



REGIONAL SPECIALISED METEOROLOGICAL CENTRE-TROPICAL CYCLONES, NEW DELHI
TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY NO. 26

DEMS-RSMC TROPICAL CYCLONES NEW DELHI DATED 14.05.2023

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TO: STORM WARNING CENTRE, NAYPYI TAW (MYANMAR)
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STORM WARNING CENTRE, DHAKA (BANGLADESH)
STORM WARNING CENTRE, KARACHI (PAKISTAN)
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TROPICAL CYCLONE ADVISORY NO. 26 FOR NORTH INDIAN OCEAN (THE BAY OF BENGAL AND ARABIAN SEA) VALID FOR NEXT 120 HOURS ISSUED AT 0600 UTC OF 14.05.2023 BASED ON 0300 UTC OF 14.05.2023

SUBJECT: EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM “MOCHA” (PRONOUNCED AS “MOKHA”) OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL

THE **EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM “MOCHA” (PRONOUNCED AS “MOKHA”)** OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EAST CENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL MOVED NEARLY NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS WITH A SPEED OF 21 KMPH DURING PAST 06 HOURS AND LAY CENTERED AT 0300 UTC OF TODAY, THE 14TH MAY 2023 OVER THE SAME REGION NEAR LATITUDE 19.3°N AND LONGITUDE 91.9°E, ABOUT 130 KM SOUTHWEST OF SITTWE (MYANMAR, 48062), 230 KM SOUTH OF COX’S BAZAR (BANGLADESH, 41992) AND 850 KM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF PORT BLAIR.

IT IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS AND CROSS SOUTHEAST BANGLADESH AND NORTH MYANMAR COASTS BETWEEN COX’S BAZAR (BANGLADESH, 41992) AND KYAUKPYU (MYANMAR, 48071), CLOSE TO SITTWE (MYANMAR, 48062) DURING 0700- 0900 UTC OF TODAY, THE 14TH MAY, 2023 AS AN EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED OF 180-190 KMPH GUSTING TO 210 KMPH.

THE HEAVY RAINFALL ALONG WITH THE STRONG WINDS IS OCCURRING OVER THE NORTH MYANMAR-BANGLADESH COASTS AND THE SPIRAL BAND HAS ENTERED INTO THESE COASTAL AREAS. THE LANDFALL PROCESS WILL COMMENCE WITHIN A FEW HOURS.

FORECAST TRACK AND INTENSITY ARE GIVEN BELOW:

DATE/TIME (UTC)	POSITION (LAT. °N/ LONG. °E)	MAXIMUM SUSTAINED SURFACE WIND SPEED (KMPH)	CATEGORY OF CYCLONIC DISTURBANCE
14.05.23/0300	19.3/91.9	205-215 gusting to 235	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
14.05.23/0600	19.9/92.4	180-190 gusting to 210	Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm
14.05.23/1200	21.2/93.5	130-140 gusting to 155	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
14.05.23/1800	23.0/94.8	50-60 gusting to 70	Deep Depression
15.05.23/0000	24.6/96.1	40-50 gusting to 60	Depression

THE MAXIMUM SUSTAINED SURFACE WIND SPEED IS 110 KNOTS GUSTING TO 120 KNOTS. THE ESTIMATED CENTRAL PRESSURE IS ABOUT 944HPA. SEA CONDITION IS PHENOMENAL OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EAST CENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL AND HIGH AND VERY HIGH OVER ADJOINING NORTHEAST BAY OF BENGAL AND ROUGH TO VERY ROUGH OVER ADJOINING WEST CENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL.

AS PER INSAT 3D IMAGERY, INTENSITY OF THE SYSTEM IS T 6.0. EYE PATTERN IS SEEN. HOWEVER, EYE HAS BECOME OBSCURED AND DISORGANISED. SATELLITE IMAGERY IS INDICATING SLIGHT WEAKENING. EYE DIAMETER IS 35 KM AND EYE TEMPERATURE IS MINUS 29 DEG CELSIUS. ASSOCIATED BROKEN LOW AND MEDIUM CLOUDS WITH EMBEDDED INTENSE TO VERY INTENSE CONVECTION LAY OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL BETWEEN LAT 16.0N TO 22.0N LONG 89.0E TO 95.0E, ARAKAN COAST AND SOUTHWEST MYANMAR COAST. MINIMUM CLOUD TOP TEMPERATURE (CTT) IS MINUS 93 DEG CELSIUS.

AT 0300 UTC A BUOY (23092) NEAR 17.4°N/89.1°E REPORTED MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE OF 996.2 HPA, AND ANOTHER BUOY (23459) NEAR 13.9°N/86.9°E REPORTED MEAN SEA LEVEL PRESSURE OF 1004 HPA AND MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED OF 360⁰/1.9 KTS.

STORM SURGE GUIDANCE (GRAPHICS ATTACHED) FOR NORTH MYANMAR AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST BANGLADESH COASTS:

STORM SURGE WITH HEIGHT OF ABOUT 3-3.5 M ABOVE THE ASTRONOMICAL TIDE IS LIKELY TO INUNDATE LOW LYING AREAS OF NORTH MYANMAR AND ADJOINING SOUTHEAST BANGLADESH COASTS DURING THE TIME OF LANDFALL.

REMARKS:

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE HEAT POTENTIAL (TCHP) IS ABOUT 50-75 KJ/CM² UPTO NORTHEAST BAY OF BENGAL AND REDUCES MARGINALLY NEAR THE BANGLADESH MYANMAR COAST. SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE (SST) HAS DECREASED AND IS AROUND 30°C OVER EASTCENTRAL BOB AND ALONG FORECAST TRACK. TOTAL PRECIPITABLE WATER IMAGERY IS INDICATING DRY AIR FROM INDIA REACHING THE SOUTHERN SECTOR IN THE OUTER CORE OF THE SYSTEM.

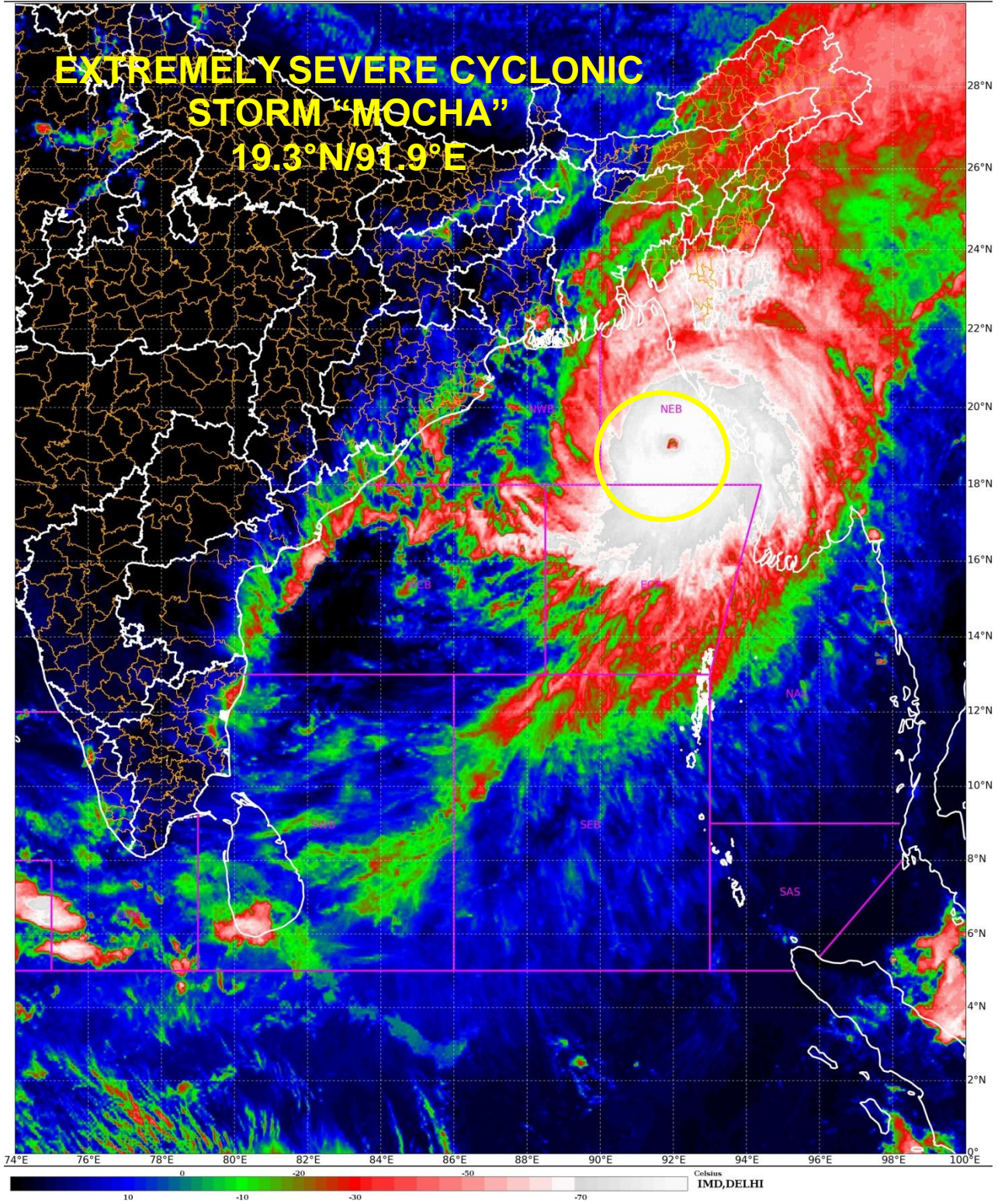
THE LOW LEVEL VORTICITY AT 850 HPA IS AROUND $300 \times 10^{-6} \text{S}^{-1}$ AROUND THE SYSTEM CENTRE WITH VERTICAL EXTENSION UPTO 200 HPA LEVELS. LOW LEVEL CONVERGENCE REMAINS AS AROUND $50 \times 10^{-5} \text{S}^{-1}$ THE UPPER LEVEL DIVERGENCE IS AROUND $60 \times 10^{-5} \text{S}^{-1}$ AND IT IS NORTHEASTWARDS ORIENTED. THE VERTICAL

WIND SHEAR IS MODERATE TO HIGH (20-30 KNOTS) OVER SYSTEM AREA AND IS INCREASING TOWARDS BANGLADESH-MYANMAR COASTS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WITH POLEWARD OUTFLOW, WARM SST, HIGHER VALUES OF LOW LEVEL VORTICITY, CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE ARE FAVOURING THE SYSTEM TO MAINTAIN ITS INTENSITY.

THERE IS AN ANTICYCLONIC CIRCULATION OVER NORTHWEST BAY OF BENGAL. DEEP LAYER MEAN WINDS INDICATE THAT THE SYSTEM IS EMBEDDED IN THE WESTERLY FLOW. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THESE SYSTEMS, IT IS LIKELY TO MOVE NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS.

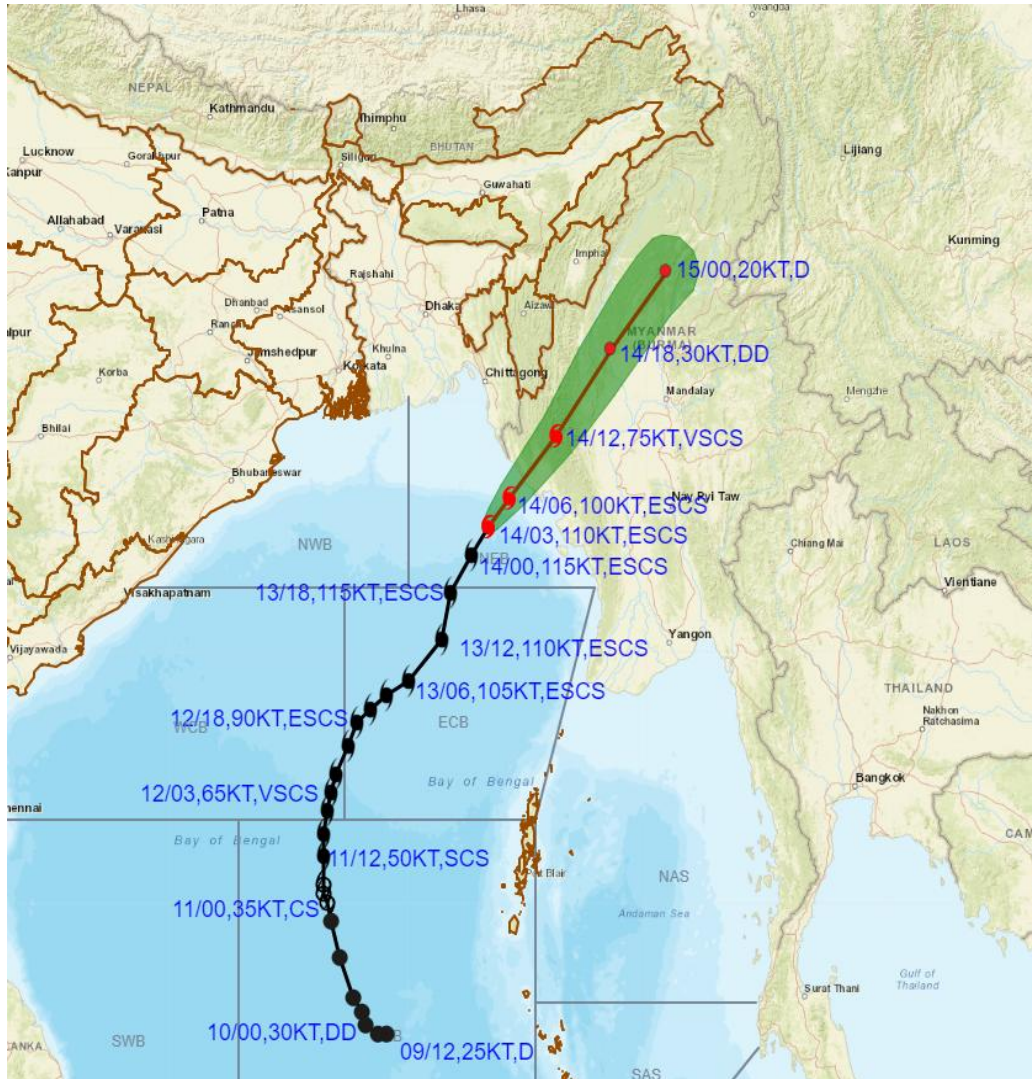
IN VIEW OF ALL THE ABOVE, THE EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM "MOCHA" IS VERY LIKELY TO MOVE NORTH-NORTHEASTWARDS AND CROSS SOUTHEAST BANGLADESH AND NORTH MYANMAR COASTS BETWEEN COX'S BAZAR (BANGLADESH, 41992) AND KYAUKPYU (MYANMAR, 48071), CLOSE TO SITTWE (MYANMAR, 48062) AROUND 0600 UTC OF TODAY, THE 14TH MAY, 2023 AS AN EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED OF 180-190 KMPH GUSTING TO 210 KMPH.

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OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH CONE OF UNCERTAINTY OF EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM MOCHA OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 IST) OF 14TH



DATE/TIME IN UTC
IST=UTC + 0530
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CS: CYCLONIC STORM (34-47 KT)
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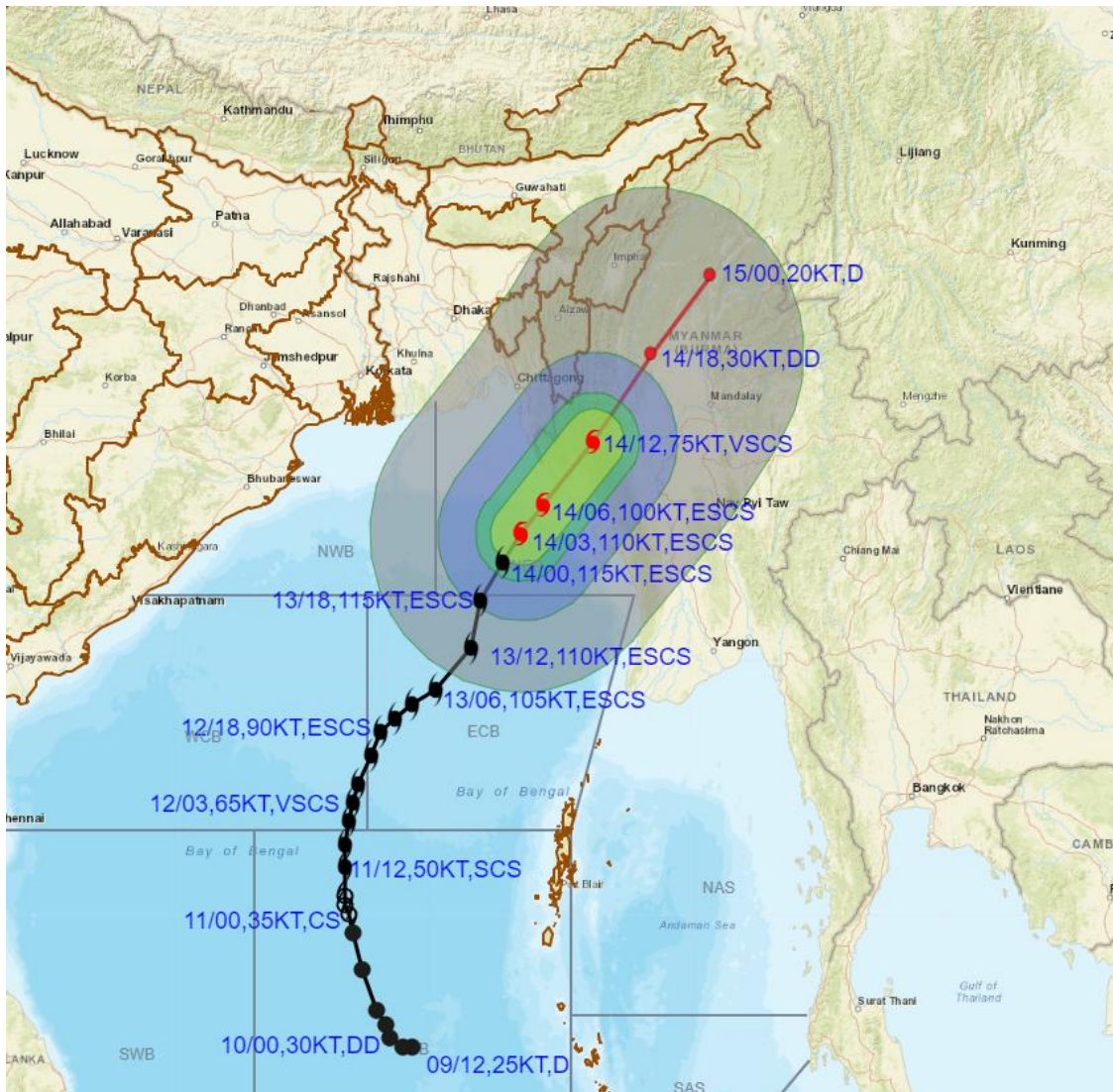
- LESS THAN 34 KT
- 34-47 KT
- ≥ 48 KT
- OBSERVED TRACK
- FORECAST TRACK
- CONE OF UNCERTAINTY

Forecast distance (km) and direction of the centre from nearest 5 coastal stations

Forecast Date and Time	Lead Period	Lat	Lon	Station 1	Station 2	Station 3	Station 4	Station 5
14.05.23/0300	0	19.3	91.9	SITTWE (139,SW)	KYAUKPYU (174,W)	TEKNAF (179,SSW)	KYAUKTAW (189,SSW)	MANAUNG (199,WNW)
15.05.23/0000	21	24.6	96.1	KATHA (54,NNW)	PINLEBU (94,NE)	BHAMO (117,WNW)	HOMALIN (123,ESE)	MYITKYINA (156,WSW)



OBSERVED AND FORECAST TRACK ALONGWITH QUADRANT WIND DISTRIBUTION OF EXTREMELY SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM MOCHA OVER NORTHEAST AND ADJOINING EASTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL BASED ON 0300 UTC (0830 IST) OF 14TH MAY 2023.



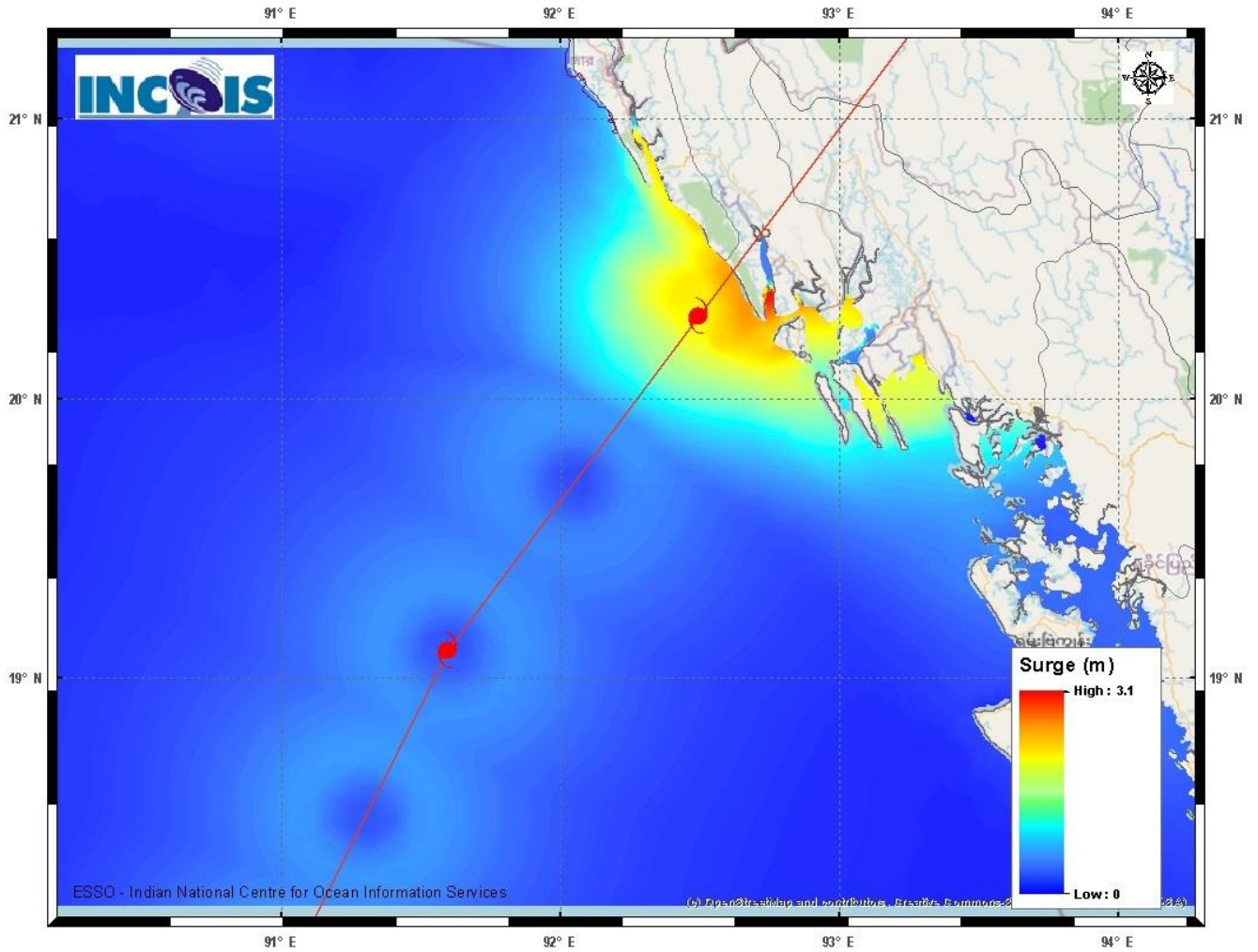
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 AREA OF MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WIND SPEED:
 ■ 28-33 KT (52-61 KMPH)
 ■ 34-49 KT (62-91 KMPH)
 ■ 50-63 KT (92-117 KMPH)
 ■ ≥ 64 KT (≥118 KMPH)

IMPACT OVER THE SEA

MSW (knot/kmph)	Impact	Action
28-33 (52-61)	Very rough seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
34-49 (62-91)	High to very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
50-63 (92-117)	Very high seas	Total suspension of fishing operations
≥ 64 (≥118)	Phenomenal	Total suspension of fishing operations

storm surge



Fishermen warning graphics

