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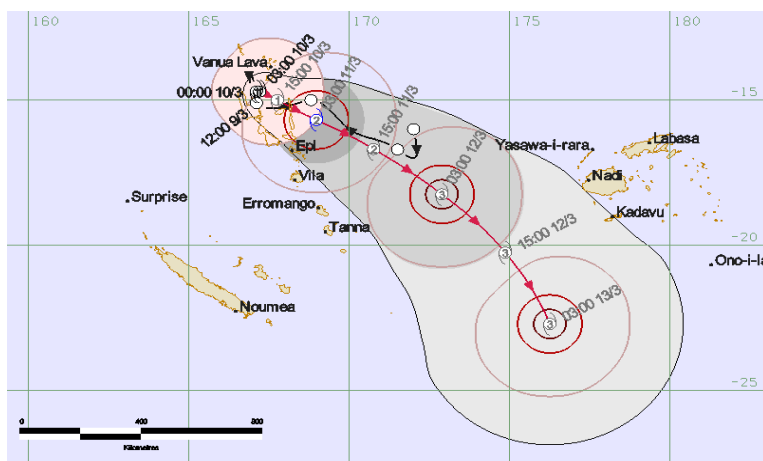
Tropical Cyclone (TC) Lusi

TC Lusi, the 5th tropical cyclone to occur inside the Fiji Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC) area of responsibility, in the 2013/14 Tropical Cyclone Season, was named by at 11am Monday 10th March 2014 by RSMC Nadi-Tropical Cyclone Centre.

At 3pm Monday 10th March 2014, TC Lusi centre was located near 14.7S 167.2E or about 1100km NW of Nadi, moving southeast at 03 knots. The cyclone is expected to take an east-southeast track from early Tuesday morning (refer attached track). TC Lusi is currently a category 1 tropical cyclone, with the central pressure of 995hPa and 10-minute average winds of 35 knots within 150 nautical miles (280km) of the centre. The cyclone is intensifying and anticipated to reach category 2 (storm) later Tuesday and possibly category 3 (hurricane) by Wednesday.

If Lusi maintains its projected east-southeast track, it may pass within 200 to 300 nautical miles to the west of Nadi through Wednesday and Thursday. Active rain bands associated with TC Lusi are expected to bring strong and gusty winds and heavy rain especially to the Western Division and Kadavu from later Tuesday. Seas would be rough to very rough in these areas with moderate to heavy northwest swells.

Fiji's situation is being reviewed every hour and if and when the need becomes apparent, Special Weather Bulletins will be issued for areas of the country potentially under threat for gales (or stronger).



TC Lusi Uncertainty Track Map (Times in UTC).

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