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## Typhoon Maysak and Typhoon Haishen

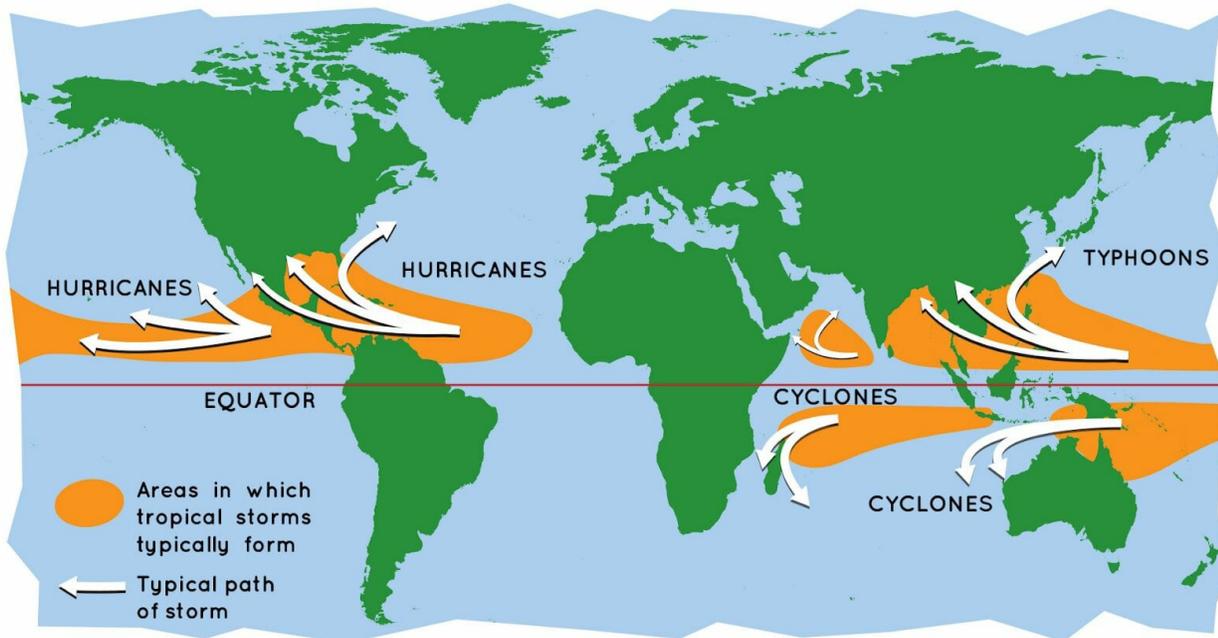
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Why in News

Recently, **Korean Peninsula** and **Japan** were hit by two typhoons named **Maysak** and **Haishen**.

### Typhoons

- Typhoons are a kind of **storm**. The storms, depending on where they occur, may be called **hurricanes, typhoons or cyclones**.
  - **Typhoons:** In the China Sea and Pacific Ocean.
  - **Hurricanes:** In the West Indian islands in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.
  - **Tornados:** In the Guinea lands of West Africa and southern USA.
  - **Willy-willies:** In north-western Australia and
  - **Tropical Cyclones:** In the Indian Ocean Region.
- The scientific name for all these kinds of storms is **tropical cyclones**.  
**Tropical cyclones** are intense circular storms that originate over the warm tropical oceans with speed more than 119 kilometres per hour and heavy rains.



## Key Points

- **Categorisation:** Both typhoons were categorised as a **Category 4 hurricane storm**.
  - A Category 4 storm has **wind speeds between 130-156 mph** and can uproot trees and bring down power lines.
  - Hurricanes are categorized on the **Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale**, which rates them on a scale of 1 to 5 based on wind speed. Hurricanes that reach category **three or higher** are classified as **major hurricanes**.
- **Naming:** The **Maysak** typhoon takes its name from a **Cambodian word** for a type of **tree**. While, Haishen means **sea god** in **Chinese**.  
Typhoon Maysak and Haishen are referred to as typhoon number 9 and 10 in Japan.
- **Background of Naming:**
  - In **Japan** the first typhoon to occur after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year is called typhoon number 1.
  - In the **USA**, hurricanes are referred to by English names.
  - The intergovernmental organisation called the **Typhoon Committee** which has 14 members including Japan, USA and China uses Asian names for typhoons that are contributed by the member countries.  
Haishen was a name recommended by China, while Maysak is a Cambodian name.

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