



### SITUATION

- Tropical Cyclone SONCA is moving west-northwest over the South China Sea, toward central-northern Vietnam, as a Tropical Storm. On 24 July at 6.00 (UTC) its center was located 200 km south-east of Sanya city (Hainan, China) and it had maximum sustained winds of approx. 74 km/h.
- Over the next 24 h, it is forecast to continue moving north-northwest remaining a Tropical Storm and it may pass south of Hainan island on 24 July afternoon-evening (UTC) as a Tropical Storm. Then it may reach North Central Coast region on 25 July morning-afternoon (UTC) as a Tropical Storm. Heavy rain may affect Hainan (China), northern and central Vietnam, Lao PDR and northeastern Thailand.
- The same area has been recently affected by Tropical Cyclone TALAS over 14-17 July which caused 14 deaths in North Central Coast Region and 2 700 houses damaged in Nghe An province (North Central Coast Region, Vietnam).

Sources: GDACS, JTWC, CMA, NCHMF, Local media

TROPICAL CYCLONE	GDACS ALERT
Observed position	Moderate Event
Forecast position	<b>RAINFALL FORECAST</b> (12-17 June: NOAA/HWRF)
<b>INTENSITY</b>	> 500 mm
< 63 km/h	250 - 500 mm
63 - 95 km/h	100 - 250 mm
Area of track uncertainty	50 - 100 mm
<b>STORM SURGE</b> JRC Calculations	<b>POP. DENSITY</b> (pop/km <sup>2</sup> )
< 1.3 m	501 - 2 500
	2 501 - 5 000
	5 001 - 130 000

