

Typhoon Kilo's eye gets a NASA style closeup

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On Sept. 3 NASA's Aqua satellite got a close-up of Typhoon Kilo's eye as it moved through the Northwestern Pacific Ocean. Credit: NASA Goddard



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The MODIS or Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer instrument aboard NASA's Aqua satellite zoomed into Typhoon Kilo's eye on September 3. MODIS looked at the eye with a 250 meter (0.15 mile/273 yard) resolution close-up. The image showed an eye mostly covered by <u>high clouds</u>, however, the northern eyewall was visible.

At 1500 UTC (11 a.m. EDT) on September 4, 2015, Kilo's maximum sustained winds were near 75 knots (86.3 mph/138.9 kph). It was centered near 23.4 North latitude and 175.7 East longitude, about 565 nautical miles (650 miles/1,046 km) east-northeast of Wake Island. Kilo was moving to the west at 6 knots (6.9 mph/11.1 kph).

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) expects Kilo re-strengthen as it moves through warm waters above 30 Celsius (85 Fahrenheit). JTWC expects Kilo to peak at 120 knots on Sept. 7 after passing Wake Island. After that peak weakening is forecast to being as the storm turns to the west-northwest. For updated forecasts, visit the JTWC website: <u>http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC/</u>.

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