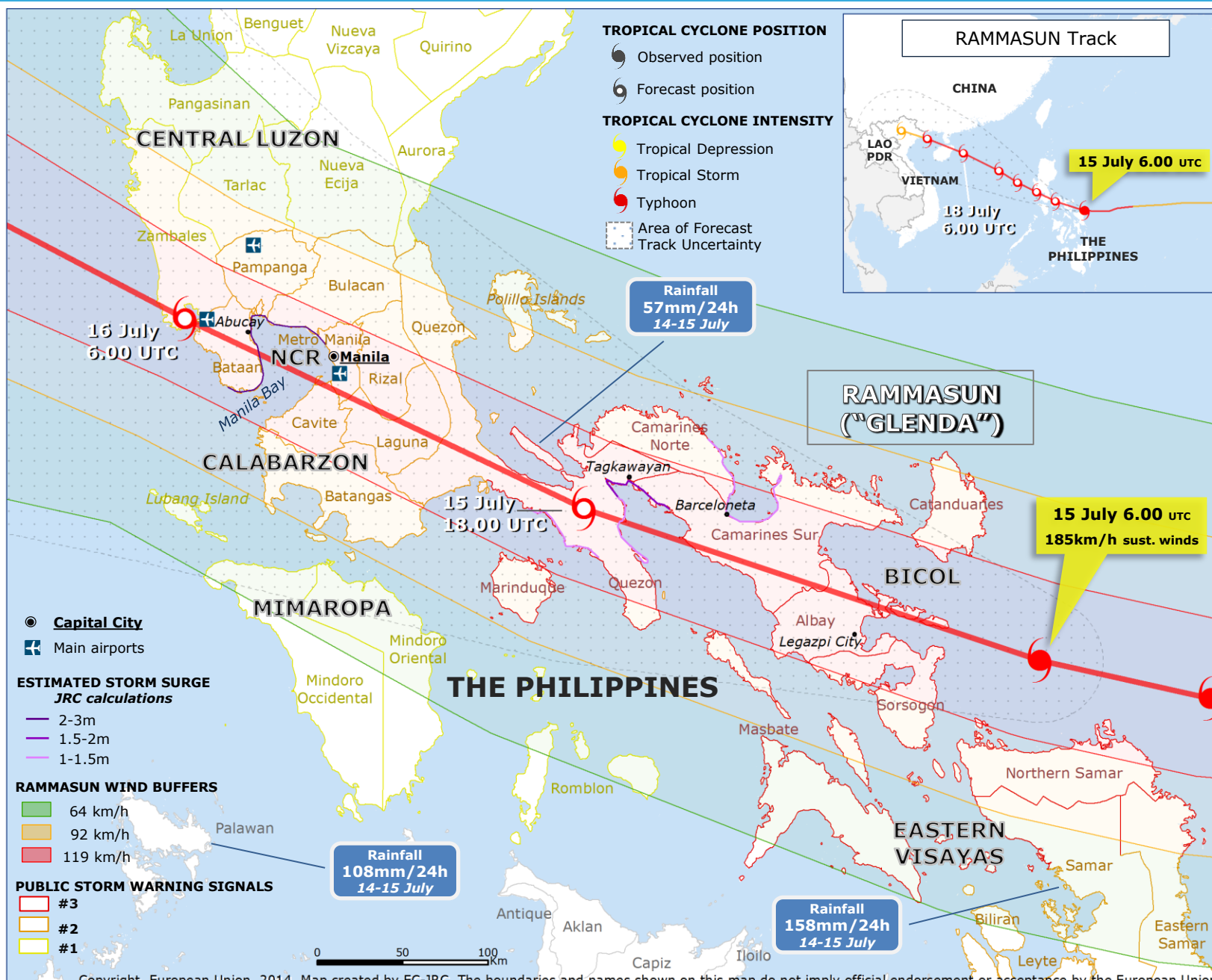


15 July 2014: The Philippines - Tropical Cyclone RAMMASUN



SITUATION

- Typhoon RAMMASUN (known as "GLENDA" in the Philippines) had already approached the bay of Albay on 15 July, at 9am UTC. Earlier on the same day, it was located east of Bicol Region, with maximum sustained winds of 185km/h, and it was moving north-west.
- RAMMASUN was expected to make landfall over Sorsogon and Albay, near Legazpi City, and then cross Calabarzon, Central Luzon and the National Capital Region (NCR), losing some of its intensity. On 16 July it is forecast to exit into the sea west of Luzon, continuing its path over the East China Sea. Its direction is estimated to remain north-westward, towards south-eastern China and Vietnam. It may approach land again on 18 July (refer also to inset map).
- As at 15 July, PAGASA has Public Storm Warning Signals #3, 2 and 1 in effect for several areas of Visayas and Luzon. Heavy rainfall and strong winds, as well as storm surge of the order of 2.5-3m (north-west Manila Bay, 16 July early morning UTC, according to JRC calculations) are expected to affect the areas along RAMMASUN's path. Flash floods and landslides are also probable in low-lying areas.
- As at 15 July afternoon (UTC), hundreds of thousands of people have evacuated Bicol Region, as well as Northern and Eastern Samar. Floods have been reported in five municipalities of Northern Samar, while air and sea traffic has been largely disrupted throughout Visayas and Luzon.

Sources:
GDACS (1, 2), JTWC (1, 2), WMO, PAGASA, NDRRMC, National Media (1, 2, 3), OCHA