# "Climate Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Philippines"



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- ☐ Introduction
- Impacts of Climate Change and Philippines' vulnerability
- DOST-PAGASA S&T Adaptation Initiatives

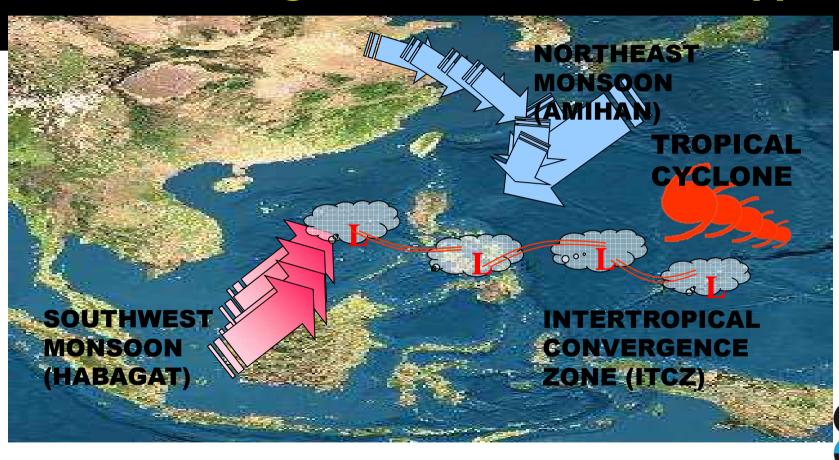


#### Philippine geography & topography

- Archipelago, composed of 7,100 islands with low lying areas
- Due to its geographical setting, it is considered as one of the countries of the world most prone to extreme climatic events.
- Among longest coastlines in the world with 32,400 kms (susceptible to storm surges)
- Highly susceptible to sea level rise



#### **Weather Causing Phenomena in the Philippines**





Philippine
Atmospheric
Geophysical
Astronomical
Services
Administration



The nation's meteorological service and public weather service provider



Satellite Antenna at Weather and Flood Forecasting Center





#### **NETWORK OF OBSERVATIONS**

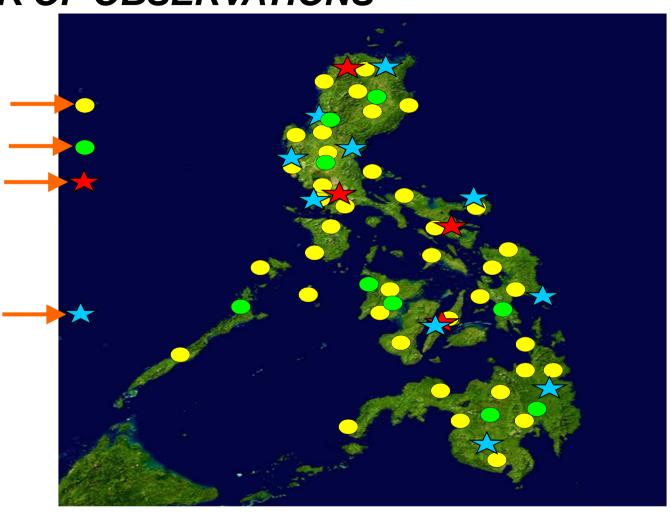
**54 Synoptic Stations** 

23 Agromet Stations

5 Radiosonde Stns.

5 Meteorological Satellite Receiving Facilities

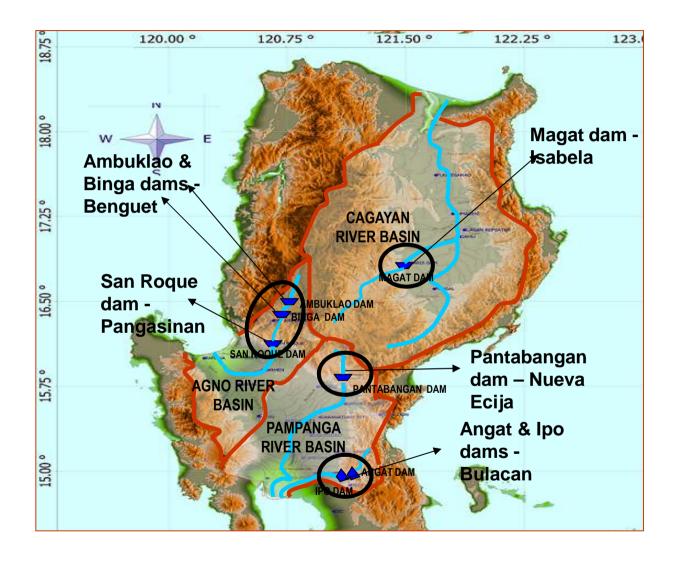
10 Doppler radars (2 years from now)



## Upgrading of Flood Forecasting and Warning System

- Modernization of Pampanga and Agno River Basin Flood Forecasting and Warning System
- Establishment of Community-Based Flood Monitoring and Early Warning System





## Location of monitored dams in Luzon



#### Strategy - River Basin Approach



#### **Community-based Flood Early Warning**











#### Initiatives/Programs by PAGASA during ECEs

#### Early warning system:

Flood Bulletins - telemetered river basins

Flood Advisories - non-telemetred river basins

Flood Situationer - Metro Manila

Seasonal Weather Outlooks and El Nino and La Nina Updates

 Public Information Drive / Seminars/Workshops on meteorological and hydrological phenomena i.e. floods and drought.

#### Establishment of state-of-the art Doppler Weather Radar Network

- Virac (JICA)
- Aparri (JICA)
- Guian (JICA)
- Tagaytay (OP)
- SBMA (OP)
- Cebu (OP)
- Hinatuan
- Tampakan
- Baguio upgrading (DOST)
- Baler upgrading (DOST)



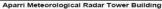




#### **NETWORK**

#### **DOPPLER RADARS** (JICA)











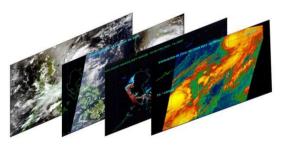
Virac Meteorological Radar Tower Building



Advanced Science (Space Technology Applications)

Upgrading and Establishment of Ground Meteorological Satellite Facilities

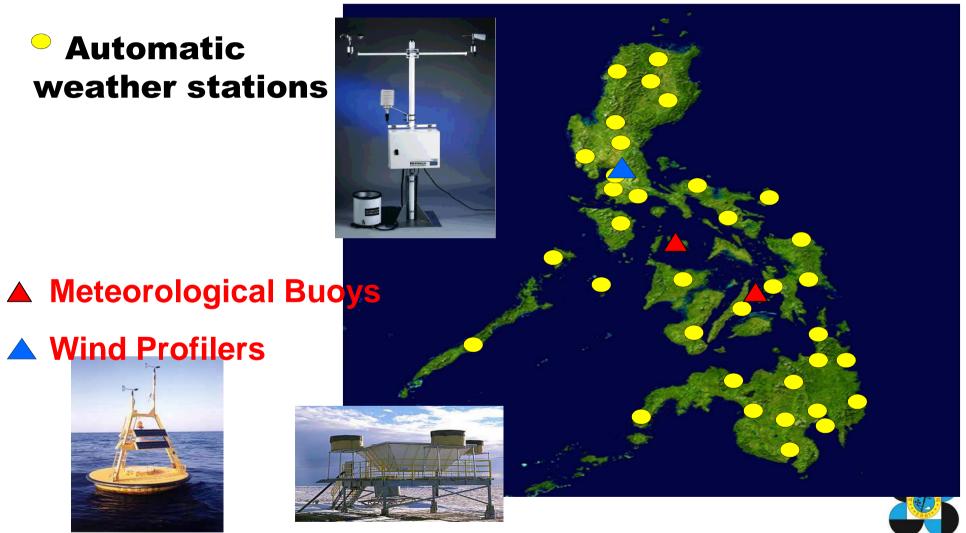
- MTSAT Receiving Station (Q.C. and Cebu)
- NOAA Satellite Ground Receiver
- MODIS
- FY2 Chinese Satellite





**Automatic** weather stations

**▲ Wind Profilers** 

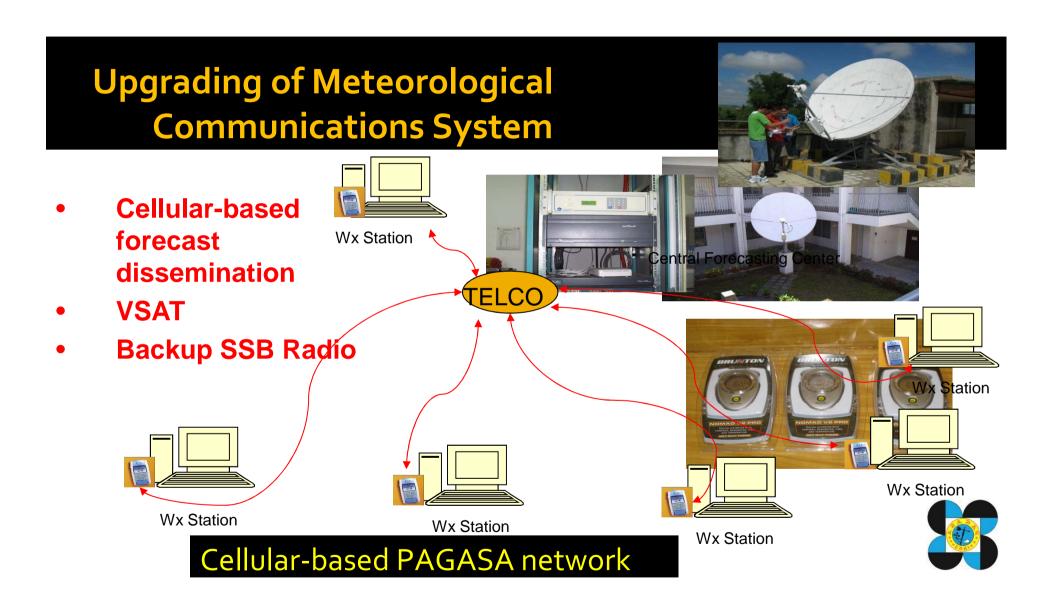


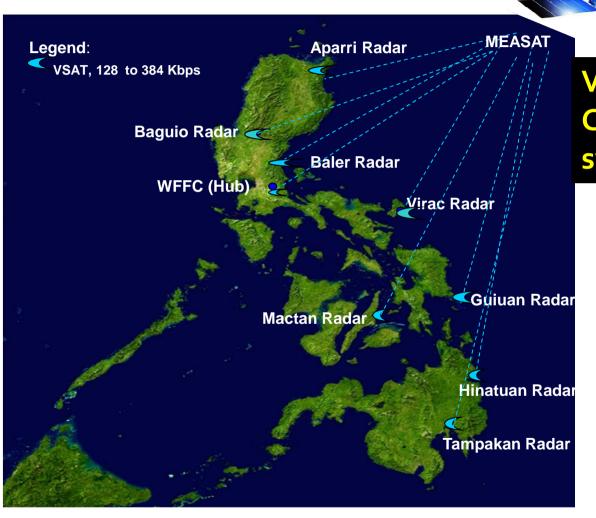
#### **Upper-air Station Network**



- Laoag
- Tanay
- Legaspi
- Cebu
- Davao





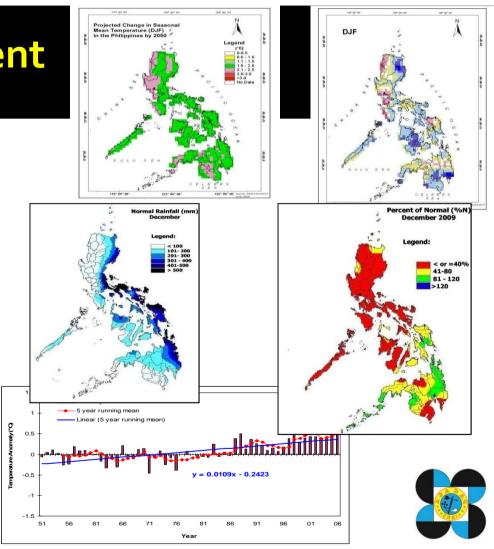


#### VSAT Communication system



#### Research & Development

- Local Climate Change trends analyses and modeling scenarios
- Bridging the gap between climate information users and providers
- GIS mapping of seasonal and monthly rainfall for ENSO monitoring



#### **Climate Change: S&T-based Interventions:**

**Advanced Science Through Space Technology Application and ICT** 

- ☐ Enhancement of weather and climate forecasting by expanding the use of meteorological satellite applications
- Use of Space Technology application and ICT for managing Natural Disaster Mitigation, relief and prevention efforts

#### Way forward

- **➤ Linking Global Programs with domestic Initiatives** 
  - Downscaling/Modeling projection scenarios
  - Technology Transfer issue
  - Capacity Building under the UNFCCC (Build local capacity)
- Provision/Accessing of available Funding support
  - Over and above ODA
- Strengthen Regional cooperation esp. on Climate Change Negotiation, sharing of best practices and relevant information (AWCI/GEOSS)



#### Challenges ...

- Poor Public awareness
- Gaps in climate change data and relevant information
- Regional differences and priorities
- Lack of enabling environment/policies for addressing climate change related to advance science
- Balance between Mitigation & Adaptation





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