

ALI Imagery of Mayon Volcano Threatening Major Eruption (Dec. 2009)



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True-Color Image from ALI
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Tens of thousands of people living within the danger zone (up to 8 km away) of Mayon Volcano in the Philippines were forced to evacuate to emergency shelters in mid-December 2009 as small earthquakes, incandescent lava at the summit, and minor ash falls suggested a major eruption was on the way.

This natural-color ALI image of Mayon shows a small plume of ash and/or steam blowing west from the summit. Dark-colored lava or debris flows from previous eruptions streak the flanks of the mountain. A ravine on the southeast slope is occupied by a particularly prominent lava or debris flow.

