



TROPICAL CYCLONE PRELIMINARY REPORT

Tropical Storm ADA
 NOKAEN (2601)

14 to 22 January 2026

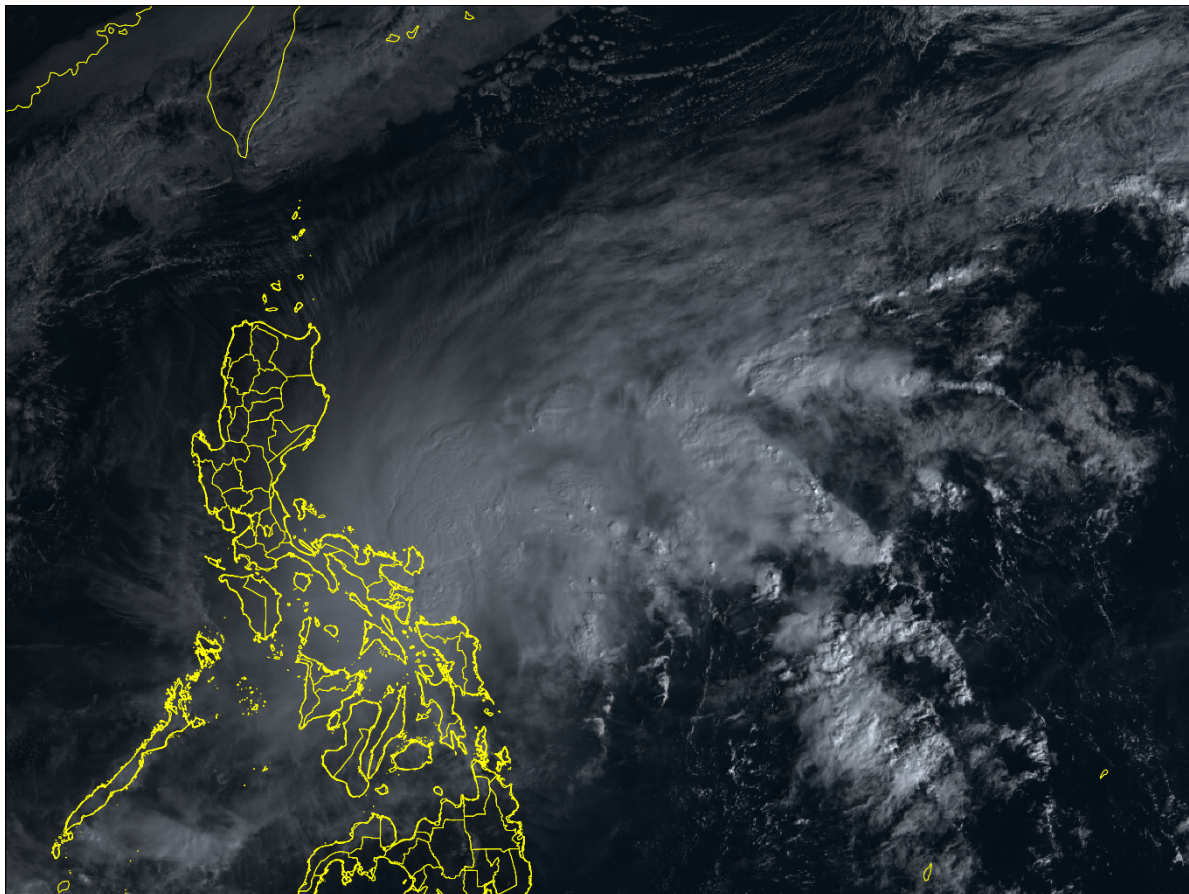


Fig. 1 | Himawari-9 AHI true color RGB image of Tropical Storm ADA at 0000 UTC on 17 January 2026 while over the Philippine Sea east of Catanduanes. The imagery data of Himawari-9 is courtesy of the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA).

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Summary of Meteorological History

Based on PAGASA preliminary best track¹ position and intensities

First tracked as a low pressure area	1200 UTC, 12 January 2026 (LPA 01b) Over the Western North Pacific Waters near Yap, Federated States of Micronesia
Developed into a tropical cyclone	0000 UTC, 14 January 2026 600 km East of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (8.1°N, 131.8°E)
Weakened into a remnant low or transitioned into a post-tropical low	0000 UTC, 22 January 2026 1,020 km East of Eastern Visayas (12.1°N, 134.8°E)
Peak intensity (lifetime ²)	45 kt (85 km/h), 994 hPa, Tropical Storm 1800 UTC, 16 January 2026
Period of occurrence (lifetime)	8 days
Entered the PAR region (as tropical cyclone)	Not applicable (developed within the PAR region)
Exited the PAR region (as tropical cyclone)	Not applicable (did not exit the PAR region)
Peak intensity (within the PAR)	45 kt (85 km/h), 994 hPa, Tropical Storm 1800 UTC, 16 January 2026
Period of occurrence (within the PAR)	8 days
Observed landfalls in the Philippines	None

¹ With preliminary best track as reference, the information provided in this report may be different from those reported during the warning period of the subject tropical cyclone.

² Lifetime is the period from the development into a tropical depression to its weakening into a remnant low or its transitioning into a post-tropical low.

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Extremes of Surface Meteorological Observations

Based on reports from the PAGASA network of surface-based observing stations³

Table 1 | Highest TC-related rainfall⁴ (14 to 19 January 2026) over land.

Location of observing station	Rainfall (mm)
Virac, Catanduanes	413.9
Catarman, Northern Samar (UEP Agromet)	257.0
Catarman, Northern Samar (Synoptic)	242.6
Borongan City, Eastern Samar	217.9
Catbalogan City, Samar	204.8

Table 2 | Highest 24-hour rainfall over land.

Location of observing station	Rainfall (mm)	Date
Virac, Catanduanes	219.3	17 January 2026
Catbalogan City, Samar	158.4	16 January 2026
Catarman, Northern Samar (UEP Agromet)	155.8	16 January 2026
Catarman, Northern Samar (Synoptic)	155.3	16 January 2026
Guinobatan, Albay	148.4	16 January 2026

Table 3 | Lowest mean sea level pressure over land.

Location of observing station	Minimum MSLP (hPa)	Date (MM/DD) and Time (UTC)
Catarman, Northern Samar (Synoptic)	997.9	01/16 1800
Borongan City, Eastern Samar	999.3	01/16 1800
Virac, Catanduanes	999.3	01/17 0800
Catbalogan City, Samar	999.9	01/16 1700
Tacloban City, Leyte	1000.1	01/16 1900
Legazpi City, Albay	1000.6	01/17 0700

Table 4 | Highest peak gust over land.

Location of observing station	Peak gust speed (m/s)	Peak gust direction	Date (MM/DD) and Time (UTC)
Catarman, Northern Samar	21.4	N (360°)	01/16 1820
Guiuan, Eastern Samar	20	N (360°)	01/14 2200
Daet, Camarines Norte	18	NNW (330°)	01/17 1754
Tacloban City, Leyte	14	WNW (290°)	01/16 1742
Catbalogan City, Eastern Samar	14	NW (320°)	01/16 1450
Borongan City, Eastern Samar	12	NW (320°)	01/15 1249
Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur	12	SSE (300°)	01/16 0214
Maasin City, Southern Leyte	12	W (270°)	01/16 0674
Virac, Catanduanes	12	SSE (320°)	01/17 0410

Notes:

- Over land extremes for MSLP and peak gust only covered areas with hoisted Wind Signals to ensure that the extremes are more likely associated with the tropical cyclone itself. There may be lower MSLP and higher peak gust outside these coverage areas.

³ For this report, the network is composed of surface land meteorological stations (SYNOP), agricultural meteorological stations, and selected hydrological stations

⁴ Also called storm-duration rainfall, it refers to the total accumulated rainfall during meteorological days for which the 5° radial buffer drawn from the tropical cyclone (TC) best track encompasses at least one portion of the Philippine land area.

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- For peak gust data retrieved using hourly synoptic observation reports, “rep.” indicates the time when the observation was reported in the message, but not necessarily its time of occurrence.

Summary of Tropical Cyclone Product Issuances

Issued by the Weather Division, DOST-PAGASA

Tropical Cyclone Products:

- Tropical Cyclone Advisories: None issued
- Tropical Cyclone Bulletins:
 - First issuance: 11:00 AM, 14 January 2026
 - Last issuance: 5:00 PM, 21 January 2026
 - Total issued: 32
- Tropical Cyclone Warnings for Shipping:
 - First issuance: 11:00 AM, 14 January 2026
 - Last issuance: 5:00 PM, 21 January 2026
 - Total issued: 30
- WC SIGMET:
 - First issuance: 4:18 PM, 15 January 2026
 - Last issuance: 10:45 PM, 18 January 2026
 - Total issued: 17

Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals:

- Highest level of wind signal hoisted: Wind Signal No. 2
- Number of provinces where wind signals had been hoisted: None
- Timeline of hoisting/lifting of wind signals:
 - 11:00 AM, 14 January 2026: Initial hoisting of Wind Signal No. 1
 - 11:00 PM, 16 January 2026: Initial hoisting of Wind Signal No. 2
 - 5:00 PM, 18 January 2026: Lifting of all hoisted Wind Signal No. 2
 - 11:00 PM, 18 January 2026: Lifting of all hoisted Wind Signals

Storm Surge Warnings:

- Highest level of storm surge warning hoisted: Yellow Warning
- Number of provinces where storm surge warnings had been hoisted: 10
- Timeline of hoisting/lifting of storm surge warnings
 - 8:00 PM, 15 January 2026: Initial hoisting of Yellow Warning
 - 8:00 PM, 18 January 2026: Lifting of all hoisted Storm Surge Warnings

Other Pertinent Information

- The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported that a total of 433,026 individuals were affected by ADA. The Tropical Depression left 2 dead and 2 injured individuals (all for validation). ADA caused flooding across 3 regions, but no damage to housing, agriculture, and infrastructure was reported, based on NDRRMC Situational Report No. 5 for TC ADA (2026).
- The international name “NOKAEN” (meaning: name of bird; swallow) was contributed by Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

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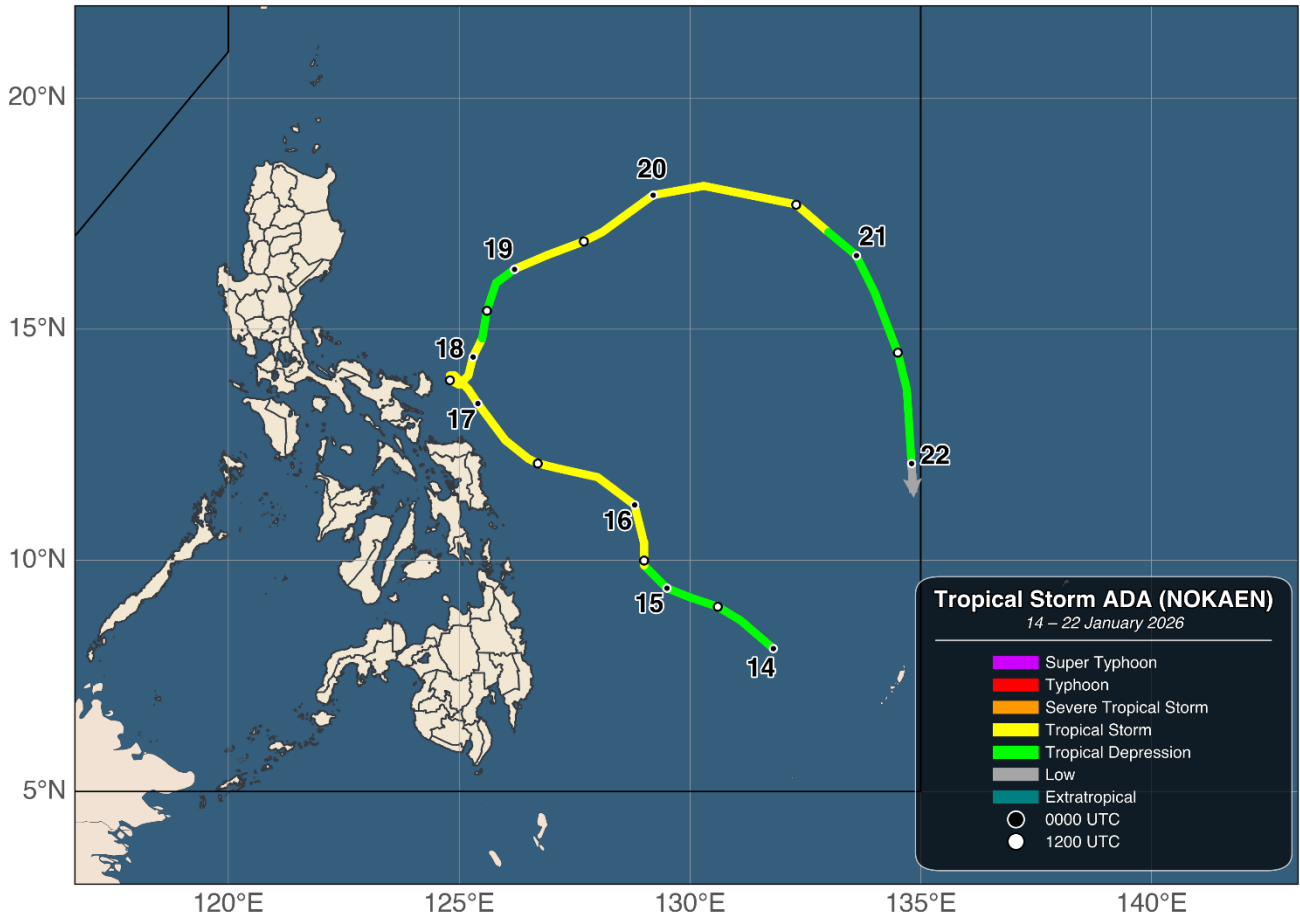


Fig. 2 | Preliminary best track positions and intensities (as categories) of Tropical Storm ADA. Line color indicates the category of tropical cyclone. Shaded circles with date labels indicated 00 UTC positions while open circles indicate 12 UTC positions.

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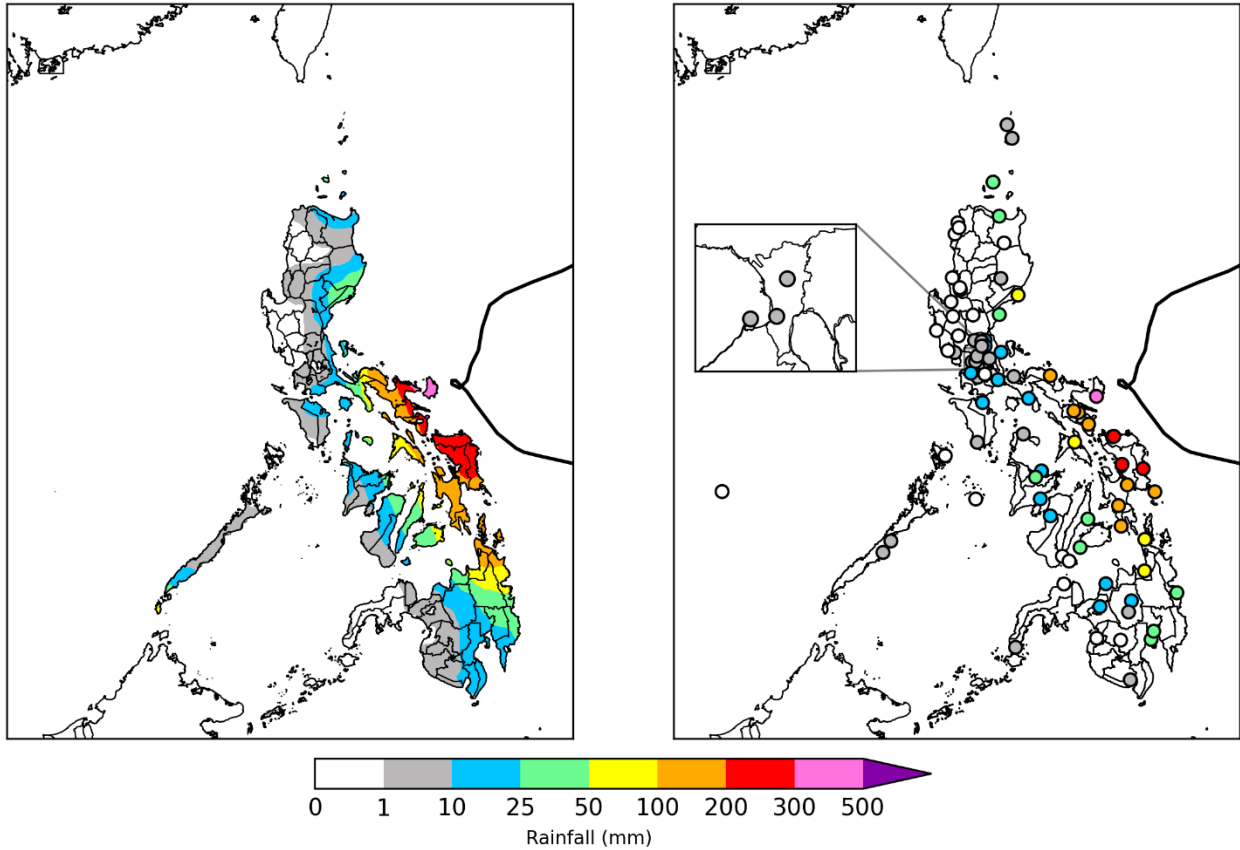


Fig. 3 | Nationwide satellite-derived estimates and corresponding gauge observations from PAGASA surface-based observation stations of accumulated rainfall for the period of 14 to 19 January 2026. The preliminary best track is shown as a thick black line.

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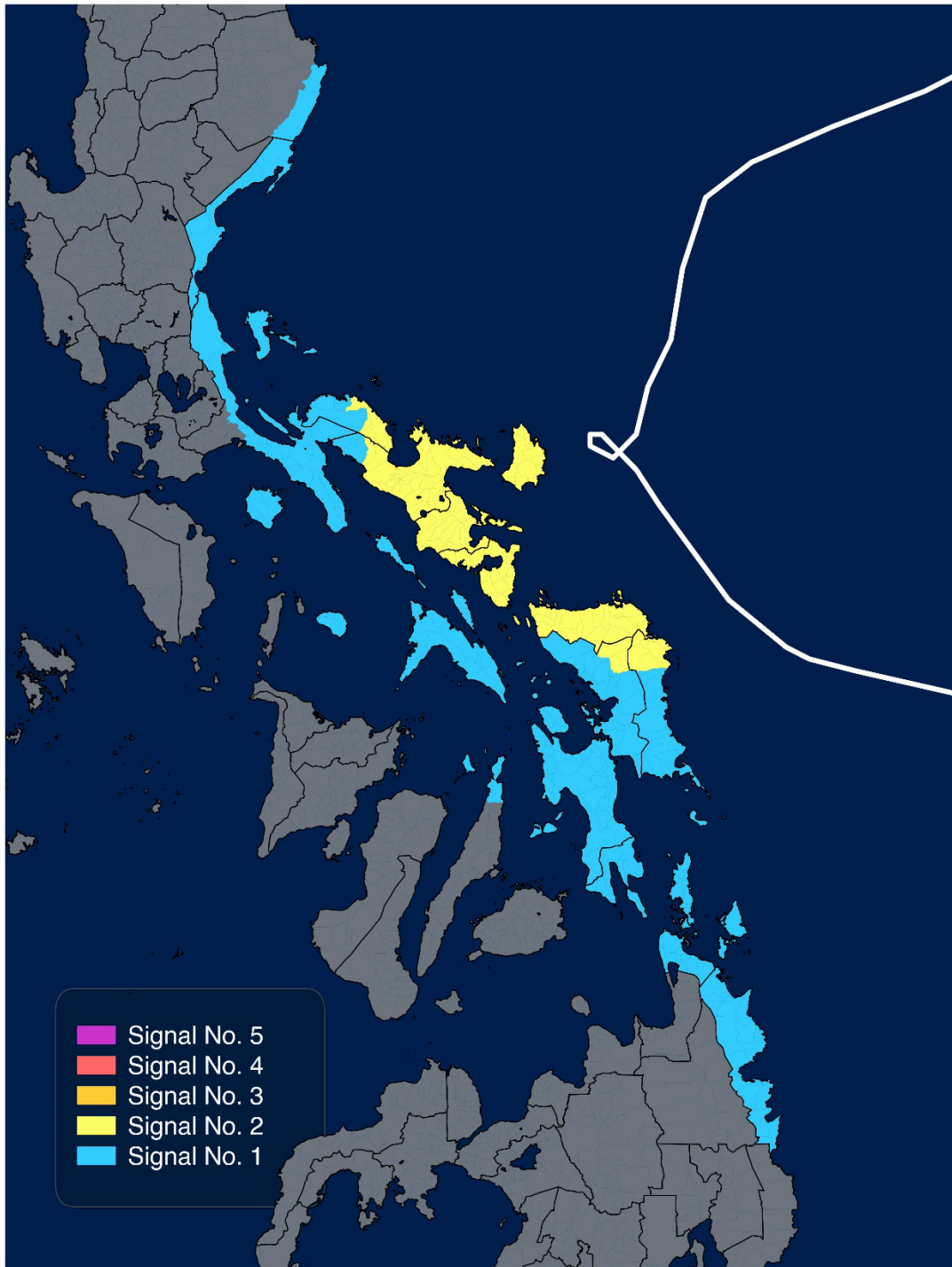


Fig. 4 | Distribution of highest level of wind signal hoisted per province or sub-provincial locality during the passage of Tropical Storm ADA. The best track is also overlaid as a solid thick white line.

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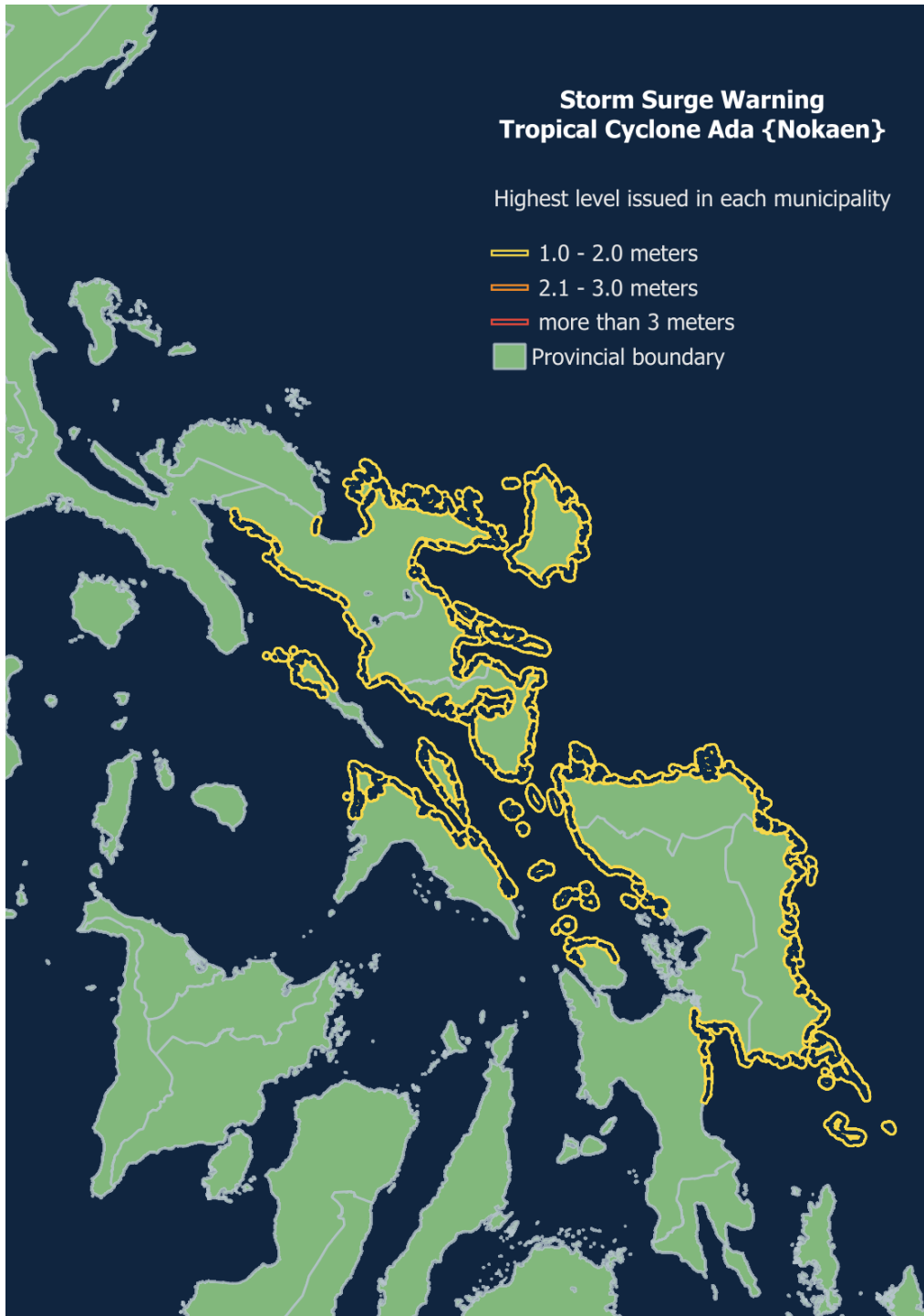


Fig. 5 | Distribution of the highest storm surge warning level in effect per province or sub-provincial locality during the passage of Tropical Storm ADA.

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