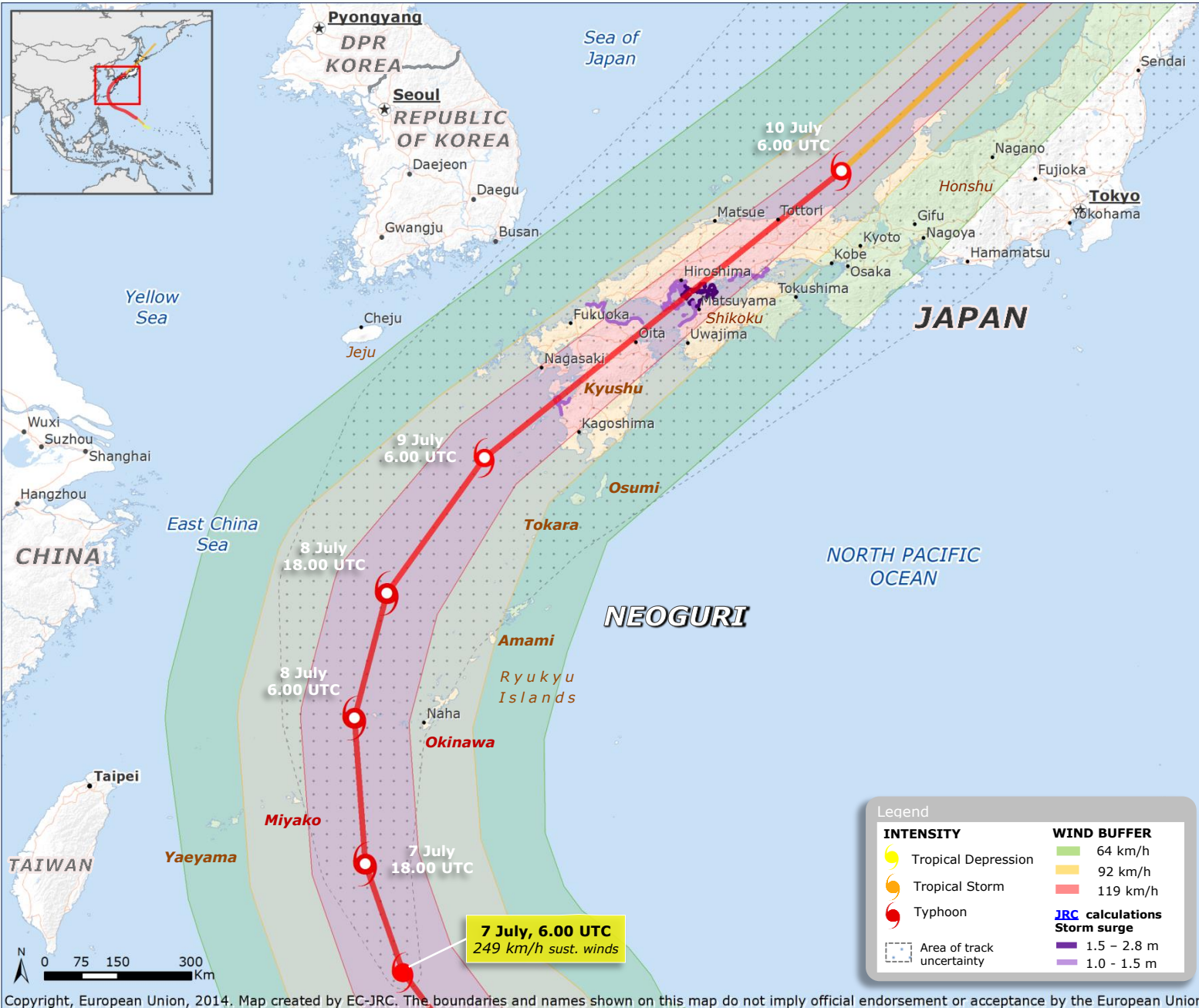


7 July 2014: Japan - Tropical cyclone NEOGURI



SITUATION

- **NEOGURI** formed on 3 July over the Pacific Ocean, south of Guam, and started moving north-west, significantly strengthening. On 7 July at 6.00 UTC, it was a **very intense Typhoon** (max. sust. winds of 249 km/h). Its centre was located approx. 400 km south-east of the island of Miyako and approx. 500 km south of Okinawa (Japan).
 - In the next 24 h it is forecast to **continue intensifying**, moving north-west towards East China Sea. Its centre is forecast to pass between the Japanese islands of **Miyako** and **Okinawa** (Ryukyu Islands) late on 7 July / early on 8 July (UTC); then it is forecast to turn north-east, moving towards **south-western Japan**, slightly weakening.
 - On 7-9 July **very strong winds, heavy rains and high waves** may affect Ryukyu Islands. On 7 July at 12.00 UTC (JMA), an **Emergency Warning for High waves** was in effect for the Prefecture of **Okinawa-honto** Chiho and **Miyakojima** Chiho; and also for **Storm** in **Miyakojima** Chiho. High Wave warnings were in effect for the rest of Okinawa Prefecture and Amami Chiho.
 - On 9-10 July **heavy rains, strong winds and storm surge** may also affect **Kyushu**, parts of **Shikoku** and **Honshu** (see map). Winds and heavy rains may also affect Jeju Island and parts of south-eastern Republic of Korea.
- Recent severe weather in Japan**
In the last few days heavy rains affected south-western Japan, causing floods. According to media, floods caused damage in parts of Fukuoka, Saga and Nagasaki prefectures on 3-4 July, destroying a number of houses in Nagasaki and killing one person in Kitakyushu (Fukuoka Prefecture).

Sources: GDACS, JMA, NOAA, Media (1,2)
Last 7 days accumulation rainfall (NASA/TRMM)

