearly as great as that in the Philippines.

Computer forecast models have suggested a strong west to southwest monsoon flow of air is expected to impact Luzon Island again next week – possibly beginning Sunday. West or southwesterly winds that blow into Luzon will create upslope conditions and more heavy rain. The odds are quite high that another 8-15 inches of rain will occur next week which makes the drier weather of today and Saturday extremely important after serious flooding this week.

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Damage to rice and other crops produced in western Luzon Island has likely occurred, although the biggest impact has been on urban areas in the Manila vicinity. Damage assessments for rice and other crops will begin this weekend, although it may be a few weeks before the bottom line on damage is known especially with more flooding rain coming next week.



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