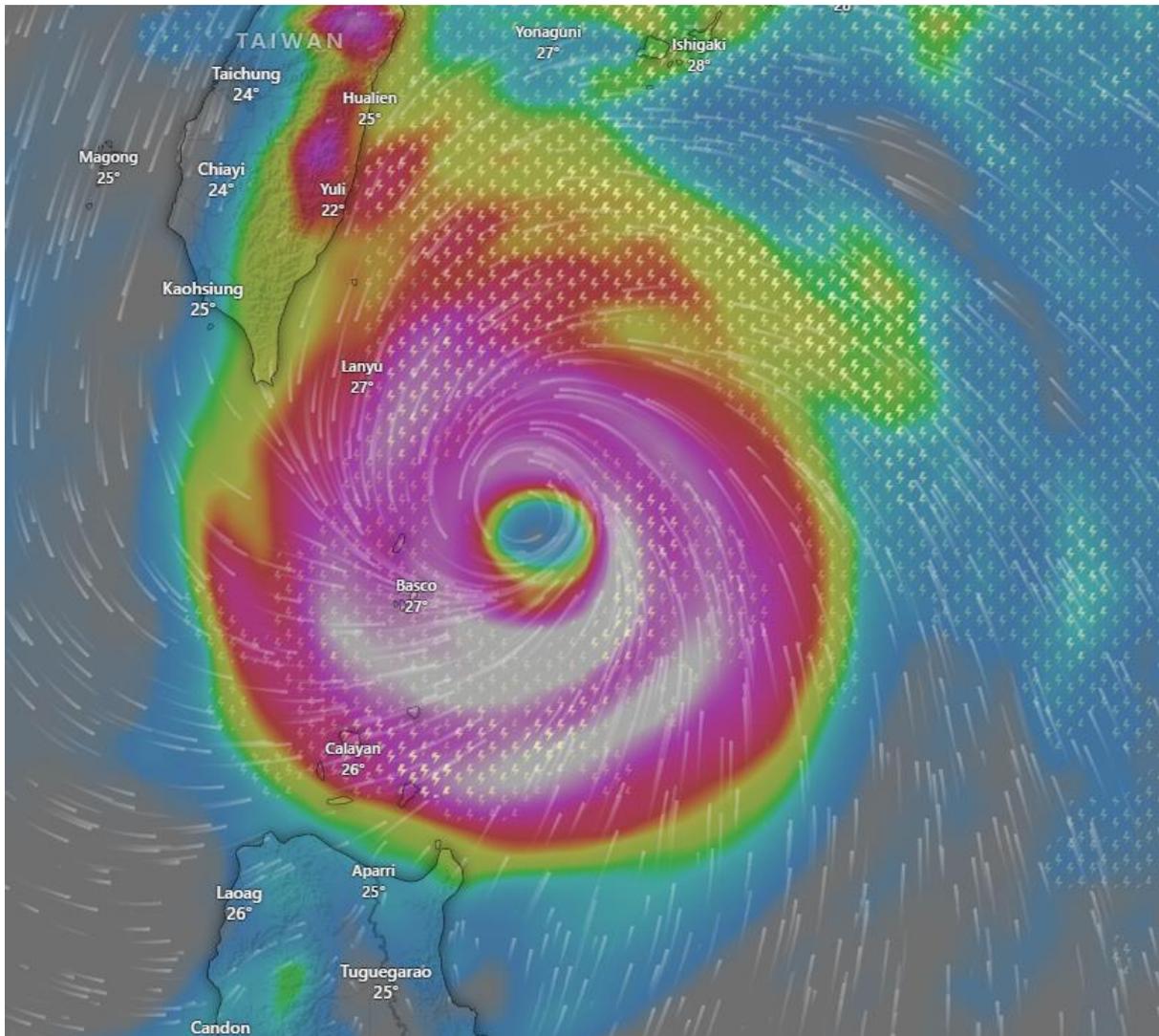


## Philippine Sea: Typhoon Kong-rey



Early on October 31, Typhoon Kong-rey, also called Leon in the Philippines, is moving northwest over the Philippine Sea toward the northeast of the Philippines and southeast of Taiwan. The system's center of circulation was roughly 474 kilometers (295 miles) southeast of Taipei, Taiwan, as of 5:00 CST. As the weather system moves northwest and approaches landfall over north-eastern Taitung County, Taiwan, in the afternoon of October 31, forecast models predict that it will become slightly weaker. As it moves north-northwest across Taiwan late on October 31 before hitting the Taiwan Strait, the storm is expected to quickly weaken after landfall but maintain its typhoon status. As Kong-rey moves north-northeast off the coast of Fujian and subsequently Zhejiang provinces in China on November 1, it is

predicted to weaken into a tropical storm before moving northeast across the East China Sea late on November 1–November 2.