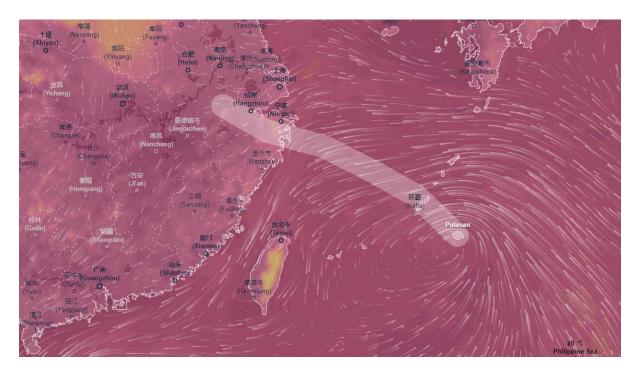
Tropical Storm Pulasan



Tracking northwestward in the Philippine Sea is TS Pulasan. Late September 18, close approach to Okinawa Prefecture, Japan.Hurricane Tropical Early on September 18, Pulasan is heading northwest over the Philippine Sea into Okinawa Prefecture in Japan. The system's center of circulation was located at 537 kilometers (334 miles) southeast of Kadena Air Base in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan, as of 12:00 JST.According to forecasts, the weather system would progressively diminish and approach Okinawa Prefecture closely in the late hours of September 18, passing southwest of Okinawa Main Island. As Pulasan moves northwestward across the East China Sea into southeast China through early September 19 and makes another impact over Zhejiang Province late September 19, it is predicted to weaken somewhat but maintain tropical storm intensity.