Noul makes landfall in Philippines, thousands flee

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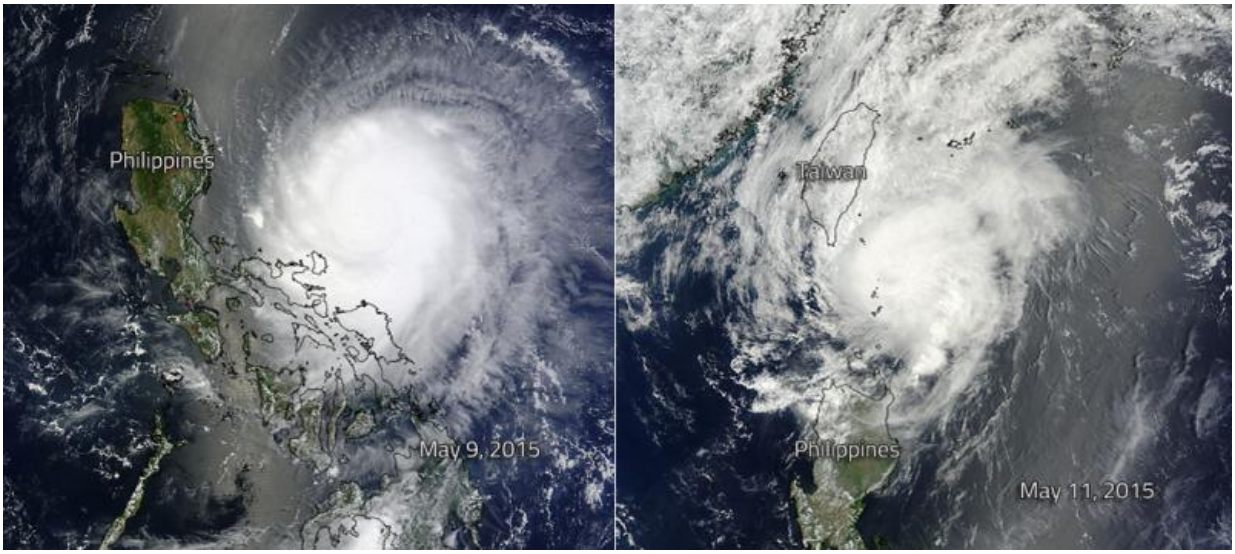


These images from the MODIS instrument on Terra show Noul's landfall in the Philippines followed by its movement toward Taiwan over the course of three days -- May 8-11, 2015. Credit: NASA Goddard MODIS Rapid Response Team

On Sunday, May 10, 2015, Super Typhoon Noul (designated Dodong in the Philippines) made landfall in Santa Ana, a coastal town in Cagayan on the northeastern tip of the Philippine Islands.

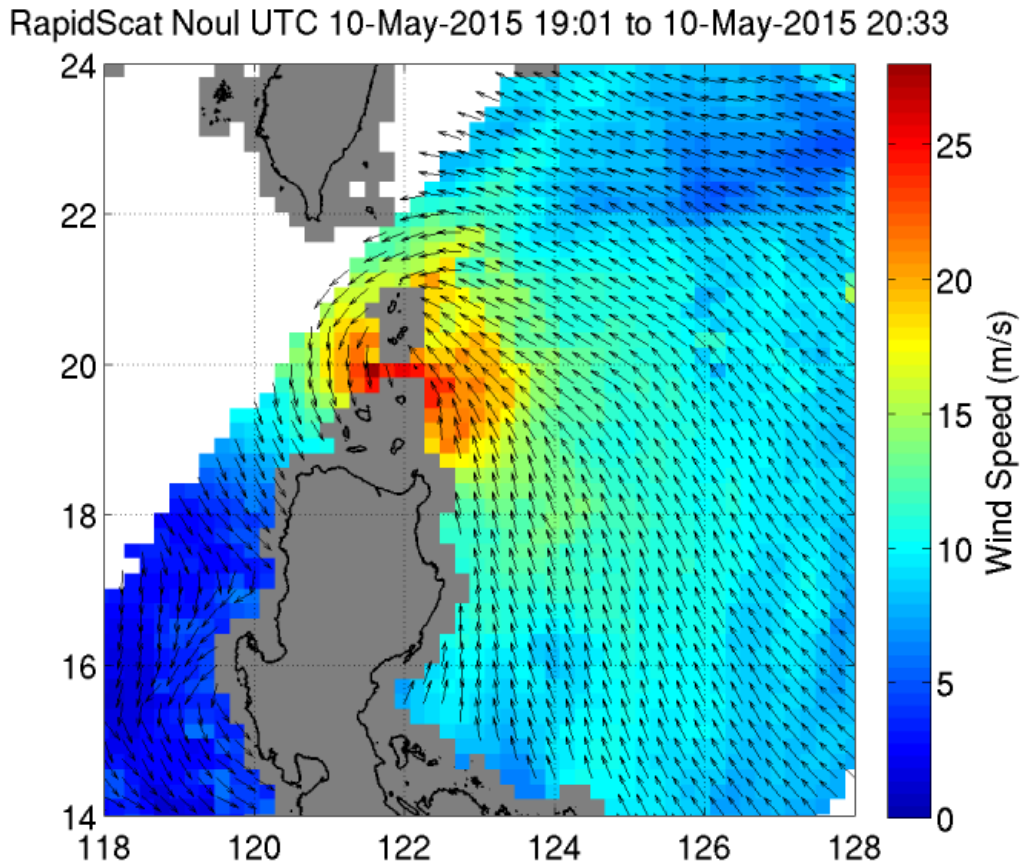
Close to 2,500 residents evacuated as the storm crossed over, and as of today no major damage or injuries have been reported. Trees were downed by the high winds and power outages occurred during the storm.

Noul is expected to weaken now that it has made land, and to move faster as it rides strong surrounding winds. It is forecast to completely leave the Philippines by Tuesday morning and head toward southern Japan and Taiwan. Noul is curving northeast and will pass over Okinawa, weakening as it transitions into an extra-tropical cyclone to the south of Japan.

Currently Noul is 401 miles southwest of Kadena AB moving north northeast at 14 knots. Its maximum sustained winds are 95 knots gusting to 115 knots. Maximum significant wave height is 38 feet.

Public warnings have been issued as follows:

- Public storm warning signal #3 is raised in Batanes
- Public storm warning signal #2 is raised in Babuyan and Calayan Group of Islands
- Public storm warning signal #1 is raised in Northern Cagayan



The RapidScat instrument on the International Space Station captured this image of Noul as it made landfall. Winds speed of up to 67 mph (30 m/s) were present at the time it hit the Philippine Islands. Credit: NASA JPL, Doug Tyler

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