

**WMO Workshop on Cyclone Forecasting and Analyzing  
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# **Experience of Cyclone Forecasting in Myanmar**

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# **Cyclone warning system in Myanmar**

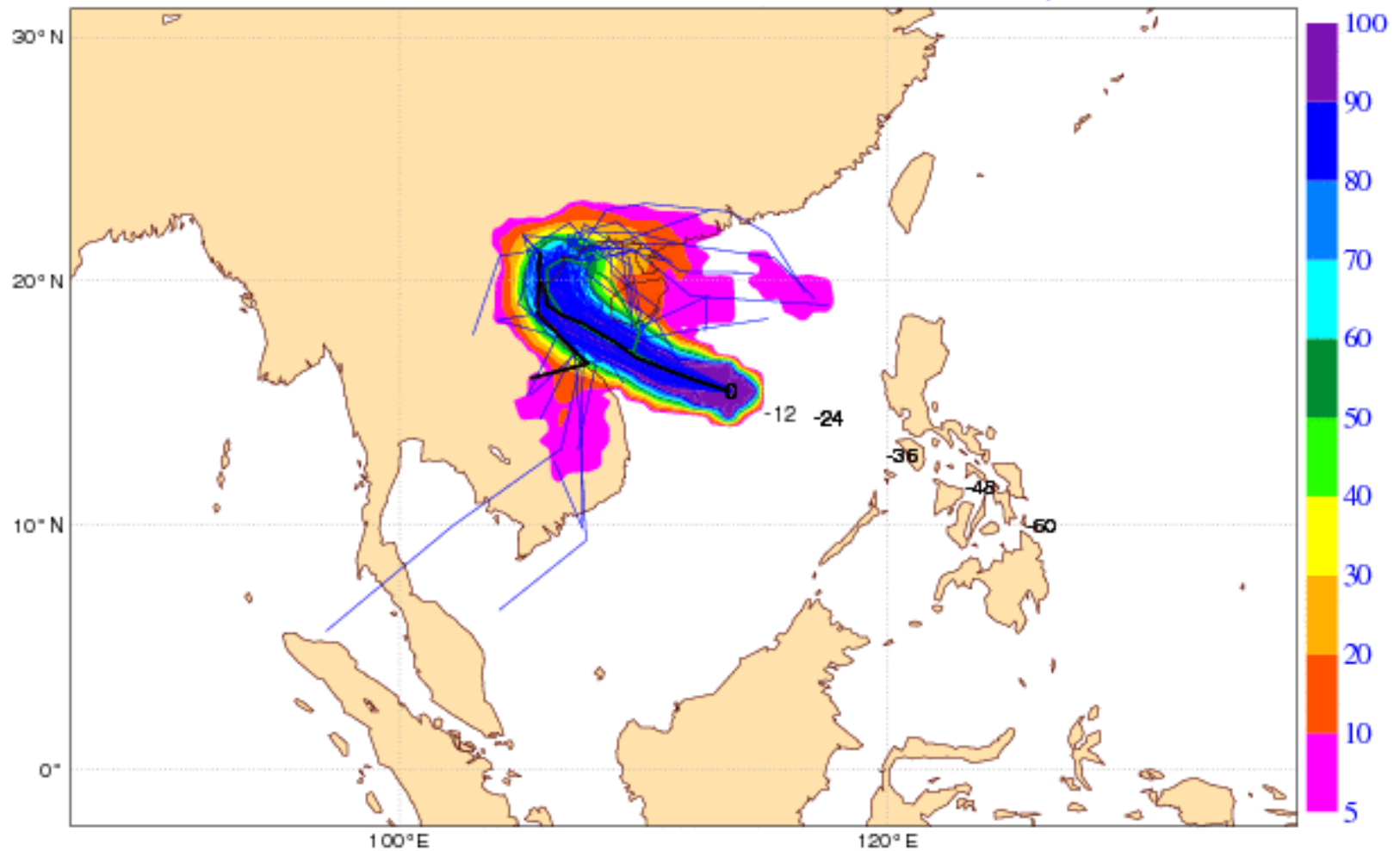
- Tropical cyclone warnings in Myanmar are provided by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

# 2012 LPA, Depression and Cyclone

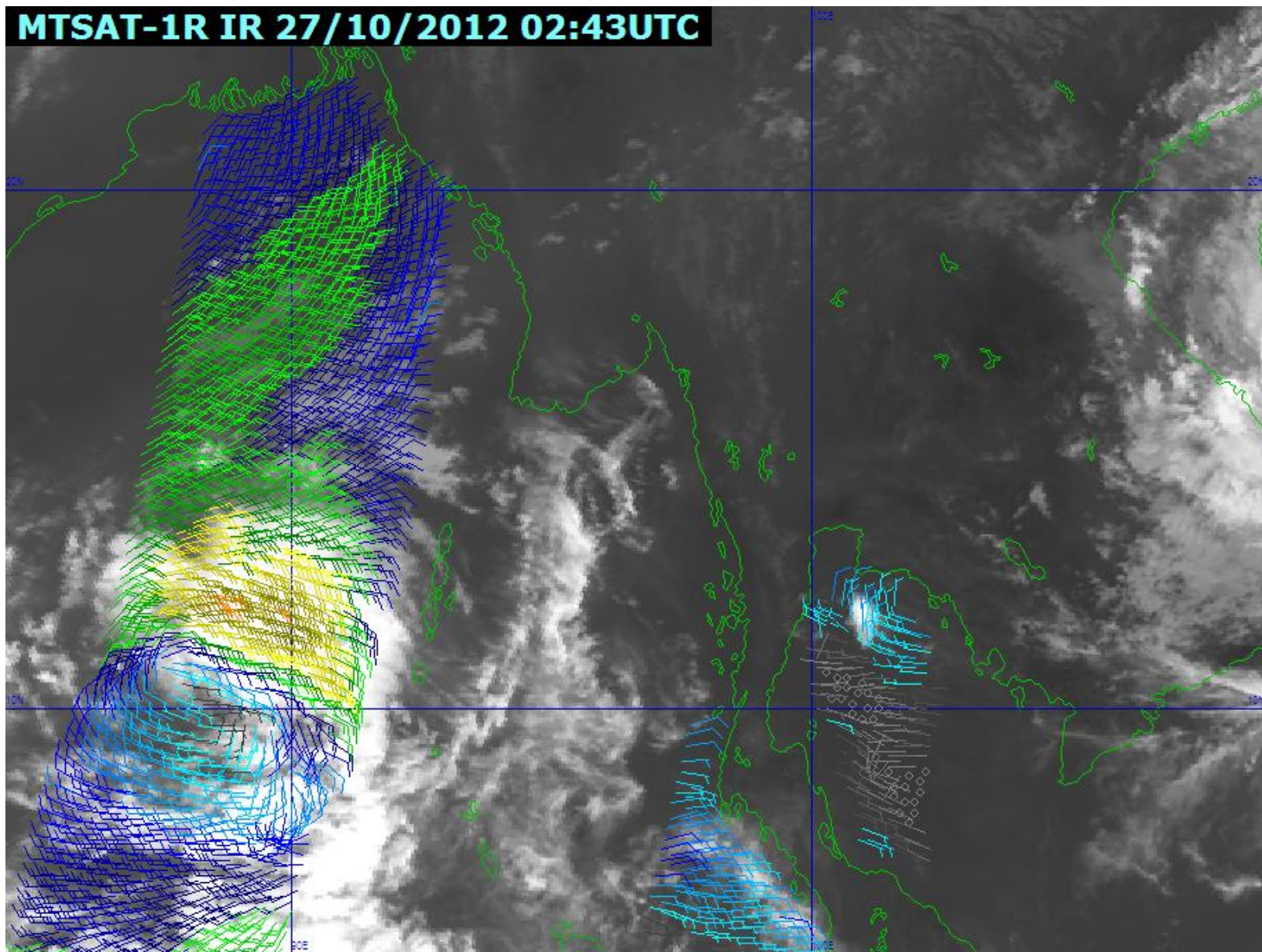
Sr	System	Place	Date	Affect in Myanmar
1	LPA	NW Bay	20-22 July	Monsoon Vigorous, Heavy Rain
2	LPA	NW Bay	3-6 August	Highest Monsoon Intensity
3	LPA	NW Bay	17-19 August	Only strong monsoon
4	LPA	N Bay	25-27 August	Heavy rain in some Coastal areas
5	LPA	WC/NW Bay	3-6 Sept	Monsoon Strong
6	LPA	WC Bay	27 Sep-2 Oct	Moderate Monsoon
7	Depression	NW-NE Bay	7 Oct-12 Oct	Squally Weather in NW areas.
8	CS <b>NILAM</b>	SE Bay	27 Oct-1Nov	
9	Depression	SE Bay	14 Nov-20 Nov	
10	LPA	Andaman Sea	28 Nov-3 Dec	Damaged paddy field due to rain

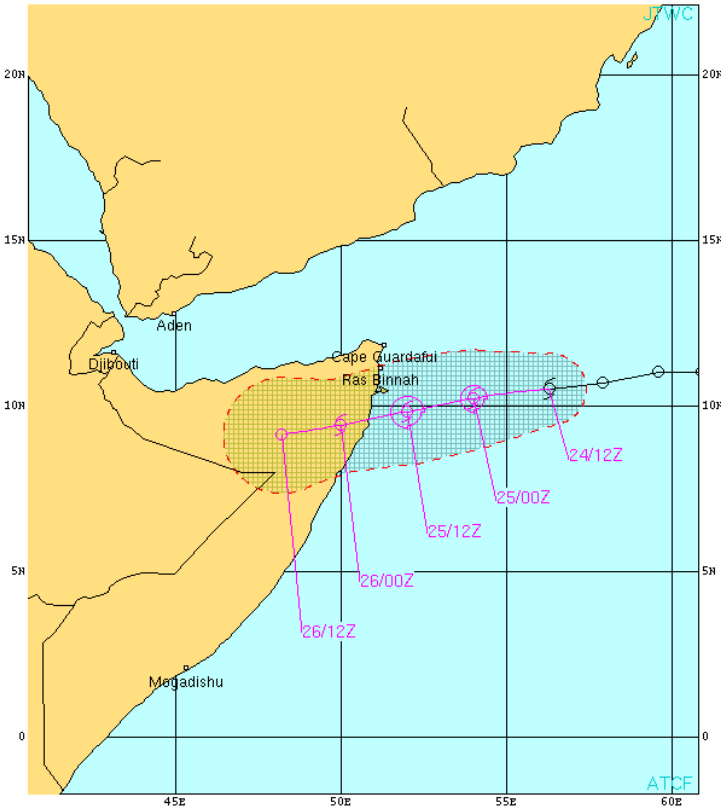
20121026 12 UTC

Probability that SON-TINH will pass within 120km radius during the next 120 hours  
tracks: black=OPER, green=CTRL, blue=EPS numbers: observed positions at t+..h



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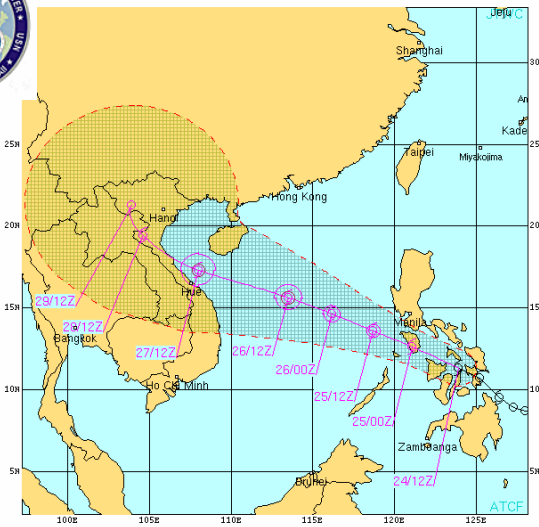




**TROPICAL CYCLONE 01A (ONE) WARNING #1**  
 WT1031 POTW 241500  
 241200Z POSIT: NEAR 10.5N 56.3E  
 MOVING 285 DEGREES TRUE AT 16 KNOTS  
 MAXIMUM SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHT: 11 FEET  
 24/12Z, WINDS 035 KTS, GUSTS TO 045 KTS  
 25/00Z, WINDS 040 KTS, GUSTS TO 050 KTS  
 25/12Z, WINDS 045 KTS, GUSTS TO 055 KTS  
 26/00Z, WINDS 035 KTS, GUSTS TO 045 KTS  
 26/12Z, WINDS 025 KTS, GUSTS TO 035 KTS

BEARING AND DISTANCE	DIR	DIST	TAU
	(NM)	(NMS)	
MASIRAH_ISLAND	213	748	24

○ LESS THAN 34 KNOTS  
 ◐ 34-63 KNOTS  
 ◑ MORE THAN 63 KNOTS  
 ⬇️ PAST 6 HOURLY CYCLONE POSITS IN BLACK  
 ⬆️ FORECAST CYCLONE POSITS IN COLOR



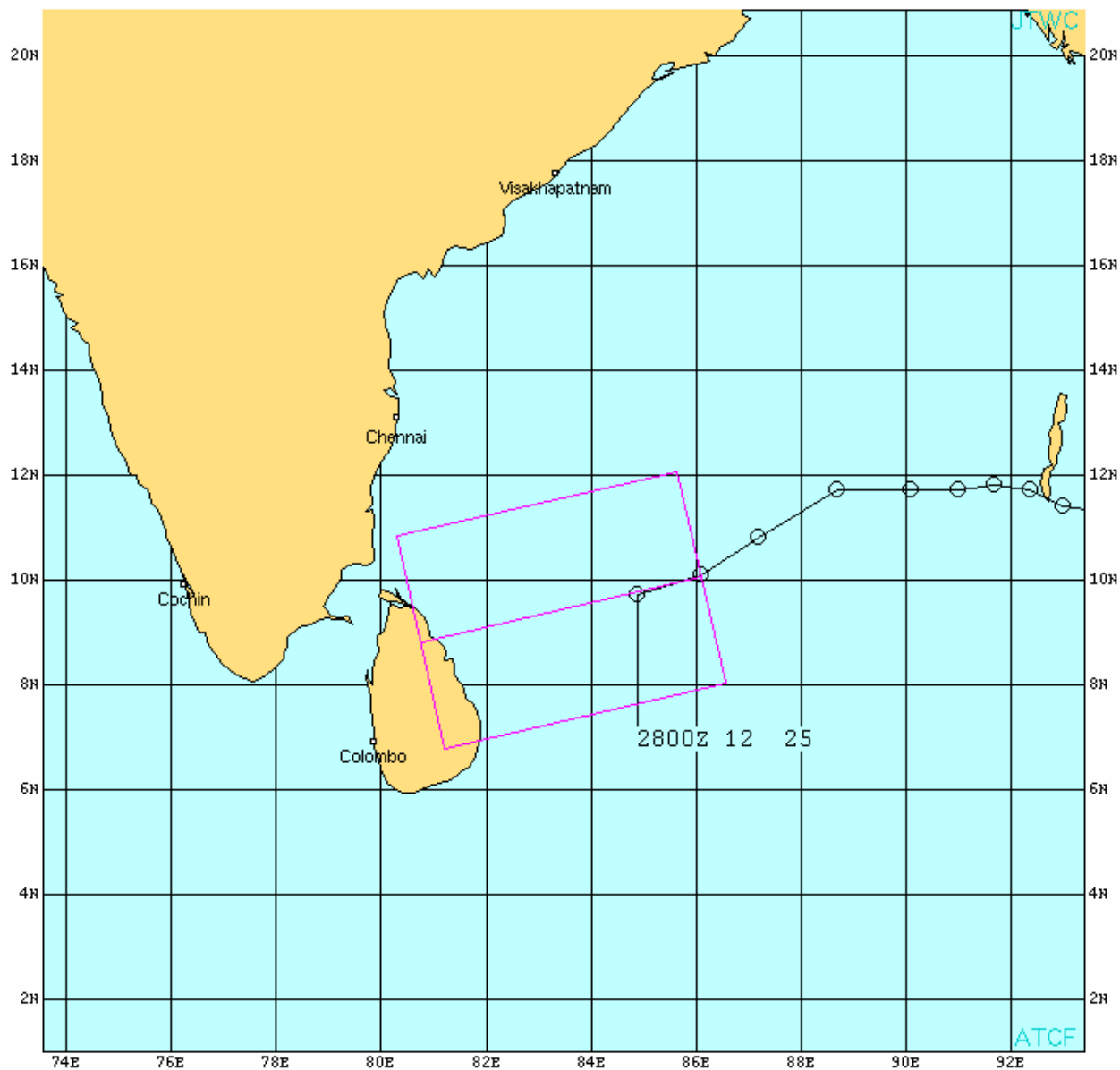
**TROPICAL STORM 24W (SUN-TERR) WARNING #4**  
 VT1931 POTW 241500  
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 MAXIMUM SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHT: 10 FEET  
 24/12Z, WINDS 035 KTS, GUSTS TO 045 KTS  
 25/00Z, WINDS 035 KTS, GUSTS TO 045 KTS  
 25/12Z, WINDS 040 KTS, GUSTS TO 050 KTS  
 26/00Z, WINDS 045 KTS, GUSTS TO 055 KTS  
 26/12Z, WINDS 055 KTS, GUSTS TO 070 KTS  
 27/12Z, WINDS 055 KTS, GUSTS TO 070 KTS  
 28/12Z, WINDS 040 KTS, GUSTS TO 050 KTS  
 29/12Z, WINDS 030 KTS, GUSTS TO 040 KTS

CPA TO:	NM	PTS
MANILA	107	25/04Z
HONG_KONG	333	26/18Z
HO_CHI_MINH_CITY	898	27/08Z
HAIPHONG	87	27/08Z
HANOI	113	29/12Z

BEARING AND DISTANCE	DIR	DIST	TAU
	(NM)	(NMS)	
MANILA	246	147	24
HAIPHONG	094	301	48
HANOI	349	80	72
HO_CHI_MINH_CITY	151	252	72
HO_CHI_MINH_CITY	011	397	72

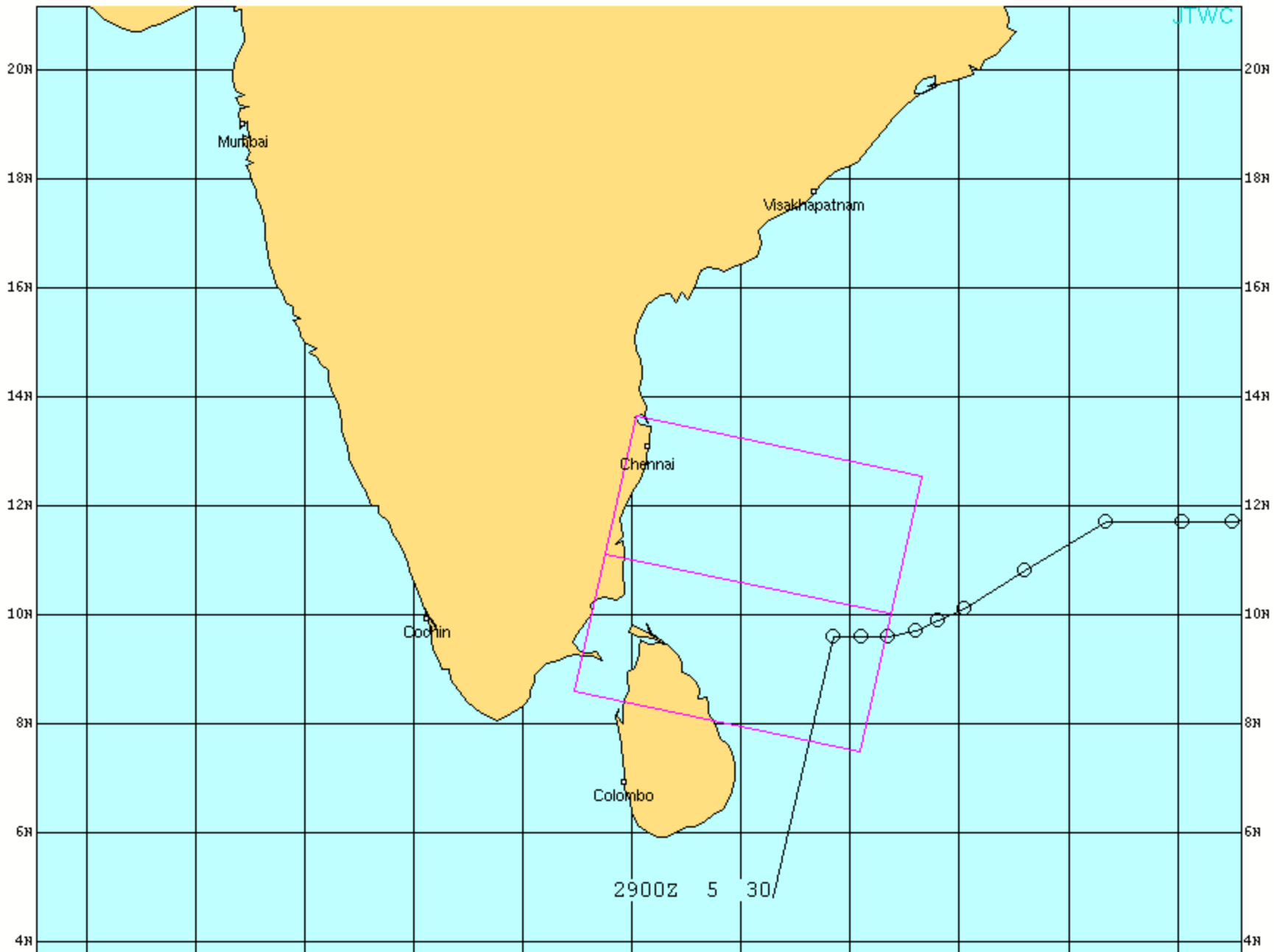
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TROPICAL CYCLONE FORMATION ALERT  
 WTIO21 PGW 280330  
 280000Z POSITION: NEAR 9.7N 84.9E  
 MOVING WEST-SOUTHWESTWARD AT 12 KNOTS  
 MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS: 30 KNOTS





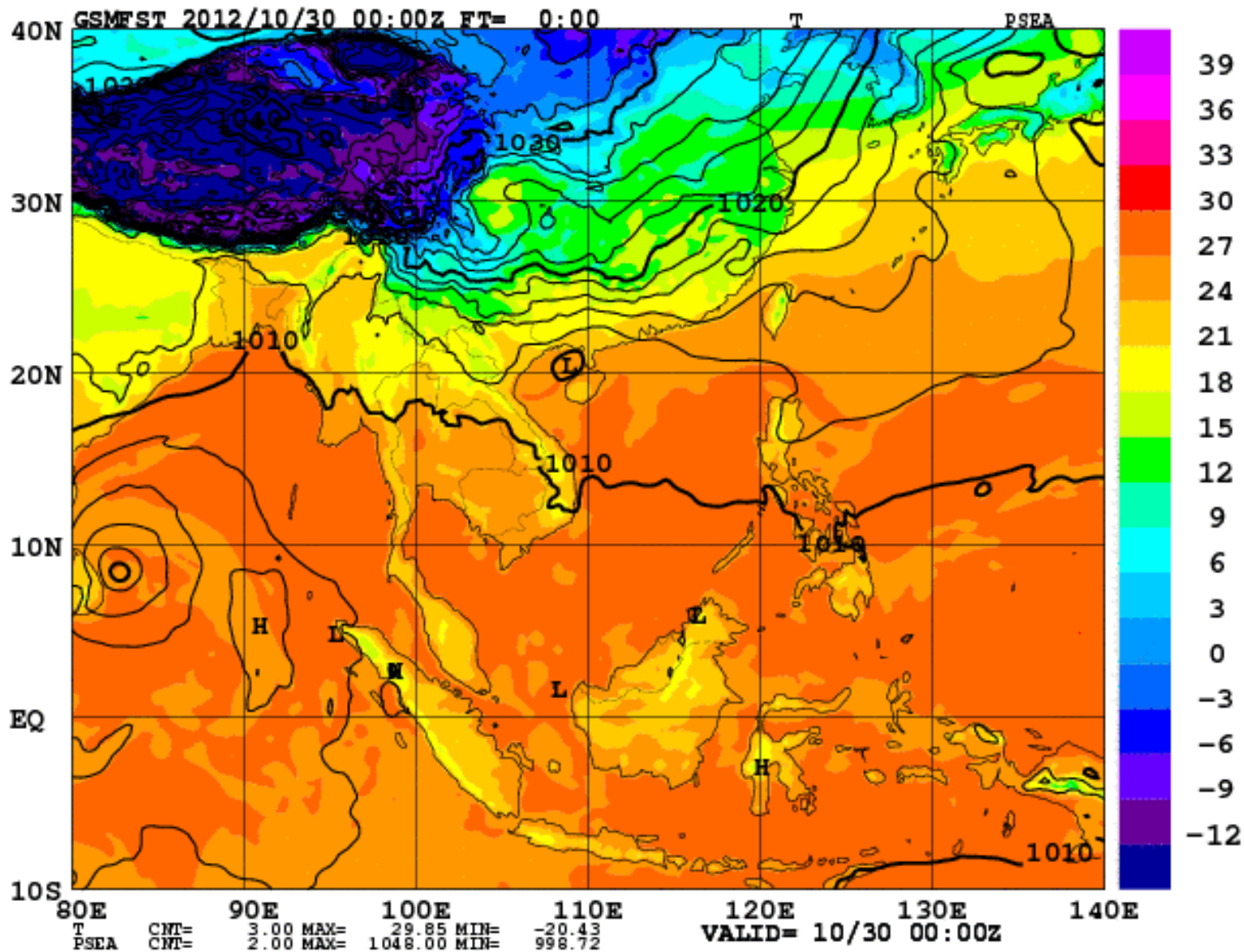
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WT1021 PGTW  
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MOVING WESTW  
MAXIMUM SUST



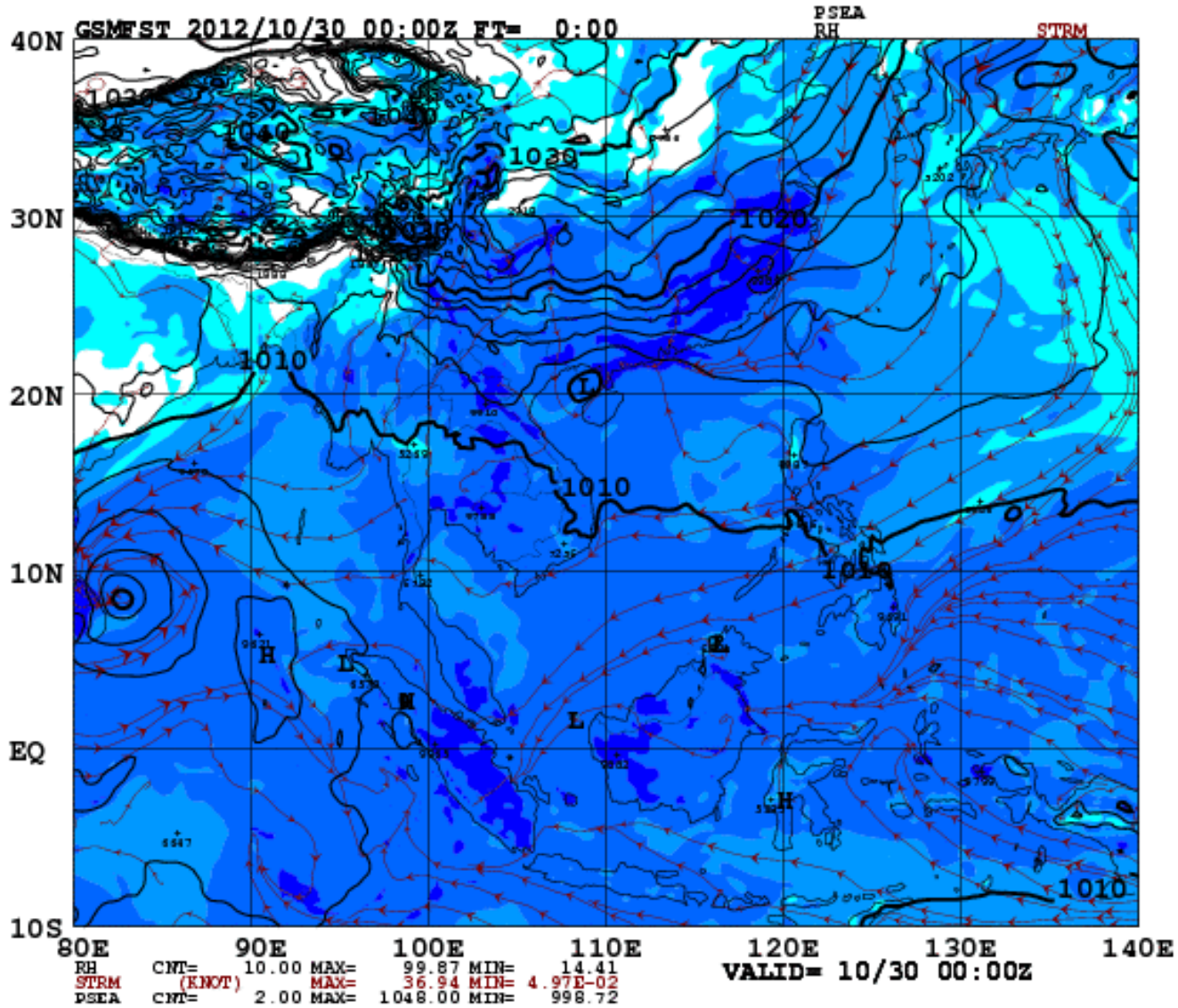
# Cyclone Color Coding Scheme in Myanmar

<b>Yellow Stage</b>	The formation of a tropical storm in the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.
<b>Orange Stage</b>	When a tropical storm has formed in the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea and begins moving toward the Myanmar coast.
<b>Red Stage</b>	When a storm moving towards Myanmar coast is expected to make landfall in 12 hours
<b>Brown Stage</b>	When a storm makes landfall on the Myanmar coast
<b>Green Stage</b>	When a storm has weakened and the storm hazard has passed.

# Temperature at surface, PSEA



# Relative Humidity[%] at surface, wind(stream line), PSEA

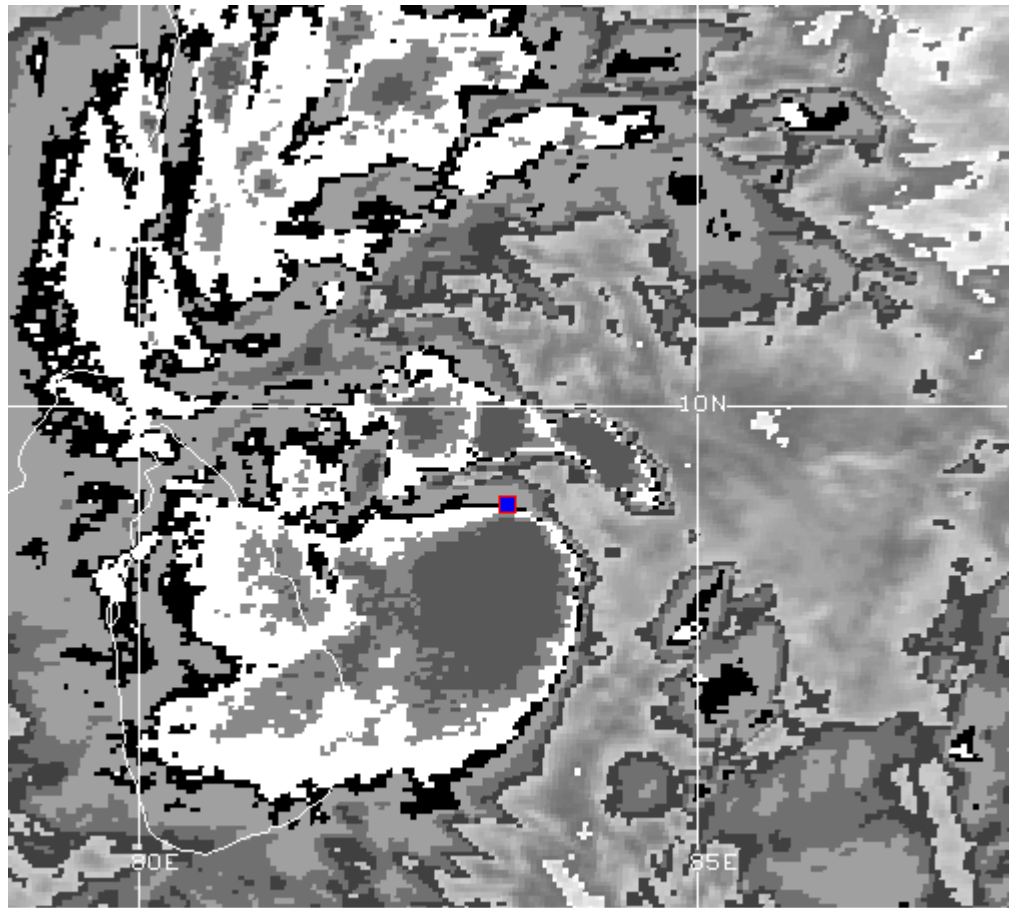


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We also use CIMSS  
ADT HALF HOURLY

Initial Guess Position - FORECAST INTERPOLATION  
Final ADT Position - FORECAST INTERPOLATION  
INFRARED 03:00UTC 30 OCT 12 UW-CIMSS

# UKMO 261200UTC

- MET OFFICE TROPICAL CYCLONE GUIDANCE FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN
  - GLOBAL MODEL DATA TIME 12UTC 26.10.2012
- NEW TROPICAL STORM FORECAST TO DEVELOP AFTER 24 HOURS
  - FORECAST POSITION AT T+ 24 : 11.5N 85.4E

•	VERIFYING TIME	POSITION	STRENGTH	TENDENCY
•	-----	-----	-----	-----
•	12UTC 27.10.2012	11.5N 85.4E	WEAK	
•	00UTC 28.10.2012	11.3N 85.4E	WEAK	LITTLE CHANGE
•	12UTC 28.10.2012	10.7N 84.1E	WEAK	LITTLE CHANGE
•	00UTC 29.10.2012	10.6N 81.8E	WEAK	LITTLE CHANGE
•	12UTC 29.10.2012	9.7N 81.9E	WEAK	LITTLE CHANGE
•	00UTC 30.10.2012	10.1N 81.1E	MODERATE	INTENSIFYING SLIGHTLY
•	12UTC 30.10.2012	10.7N 79.7E	STRONG	INTENSIFYING SLIGHTLY
•	00UTC 31.10.2012	12.1N 78.5E	MODERATE	WEAKENING SLIGHTLY
•	12UTC 31.10.2012	13.8N 74.5E	WEAK	WEAKENING RAPIDLY
•	00UTC 01.11.2012	15.0N 71.1E	WEAK	INTENSIFYING SLIGHTLY
•	12UTC 01.11.2012	12.6N 68.5E	STRONG	INTENSIFYING RAPIDLY
•	THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED AS GUIDANCE FOR TROPICAL CYCLONE			
•	RSMCS. IT REQUIRES INTERPRETATION BY TROPICAL CYCLONE SPECIALISTS			
•	AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A FINAL PRODUCT			
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•	TOO 261634			

# UKMO 301800UTC TC Guidance

- MET OFFICE TROPICAL CYCLONE GUIDANCE FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN
  - GLOBAL MODEL DATA TIME 12UTC 30.10.2012
    - CYCLONIC STORM NILAM ANALYSED POSITION : 9.1N 84.2E

•	VERIFYING TIME	POSITION	STRENGTH	TENDENCY
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•	12UTC 30.10.2012	9.1N 84.2E	MODERATE	
•	00UTC 31.10.2012	10.5N 82.8E	MODERATE	LITTLE CHANGE
•	12UTC 31.10.2012	12.2N 81.4E	MODERATE	INTENSIFYING SLIGHTLY
•	00UTC 01.11.2012	14.4N 80.3E	STRONG	INTENSIFYING SLIGHTLY
•	12UTC 01.11.2012	15.4N 78.3E	MODERATE	WEAKENING SLIGHTLY
•	00UTC 02.11.2012	15.9N 77.8E	WEAK	WEAKENING RAPIDLY
•	12UTC 02.11.2012	16.3N 78.6E	WEAK	WEAKENING SLIGHTLY
•	00UTC 03.11.2012	BELOW TROPICAL STORM STRENGTH		

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**OBSERVED & FORECAST TRACK OF CYCLONE NILAM  
BASED ON 1800 UTC OF 30 OCTOBER, 2012**

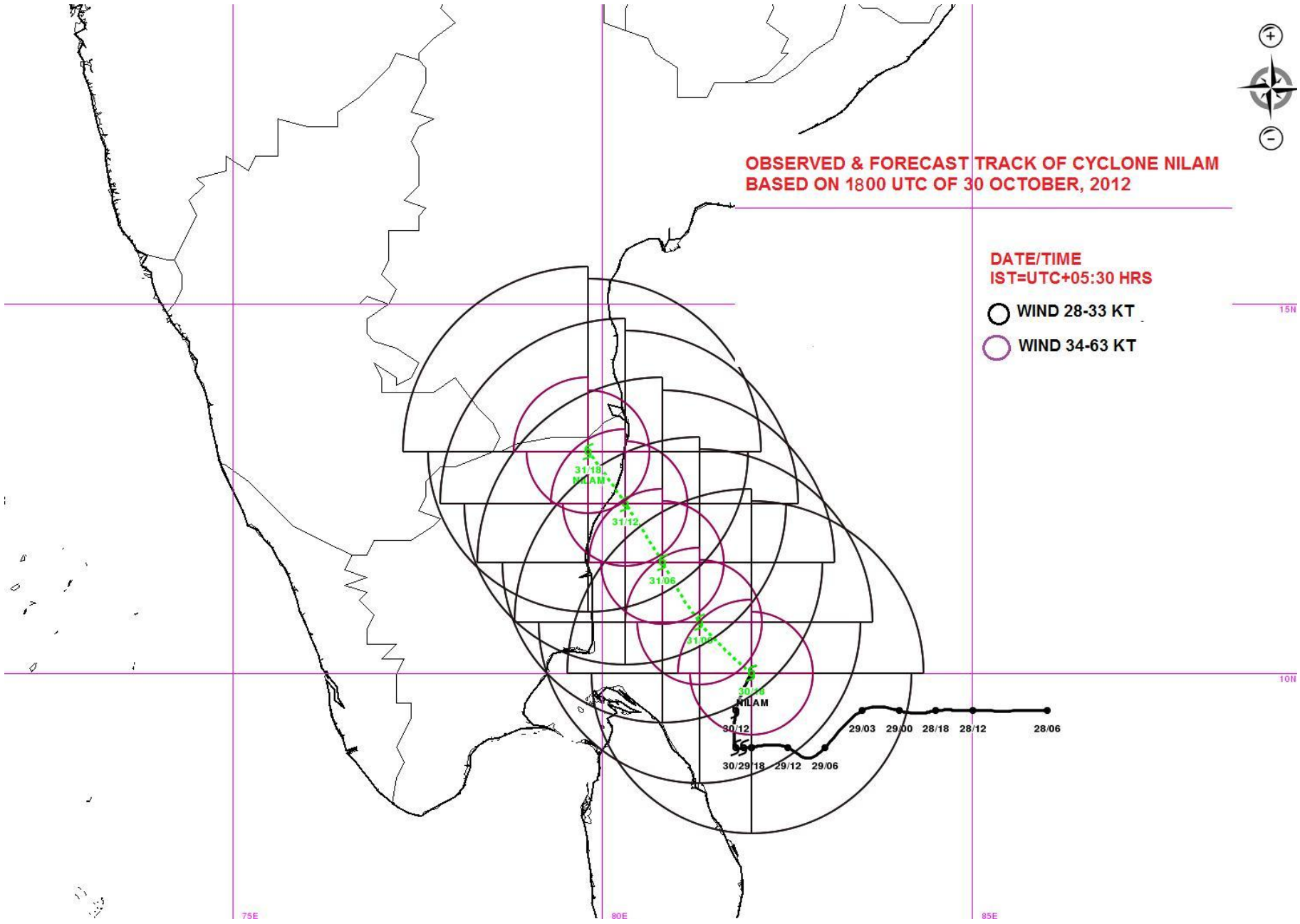
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○ WIND 28-33 KT

○ WIND 34-63 KT

15W

10N



75E

80E

85E

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29/03 29/00 28/18 28/12 28/06

NILAM

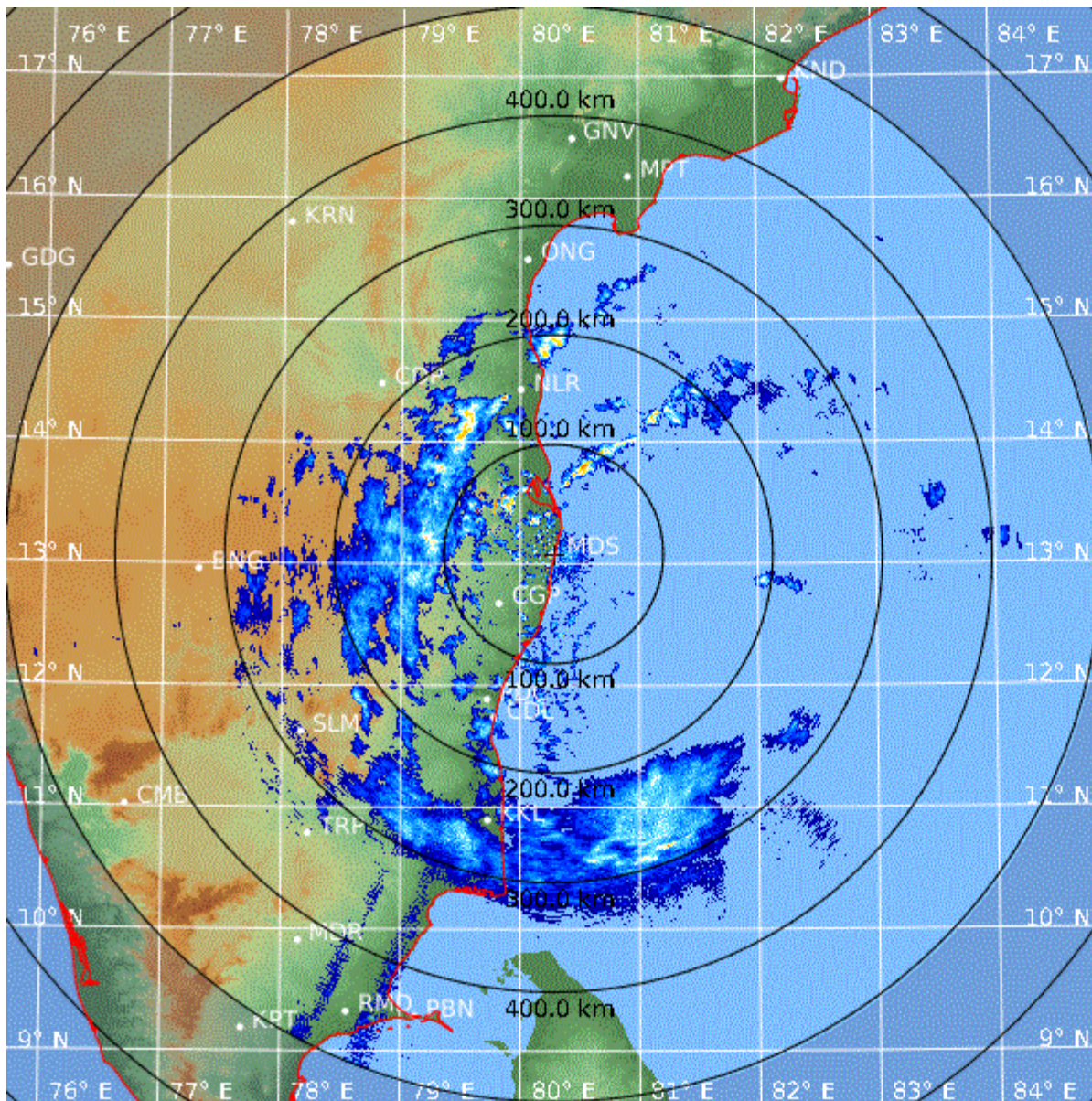
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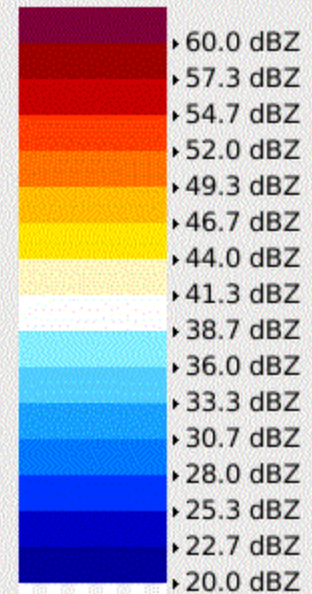
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**PPI (dBZ)**  
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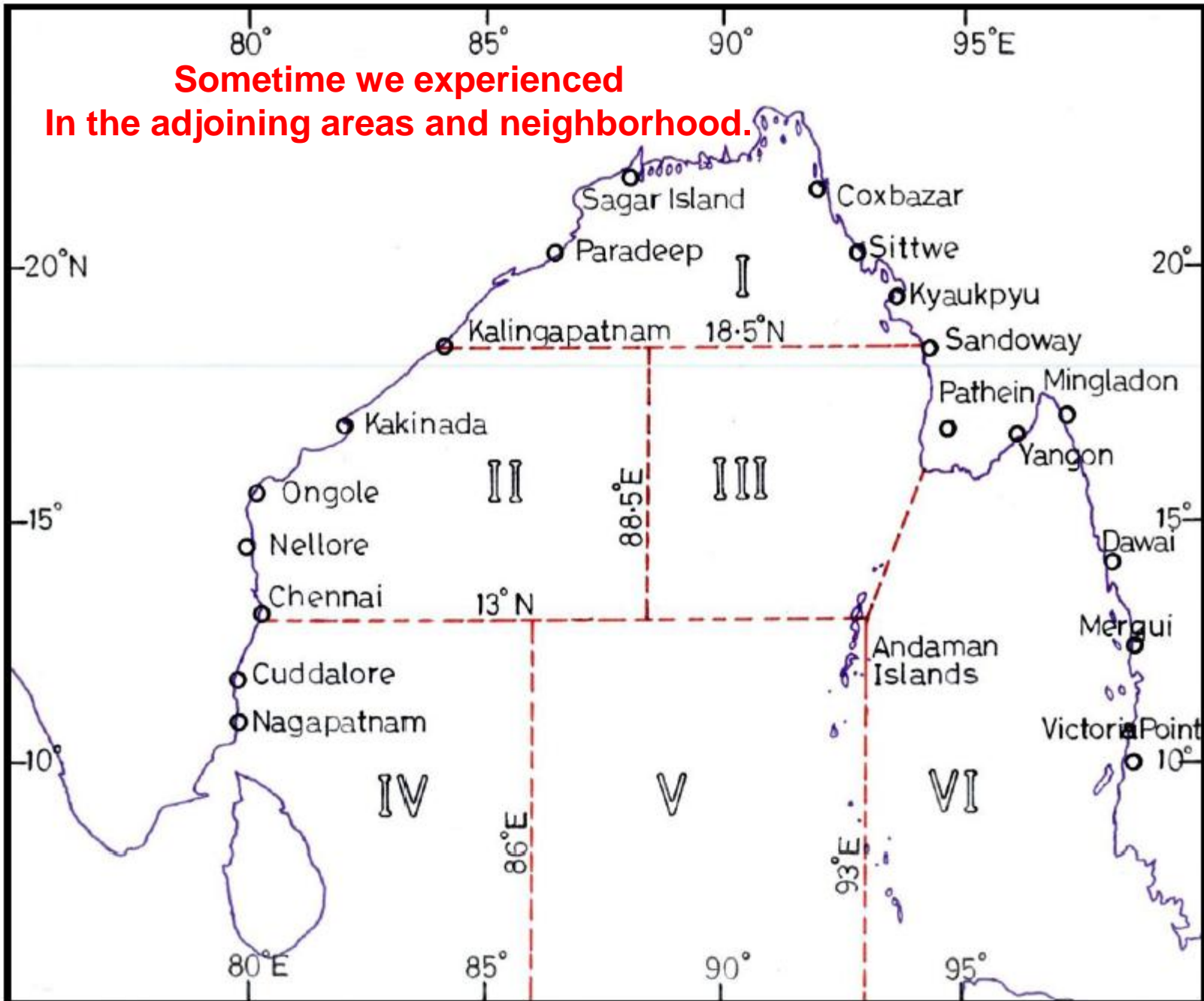


# Myanmar SYNOP station Disseminate (3)hourly via GTS and can access following Link.

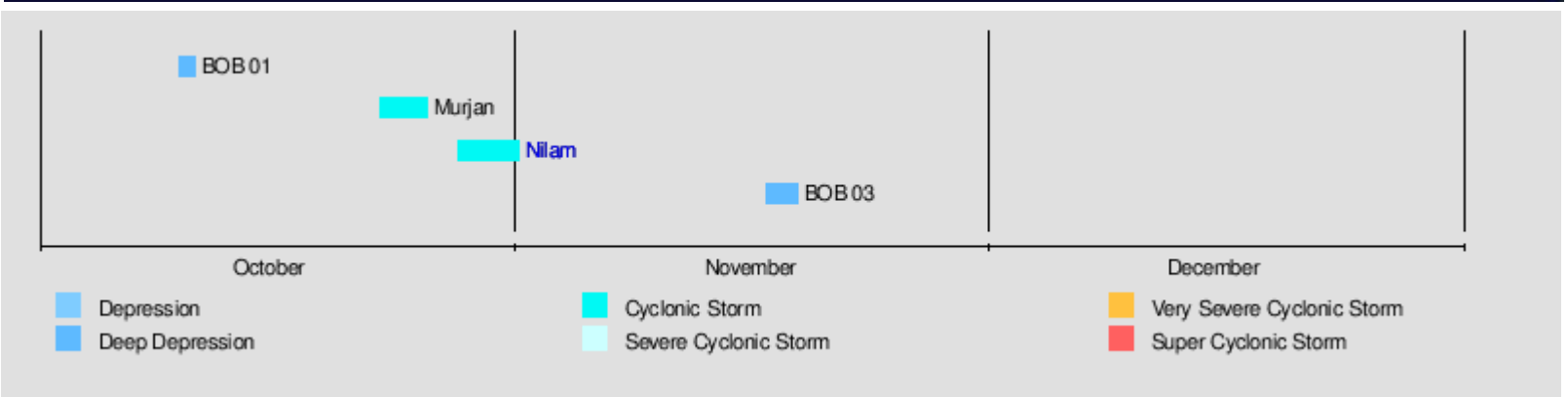
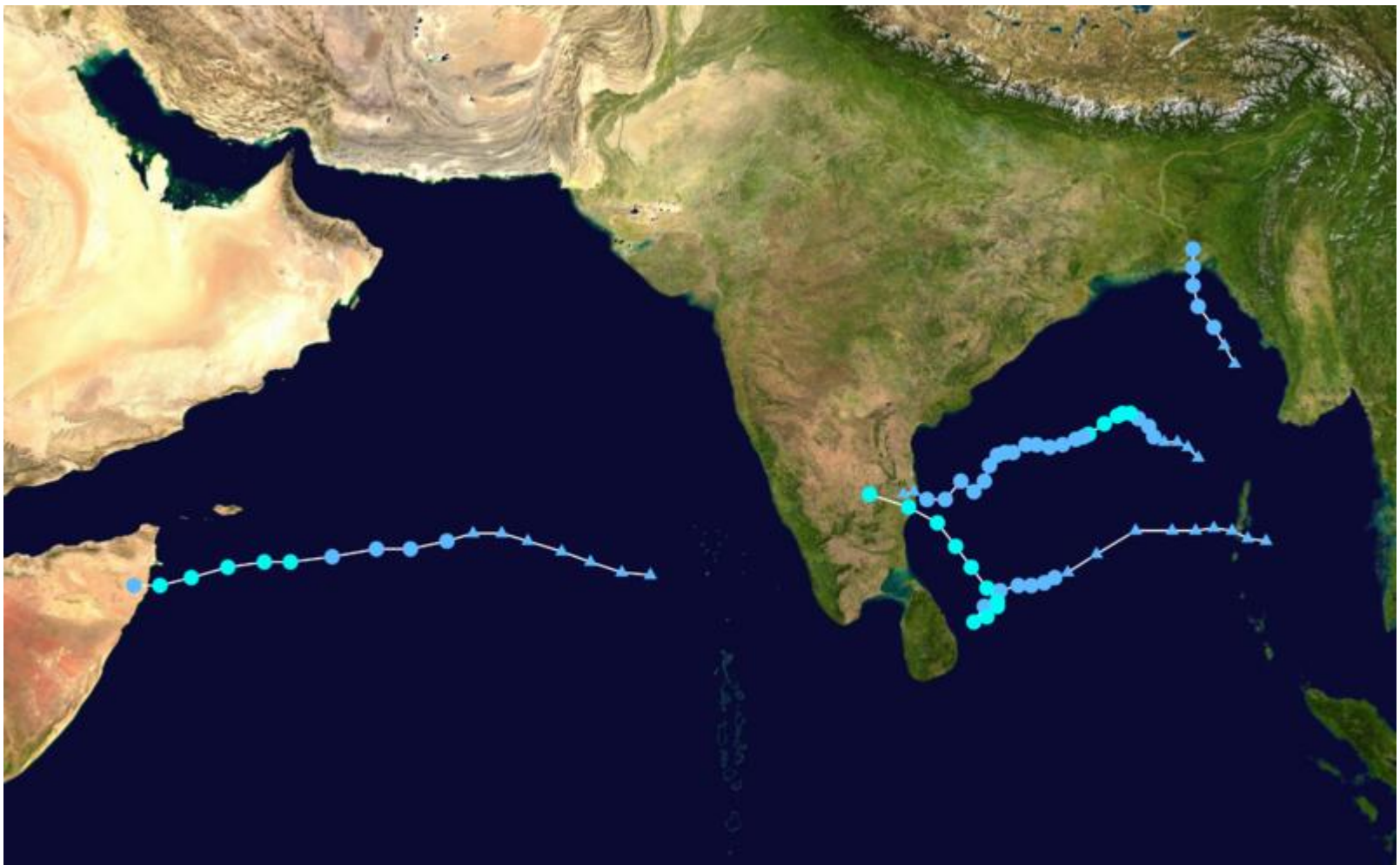
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**Sometime we experienced  
In the adjoining areas and neighborhood.**

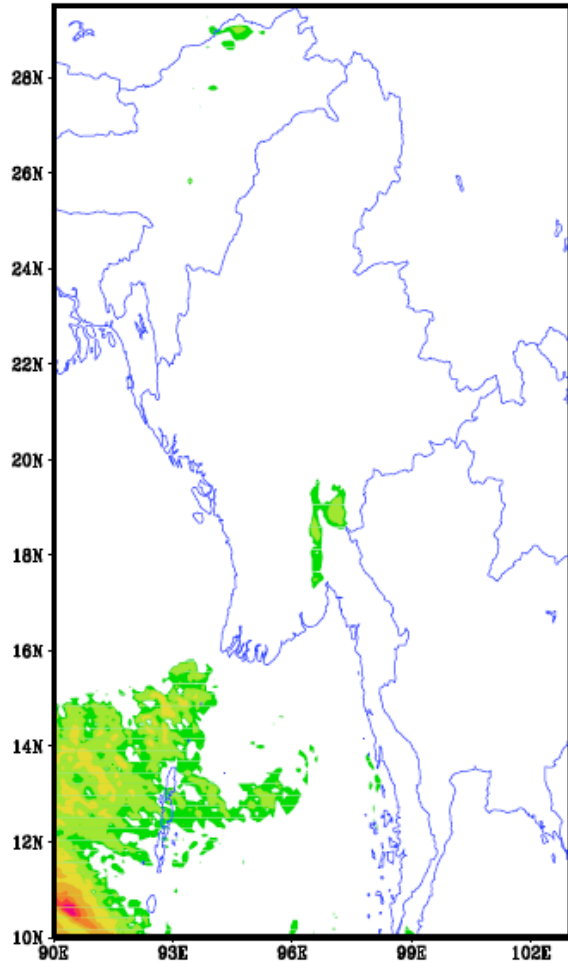


**Fig. II-C-I. The exact area of coverage**

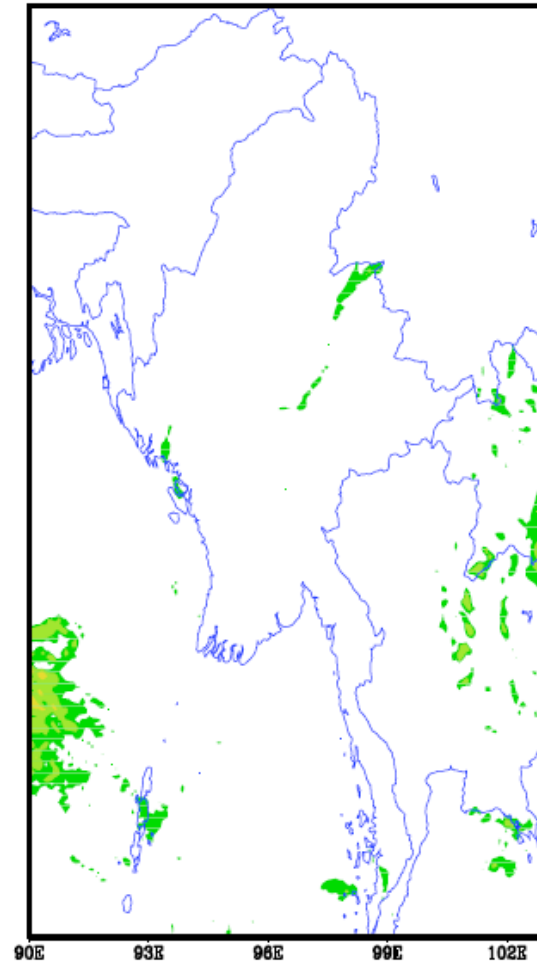


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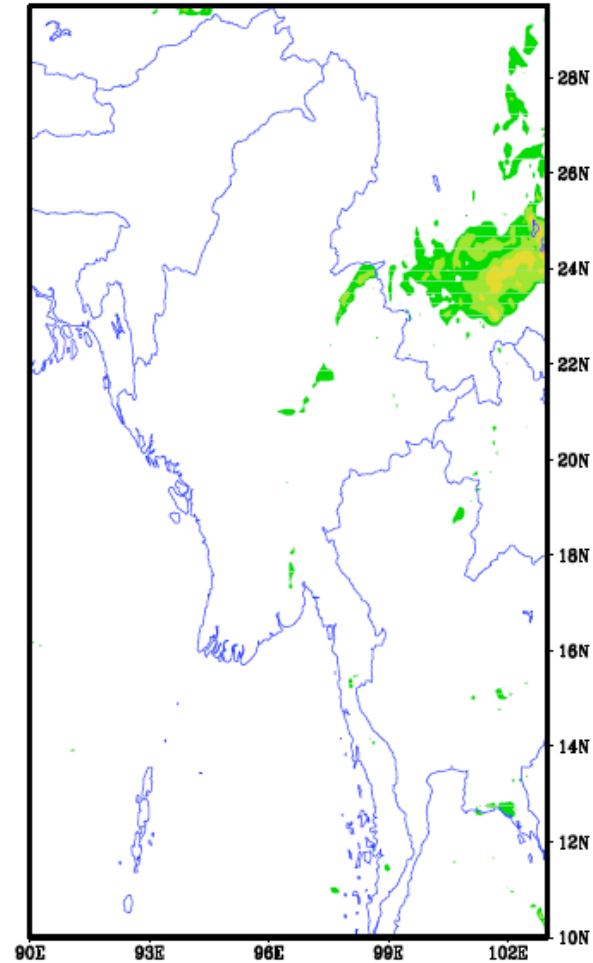
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- **No significant cyclonic storm formed in April and/or May.**
- **Most of the system developed over NW Bay.**
- **Only 1 Cyclonic storm formed.**
- **No directly affect to Myanmar.**
- **(1) TD and (1) LPA weakened over water. Possibility in association with same system, same longitude in Southern Hemisphere.**
- **Some system associated with Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal and China Sea and Pacific in same time.**

# Governmental office high aware and taking care



**13-12-2012 Ministry of Commerce, Disaster Risk Reduction Special Talks**

# Challenges and gaps

- Intensity upgrading stage. LPA to TD.
- Delayed Weather Outlook and special Outlook.
- Public weather experts declared Cyclone while only in T1.0.
- some time higher authority want specific location Lat/Lon/distance.

# Request

- RSMC New Delhi to issue more timely outlook warning.
- Continue multilateral approach.
- More regular training program TC/surge/satellite technique.
- RSMC to issue medium range TC genesis for panel member.



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