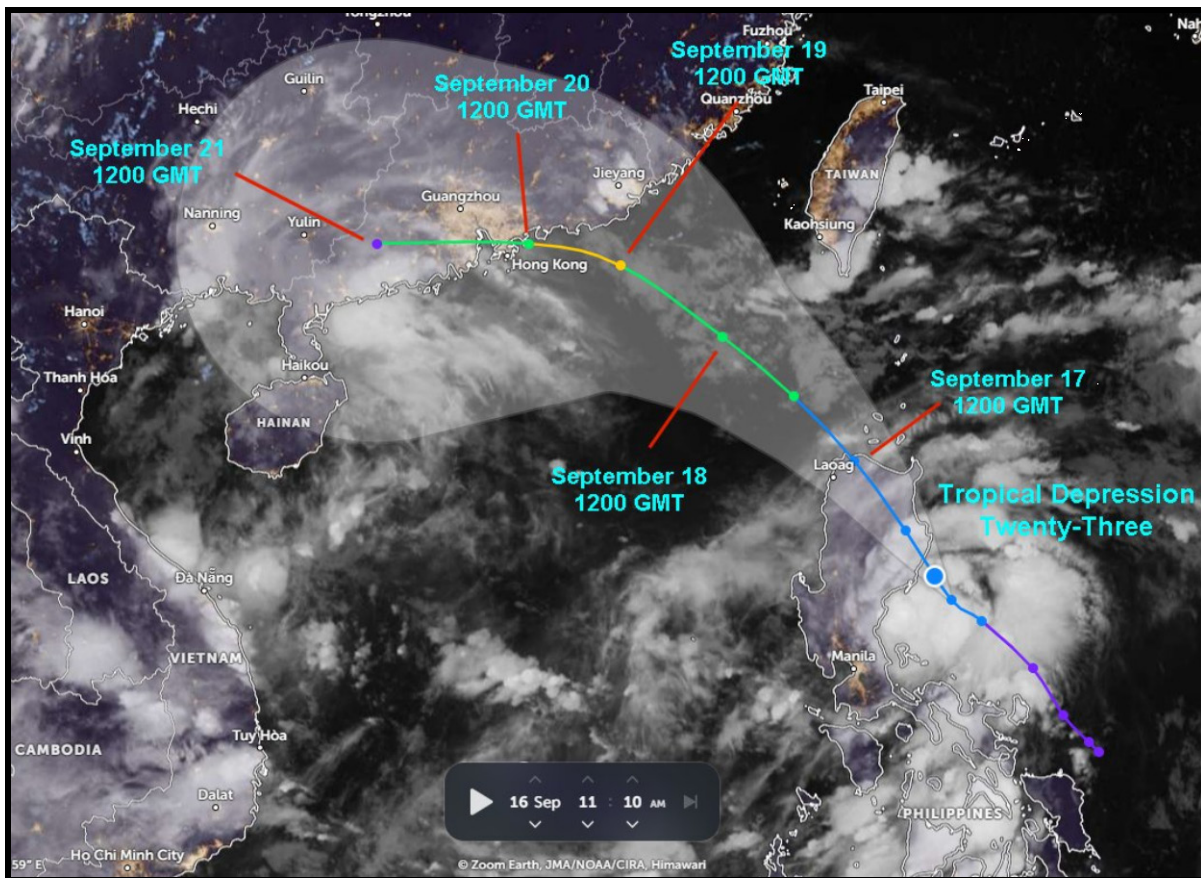


Tropical Depression Twenty-Three To Clip Luzon, Philippines

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Kansas City, September 16 (World Weather Inc.) – [Tropical Depression Twenty-Three was noted off the coast of Luzon Island, Philippines this morning. The disturbance will clip the northeast corner of the island later today and Wednesday, which will promote significant rainfall for several locations. Localized flooding will be the greatest concern and may damage a minor amount of rice, corn, sugarcane and other crops produced in the region. Tropical Depression Twenty-Three will then enter the South China Sea later this week. The disturbance could track close enough to southern China to promote localized flooding.](#)

At 1500 GMT, Tropical Depression Twenty-Three was located near 16.2 north, 122.7 east, or approximately 155 miles northeast of Manila, Philippines. Movement was northwesterly at 8 mph during the previous six hours. Maximum sustained surface wind speeds were at 35 mph with gusts up to 46 mph.



Tropical Depression Twenty-Three will advance across the northeast corner of Luzon Island, Philippines later today into Wednesday morning. The disturbance will generate heavy rain for portions of northern and eastern Luzon with totals ranging from 3.00 to 7.00 inches and local amounts of 12.00 inches or more. Flooding will be the greatest concern and may damage some of the standing rice, corn, and other crops produced this

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time of year. Conditions will be poor for development and the disturbance will remain a tropical depression when advancing over the region.

The disturbance will enter the South China Sea later Wednesday and will slowly track toward China Thursday. Sea surface temperatures over the South China Sea are warmer than usual for this time of year. The warm water and lack of significant wind shear will help the disturbance intensify into a tropical storm sometime Thursday. There is potential the disturbance reaches Guangdong, China Friday as either a tropical storm or weak typhoon.

This system will likely advance westerly near or along the southern China coastline Friday and this weekend. Several locations in Guangdong, southern Guangxi, Hainan, and southern Yunnan will receive 2.00 to 6.00 inches of rain Friday through Monday with pockets potentially receiving 10.00 inches or more of moisture. There is some uncertainty with the exact track the disturbance will take over the South China Sea and southern China and some slight changes will be possible during the next few days.

Even if Tropical Depression Twenty-Three does not make landfall over southern China, flood potentials will still be high in Guangdong and portions of Guangxi and Hainan. Minor crop and structural damage will be possible. Harvesting of the rice, corn, sugarcane, and other crops produced this time of year may advance slowly following the precipitation as well. Overall production losses for China should be small.

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