

Tropical Storm Chip (21W)

Tropical Storm Chip (21W) developed in mid-November as a shearline-enhanced circulation in the South China Sea, and existed for just over 72 hours before dissipating south of Vietnam.

A TCFA was issued at 111230Z November when a broad cyclonic circulation became more organized as a shearline moved into the northern South China Sea. At 120300Z November, the first warning was issued when satellite and synoptic data indicated continued organization.

TD 21W tracked slowly northwestward toward Vietnam, and reached tropical storm intensity at 120600Z November. TS Chip reached a maximum intensity of 50 kt at 131200Z November. As TS Chip moved closer to southern Vietnam the effects of the land interaction and vertical wind shear began to weaken it. TS Chip then turned south and moved along the coast of southern Vietnam, as it continued to weaken. The final warning was issued at 150300Z.



