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## Summary

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The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE EWS) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Caribbean Regional Stakeholders (CEPREDENAC, CDEMA, and EMIZ) will be conducting a tsunami exercise on March 17, 2016. The purpose of this exercise is to advance tsunami preparedness efforts in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions, based on Venezuela and Northern Hispaniola scenarios.

Two exercise scenarios are planned. The first scenario described in this handbook simulates a tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.4 earthquake located in Venezuela, in the southern Caribbean Sea. The second scenario is a tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.7 earthquake located in North of Hispaniola, in the Atlantic Ocean. The initial dummy messages will be issued by the U.S. Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) on March 17, 2016 at 1405 UTC (Venezuela) and at 1505 UTC (Northern Hispaniola) and disseminated over all its standard broadcast channels. The dummy messages are issued to test communications with Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) and National Tsunami Warning Centers (NTWCs), and to start the exercise. These will be the only exercise messages broadcasts from the PTWC, excluding the emails with the tsunami products to officially designated TWFPs and NTWCs. Each country and territory will decide if and how to disseminate messages within its areas of responsibility.

The manual includes the tsunami and earthquake scenarios information, time lines, and the enhanced PTWC exercise messages. High levels of vulnerability and risk to life and livelihoods from tsunamis along the Caribbean coast should provide a strong incentive for countries and local jurisdictions to prepare for a tsunami and participate in this exercise.

## 1. BACKGROUND

### 1.1 EXERCISE JUSTIFICATION AND FRAMEWORK

This tsunami exercise is being conducted to assist tsunami preparedness efforts throughout the Caribbean region. Recent tsunamis, such as those in the Indian Ocean (2004), Samoa (2009), Haiti (2010), Chile (2010, 2014, 2015), and Japan (2011), attest to the importance of proper planning for tsunami response.

Historical tsunami records from sources such as the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) show that over 75 tsunamis have been observed in the Caribbean over the past 500 years (Figure 1). These represent approximately 7-10% of the world's oceanic tsunamis. Earthquake, landslide, and volcanic tsunami sources have all impacted the region. In the past 500 years almost 4,561 people have lost their lives to tsunamis in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions. Since the most recent devastating tsunami of 1946, there has been an explosive population growth and influx of tourists along the Caribbean and Western Atlantic coasts increasing the tsunami vulnerability of the region (von Hillebrandt-Andrade, 2013). In addition to tsunamis, the region also has a long history of destructive earthquakes. Historical records show that major earthquakes have struck the Caribbean region many times during the past 500 years. Within the region there are multiple fault segments and submarine features that could be the source of earthquake and landslide generated tsunamis (Figure 2). The perimeter of the Caribbean plate is bordered by no fewer than four major plates (North America, South America, Nazca, and Cocos). Subduction occurs along the eastern and northeastern Atlantic margins of the Caribbean plate. Normal,

transform and strike slip faulting characterize northern South America, eastern Central America, the Cayman Ridge and Trench and the northern plate boundary (Benz et al, 2011). In addition to the local and regional sources, the region is also threatened by tele tsunamis/trans-Atlantic tsunamis, like that of 1755. With nearly 160 million people (Caribbean, Central America and Northern South America) now living in this region and a major earthquake occurring about every 50 years, the question is not if another major tsunami will happen, but when it happens will the region be prepared for the impact. The risk of earthquakes generating tsunamis in the Caribbean is real and should be taken seriously.

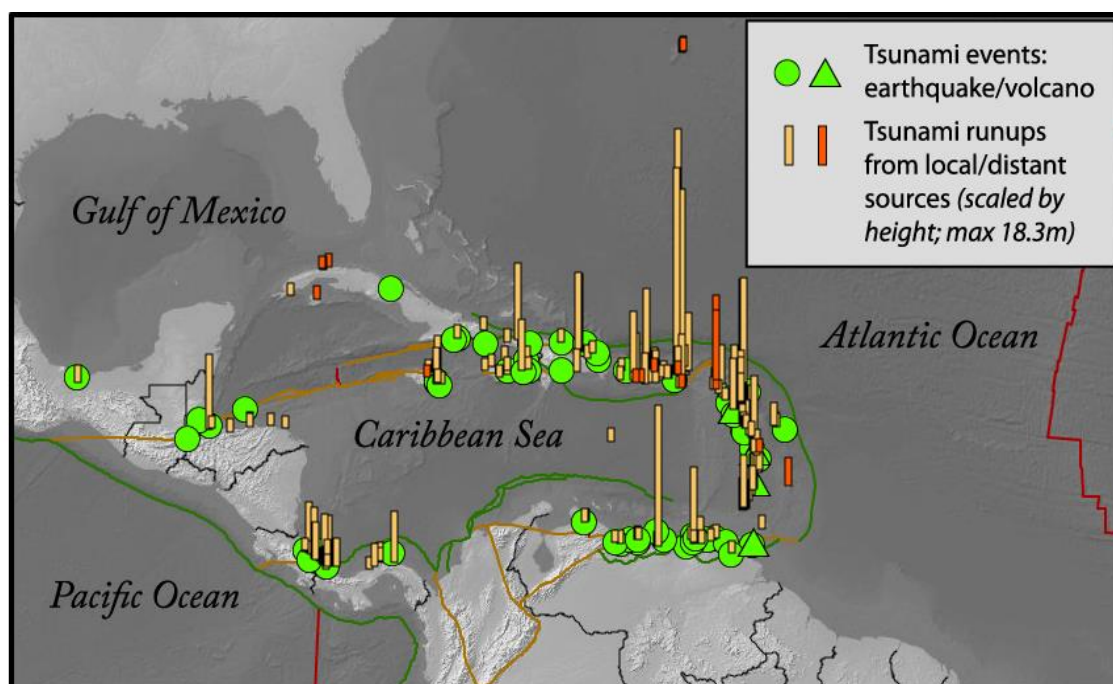
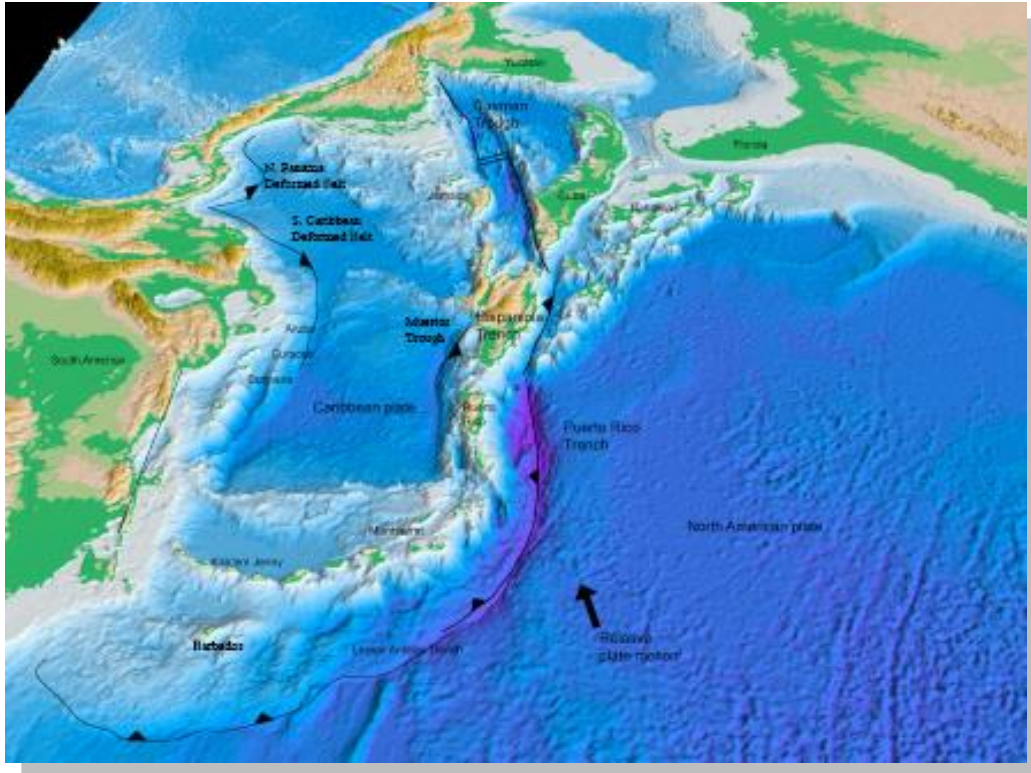


Figure 1. Map of tsunami run-ups in the Caribbean 1493-2013 (National Centers for Environmental Information, <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/hazards/tsu.shtml>). Artist: Jessee Varner; originally published in von Hillebrandt-Andrade, 2013.

Tsunami services for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions within the UNESCO IOC CARIBE EWS framework are currently provided by the PTWC in Honolulu. AS of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the enhanced tsunami products for CARIBE EWS have been implemented. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 is the target date for the transfer of domestic tsunami warning services from the U.S. National Tsunami Warning Center in Alaska to PTWC for Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands. The PTWC issues tsunami products approximately two to ten minutes after an earthquake's occurrence. The PTWC international products now include tsunami information and threat messages (no longer watch messages). Primary recipients of the PTWC messages include TWFPs and al NTWCs. These agencies are responsible to disseminate the corresponding warning messages within their area of responsibility according to established protocols. The Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN) of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Seismic Research Centre in Trinidad and Tobago, Instituto Nicaraguense de Estudios Territoriales (INETER) in Nicaragua, Fundación Venezolana de Investigaciones Sismológicas (FUNVISIS) in Venezuela, and other national and regional institutions also provide and/or disseminate earthquake and tsunami information for their areas of responsibility.



**Figure 2. Tectonic features in the Caribbean (ten Brink et al., 2008).**

## 1.2 EXERCISE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI SCENARIO

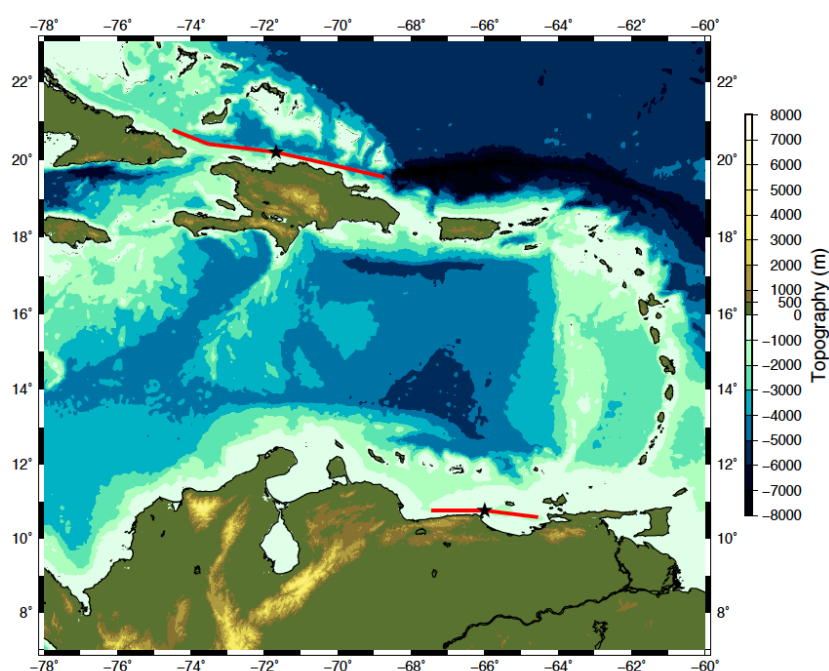
This exercise will provide simulated tsunami threat messages from the PTWC based on a hypothetical magnitude 8.4 earthquake located in Venezuela and an 8.7 earthquake located in Northern Hispaniola (Figure 3). The earthquakes, would produce a red alert for Hispaniola, Turks and Caicos Islands and the East of Cuba for the Northern Hispaniola scenario; and the coast of Venezuela for the Venezuela scenario. In terms of population exposed to earthquake shaking, it is estimated that almost 5.5 million people for Northern Hispaniola scenario and 7.7 million people for Venezuela scenario would be exposed to Modified Mercalli intensities from VI up to VIII.

### 1.2.1 Venezuela Scenario

The Caribbean-South America Plate boundary (CSPB), located offshore of Venezuela (between longitudes  $-68^{\circ}$  to  $-64^{\circ}$ ), has been the cause of several earthquakes that have generated significant tsunamis in the Caribbean (ten Brink, et al, 2008). The CSPB is an active compressional right-lateral strike-slip fault system focused mainly along the following faults: Boconó, San Sebastián, El Pilar, Los Bajos and Warm Spring fault (Colon, et al, 2015). On October 29, 1900, a tsunami with water height up to 10 meters damaged the coast of Mancuto, Venezuela (National Center for Environmental Information, 2015). This tsunami was generated by a 7.6 Mw earthquake that was originated along the San Sebastian fault (Colon, et al, 2015). Another tsunami event in this region occurred on July 15, 1853, when a 6.9 Mw earthquake generated a tsunami with water height up to 5 meters and impacted the area of Cumaná (NCEI, 2015). These events are evidence of the capacity of the CSPB system to generated destructive tsunamis in the Caribbean. For this exercise, the fault plane is divided in two segments 317 km long, 60 Km wide and 15 km deep. The scenario produces intensities up to VIII on the Mercalli Modified Scale, based on ShakeMap (Appendix D).

### 1.2.2 Northern Hispaniola Scenario

The North Hispaniola thrust fault (NHTF) is an oblique thrust fault system that extends over ~600 Km from the east of Cuba, parallel to the North of Hispaniola and to the west of Puerto Rico (Lat:18.5° to 20.5°, Long: -68° to -74°). This fault system has been the cause of several earthquakes that generated significant tsunamis in this region. On May 7, 1842, near the shore of Cap-Haitien an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 8.1 Mw triggered a destructive tsunami that generated wave heights up to 5 meters. Approximately 5,000 people were killed due to this earthquake and another 300 people by the tsunami (Grilli, et al., 2015; National Center for Environmental Information, 2015) (Meeting of Experts Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 2013). For this exercise, the fault plane is divided in three segments and is 623 Km long, 59 km wide and 20 km deep. The scenario produces intensities up to VIII on the Mercalli Modified Scale, based on ShakeMap (Appendix D).



**Figure 3. CARIBE WAVE 16 southwestern Caribbean scenario map indicating both epicenters and fault segments, elaborated using etopo1 model (Amante and Eakins, 2009).**

For many countries, in addition to knowing the potential impact from the tsunami, it is also important to consider the potential earthquake impact. This is especially important for those in the near field. In consideration of this, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) provided for CARIBE WAVE 16 the scenario outputs of their ShakeMap and the Prompt Assessment of Global Earthquakes for Response (PAGER) products. These results provide emergency responders, government, aid agencies and the media the scope of the potential earthquake related disaster. ShakeMap illustrates the ground shaking levels close to the earthquake source depending on a set of parameters such as distance to the source, rock and soil behavior and seismic wave propagation through the crust (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/shakemap/>). PAGER is based on the earthquake shaking (via ShakeMap) and analyses of the population exposed to each level of shaking intensity with models of economic and fatality losses based on past earthquakes in each country or region of the world (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/pager/>). For the CARIBE WAVE 16 scenario, the USGS estimated that significant casualties and damage are likely from the earthquakes themselves which would require regional or national level response.



According to the PAGER results, the countries that are going to receive the greatest impact from the earthquakes are Venezuela, Dominican Republic and Haiti. Complete information about the PAGER output for the exercise scenario is available in the Annex D of this handbook.

Exercises like this will help ensure that Caribbean and Northwest Atlantic coasts are ready to respond in the event of a dangerous tsunami. Similar recent exercises in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (CARIBE WAVE and LANTEX) as well as the Pacific and Northeast Atlantic and Mediterranean Basins have proven effective in strengthening preparedness levels of emergency management organizations.

## **2. EXERCISE CONCEPT**

### **2.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of the exercise is to improve Tsunami Warning System effectiveness along the Caribbean coasts. The exercise provides an opportunity for emergency management organizations throughout the region to exercise their operational lines of communications, review their tsunami response procedures, and promote tsunami preparedness. Regular exercising of response plans is critical to maintain readiness for an emergency. This is particularly true for the Caribbean, where tsunamis are infrequent but can be of very high impact. Every emergency management organization (EMO) is encouraged to participate.

### **2.2 OBJECTIVES**

Each organization can develop its objectives for the exercise depending on its level of involvement in the scenario. The following are the exercise's overarching objectives.

- 1. To exercise and evaluate operations of the CARIBE EWS Tsunami Warning System.**
  - A. Validate the **issuance** of tsunami products from the PTWC.
  - B. Validate the **receipt** of tsunami products by CARIBE EWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) and/or National Tsunami Warning Centers (NTWCs).
- 2. To continue the process of exposure to PTWC CARIBE EWS Enhanced products.**
  - A. Evaluate enhanced PTWC products.
  - B. Provide further feedback on the national procedures for implementation of the enhanced products.
- 3. To validate the readiness to respond to a tsunami.**
  - A. Validate the operational readiness of the TWFPs (or like function) and/or the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO).
  - B. To improve operational readiness. Before the exercise, ensure appropriate tools and response plan(s) have been developed, including public education materials.
  - C. Validate that the dissemination of warnings and information/advice by TWFPs, and NTWCs, to relevant in-country agencies and the public is accurate and timely.
  - D. Validate the organizational decision-making process (tsunami response plans) about public warnings and evacuations.
  - E. Validate that the methods used to notify and instruct the public are accurate and timely.
  - F. Evaluate the status of the National Public Awareness and Education Strategy.

## 2.3 TYPE OF EXERCISE

The exercise should be carried out such that communications and decision making at various organizational levels are exercised and conducted without alarming the general public. Offices of Emergency Management (OEM) are, however, encouraged to exercise down to the level of testing local notification systems such as the Emergency Alert System (EAS), sirens, or loudspeakers.

Exercises stimulate the development, training, testing, and evaluation of Disaster Plans and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Most countries in the region have participated in SOP workshops in 2013 and 2014, and should use the materials and expertise acquired to help guide exercise preparation and conduct. Annex A gives an overview of SOPs. Exercise participants may use their own past multi-hazard drills (e.g. flood, hurricane, tsunami, earthquake, etc.) as a framework to conduct CARIBE WAVE 16.

Exercises can be conducted at various scales of magnitude and sophistication. The following are examples of types of exercises conducted by EMOs:

1. **Orientation Exercise (Seminar):** An Orientation Exercise lays the groundwork for a comprehensive exercise program. It is a planned event, developed to bring together individuals and officials with a role or interest in multi-hazard response planning, problem solving, development of standard operational procedures (SOPs), and resource integration and coordination. An Orientation Exercise will have a specific goal and written objectives and result in an agreed upon Plan of Action.
2. **Drill:** The Drill is a planned activity that tests, develops, and/or maintains skills in a single or limited emergency response procedure. Drills generally involve operational response of single departments or agencies. Drills can involve internal notifications and/or field activities.
3. **Tabletop Exercise:** The Tabletop Exercise is a planned activity in which local officials, key staff, and organizations with disaster management responsibilities are presented with simulated emergency situations. It is usually informal, in a conference room environment, and is designed to elicit constructive discussion from the participants. Participants will examine and attempt to resolve problems, based on plans and procedures, if they exist. Individuals are encouraged to discuss decisions in depth with emphasis on slow-paced problem solving, rather than rapid, real time decision-making. A Tabletop Exercise should have specific goals, objectives, and a scenario narrative (see [Annex B](#) for a Sample Tabletop Exercise Outline).
4. **Functional Exercise:** A Functional Exercise is a planned activity designed to test and evaluate organizational capacities. It is also utilized to evaluate the capability of a community's emergency management system by testing the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). It is based on a simulation of a realistic emergency situation that includes a description of the situation (narrative) with communications between players and simulators. The Functional Exercise gives the players (decision-makers) a fully simulated experience of being in a major disaster event. It should take place at the appropriate coordination location (i.e. emergency operations center, emergency command center, command post, master control center, etc.) and involve all the appropriate members designated by the plan. Both internal and external agencies (government, private sector, and volunteer agencies) should be involved. It requires players, controllers, simulators, and evaluators. Message traffic will be simulated and inserted by the control team for player response/actions, under real time constraints. It may or may not include public evacuations. A Functional Exercise should have specific goals, objectives, and a scenario narrative.

5. **Full-scale Exercise:** A Full-scale Exercise is the culmination of a progressive exercise program that has grown with the capacity of the community to conduct exercises. A Full-Scale Exercise is a planned activity in a “challenging” environment that encompasses a majority of the emergency management functions. This type of exercise involves the actual mobilization and deployment of the appropriate personnel and resources needed to demonstrate operational capabilities. EOCs and other command centers are required to be activated. A Full-scale Exercise is the largest, costliest, and most complex exercise type. It may or may not include public evacuations.

**Example Time Frames for Different Exercise Types**

Style	Planning Period	Duration	Comments
Orientation Exercise	2 weeks	Hours	Individual or mixed groups
Drill	2 months	1 day	Individual technical groups generally
Tabletop Exercise	1 month	1-3 days	Single or multiple agency
Functional Exercise	> 3 months	1-5 days	Multiple Agency participation
Full-scale Exercise	>6 months	1 day/ week	Multiple Agency participation

2.4 TIMELINE

The following timeline highlights actions to be taken, before, during and after CARIBE WAVE16.

ACTION	DUE DATE
<b>Draft Circulated among ICG CARIBE EWS TNC/TWFP</b>	Sep-15
<b>Deadline for Comments</b>	18-Sep-15
<b>Final Exercise Handbook Available Online</b>	Oct-15
<b>Circular Letter Issued by IOC to MS</b>	Nov-15
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Webinar CW</b>	19 - Jan- 2016 -English 20 - Jan- 2016 -Spanish 21 - Jan- 2016 -French
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Webinar CW</b>	1- Mar- 2016 -English 2- Mar- 2016 -Spanish 3- Mar- 2016 -French
<b>Exercise</b>	17-Mar-16
<b>Exercise Evaluation Due</b>	23-Mar-16
<b>Draft Final Caribe 16 Report</b>	1- Apr- 16
<b>Discussion of Exercise ICG CARIBE EWS 11<sup>th</sup> Session</b>	5-7- Apr-16

### 3. PTWC ENHANCED PRODUCTS

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the CARIBE EWS will fully transition to the PTWC Enhanced Products. These products are threat-based on tsunami wave forecasts, rather than on earthquake magnitude thresholds and travel time. Several levels of tsunami threat have been established, and forecast threat levels are assigned to polygons representing segments of extended coastlines or to island groups. These improvements should greatly reduce the number of areas warned unnecessarily and also provide some advance notice of potential local tsunamis. Details on the PTWC Enhanced Products for the CARIBE EWS are provided in the “User’s Guide for the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center Enhanced Products for the CARIBE EWS” (<http://www.caribewave.info>). For the CARIBE EWS, enhanced graphical products will be disseminated by email to officially designated TWFPs and NTWCs.

There are important differences between PTWC’s current (thru February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016) and its enhanced products. Previous products used the term “watch” to indicate that there was a potential threat to the countries within the watch. Specifically, a country was designated by PTWC as being in a Tsunami Watch depending upon the tsunami threat presented by the event (e.g. earthquake magnitude and location), as well as the time remaining until the potential tsunami impact. Over the last several years, however, the use of the term “Watch” has caused concern that the PTWC-designated level of alert could conflict with a country’s independently derived level of alert. As each country is sovereign and thus responsible for the safety of its own population, the PTWC enhanced products as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and will not use the “watch” term but instead provide forecasted wave heights along coasts.

At its Seventh Session, the ICG/CARIBE EWS (2012) started the process of evaluating the tsunami products issued by the PTWC for CARIBE EWS. After testing the enhanced products in the Caribe Wave 13, 14 and 15 exercises and considering the successful implementation of the enhanced products for the Pacific Tsunami Warning System at the Eleventh Session of the ICG/CARIBE EWS (May 2015), Member States approved the final products and agreed on the target changeover date of 1 March 2016. Member States further decided that the public text product will continue, and that additional forecast guidance products be only sent to country TWFPs and NTWCs to assist them in assessing their national threat. Therefore as of 1 March 2016 0000Z, the PTWC will retire its existing products for CARIBE EWS and start the issuance of its enhanced products.

For CARIBE WAVE 16 the PTWC will send via email all the simulated enhanced products (text and graphical) to the designated TWFP and NTWC. These products have also been included in [Annexes C and F](#).

### 4. EXERCISE OUTLINE

#### 4.1 GENERAL

Tsunami messages for this exercise are issued by the PTWC based on two hypothetical earthquakes with the following hypocenter parameters:

Venezuela Earthquake Scenario:

- Origin Time 14:00:00 UTC March 17, 2016
- Latitude 10.8°N
- Longitude 66.0°W
- Magnitude 8.4 – Mw
- Depth 15 km

**Northern Hispaniola Earthquake Scenario:**

- Origin Time           15:00:00 UTC March 17, 2016
- Latitude               20.2°N
- Longitude             71.7°W
- Magnitude            8.7 – Mw
- Depth                 20km

Expected impacts for this event are determined from pre-computed tsunami forecast models. The models indicate a significant tsunami along many coasts in the Caribbean Sea, but with less or no impact in Western Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Based on the models, the areas under threat for the exercise are limited to the Eastern Caribbean and Northwest Atlantic. [Annex C](#) provides model results.

**Pacific Tsunami Warning Center:**

**Tsunami Threat** – Threats are issued by the PTWC based on tsunami wave forecasts, rather than based upon seismic information. Tsunami threat forecasts indicate the levels of threat that have been forecast and to which countries or places they apply. The levels are tsunami heights of 0.3-1 meter, 1-3 meters, and greater than 3 meters above the normal tide level are determined. The threats are updated usually within an hour.

The PTWC will not issue live messages over broadcast dissemination channels other than to issue initial dummy messages to start the exercise at 1405 UTC and 1505 UTC on March 17, 2016. However, all simulated enhanced tsunami products will be disseminated thru email to TWFP, and NTWC. Further dissemination will be the responsibility of the corresponding national and local authorities. The content of the dummy messages is given in [Annex E](#). The dummy messages indicate that exercise participants should refer to the first message provided in this handbook or sent by PTWC (in the case of TWFP and NTWC).

The initial dummy messages will be disseminated over all standard TWC broadcast channels and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) headers used in the dummy messages are listed in Table 1. These are being issued to test communications with TWFPs and NTWCs, and to start the exercise. All simulated enhanced products (text and graphical) will be disseminated thru email to TWFPs and NTWCs. Further dissemination will be the responsibility of the corresponding national and local authorities.. *Please note that the PTWC dummy messages are being issued with the WMO/AWIPS IDs WECA41 PHEB/TSUCAX.*

**Dummy:**

- Yes    Dummy Message Issued
- No     Dummy Message Not Issued

**Email:**

- Yes    Message disseminated to TWFPs and NTWCs

**Table 1. Product Types Issued for Dummy Message with Transmission Methods**

Center	WMO ID	AWIPS ID	NWWS	GTS	EMWIN	AISR	Fax	Email
PTWC	WECA41 PHEB	TSUCAX	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

NWWS	NOAA Weather Wire Service
GTS	Global Telecommunications System
EMWIN	Emergency Manager's Weather Information Network
AISR	Aeronautical Information System Replacement

Participants should follow the schedule in Tables 2 and 3, for each scenario, to look at new messages. Those tables include the timelines for when messages would be issued by the PTWC if this were a real event, and can be used by EMOs to drive the exercise timing. The messages (as shown in [Annex F](#)) cover between a 5 minutes and 6-hour period from earthquake origin time, though in an actual event they would likely continue much longer.

Participants may elect to exercise using their own timelines in order to achieve their particular objectives. For example, a particular EMO's Exercise Controller may choose to feed the TWC bulletins into the exercise at times of their own choosing, or alternatively put them in envelopes with the time they must be opened written on each, with each key participant agency having their own set of envelopes. The messages, provided in [Annex F](#), will facilitate this approach.

EMOs can modify estimated arrival times and/or wave amplitudes to suit their exercise – for example, to have the tsunami arrive sooner and with larger amplitude. Other exercise injects, such as tsunami damage reports, are also encouraged.

## 4.2 MASTER SCHEDULE (EXERCISE SCRIPT)

### 4.2.1 Venezuela Scenario

Tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.4 earthquake with epicenter at 10.8°N, 66.0°W occurring on March 17, 2016 at 1400 UTC. The initial alert is disseminated at 1405 UTC.

**Table 2. Timeline Messages issued by PTWC**

Date (UTC)	Time (UTC)	PTWC Message			
		#	Type	Dummy	Email
03/17/2016	1400	---- Earthquake Occurs ----			
03/17/2016	1405	01	Threat	Yes	Yes
03/17/2016	1425	02	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1510	03	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1545	04	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1645	05	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1745	06	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1845	07	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1945	08	Final Threat	No	Yes

### 4.2.2 Northern Hispaniola Earthquake Scenario

Tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.7 earthquake with epicenter at 20.2°N, 71.7°W occurring on March 17, 2016 at 1500 UTC. The initial alert is disseminated at 1505 UTC.

**Table 3. Timeline Messages issued by PTWC**

Date (UTC)	Time (UTC)	PTWC Message			
		#	Type	Dummy	Email
03/17/2016	1500	---- Earthquake Occurs ----			
03/17/2016	1505	01	Threat	Yes	Yes
03/17/2016	1525	02	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1600	03	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1630	04	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1700	05	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1800	06	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	1900	07	Threat	No	Yes
03/17/2016	2000	08	Final Threat	No	Yes

#### 4.3 ACTIONS IN CASE OF A REAL EVENT

In the case of a real event occurring during the exercise, the PTWC will issue the corresponding messages for the event. Such messages will be given full priority and a decision will be made by the PTWC whether to issue the dummy messages and to send email messages to corresponding recipients. Smaller earthquakes that only trigger a Tsunami Information Statement will not disrupt the exercise. All documentation and correspondence relating to this exercise is to be clearly identified as “**CARIBE WAVE 16**” and “**Exercise.**”

#### 4.4 PROCEDURE FOR FALSE ALARM

Any time disaster response exercises are conducted, the potential exists for the public or media to interpret the event as real. Procedures should be set up by all participating entities to address public or media concerns involving this exercise in case of miss-interpretation by media or the public.

#### 4.5 RESOURCES

Although EMOs will have advance notice of the exercise and may elect to stand up a special dedicated shift to allow normal core business to continue uninterrupted, it is requested that realistic resource levels be deployed in order to reflect some of the issues that are likely to be faced in a real event.

Questions on the exercise can be addressed to the members of the Caribe Wave 16 Task Team (Table 4).

#### 4.6 COMMUNITY REGISTRATION

For Caribe Wave 16, the Caribe EWS has teamed up with TsunamiZone.org for online registration. Under the Caribbean Zone Region Tab participants will be able to sign up and choose among the following community categories: individuals, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, community groups, government agencies, individuals. The link for registration is <http://tsunamizone.org/caribbean>. After registering, they will receive a confirmation email. If desired, participants can also opt to be listed in the “Who is participating?” section of the TsunamiZone website, along with participants in tsunami preparedness activities worldwide. The EMOs will thus have real time access to the status of registration of participants within their areas of responsibility. EMOs are encouraged to promote this registration system.

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#### 4.7 MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

One advantage in conducting exercises is that it provides a venue to promote tsunami awareness. Many residents along the CARIBE EWS coast may not realize that a regional tsunami warning system exists, nor that national authorities have protocols in place to issue tsunami alerts, let alone the proper response for individuals. Therefore communities may wish to invite their local media to the exercise and to promote the awareness of the local tsunami hazard and protocols. Within all countries the media can also provide support in building awareness leading up to the exercise and avoid false alarms. The media should be provided with available informational brochures prepared by the local, regional and



international agencies. It is also a good opportunity to distribute or prepare Media Guides like that of the Puerto Rico Seismic Network (PRSN) (<http://www.prsn.uprm.edu/mediakit/>) and the Seismic Research (<http://www.uwiseismic.com>) as additional guidance. [Annex G](#) contains a sample press release which can be adapted as necessary.

Social media has been recognized as a very important means for disseminating tsunami information and products. CARIBE EWS countries and territories are encouraged to share information on the exercise Caribe Wave 16 through this medium. Furthermore, it is recommended that the hashtag **#CaribeWave**, be used by the participants before and during the exercise.

## 5. POST-EXERCISE EVALUATION

Each CARIBE EWS member state and territory is requested to provide feedback on the exercise. This feedback will assist the ICG/CARIBE-EWS in the evaluation of Caribe Wave 16 and the development of subsequent exercises, and help response agencies document lessons learned. To facilitate feedback the online evaluation survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaribeWave16>. The deadline for completing the evaluation is **March 23, 2016**.

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## **Annex A. Standard Operating Procedures**

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END-TO-END TSUNAMI WARNING for Tsunami Warning Focal Points and Tsunami  
Emergency Response Operations– AN OVERVIEW  
September 2008 (updated 2012)  
UNESCO IOC Tsunami Unit (Paris) with ITIC (Hawaii)

This overview summarizes an end-to-end tsunami warning. In event time, it covers activities for event monitoring, detection, threat evaluation and warning, alert dissemination, emergency response, and public action. An effective tsunami warning system is achieved when all people in vulnerable coastal communities are prepared to respond appropriately and in a timely manner upon recognizing that a potential destructive tsunami may be approaching. Meeting this challenge requires round-the-clock monitoring with real-time data streams and rapid alerting, as well as prepared communities, a strong emergency management system, and close and effective cooperation and coordination between all stakeholders. To warn without preparing, and further, to warn without providing a public safety message that is understandable to every person about what to do and where to go, is clearly useless. While alerts are the technical trigger for warning, any system will ultimately be judged by its ability to save lives, and by whether people move out of harm's way before a big tsunami hits. Towards these ends, education and awareness are clearly essential activities for successful early warning.

An end-to-end tsunami warning involves a number of stakeholders who must be able to work together and with good understanding of each other's roles, responsibilities, authorities, and action during a tsunami event. Planning and preparedness, and practicing in advance of the real event, helps to familiarize agencies and their staff with the steps and decision-making that need to be carried out without hesitation in a real emergency. Tsunami resilience is built upon a community's preparedness in tsunami knowledge, planning, warning, and awareness. All responding stakeholders should have a basic understanding of earthquake and tsunami science, and be familiar with warning concepts, detection, threat evaluation, and alerting methods, and emergency response and evacuation operations. The key components, requirements, and operations to enable an effective and timely warning and evacuation are covered in the following topics of end to-end tsunami warning:

- Tsunami Science and Hazard Assessment
- Tsunami Risk Reduction Strategy and community-based disaster risk management
- Stakeholders, Roles & Responsibilities, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and their Linkages
- End-to-end Tsunami Response and SOPs
- Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP) and National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC) operations
- Tsunami Emergency Response (TER) operations
- Public Alerting
- The Role of Media
- Evacuation and Signage
- Use of Exercises to Build Preparedness
- Awareness and Education

To ensure the long-term sustainability of a tsunami warning system, it should be noted that:

- Tsunamis should be part of an all-hazards (natural and man-made) strategy.
- System redundancy is required to ensure reliability.
- Clearly understood TWFP/TWC and TER public safety messages are essential.

Media partnerships for warning, as well as preparedness, are important.

- Awareness must be continuous forever. Tsunamis are low frequency, high impact natural disasters that are also unpredictable.
- National, provincial, and local Tsunami Coordination Committees ensure stakeholder coordination and implementation of the end-to-end tsunami warning.

For specific details and algorithms and for actual descriptions of tsunami warning and emergency response operations, including data networks and data collection, methods of evaluation and criteria for action, products issued and methods of communication of alerts, and evacuation, original source references or plans should be consulted. These are the high-level system descriptions or concepts of operation, agency operations manuals, and user's guides of each regional and national system.

Basic references providing a comprehensive summary on tsunami warning center and emergency response operations considerations are:

- ITIC IOC Manual on Tsunami Warning Centre Standard Operating Procedures (Guidance and Samples), version 2010 (distributed as part of 2013 SOP capacity building).
- ITIC IOC Manual on Tsunami Emergency Response Standard Operating Procedures (Guidance and Samples), version 2010 (distributed as part of 2013 SOP capacity building)

For a description of the Caribbean tsunami warning system, consult the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center Enhanced Products for the CARIBE-EWS Users Guide (version 1.2 October 8, 2015). It can be accessed at: NWS/CTWP <http://caribewave.info>.

## TRAINING

In order to assist countries in strengthening their warning systems, the IOC has compiled and developed a Training Manual containing references, best practices, decision support tools, and guidance materials summarizing key components, requirements, and operations to enable an effective and timely warning and evacuation against tsunamis. The materials were developed under the lead of the ITIC and in close partnership with experienced practitioners in tsunami warning and emergency response, and have been used in numerous training courses since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

The Manual includes session plans, lectures (in Power Point), exercises, and multi-media materials. Together, they represent part of the IOC's collaborative contribution to national capacity building and training on end-to-end tsunami warning and tsunami standard operating procedures to countries of the Indian Ocean, Pacific, Southeast Asia, and the Caribbean. For more information, please contact Laura Kong, Director, ITIC ([laura.kong@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.kong@noaa.gov)), Bernardo Aliaga, IOC ([b.aliaga@unesco.org](mailto:b.aliaga@unesco.org)), Christa von Hillebrandt, US NWS Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program ([christa.vonh@noaa.gov](mailto:christa.vonh@noaa.gov)), or Alison Brome ([a.brome@unesco.org](mailto:a.brome@unesco.org)). The tables presented below can be used as a guide for preparing the timeline for the exercise.

<b>Tsunami Evacuation Responsibilities Checklist for Government Disaster Response Agencies</b>		
This is a simple checklist to use when doing an evacuation. List the agency(ies) / department(s) responsible for actions and recommended number of minutes (e.g. +10 minutes) after earthquake origin time.	Earthquake Origin Time: <u>0000</u>	
	Agency(ies) / Department(s):	Time (mins):
Strong and/or long duration earthquake is felt (vary depending distance from source)	_____	+ _____
Tsunami message received from tsunami service provider (NTWCs)	_____	+ _____
Call in staff	_____	+ _____
Activate emergency centers / Notify public safety agencies	_____	+ _____
Coordinate sounding of public sirens and alarm notifications	_____	+ _____
Initiate media notifications and evacuation announcements	_____	+ _____
Initiate evacuation of people away from coast (Tsunami Evacuation Maps)	_____	+ _____
Put boats/ships out to sea if wave impact time permits	_____	+ _____
Setup road-blocks and evacuation routes	_____	+ _____
Guide people through traffic points to shelter	_____	+ _____
Initiate recall of disaster response workers	_____	+ _____
Open and operate refuge centers	_____	+ _____
Prepare to start electrical generators	_____	+ _____
If your facility is located in a tsunami evacuation zone: -Prepare to shutoff utilities (e.g. electrical, gas, water) -Protect key equipment (e.g. computers) -Remove key documents (e.g. financial, personal information)	_____	+ _____

Determine if tsunami has caused coastal damage / injuries and the need to initiate search and rescue operations	_____	+ _____
Determine when to declare the "all clear"	_____	+ _____
Prepare for post tsunami impact operations	_____	+ _____
Do roll call for workers ____ and volunteers ____	_____	+ _____

Table A1. Table to be used as a guide the timing, actions, authority, communication means and target audiences for a tsunami event.

EVENT	TIME (WHEN)	ACTIVITY (WHAT INFO)	AUTHORITY (WHO)	MEDIUM (HOW)	TO (TARGET)
EQ Occurs					
Tsunami might come					
Evacuate					
Tsunami comes					
Safe to return					

## Annex B. Example Table Top Exercise

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### Tabletop Exercise Development Steps

Original Source: California Office of Emergency Services

A Tabletop Exercise is a planned activity in which local officials, key staff, and organizations with disaster management responsibilities are presented with simulated emergency situations. It is usually informal and slow paced, in a conference room environment, and is designed to elicit constructive discussion from the participants to assess plans, policies, and procedures. Participants will examine and attempt to resolve problems, based on plans and procedures, if they exist. Individuals are encouraged to discuss decisions in depth based on their organization's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), with emphasis on slow-paced problem solving, rather than rapid, real time decision-making. An Exercise Controller (moderator) introduces a simulated tsunami scenario to participants via written message, simulated telephone or radio call, or by other means. Exercise problems and activities (injects) are further introduced. Participants conduct group discussions where resolution is generally agreed upon and then summarized by a group leader. A Tabletop Exercise should have specific goals, objectives, and a scenario narrative.

The following provides a Tabletop Exercise structure with sample text and example.

#### 1. Vulnerability Analysis: Problem Statement

*An example for a hurricane might be:*

*Due to the recent Hurricane incidents in the Southeast region of the United States, an awareness of the threat risk involved in these disasters has become more apparent, therefore the need for evacuation system is vital. The state of Louisiana continues its ongoing tasks of planning, preparing, and training for Hurricane preparedness.*

#### 2. Purpose (Mission): Intent, what you plan to accomplish (Policy Statement)

*An example for a hurricane might be:*

*The State of Louisiana has realized and recognizes the need for a more efficient and effective evacuation system, and is responding with this Comprehensive Exercise Plan. These events will include seminars, workshops, a tabletop exercise, functional and full-scale exercises within an 18-month time frame, under the State Homeland Security grant program.*

#### 3. Scope:           **Exercise Activities**                           **Agencies Involved**                           **Hazard Type**                           **Geographic Impact Area**

*An example might be:*

*Emergency Services coordinators at local levels of government will identify representative jurisdictions from each of the six mutual aid regions located throughout the State to participate as host jurisdictions in a series of disaster preparedness exercises. These host jurisdictions will develop a progressive series of exercises each type building upon the previous type of exercise. The process will begin with a vulnerability analysis for each jurisdiction and continue through a progression of exercise activities including: orientation seminars, workshops, and tabletop and functional exercises. The eventual objective of these activities will be to reduce disaster impacts to their populations and city infrastructure. All events will be evaluated utilizing US*

*Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) after action reporting (AAR) standards. Steps for corrective actions will be made a part of the after action process and report. Surrounding jurisdictions in the mutual aid area will act as exercise design team members, exercise evaluators, or exercise observers for the purpose of information transfer to increase their operational readiness. Jurisdictions will participate on a rotational basis every two years to provide the opportunity for multiple jurisdiction participation.*

**4. Goals and Objectives:**

**Criteria for good objectives: Think SMART**

- Simple (concise)
- Measurable
- Achievable (can this be done during the exercise?)
- Realistic (and challenging)
- Task Oriented (oriented to functions)

**An example might be:**

*Comprehensive Exercise Program (CEP) Objectives*

- *To improve operational readiness*
- *To improve multi-agency coordination and response capabilities for effective disaster response*
- *To identify communication pathways and problem areas pre-event between local jurisdictions and operational area, regional and state emergency operations centers*
- *To establish uniform methods for resource ordering, tracking, and supply for agencies involved at all levels of government.*

**5. Narrative:**

The Narrative should describe the following:

- Triggering emergency/disaster event
- Describe the environment at the time the exercise begins
- Provide necessary background information
- Prepare participants for the exercise
- Discovery, report: how do you find out?
- Advance notice?
- Time, location, extent or level of damage

**6. Evaluation:**

The Evaluation should describe the following:

- Objectives Based
- Train Evaluation Teams
- Develop Evaluation Forms

**7. After Action Report (AAR):** The AAR should be compiled using the evaluation reports

**8. Improvement Plan (IP):** The IP should reduce vulnerabilities.



## Annex C. Tsunami Source Scenario Description

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### Venezuela Earthquake Scenario

The scenario consists of a rupture of two fault segments along the coast of Venezuela with hypocenter at:

- Origin Time 14:00:00 UTC March 17, 2016
- Latitude 10.8°
- Longitude -66.0°
- Depth 15km
- Magnitude 8.4 – Mw (total for two segments)
- Slip 8 m
- Shear modulus:  $3E11$  dyne/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Seismic Moment:  $5.01E28$  dyne-cm

#### Segment 1

- End Point A
  - Latitude: 10.570°
  - Longitude: -64.547°
- End Point B
  - Latitude: 10.750°
  - Longitude: -66.000°
- Depth: 15km
- Strike: 97°
- Dip: 50°
- Rake: 90°
- Length: 157 km
- Width: 60km

#### Segment 2

- End Point A
  - Latitude: 10.750°
  - Longitude: -66.000°
- End Point B
  - Latitude: 10.750°
  - Longitude: -67.434°
- Depth: 15km
- Strike: 90°
- Dip: 50°
- Rake: 90°
- Length: 160 km
- Width: 60km

### Northern Hispaniola Earthquake Scenario

The scenario consists of a rupture of three fault segments in Northern Hispaniola with hypocenter at:

- Origin Time 15:00:00 UTC March 17, 2016
- Latitude 20.2°
- Longitude -71.7°
- Depth 20km
- Magnitude 8.7 – Mw (total for three segments)
- Slip 10m
- Shear modulus:  $3E11$  dyne/cm<sup>2</sup>

- Seismic Moment: 1.21E29 dyne-cm

#### Segment 1

- End Point A
  - Latitude: 20.7674°
  - Longitude: -74.4984°
- End Point B
  - Latitude: 20.4069°
  - Longitude: -73.5201°
- Depth: 20 km
- Strike: 111.0°
- Dip: 21°
- Rake: 90°
- Length: 111 km
- Width: 59km

#### Segment 2

- End Point A
  - Latitude: 20.4069°
  - Longitude: -73.5201°
- End Point B
  - Latitude: 20.1982°
  - Longitude: -71.6834°
- Depth: 20 km
- Strike: 97.0°
- Dip: 21°
- Rake: 90°
- Length: 195 km
- Width: 59km

#### Segment 3

- End Point A
  - Latitude: 20.1982°
  - Longitude: -71.6834°
- End Point B
  - Latitude: 19.5541°
  - Longitude: -68.7327°
- Depth: 20 km
- Strike: 103.0°
- Dip: 21°
- Rake: 90°
- Length: 317 km
- Width: 59km

Tsunami models were computed using the Rapid Inundation Forecasting of Tsunamis (RIFT) model to generate expected impacts throughout the region.

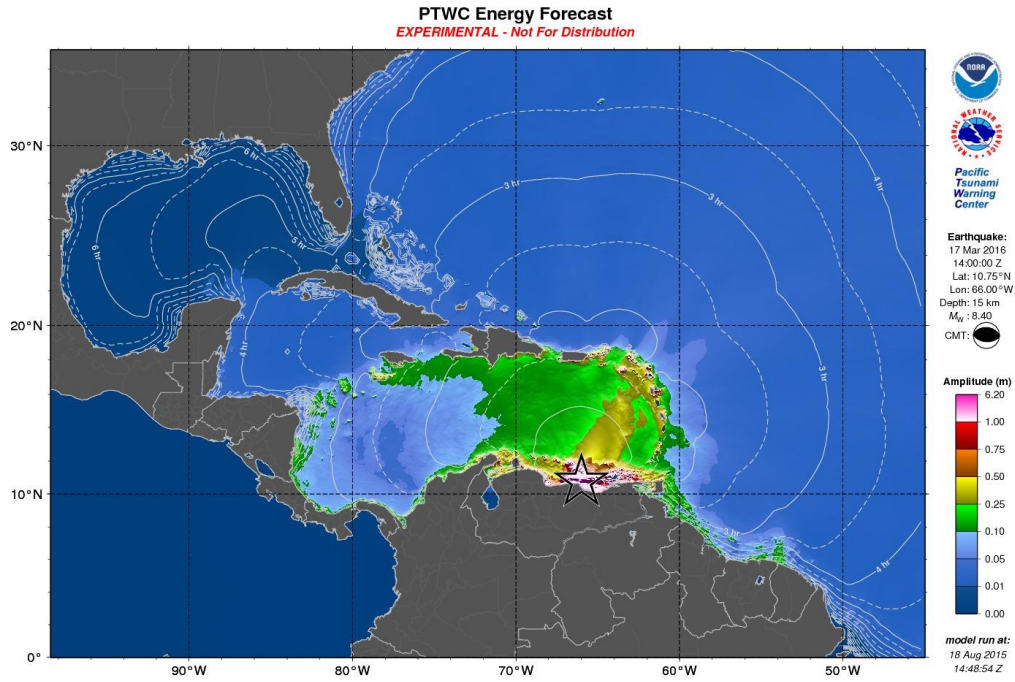


Figure C1. RIFT maximum amplitude map for the western Atlantic basin based on the SW Caribbean scenario for Venezuela. During a real event this product will only be made available to officially designated Tsunami Warning Focal Points and National Tsunami Warning Centers.

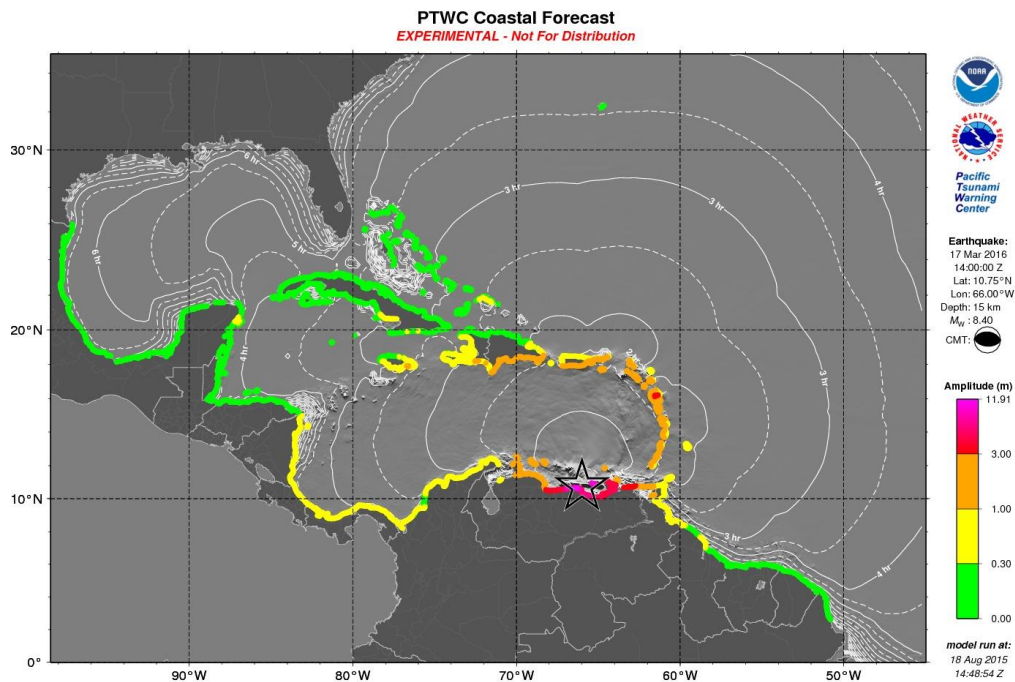
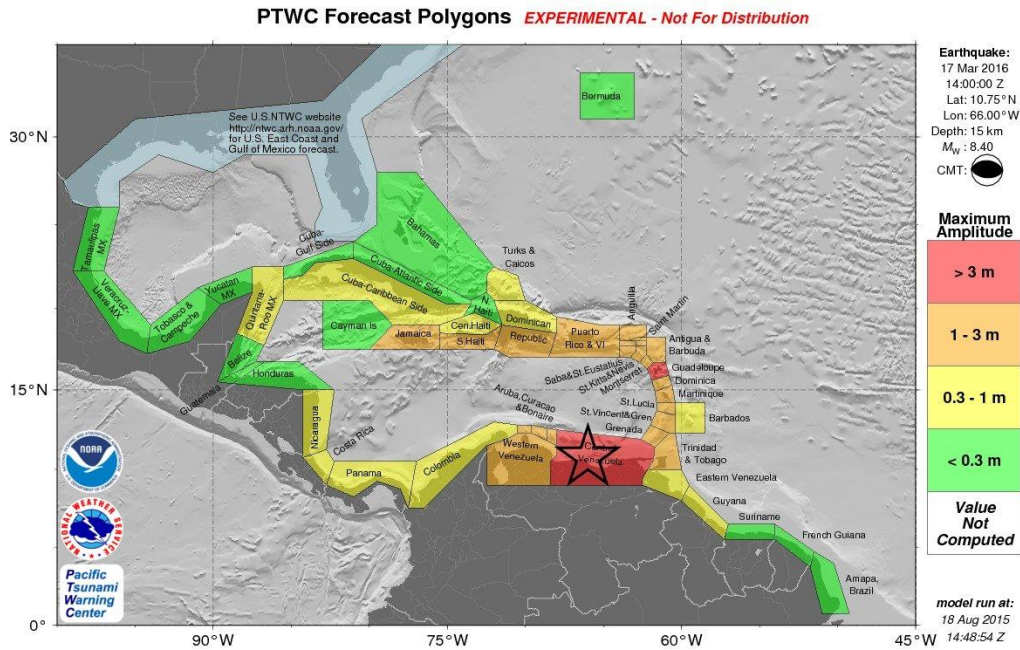
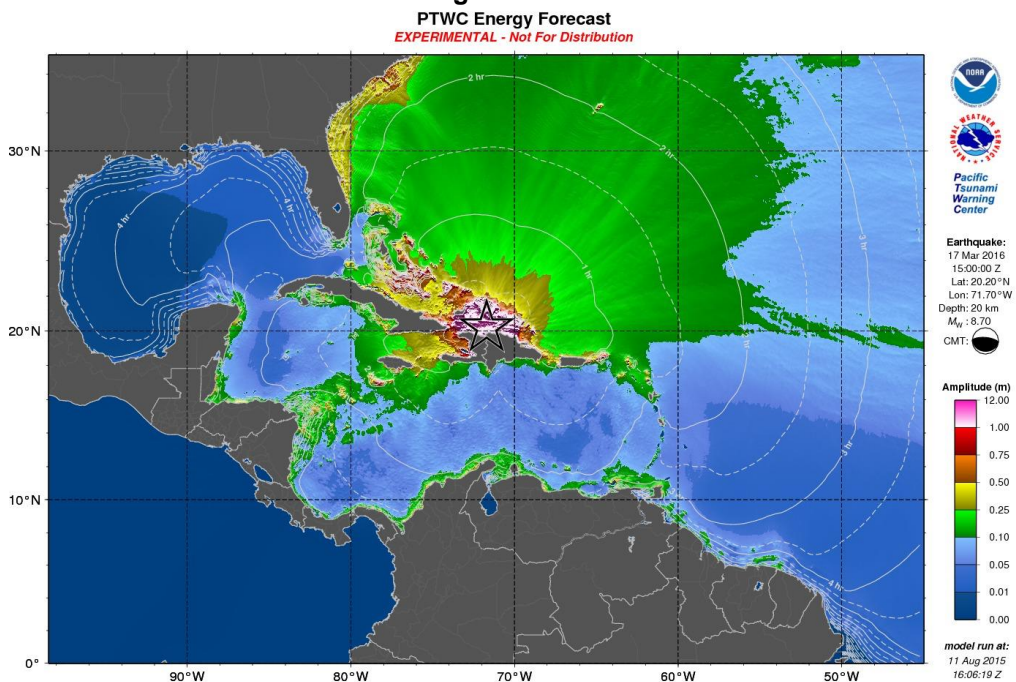


Figure C2. RIFT coastal tsunami amplitude map for the Caribbean Sea based on the SW Caribbean scenario for Venezuela. During a real event this product will only be made available to officially designated Tsunami Warning Focal Points and National Tsunami Warning Centers.



**Figure C3. RIFT forecast polygons for the Caribbean region on the Venezuela scenario. During a real event this product will only be made available to officially designated Tsunami Warning Focal Points and National Tsunami Warning Centers.**



**Figure C4. RIFT maximum amplitude map for the western Atlantic basin based on the SW Caribbean scenario for Northern Hispaniola. During a real event this product will only be made available to officially designated Tsunami Warning Focal Points and National Tsunami Warning Centers.**

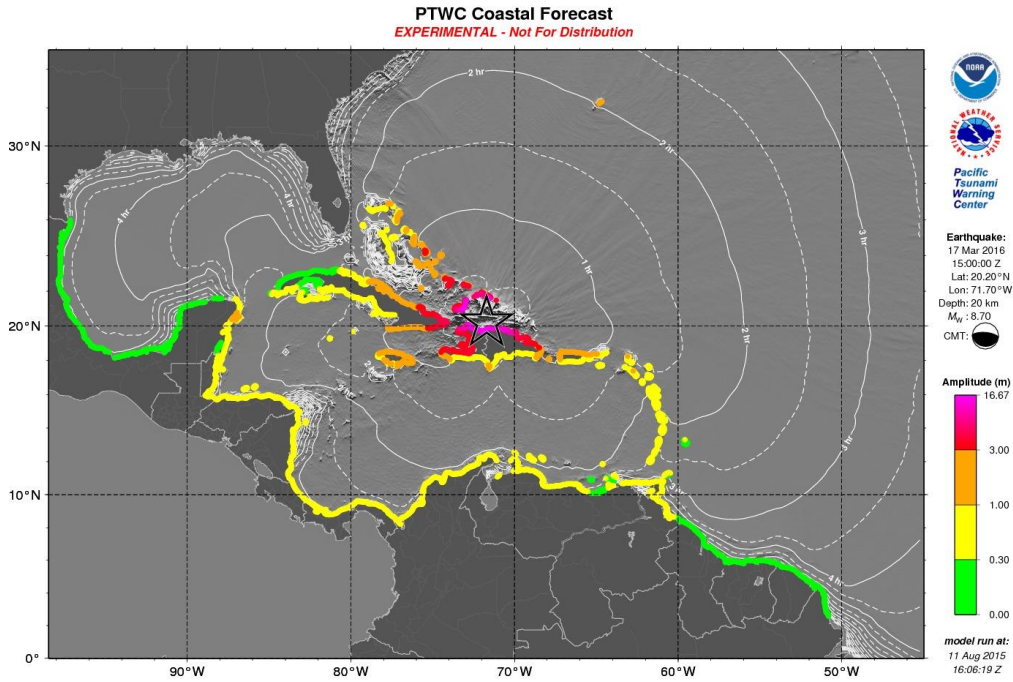


Figure C5. RIFT coastal tsunami amplitude map for the Caribbean Sea based on the SW Caribbean scenario for Northern Hispaniola. During a real event this product will only be made available to officially designated Tsunami Warning Focal Points and National Tsunami.

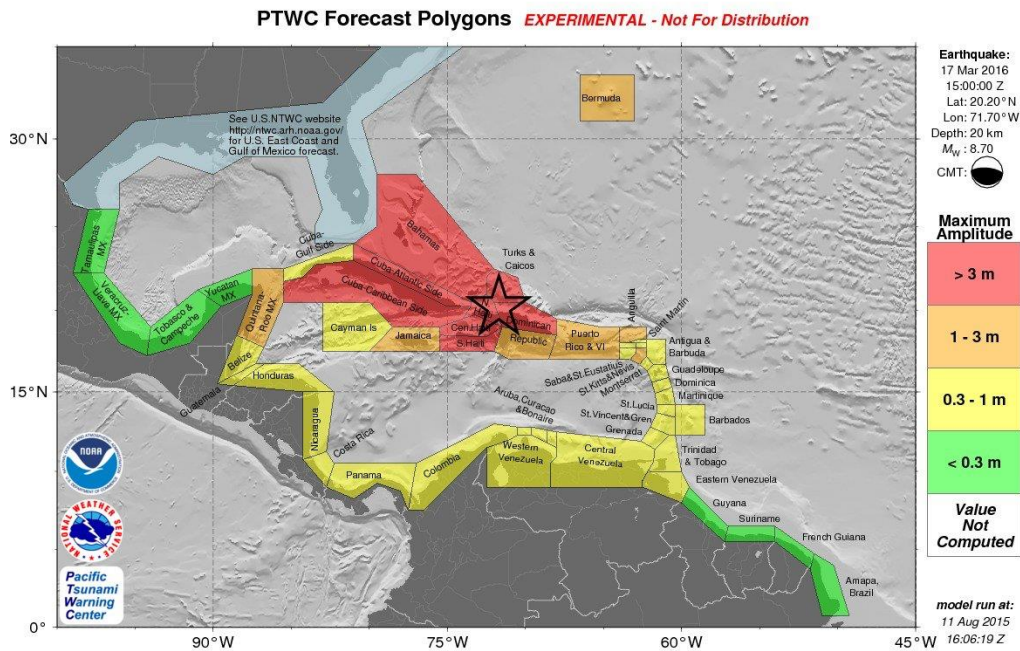


Figure C6. RIFT forecast polygons for the Caribbean region on the Northern Hispaniola scenario. During a real event this product will only be made available to officially designated Tsunami Warning Focal Points and National Tsunami Warning Centers.

Forecast maximum wave heights above sea level are provided in the Tables C1 and Table C2. Note that the highest tsunami run-up elevation on the shore could be double that of the model outputs since model outputs are determined at the coast.

**Table C1. Maximum Amplitude and travel time forecasts based on RIFT model for the Venezuela scenario** (TTTs and MTAs based on data provided by PTWC Message #8).

Location	Tsunami Travel Time to Listed Location (hours)	Maximum Tsunami Amplitude (m)
ILE ROYAL GUIANA FR	5.4	0.2
DART 42429	5.1	0
DART 42409	4.9	0
PUERTO MORELOS MX	4.9	0.14
ISLA MUJERES	4.7	0.18
DART 41424	3.8	0.02
LIMON CR	3.6	0.69
GEORGE TOWN CY	3.5	0.12
EL PORVENIR PM	3.5	0.46
SAN ANDRES CO	3.3	0.45
SANTA MARTA CO	3.0	0.94
CAP HAITIEN HT	2.7	0.24
PARHAM AT	2.5	0.82
DART 41420	2.4	0.03
DART 41421	2.4	0.03
LAMESHURBAYSTJOHNVI	2.4	2.05
PUERTO PLATA DO	2.3	0.25
DESIRADE GUADELOUPE	2.2	0.96
SAN JUAN PR	2.2	0.41
JACMEL HT	2.3	1.47
CHARLOTTEVILLE TT	2.1	0.75
LE ROBERT MARTINIQU	2.0	1.16
BRIDGEPORT BB	1.9	0.78
PORT ST CHARLES BB	1.9	0.88
POINT A PITRE GP	1.9	4.3
PUNTA CANA DO	1.8	1.91
DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	1.7	3.03
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	1.7	1.69
PORT SAN ANDRES DO	1.8	1.68
MAYAGUEZ PR	1.7	1.42
ROSEAU DM	1.7	2.74
LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	1.6	2.55
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	1.7	2.97
MONA ISLAND PR	1.6	1.38
CALLIAQUA VC	1.7	1.87
LIMETREE VI	1.6	2.42
ST CROIX VI	1.6	2.27
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	1.6	1.38
PENUELAS PR	1.6	1.91
PRICKLEY BAY GD	1.4	1.76
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	1.2	2.18
DART 42407	1.1	0.22

**Table C2. Maximum Amplitude and travel time forecasts based on RIFT model for Northern Hispaniola scenario** (TTTs and MTAs based on data provided by PTWC Message #8).

Location	Tsunami Travel Time to Listed Location (hours)	Maximum Tsunami Amplitude (m)
PILOTS STATION LA	4.4	0.08
KEY WEST FL	3.9	0.2
TRIDENT PIER FL	3.9	1.26
DART 42429	3.3	0.01
LIMON CR	3.3	0.71
CHARLOTTEVILLE TT	3.2	0.28
DART 42409	3.2	0.01
PUERTO MORELOS MX	3.1	0.38
ISLA MUJERES	3.0	0.68
EL PORVENIR PM	2.9	0.87
PRICKLEY BAY GD	2.8	0.47
SAN ANDRES CO	2.9	0.57
CALLIAQUA VC	2.6	0.5
BRIDGEPORT BB	2.5	0.31
PORT ST CHARLES BB	2.4	0.31
SANTA MARTA CO	2.4	0.89
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	2.3	0.62
LE ROBERT MARTINIQU	2.2	0.31
ROSEAU DM	2.2	0.46
LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	2.2	0.54
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	2.2	0.89
POINT A PITRE GP	2.0	0.6
DART 41424	2.1	0.19
LAMESHURBAYSTJOHNVI	2.0	0.83
DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	2.0	0.62
PORT SAN ANDRES DO	1.9	1.14
PARHAM AT	1.8	0.42
DESIRADE GUADELOUPE	1.9	0.38
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	1.7	0.73
GEORGE TOWN CY	1.7	0.47
LIMETREE VI	1.6	0.77
ST CROIX VI	1.5	0.8
DART 42407	1.5	0.07
JACMEL HT	1.5	0.78
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	1.4	0.91
PENUELAS PR	1.4	0.94
DART 41421	1.3	0.19
MONA ISLAND PR	1.2	2.74
PUNTA CANA DO	1.1	3.47
SAN JUAN PR	1.0	2.03
MAYAGUEZ PR	1.1	3.55

<b>Location</b>	<b>Tsunami Travel Time to Listed Location (hours)</b>	<b>Maximum Tsunami Amplitude (m)</b>
DART 41420	0.9	0.24
PUERTO PLATA DO	0.4	15.27
CAP HAITIEN HT	0.2	17.74



## **Annex D. Earthquake Impact Scenario**

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When planning for a tsunami it is important to also take into consideration the potential earthquake impact in areas close to the source, as these impacts can affect tsunami response and increase the tsunami impact by hindering evacuation and contributing debris to be carried by the waves. For earthquake impact, the USGS has developed ShakeMap and the Prompt Assessment of Global Earthquakes for Response (PAGER). The main purpose of ShakeMap is to display the levels of ground shaking produced by the earthquake. The ground shaking events levels in the region are studied depending on the magnitude of the earthquake, distance from the earthquake source, rock and soil behavior in the region and propagation of the seismic waves through the Earth's crust. Based on the output of ShakeMap, PAGER estimates the population exposed to earthquake shaking, fatalities and economic losses.

### **Earthquake Event**

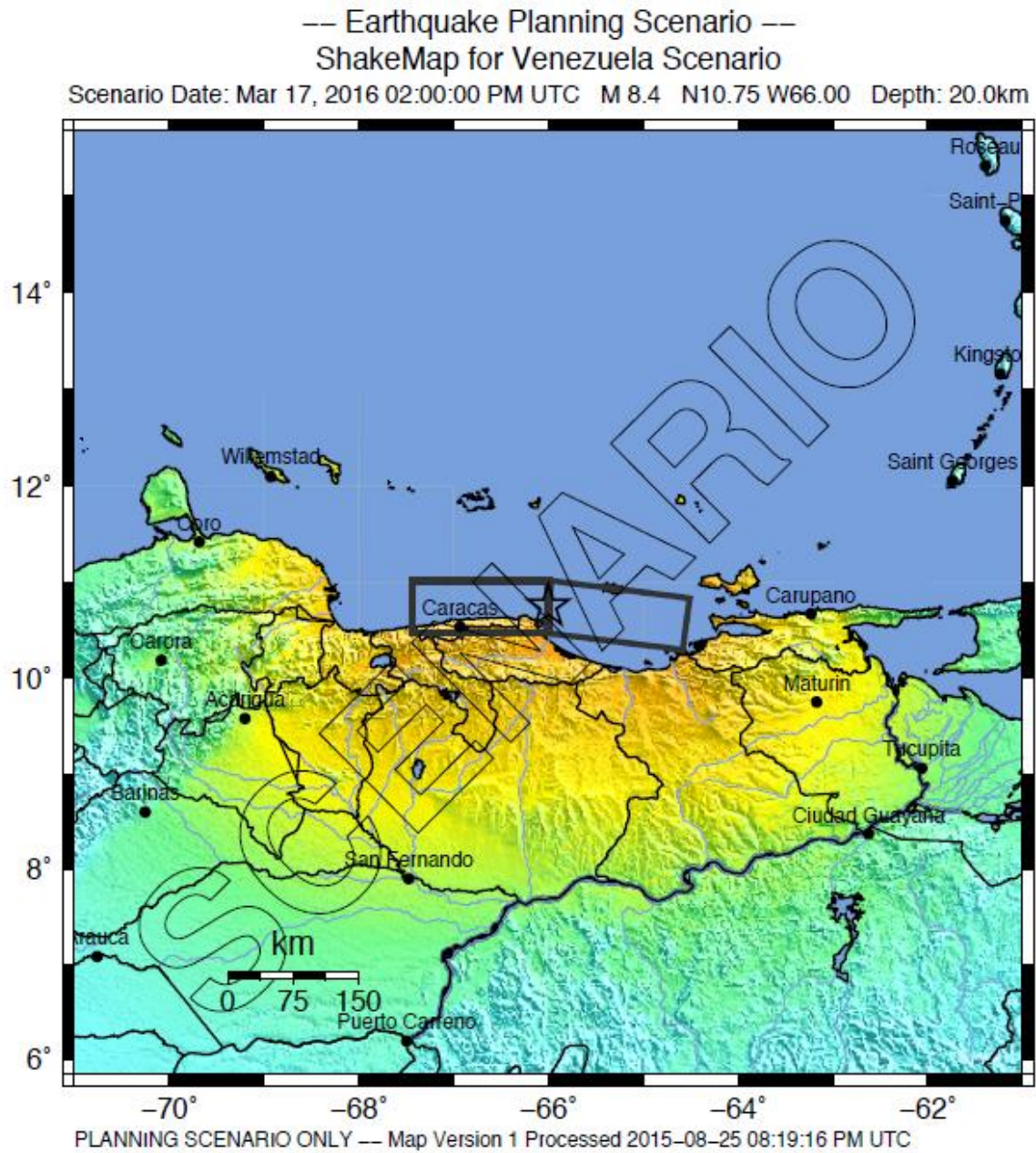
The input information for ShakeMap and PAGER are the four corners of the boxes from the fault plane and the depths at each of these four corners. For the case of Caribe Wave 16, the fault plane is divided in two segments for the Venezuela scenario and three segments for Northern Hispaniola Scenario. The Venezuela fault plane is 320km long, 60km wide and 20km depth. The Northern Hispaniola fault plane is 620km long, 59km wide and 20km deep.

For the Venezuela scenario the ShakeMap show intensities up to VIII on the Mercalli Modified Scale (Figure D1). The strongest ground shaking is predicted for the coast of Venezuela and the intensity decreases further in land. According to the ShakeMap for the Northern Hispaniola scenario (Figure D3), intensities of up to VII on the Mercalli Modified Scale could be observed. The strongest ground shaking is predicted for the North of Hispaniola, Turks and Caicos Islands and the east of Cuba, while the South of Hispaniola Puerto Rico, the ground shaking is moderate.

According to PAGER, (Figure D2 and D4) the earthquakes in both scenarios used for Caribe Wave 16, would produce red alert. A red alert means that high casualties and extensive damage are probable and the disaster from the earthquake is likely widespread. For the Venezuela scenario the red alert would be for the north coast of Venezuela while for the Northern Hispaniola scenario, a red alert would be for Northern Dominican Republic, Northern Haiti, Turks and Caicos Islands and the East of Cuba.

In terms of population exposed to earthquake shaking, it is estimated that almost 7.7 million people for Venezuela scenario and 5.5 million people for Northern Hispaniola scenario would be exposed to Modified Mercalli intensities from VI up to VIII. Figures D1, D2, D3, and D4 shows ShakeMap and PAGER show outputs for the Caribe Wave 16 earthquake scenarios.

## Venezuela Earthquake Scenario



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC. (%g)	<0.05	0.3	2.8	6.2	12	22	40	75	>139
PEAK VEL. (cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Worden et al. (2012)

Figure D1. Shake map output for the CARIBE WAVE 16 Venezuela earthquake scenario.



Earthquake Shaking **Red Alert**



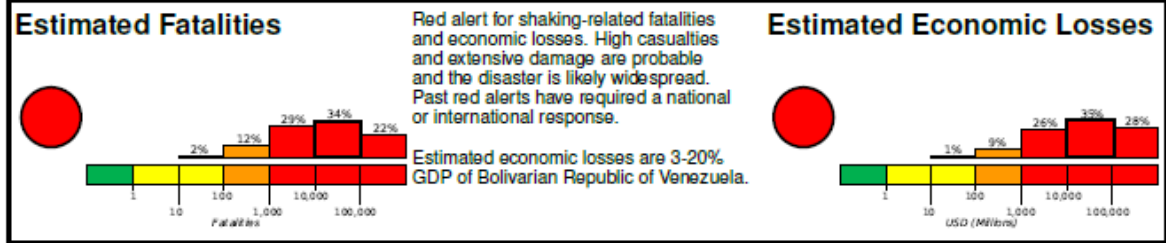
**M 8.4, Venezuela**

Origin Time: Thu 2016-03-17 14:00:00 UTC (09:30:00 local)

Location: 10.75°N 66.00°W Depth: 20 km

FOR TSUNAMI INFORMATION, SEE: [tsunami.gov](http://tsunami.gov)

Created: 25 minutes, 0 seconds after earthquake

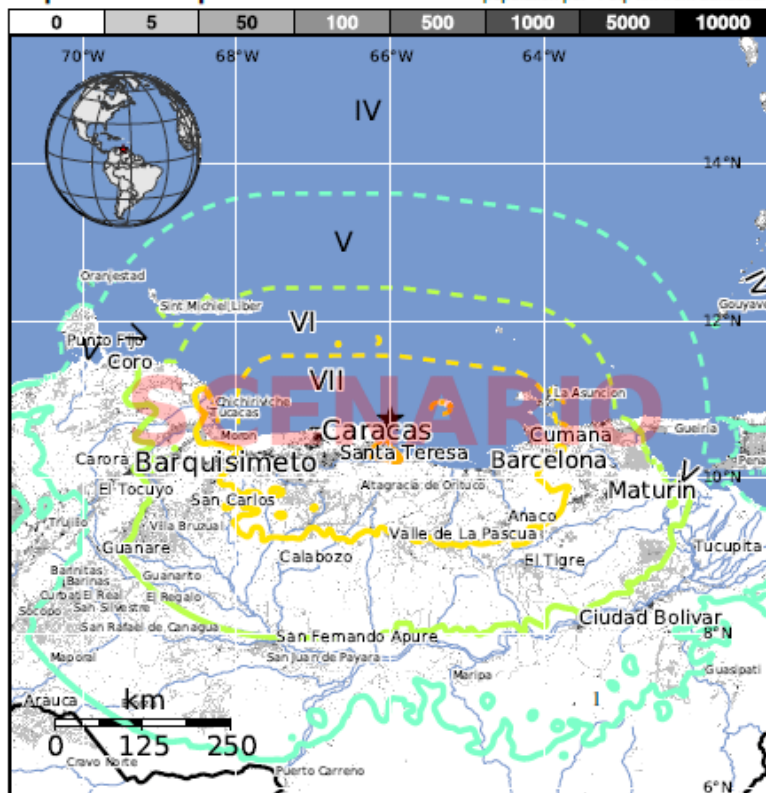


**Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking**

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)	--	--	2,141k*	6,296k	4,893k	11,690k	478k	0	0	
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+	
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme	
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	none	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	none	none	none	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

\*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area

**Population Exposure**



**Structures:**

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are vulnerable to earthquake shaking, though some resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are unreinforced brick masonry and adobe construction.

**Historical Earthquakes (with MMI levels):**

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max Shaking MMI(#)	Deaths
1983-04-11	359	6.1	VIII(2k)	0
1974-06-12	281	6.5	IX(12k)	5
1997-07-09	271	6.9	VIII(2k)	81

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

**Selected City Exposure**

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
VIII	Puerto La Cruz	370k
VIII	Guanta	<1k
VIII	Lecherias	<1k
VIII	Rio Chico	<1k
VIII	San Jose de B.	<1k
VIII	Boca de Uchire	<1k
VII	Barcelona	425k
VII	Caracas	3,000k
VII	Maracay	1,754k
VII	Valencia	1,385k
VI	Barquisimeto	809k

bold cities appear on map (k = x1000)

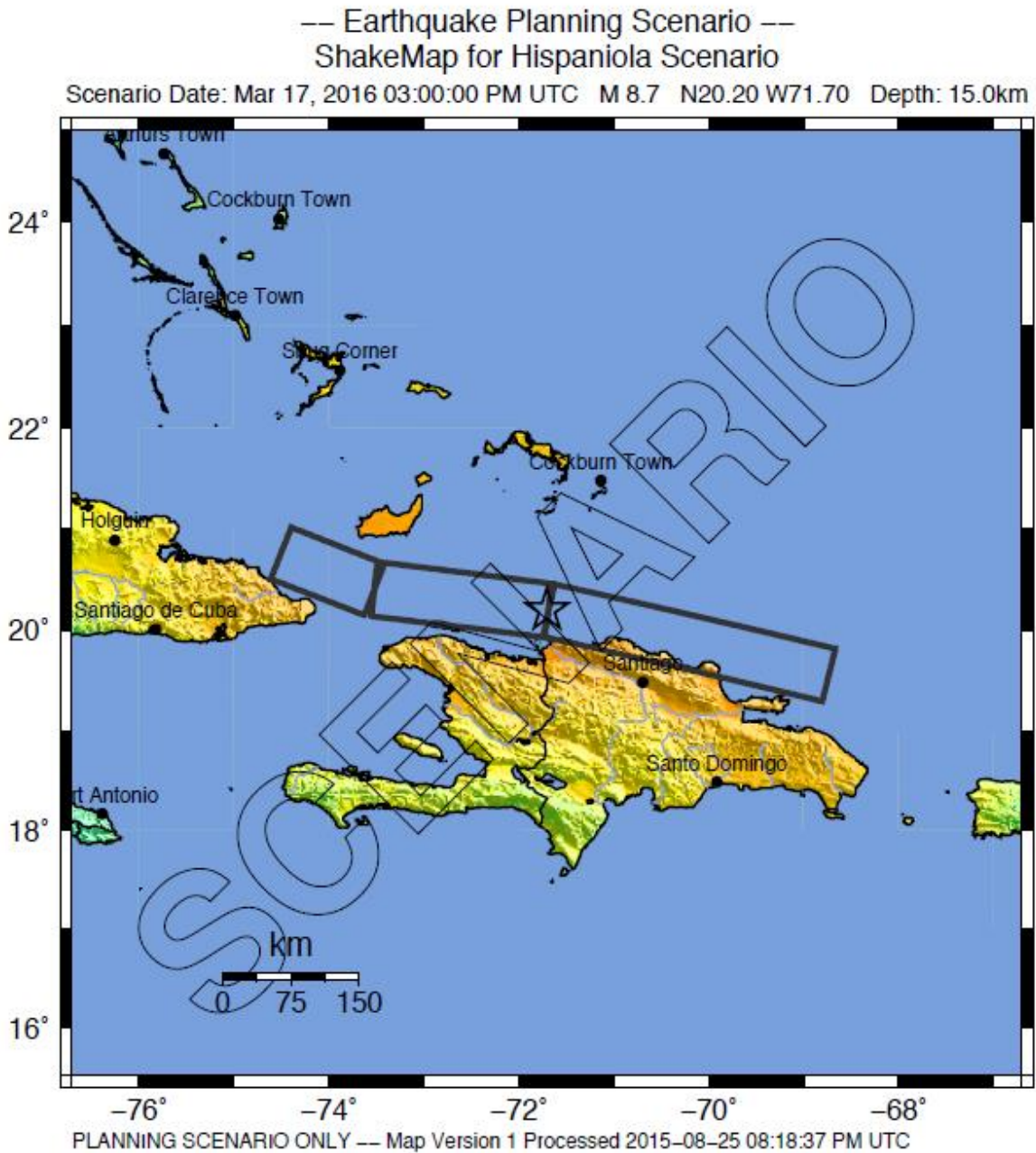
PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/pager>

Event ID: **usvenezuela\_se**

Figure D2. PAGER output for CARIBE WAVE 16 Venezuela earthquake scenario (USGS).

### Northern Hispaniola Earthquake Scenario



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC.(%g)	<0.05	0.3	2.8	6.2	12	22	40	75	>139
PEAK VEL.(cm/s)	<0.02	0.1	1.4	4.7	9.6	20	41	86	>178
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

Scale based upon Worden et al. (2012)

Figure D3. Shake map output for the CARIBE WAVE 16 Northern Hispaniola scenario (USGS).

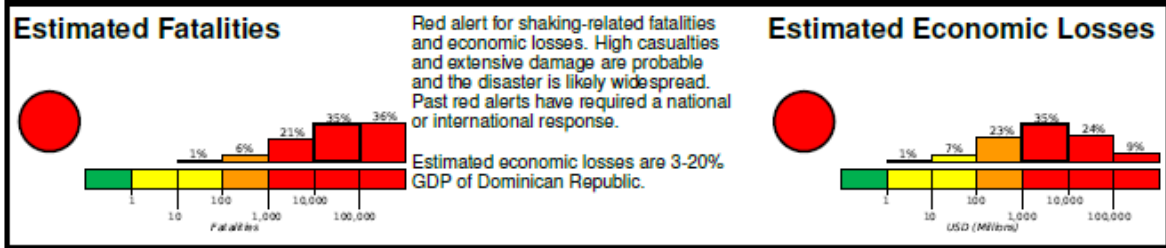


Earthquake Shaking **Red Alert**



**M 8.7, Northern Hispaniola**  
Origin Time: Thu 2016-03-17 15:00:00 UTC (10:00:00 local)  
Location: 20.20°N 71.70°W Depth: 15 km  
**FOR TSUNAMI INFORMATION, SEE: [tsunami.gov](http://tsunami.gov)**

**PAGER**  
**Version 1**  
Created: 22 minutes, 0 seconds after earthquake

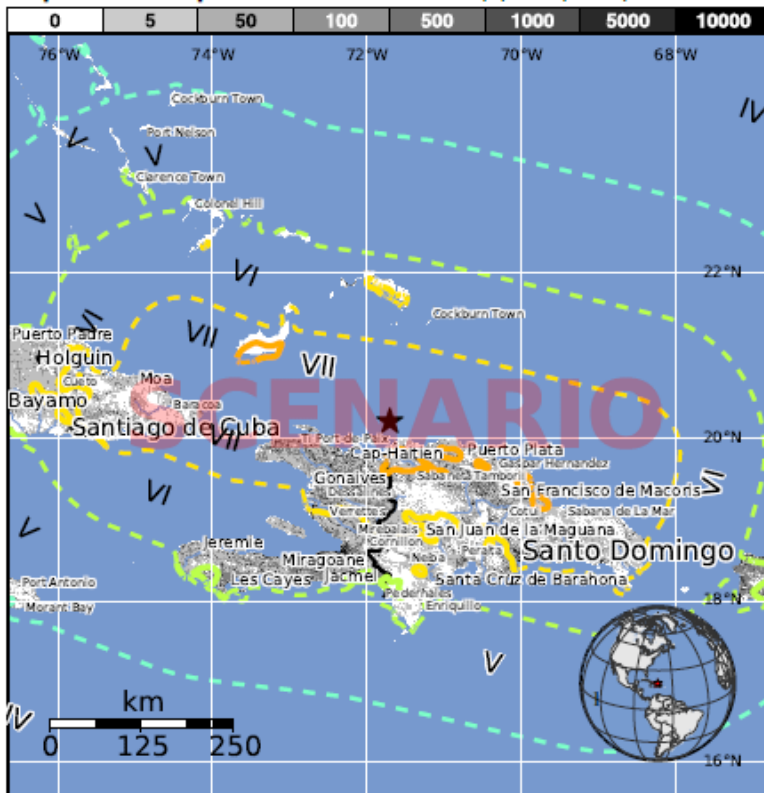


**Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking**

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k = x1000)	--*	--*	5k*	710k*	9,934k*	13,629k	641k	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	none	none	none	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	none	none	none	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy

\*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area

**Population Exposure**



**Structures:**  
Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are vulnerable to earthquake shaking, though some resistant structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are concrete/cinder block masonry and mud wall construction.

**Historical Earthquakes (with MMI levels):**

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max Shaking MMI(#)	Deaths
1994-07-12	90	5.6	VIII(6k)	0
1984-06-24	353	5.2	V(440k)	5
1984-06-24	347	6.7	VII(326k)	5

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

**Selected City Exposure**

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
VIII	Castanuelas	4k
VIII	Caracol	2k
VIII	Arroyo Salado	2k
VIII	Ferrier	4k
VIII	Agua Santa del Yuna	2k
VIII	Jaibon	5k
VII	Santiago de los C.	1,200k
VII	<b>Santo Domingo</b>	<b>2,202k</b>
VII	<b>Santiago de Cuba</b>	<b>556k</b>
VI	Holguin	319k
VI	Port-au-Prince	1,235k

bold cities appear on map (k = x1000)

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/pager>

Event ID: **ushispaniola\_se**

Figure D4. PAGER output for CARIBE WAVE 16 Northern Hispaniola earthquake scenario (USGS).

## **Annex E. TWC Dummy (Start of Exercise) Messages**

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### **Venezuela Earthquake Scenario**

#### **PTWC**

WECA41 PHEB 171405  
TSUCAX

TEST...TSUNAMI EXERCISE MESSAGE NUMBER 1...TEST  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER/NOAA/NWS  
ISSUED AT 1405Z 17 MAR 2016

...CARIBEWAVE 16 TSUNAMI EXERCISE MESSAGE. REFER TO PTWC MESSAGE 1 IN THE  
EXERCISE HANDBOOK. THIS IS AN EXERCISE ONLY...

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING USED TO START THE CARIBEWAVE 16 CARIBBEAN TSUNAMI EXERCISE  
VENEZUELA SCENARIO. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY EXERCISE MESSAGE BROADCAST FROM THE  
PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EXCLUDING SPECIAL EMAIL MESSAGES DISCUSSED IN THE  
HANDBOOK. THE HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE AT THE WEB SITE CARIBEWAVE.INFO. THE  
EXERCISE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT A REALISTIC SCENARIO TO TEST  
TSUNAMI RESPONSE PLANS.

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### **Northern Hispaniola Earthquake Scenario**

#### **PTWC**

WECA41 PHEB 171505  
TSUCAX

TEST...TSUNAMI EXERCISE MESSAGE NUMBER 1...TEST  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER/NOAA/NWS  
ISSUED AT 1505Z 17 MAR 2016

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EXERCISE HANDBOOK. THIS IS AN EXERCISE ONLY...

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING USED TO START THE CARIBEWAVE 16 CARIBBEAN TSUNAMI EXERCISE  
NORTHERN HISPANIOLA SCENARIO. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY EXERCISE MESSAGE BROADCAST  
FROM THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EXCLUDING SPECIAL EMAIL MESSAGES  
DISCUSSED IN THE HANDBOOK. THE HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE AT THE WEB SITE  
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REALISTIC SCENARIO TO TEST TSUNAMI RESPONSE PLANS.

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## Annex F. TWC Exercise Messages

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### Venezuela Earthquake Scenario

The following messages created for the CARIBE WAVE 16 tsunami exercise are representative of the official standard products issued by the PTWC during a large magnitude 8.4 earthquake and tsunami originating in Venezuela. During a real event, NTWC and TWFP would be sent via email the graphical products. The alerts would persist longer during a real event than is depicted in this exercise.

#### PTWC Message #1

WECA41 PHEB 171405  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 1  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1405 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*

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THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS AND IS MEANT FOR NATIONAL  
AUTHORITIES IN EACH COUNTRY OF THAT SYSTEM.

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF  
ALERT FOR EACH COUNTRY AND MAY ISSUE ADDITIONAL OR MORE REFINED  
INFORMATION.

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#### PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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\* MAGNITUDE            8.5  
\* ORIGIN TIME          1400 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES         10.8 NORTH 66.0 WEST  
\* DEPTH                15 KM / 9 MILES  
\* LOCATION             NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA

#### EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.5 OCCURRED  
NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA AT 1400 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17  
2016.
- \* BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS... WIDESPREAD  
HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE POSSIBLE.

#### TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST

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- \* HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES FROM THIS EARTHQUAKE ARE POSSIBLE  
WITHIN THE NEXT THREE HOURS ALONG SOME COASTS OF

VENEZUELA... BONAIRE... CURACAO... ARUBA... SAINT  
VINCENT... GRENADA... PUERTO RICO... SAINT LUCIA... US  
VIRGIN ISLANDS... MARTINIQUE... DOMINICA... GUADELOUPE...  
DOMINICAN REP... SABA... MONTserrat... SAINT KITTS... SINT  
EUSTATIUS... BARBADOS... HAITI... TRINIDAD TOBAGO... SINT  
MAARTEN... COLOMBIA... ANGUILLA... ANTIGUA... BR VIRGIN

ISLANDS... BARBUDA... SAINT BARTHELEMY... TURKS N  
CAICOS... CUBA... SAINT MARTIN... JAMAICA... BAHAMAS...  
PANAMA AND CAYMAN ISLANDS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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- \* GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THREATENED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO INFORM AND INSTRUCT ANY COASTAL POPULATIONS AT RISK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN EVALUATION... PROCEDURES AND THE LEVEL OF THREAT.
  - \* PERSONS LOCATED IN THREATENED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD STAY ALERT FOR INFORMATION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM NATIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL

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- \* ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL -ETA- OF THE INITIAL TSUNAMI WAVE FOR PLACES LISTED WITH A POTENTIAL TSUNAMI THREAT. ACTUAL ARRIVAL TIMES MAY DIFFER AND THE INITIAL WAVE MAY NOT BE THE LARGEST. A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF WAVES AND THE TIME BETWEEN WAVES CAN BE FIVE MINUTES TO ONE HOUR.

LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA (UTC)	
CUMANA	VENEZUELA	10.5N	64.2W	1438	03/17
MAIQUETIA	VENEZUELA	10.6N	67.0W	1448	03/17
ONIMA	BONAIRE	12.3N	68.3W	1455	03/17
WILLEMSTAD	CURACAO	12.1N	68.9W	1501	03/17
ORANJESTAD	ARUBA	12.5N	70.0W	1519	03/17
KINGSTOWN	SAINT VINCENT	13.1N	61.2W	1519	03/17
SAINT GEORGES	GRENADA	12.0N	61.8W	1519	03/17
CASTRIES	SAINT LUCIA	14.0N	61.0W	1524	03/17
FORT DE FRANCE	MARTINIQUE	14.6N	61.1W	1527	03/17
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	15.3N	61.4W	1529	03/17
BASSE TERRE	GUADELOUPE	16.0N	61.7W	1532	03/17
SANTO DOMINGO	DOMINICAN REP	18.5N	69.9W	1538	03/17
SABA	SABA	17.6N	63.2W	1541	03/17
CABO ENGANO	DOMINICAN REP	18.6N	68.3W	1543	03/17
PLYMOUTH	MONTSERRAT	16.7N	62.2W	1544	03/17
BASSETERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1545	03/17
SINT EUSTATIUS	SINT EUSTATIUS	17.5N	63.0W	1546	03/17
BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1548	03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1552	03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1553	03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1554	03/17
RIOHACHA	COLOMBIA	11.6N	72.9W	1605	03/17
BARRANQUILLA	COLOMBIA	11.1N	74.9W	1611	03/17
PUERTO PLATA	DOMINICAN REP	19.8N	70.7W	1613	03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1614	03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1618	03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1624	03/17
SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1625	03/17
GRAND TURK	TURKS N CAICOS	21.5N	71.1W	1627	03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1628	03/17
CAP HAITEN	HAITI	19.8N	72.2W	1629	03/17
SANTIAGO D CUBA	CUBA	19.9N	75.8W	1631	03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1632	03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1635	03/17
WEST CAICOS	TURKS N CAICOS	21.7N	72.5W	1638	03/17
MAYAGUANA	BAHAMAS	22.3N	73.0W	1639	03/17
GREAT INAGUA	BAHAMAS	20.9N	73.7W	1642	03/17
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1645	03/17
BARAOCA	CUBA	20.4N	74.5W	1647	03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1647	03/17
CROOKED ISLAND	BAHAMAS	22.7N	74.1W	1647	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1649	03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1652	03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1652	03/17
SAN SALVADOR	BAHAMAS	24.1N	74.5W	1652	03/17
LONG ISLAND	BAHAMAS	23.3N	75.1W	1656	03/17
CAYMAN BRAC	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.7N	79.9W	1702	03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1704	03/17



POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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- \* A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF WAVES. THE TIME BETWEEN WAVE CRESTS CAN VARY FROM 5 MINUTES TO AN HOUR. THE HAZARD MAY PERSIST FOR MANY HOURS OR LONGER AFTER THE INITIAL WAVE.
- \* IMPACTS CAN VARY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM ONE SECTION OF COAST TO THE NEXT DUE TO LOCAL BATHYMETRY AND THE SHAPE AND ELEVATION OF THE SHORELINE.
- \* IMPACTS CAN ALSO VARY DEPENDING UPON THE STATE OF THE TIDE AT THE TIME OF THE MAXIMUM TSUNAMI WAVES.
- \* PERSONS CAUGHT IN THE WATER OF A TSUNAMI MAY DROWN... BE CRUSHED BY DEBRIS IN THE WATER... OR BE SWEEPED OUT TO SEA.

NEXT UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- \* THE NEXT MESSAGE WILL BE ISSUED IN ONE HOUR... OR SOONER IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS.
- \* AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE FROM THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET AT EARTHQUAKE.USGS.GOV/EARTHQUAKES -ALL IN LOWERCASE LETTERS-.
- \* FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT MAY BE FOUND AT PTWC.WEATHER.GOV AND AT WWW.TSUNAMI.GOV.
- \* COASTAL REGIONS OF PUERTO RICO... THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS... AND THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS SHOULD REFER TO PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER MESSAGES FOR THOSE PLACES THAT CAN BE FOUND AT PTWC.WEATHER.GOV.
- \* COASTAL REGIONS OF THE US GULF COAST... US EAST COAST... AND THE MARITIME PROVINCES OF CANADA SHOULD REFER TO U.S. NATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER MESSAGES THAT CAN BE FOUND AT NTWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV.

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**PTWC Message #2**

WECA41 PHEB 171425  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 2  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1425 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

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UPDATES

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- \* THE ESTIMATED MAGNITUDE OF THE EARTHQUAKE IS REDUCED FROM 8.5 TO 8.4.
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**PTWC Message #3**

WECA41 PHEB 171510  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 3  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI

1510 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

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TSUCAX

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WILLEMSTAD	CURACAO	12.1N	68.9W	1501	03/17
ORANJESTAD	ARUBA	12.5N	70.0W	1519	03/17
KINGSTOWN	SAINT VINCENT	13.1N	61.2W	1519	03/17
SAINT GEORGES	GRENADA	12.0N	61.8W	1519	03/17
CASTRIES	SAINT LUCIA	14.0N	61.0W	1524	03/17
FORT DE FRANCE	MARTINIQUE	14.6N	61.1W	1527	03/17
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	15.3N	61.4W	1529	03/17
BASSE TERRE	GUADELOUPE	16.0N	61.7W	1532	03/17
SANTO DOMINGO	DOMINICAN REP	18.5N	69.9W	1538	03/17
CABO ENGANO	DOMINICAN REP	18.6N	68.3W	1543	03/17
PLYMOUTH	MONTSERRAT	16.7N	62.2W	1544	03/17
BASSETERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1545	03/17
BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1548	03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1552	03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1553	03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1554	03/17
RIOHACHA	COLOMBIA	11.6N	72.9W	1605	03/17
BARRANQUILLA	COLOMBIA	11.1N	74.9W	1611	03/17
PUERTO PLATA	DOMINICAN REP	19.8N	70.7W	1613	03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1614	03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1618	03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1624	03/17
SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1625	03/17
GRAND TURK	TURKS N CAICOS	21.5N	71.1W	1627	03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1628	03/17
CAP HAITEN	HAITI	19.8N	72.2W	1629	03/17
SANTIAGO D CUBA	CUBA	19.9N	75.8W	1631	03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1632	03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1635	03/17
WEST CAICOS	TURKS N CAICOS	21.7N	72.5W	1638	03/17
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1645	03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1647	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1649	03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1652	03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1652	03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1704	03/17
JEREMIE	HAITI	18.6N	74.1W	1713	03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1715	03/17
PUERTO OBALDIA	PANAMA	8.7N	77.4W	1716	03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1725	03/17
PUERTO LIMON	COSTA RICA	10.0N	83.0W	1729	03/17
COLON	PANAMA	9.4N	79.9W	1749	03/17
BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1803	03/17
COZUMEL	MEXICO	20.5N	87.0W	1811	03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1815	03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1816	03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	1855	03/17
SANTA CRZ D SUR	CUBA	20.7N	78.0W	1930	03/17
PORLAMAR	VENEZUELA	10.9N	63.8W	1931	03/17
GEORGETOWN	GUYANA	6.8N	58.2W	2014	03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	2055	03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2154	03/17

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS

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GAUGE LOCATION	GAUGE COORDINATES		TIME OF MEASURE (UTC)	MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT	WAVE PERIOD (MIN)
	LAT	LOX			
DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.8W	1544	3.03M/	9.9FT 20
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	18.1N	65.5W	1542	1.69M/	5.6FT 24
MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1541	1.42M/	4.7FT 18
ROSEAU DM	15.3N	61.4W	1540	2.74M/	9.0FT 26
LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	14.8N	61.2W	1534	2.55M/	8.4FT 26
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1541	2.97M/	9.7FT 26
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1538	1.38M/	4.5FT 20
CALLIAQUA VC	13.1N	61.2W	1540	1.87M/	6.1FT 22
LIMETREE VI	17.7N	64.8W	1538	2.42M/	7.9FT 22
ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1535	2.27M/	7.5FT 24
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	18.0N	67.0W	1534	1.38M/	4.5FT 14
PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1535	1.91M/	6.3FT 20
PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1525	1.76M/	5.8FT 24
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1512	2.18M/	7.2FT 22
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1507	0.22M/	0.7FT 16

NEXT UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**PTWC Message #5**

WECA41 PHEB 171645  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 5  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1645 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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INFORMATION.

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UPDATES

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PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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\* MAGNITUDE 8.4  
\* ORIGIN TIME 1400 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES 10.8 NORTH 66.0 WEST  
\* DEPTH 15 KM / 9 MILES  
\* LOCATION NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA

EVALUATION

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\* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.4 OCCURRED  
NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA AT 1400 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17  
2016.  
\* TSUNAMI WAVES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.  
\* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE  
FORECAST FOR SOME COASTS.

TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST

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\* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING MORE THAN 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE  
LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF  
GUADELOUPE... AND VENEZUELA.

\* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 1 TO 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF

ARUBA... COLOMBIA... DOMINICAN REPUBLIC... HAITI... PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN IS... ANGUILLA... ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA... DOMINICA... GRENADA... JAMAICA... MARTINIQUE... MONTSERRAT... CURACAO... BONAIRE... SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS... SAINT LUCIA... SINT MAARTEN... SAINT BARTHELEMY... SAINT MARTIN... SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES... AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

\* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 0.3 TO 1 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE FOR SOME COASTS OF

COSTA RICA... CUBA... GUYANA... MEXICO... NICARAGUA... PANAMA... BARBADOS... AND TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL

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\* ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL -ETA- OF THE INITIAL TSUNAMI WAVE FOR PLACES WITHIN THREATENED REGIONS ARE GIVEN BELOW. ACTUAL ARRIVAL TIMES MAY DIFFER AND THE INITIAL WAVE MAY NOT BE THE LARGEST. A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF WAVES AND THE TIME BETWEEN WAVES CAN BE FIVE MINUTES TO ONE HOUR.

LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA (UTC)
BASSETERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1545 03/17
BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1548 03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1552 03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1553 03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1554 03/17
RIOHACHA	COLOMBIA	11.6N	72.9W	1605 03/17
BARRANQUILLA	COLOMBIA	11.1N	74.9W	1611 03/17
PUERTO PLATA	DOMINICAN REP	19.8N	70.7W	1613 03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1614 03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1618 03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1624 03/17

SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1625	03/17
GRAND TURK	TURKS N CAICOS	21.5N	71.1W	1627	03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1628	03/17
CAP HAITEN	HAITI	19.8N	72.2W	1629	03/17
SANTIAGO D CUBA	CUBA	19.9N	75.8W	1631	03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1632	03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1635	03/17
WEST CAICOS	TURKS N CAICOS	21.7N	72.5W	1638	03/17
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1645	03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1647	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1649	03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1652	03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1652	03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1704	03/17
JEREMIE	HAITI	18.6N	74.1W	1713	03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1715	03/17
PUERTO OBALDIA	PANAMA	8.7N	77.4W	1716	03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1725	03/17
PUERTO LIMON	COSTA RICA	10.0N	83.0W	1729	03/17
COLON	PANAMA	9.4N	79.9W	1749	03/17
BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1803	03/17
COZUMEL	MEXICO	20.5N	87.0W	1811	03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1815	03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1816	03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	1855	03/17
SANTA CRZ D SUR	CUBA	20.7N	78.0W	1930	03/17
PORLAMAR	VENEZUELA	10.9N	63.8W	1931	03/17
GEORGETOWN	GUYANA	6.8N	58.2W	2014	03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	2055	03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2154	03/17

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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GAUGE LOCATION	GAUGE COORDINATES		TIME OF MEASURE (UTC)	MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT	WAVE PERIOD (MIN)
	LAT	LON			
CAP HAITIEN HT	19.8N	72.2W	1640	0.24M/ 0.8FT	26
PARHAM AT	17.1N	61.8W	1628	0.82M/ 2.7FT	16
DART 41420	23.5N	67.3W	1625	0.03M/ 0.1FT	22
DART 41421	23.4N	63.9W	1625	0.03M/ 0.1FT	26
LAMESHURBAYSTJOHNVI	18.3N	64.7W	1623	2.05M/ 6.7FT	22
PUERTO PLATA DO	19.8N	70.7W	1620	0.25M/ 0.8FT	18

DESIRADE GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.1W	1609	0.96M/	3.2FT	28
SAN JUAN PR	18.5N	66.1W	1611	0.41M/	1.4FT	24
JACMEL HT	18.2N	72.5W	1600	1.47M/	4.8FT	14
CHARLOTTEVILLE TT	11.3N	60.5W	1606	0.75M/	2.4FT	26
LE ROBERT MARTINIQU	14.7N	60.9W	1559	1.16M/	3.8FT	28
BRIDGEPORT BB	13.1N	59.6W	1554	0.78M/	2.6FT	22
PORT ST CHARLES BB	13.3N	59.6W	1555	0.88M/	2.9FT	16
POINT A PITRE GP	16.2N	61.5W	1555	4.30M/14.1FT		28
PUNTA CANA DO	18.5N	68.4W	1547	1.91M/	6.3FT	18
DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.8W	1544	3.03M/	9.9FT	20
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	18.1N	65.5W	1542	1.69M/	5.6FT	24
PORT SAN ANDRES DO	18.4N	69.6W	1548	1.68M/	5.5FT	26
MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1541	1.42M/	4.7FT	18
ROSEAU DM	15.3N	61.4W	1540	2.74M/	9.0FT	26
LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	14.8N	61.2W	1534	2.55M/	8.4FT	26
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1541	2.97M/	9.7FT	26
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1538	1.38M/	4.5FT	20
CALLIAQUA VC	13.1N	61.2W	1540	1.87M/	6.1FT	22
LIMETREE VI	17.7N	64.8W	1538	2.42M/	7.9FT	22
ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1535	2.27M/	7.5FT	24
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	18.0N	67.0W	1534	1.38M/	4.5FT	14
PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1535	1.91M/	6.3FT	20
PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1525	1.76M/	5.8FT	24
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1512	2.18M/	7.2FT	22
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1507	0.22M/	0.7FT	16

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**PTWC Message #6**

WECA41 PHEB 171745  
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 6  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1745 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES  
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PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS  
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\* MAGNITUDE 8.4  
\* ORIGIN TIME 1400 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES 10.8 NORTH 66.0 WEST  
\* DEPTH 15 KM / 9 MILES  
\* LOCATION NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA

EVALUATION  
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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.4 OCCURRED NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA AT 1400 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 2016.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.
- \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR SOME COASTS.

TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST  
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- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING MORE THAN 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF  
  
GUADELOUPE... AND VENEZUELA.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 1 TO 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF  
  
ARUBA... COLOMBIA... DOMINICAN REPUBLIC... HAITI... PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN IS... ANGUILLA... ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA... DOMINICA... GRENADA... JAMAICA... MARTINIQUE... MONTSERRAT... CURACAO... BONAIRE... SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS... SAINT LUCIA... SINT MAARTEN... SAINT BARTHELEMY... SAINT MARTIN... SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES... AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 0.3 TO 1 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE FOR SOME COASTS OF  
  
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LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA(UTC)
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1645 03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1647 03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1649 03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1652 03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1652 03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1704 03/17
JEREMIE	HAITI	18.6N	74.1W	1713 03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1715 03/17
PUERTO OBALDIA	PANAMA	8.7N	77.4W	1716 03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1725 03/17
PUERTO LIMON	COSTA RICA	10.0N	83.0W	1729 03/17
COLON	PANAMA	9.4N	79.9W	1749 03/17
BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1803 03/17
COZUMEL	MEXICO	20.5N	87.0W	1811 03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1815 03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1816 03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	1855 03/17
SANTA CRZ D SUR	CUBA	20.7N	78.0W	1930 03/17
PORLAMAR	VENEZUELA	10.9N	63.8W	1931 03/17
GEORGETOWN	GUYANA	6.8N	58.2W	2014 03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	2055 03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2154 03/17

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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THE NEXT DUE TO LOCAL BATHYMETRY AND THE SHAPE AND ELEVATION OF THE SHORELINE.

\* IMPACTS CAN ALSO VARY DEPENDING UPON THE STATE OF THE TIDE AT THE TIME OF THE MAXIMUM TSUNAMI WAVES.

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TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS

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GAUGE LOCATION	GAUGE COORDINATES		TIME OF MEASURE (UTC)	MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT	WAVE PERIOD (MIN)
	LAT	Lon			
LIMON CR	10.0N	83.0W	1735	0.69M/ 2.3FT	18
GEORGE TOWN CY	19.3N	81.4W	1732	0.12M/ 0.4FT	24
EL PORVENIR PM	9.6N	78.9W	1732	0.46M/ 1.5FT	26
SAN ANDRES CO	12.6N	81.7W	1716	0.45M/ 1.5FT	22
SANTA MARTA CO	11.2N	74.2W	1702	0.94M/ 3.1FT	22
CAP HAITIEN HT	19.8N	72.2W	1640	0.24M/ 0.8FT	26
PARHAM AT	17.1N	61.8W	1628	0.82M/ 2.7FT	16
DART 41420	23.5N	67.3W	1625	0.03M/ 0.1FT	22
DART 41421	23.4N	63.9W	1625	0.03M/ 0.1FT	26
LAMESHURBAYSTJOHNVI	18.3N	64.7W	1623	2.05M/ 6.7FT	22
PUERTO PLATA DO	19.8N	70.7W	1620	0.25M/ 0.8FT	18
DESIRADE GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.1W	1609	0.96M/ 3.2FT	28
SAN JUAN PR	18.5N	66.1W	1611	0.41M/ 1.4FT	24
JACMEL HT	18.2N	72.5W	1600	1.47M/ 4.8FT	14
CHARLOTTEVILLE TT	11.3N	60.5W	1606	0.75M/ 2.4FT	26
LE ROBERT MARTINIQU	14.7N	60.9W	1559	1.16M/ 3.8FT	28
BRIDGEPORT BB	13.1N	59.6W	1554	0.78M/ 2.6FT	22
PORT ST CHARLES BB	13.3N	59.6W	1555	0.88M/ 2.9FT	16
POINT A PITRE GP	16.2N	61.5W	1555	4.30M/14.1FT	28
PUNTA CANA DO	18.5N	68.4W	1547	1.91M/ 6.3FT	18
DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.8W	1544	3.03M/ 9.9FT	20
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	18.1N	65.5W	1542	1.69M/ 5.6FT	24
PORT SAN ANDRES DO	18.4N	69.6W	1548	1.68M/ 5.5FT	26
MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1541	1.42M/ 4.7FT	18
ROSEAU DM	15.3N	61.4W	1540	2.74M/ 9.0FT	26
LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	14.8N	61.2W	1534	2.55M/ 8.4FT	26
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1541	2.97M/ 9.7FT	26
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1538	1.38M/ 4.5FT	20
CALLIAQUA VC	13.1N	61.2W	1540	1.87M/ 6.1FT	22
LIMETREE VI	17.7N	64.8W	1538	2.42M/ 7.9FT	22
ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1535	2.27M/ 7.5FT	24
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PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1535	1.91M/ 6.3FT	20
PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1525	1.76M/ 5.8FT	24
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1512	2.18M/ 7.2FT	22
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1507	0.22M/ 0.7FT	16

NEXT UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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\* AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE FROM THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET AT

EARTHQUAKE.USGS.GOV/EARTHQUAKES -ALL IN LOWERCASE LETTERS-.

- \* FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT MAY BE FOUND AT PTWC.WEATHER.GOV AND AT WWW.TSUNAMI.GOV.
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**PTWC Message #7**

WECA41 PHEB 171845  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 7  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1845 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES

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- \* TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS ARE UPDATED IN THIS MESSAGE.

PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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- \* MAGNITUDE 8.4
- \* ORIGIN TIME 1400 UTC MAR 17 2016
- \* COORDINATES 10.8 NORTH 66.0 WEST
- \* DEPTH 15 KM / 9 MILES
- \* LOCATION NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA

EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.4 OCCURRED NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA AT 1400 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 2016.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.

- \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR SOME COASTS.

TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST  
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- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING MORE THAN 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF

          GUADELOUPE... AND VENEZUELA.

- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 1 TO 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF

          ARUBA... COLOMBIA... DOMINICAN REPUBLIC... HAITI... PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN IS... ANGUILLA... ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA... DOMINICA... GRENADA... JAMAICA... MARTINIQUE... MONTSERRAT... CURACAO... BONAIRE... SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS... SAINT LUCIA... SINT MAARTEN... SAINT BARTHELEMY... SAINT MARTIN... SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES... AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 0.3 TO 1 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE FOR SOME COASTS OF

          COSTA RICA... CUBA... GUYANA... MEXICO... NICARAGUA... PANAMA... BARBADOS... AND TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

- \* NON-HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THIS MESSAGE.

- \* ACTUAL AMPLITUDES AT THE COAST MAY VARY FROM FORECAST AMPLITUDES DUE TO UNCERTAINTIES IN THE FORECAST AND LOCAL FEATURES. IN PARTICULAR MAXIMUM TSUNAMI AMPLITUDES ON ATOLLS WILL LIKELY BE MUCH SMALLER THAN THE FORECAST INDICATES.

- \* FOR OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THIS PRODUCT A FORECAST HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPUTED. THE FORECAST WILL BE EXPANDED AS NECESSARY IN SUBSEQUENT PRODUCTS.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS  
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- \* GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THREATENED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO INFORM AND INSTRUCT ANY COASTAL POPULATIONS AT RISK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN EVALUATION... PROCEDURES AND THE LEVEL OF THREAT.

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LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	14.8N	61.2W	1534	2.55M/	8.4FT	26
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1541	2.97M/	9.7FT	26
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PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1535	1.91M/	6.3FT	20
PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1525	1.76M/	5.8FT	24
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1512	2.18M/	7.2FT	22
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1507	0.22M/	0.7FT	16

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**PTWC Message #8**

WECA41 PHEB 171945  
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 8  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1945 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...FINAL TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES

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- \* TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS ARE UPDATED IN THIS MESSAGE.

PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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- \* MAGNITUDE 8.4
- \* ORIGIN TIME 1400 UTC MAR 17 2016
- \* COORDINATES 10.8 NORTH 66.0 WEST
- \* DEPTH 15 KM / 9 MILES
- \* LOCATION NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA

EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.4 OCCURRED NEAR THE COAST OF VENEZUELA AT 1400 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 2016.
  - \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... THE TSUNAMI THREAT FROM THIS EARTHQUAKE HAS NOW LARGELY PASSED.
- TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST...UPDATED

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- \* THE TSUNAMI THREAT HAS NOW LARGELY PASSED.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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- \* GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY IMPACTED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD MONITOR CONDITIONS AT THE COAST TO DETERMINE IF AND WHEN IT IS SAFE TO RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES.
- \* PERSONS LOCATED NEAR IMPACTED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD STAY ALERT FOR INFORMATION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- \* REMAIN OBSERVANT AND EXERCISE NORMAL CAUTION NEAR THE SEA.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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- \* MINOR SEA LEVEL FLUCTUATIONS MAY PERSIST IN COASTAL AREAS AFFECTED BY THE TSUNAMI FOR SEVERAL HOURS OR LONGER.

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	LAT	LON	(UTC)	HEIGHT	(MIN)

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ILE ROYAL GUIANA FR	5.3N	52.6W	1922	0.20M/	0.6FT	22
DART 42429	27.4N	85.7W	1908	0.00M/	0.0FT	26
DART 42409	26.7N	85.8W	1856	0.00M/	0.0FT	24
PUERTO MORELOS MX	21.4N	86.8W	1855	0.14M/	0.5FT	28
ISLA MUJERES	21.2N	86.7W	1839	0.18M/	0.6FT	18
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FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1541	2.97M/	9.7FT	26
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1538	1.38M/	4.5FT	20
CALLIAQUA VC	13.1N	61.2W	1540	1.87M/	6.1FT	22
LIMETREE VI	17.7N	64.8W	1538	2.42M/	7.9FT	22
ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1535	2.27M/	7.5FT	24
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	18.0N	67.0W	1534	1.38M/	4.5FT	14
PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1535	1.91M/	6.3FT	20
PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1525	1.76M/	5.8FT	24
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1512	2.18M/	7.2FT	22
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1507	0.22M/	0.7FT	16

NEXT UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## Northern Hispaniola Earthquake Scenario

The following messages created for the CARIBE WAVE 16 tsunami exercise are representative of the official standard products issued by the PTWC during a large magnitude 8.7 earthquake and tsunami originating just northern Hispaniola. During a real event, the TWCs would also issue graphical and html-based products to their web sites and via RSS. The alerts would persist longer during a real event than is depicted in this exercise.

### PTWC Message #1

WECA41 PHEB 171505  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 1  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1505 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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AUTHORITIES IN EACH COUNTRY OF THAT SYSTEM.

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF  
ALERT FOR EACH COUNTRY AND MAY ISSUE ADDITIONAL OR MORE REFINED  
INFORMATION.

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### PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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\* MAGNITUDE            8.5  
\* ORIGIN TIME          1500 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES         20.2 NORTH 71.7 WEST  
\* DEPTH                20 KM / 12 MILES  
\* LOCATION             DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION

### EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.5 OCCURRED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION AT 1500 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 2016.
- \* BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS... WIDESPREAD HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE POSSIBLE.

### TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST

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- \* HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES FROM THIS EARTHQUAKE ARE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE HOURS ALONG SOME COASTS OF  
  
HAITI... DOMINICAN REP... TURKS N CAICOS... BAHAMAS...  
CUBA... PUERTO RICO... JAMAICA... CAYMAN ISLANDS... US  
VIRGIN ISLANDS... SABA... SINT MAARTEN... SINT

EUSTATIUS... ANGUILLA... SAINT KITTS... BARBUDA...  
 BONAIRE... GUADELOUPE... MONTSERRAT... BR VIRGIN  
 ISLANDS... SAINT BARTHELEMY... CURACAO... ARUBA...  
 DOMINICA... SAINT MARTIN... MARTINIQUE... ANTIGUA...  
 BERMUDA... SAINT LUCIA... COLOMBIA... BARBADOS... SAINT  
 VINCENT... VENEZUELA... MEXICO... GRENADA... HONDURAS...  
 PANAMA AND TRINIDAD TOBAGO

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL

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- \* ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL -ETA- OF THE INITIAL TSUNAMI WAVE FOR PLACES LISTED WITH A POTENTIAL TSUNAMI THREAT. ACTUAL ARRIVAL TIMES MAY DIFFER AND THE INITIAL WAVE MAY NOT BE THE LARGEST. A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF WAVES AND THE TIME BETWEEN WAVES CAN BE FIVE MINUTES TO ONE HOUR.

LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA (UTC)
CAP HAITEN	HAITI	19.8N	72.2W	1509 03/17
PUERTO PLATA	DOMINICAN REP	19.8N	70.7W	1514 03/17
WEST CAICOS	TURKS N CAICOS	21.7N	72.5W	1521 03/17
GREAT INAGUA	BAHAMAS	20.9N	73.7W	1524 03/17
MAYAGUANA	BAHAMAS	22.3N	73.0W	1527 03/17
BARACOA	CUBA	20.4N	74.5W	1529 03/17
GRAND TURK	TURKS N CAICOS	21.5N	71.1W	1529 03/17
CROOKED ISLAND	BAHAMAS	22.7N	74.1W	1542 03/17
SANTIAGO D CUBA	CUBA	19.9N	75.8W	1544 03/17
CABO ENGANO	DOMINICAN REP	18.6N	68.3W	1546 03/17
SAN SALVADOR	BAHAMAS	24.1N	74.5W	1549 03/17
LONG ISLAND	BAHAMAS	23.3N	75.1W	1551 03/17
EXUMA	BAHAMAS	23.6N	75.9W	1604 03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1605 03/17
CAT ISLAND	BAHAMAS	24.4N	75.5W	1610 03/17
CAYMAN BRAC	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.7N	79.9W	1617 03/17
ABACO ISLAND	BAHAMAS	26.6N	77.1W	1618 03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1619 03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1620 03/17
SANTO DOMINGO	DOMINICAN REP	18.5N	69.9W	1623 03/17
ANDROS ISLAND	BAHAMAS	25.0N	77.9W	1623 03/17
SABA	SABA	17.6N	63.2W	1626 03/17
JEREMIE	HAITI	18.6N	74.1W	1629 03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1633 03/17
GIBARA	CUBA	21.1N	76.1W	1634 03/17
ELEUTHERA ISLAN	BAHAMAS	25.2N	76.1W	1636 03/17
SINT EUSTATIUS	SINT EUSTATIUS	17.5N	63.0W	1636 03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1639 03/17
NASSAU	BAHAMAS	25.1N	77.4W	1640 03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1642 03/17
BASSETTERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1642 03/17
FREEPORT	BAHAMAS	26.5N	78.8W	1643 03/17
GRAND CAYMAN	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.3N	81.3W	1644 03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1651 03/17
ONIMA	BONAIRE	12.3N	68.3W	1653 03/17

BASSE TERRE	GUADELOUPE	16.0N	61.7W	1657	03/17
PLYMOUTH	MONTSERRAT	16.7N	62.2W	1657	03/17
SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1658	03/17
WILLEMSTAD	CURACAO	12.1N	68.9W	1659	03/17
ORANJESTAD	ARUBA	12.5N	70.0W	1701	03/17
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	15.3N	61.4W	1703	03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1704	03/17
FORT DE FRANCE	MARTINIQUE	14.6N	61.1W	1706	03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1708	03/17
RUTHS BAY	BERMUDA	32.4N	64.6W	1710	03/17
CASTRIES	SAINT LUCIA	14.0N	61.0W	1711	03/17
BARRANQUILLA	COLOMBIA	11.1N	74.9W	1713	03/17
BIMINI	BAHAMAS	25.8N	79.3W	1715	03/17
RIOHACHA	COLOMBIA	11.6N	72.9W	1715	03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1718	03/17
BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1720	03/17
KINGSTOWN	SAINT VINCENT	13.1N	61.2W	1720	03/17
MAIQUETIA	VENEZUELA	10.6N	67.0W	1723	03/17
COZUMEL	MEXICO	20.5N	87.0W	1726	03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1727	03/17
SAINT GEORGES	GRENADA	12.0N	61.8W	1730	03/17
PUERTO CORTES	HONDURAS	15.9N	88.0W	1734	03/17
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1738	03/17
CUMANA	VENEZUELA	10.5N	64.2W	1739	03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1742	03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1747	03/17
TRUJILLO	HONDURAS	15.9N	86.0W	1753	03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1755	03/17
LA HABANA	CUBA	23.2N	82.4W	1756	03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1800	03/17

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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**PTWC Message #2**

WECA41 PHEB 171525  
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 2  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1525 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES

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- \* THE ESTIMATED MAGNITUDE OF THE EARTHQUAKE IS REVISED FROM  
8.5 TO 8.7.
- \* FORECAST TSUNAMI AMPLITUDES ARE NOW INCLUDED.

PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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- \* MAGNITUDE 8.7
- \* ORIGIN TIME 1500 UTC MAR 17 2016
- \* COORDINATES 20.2 NORTH 71.7 WEST
- \* DEPTH 20 KM / 12 MILES
- \* LOCATION DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION

EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.7 OCCURRED IN  
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION AT 1500 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17  
2016.
- \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE  
FORECAST FOR SOME COASTS.

TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST...UPDATED

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- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING MORE THAN 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE  
LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF

CUBA... DOMINICAN REPUBLIC... HAITI... BAHAMAS... AND TURKS  
AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 1 TO 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF

MEXICO... PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN IS... ANGUILLA...  
BERMUDA... JAMAICA... AND SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS.

- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 0.3 TO 1 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE FOR SOME COASTS OF

ARUBA... COLOMBIA... COSTA RICA... HONDURAS... GUATEMALA...  
NICARAGUA... PANAMA... ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA... BARBADOS...  
BELIZE... CAYMAN ISLANDS... DOMINICA... GRENADA...  
GUADELOUPE... MARTINIQUE... MONTSERRAT... CURACAO...  
BONAIRE... SAINT LUCIA... SINT MAARTEN... SAINT  
BARTHELEMY... SAINT MARTIN... SAINT VINCENT AND THE  
GRENADINES... TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO... AND VENEZUELA.

- \* NON-HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THIS MESSAGE.

- \* ACTUAL AMPLITUDES AT THE COAST MAY VARY FROM FORECAST AMPLITUDES DUE TO UNCERTAINTIES IN THE FORECAST AND LOCAL FEATURES. IN PARTICULAR MAXIMUM TSUNAMI AMPLITUDES ON ATOLLS WILL LIKELY BE MUCH SMALLER THAN THE FORECAST INDICATES.

- \* FOR OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THIS PRODUCT A FORECAST HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPUTED. THE FORECAST WILL BE EXPANDED AS NECESSARY IN SUBSEQUENT PRODUCTS.

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PUERTO PLATA	DOMINICAN REP	19.8N	70.7W	1512 03/17
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MAYAGUANA	BAHAMAS	22.3N	73.0W	1526 03/17
GRAND TURK	TURKS N CAICOS	21.5N	71.1W	1526 03/17
BARACOA	CUBA	20.4N	74.5W	1530 03/17
GREAT INAGUA	BAHAMAS	20.9N	73.7W	1531 03/17

JEREMIE	HAITI	18.6N	74.1W	1541	03/17
SANTIAGO D CUBA	CUBA	19.9N	75.8W	1544	03/17
GIBARA	CUBA	21.1N	76.1W	1547	03/17
SAN SALVADOR	BAHAMAS	24.1N	74.5W	1551	03/17
CABO ENGANO	DOMINICAN REP	18.6N	68.3W	1552	03/17
LONG ISLAND	BAHAMAS	23.3N	75.1W	1558	03/17
EXUMA	BAHAMAS	23.6N	75.9W	1606	03/17
CROOKED ISLAND	BAHAMAS	22.7N	74.1W	1607	03/17
CAT ISLAND	BAHAMAS	24.4N	75.5W	1609	03/17
ELEUTHERA ISLAN	BAHAMAS	25.2N	76.1W	1615	03/17
CAYMAN BRAC	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.7N	79.9W	1616	03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1616	03/17
ANDROS ISLAND	BAHAMAS	25.0N	77.9W	1624	03/17
SANTO DOMINGO	DOMINICAN REP	18.5N	69.9W	1625	03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1627	03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1631	03/17
GRAND CAYMAN	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.3N	81.3W	1632	03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1632	03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1634	03/17
NASSAU	BAHAMAS	25.1N	77.4W	1636	03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1638	03/17
BASSETERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1640	03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1643	03/17
FREEPORT	BAHAMAS	26.5N	78.8W	1648	03/17
PLYMOUTH	MONTSERRAT	16.7N	62.2W	1651	03/17
ONIMA	BONAIRE	12.3N	68.3W	1651	03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1652	03/17
ABACO ISLAND	BAHAMAS	26.6N	77.1W	1652	03/17
BASSE TERRE	GUADELOUPE	16.0N	61.7W	1657	03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1657	03/17
SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1658	03/17
ORANJESTAD	ARUBA	12.5N	70.0W	1700	03/17
BIMINI	BAHAMAS	25.8N	79.3W	1701	03/17
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	15.3N	61.4W	1703	03/17
RUTHS BAY	BERMUDA	32.4N	64.6W	1705	03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1707	03/17
CASTRIES	SAINT LUCIA	14.0N	61.0W	1710	03/17
FORT DE FRANCE	MARTINIQUE	14.6N	61.1W	1710	03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1712	03/17
BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1718	03/17
MAIQUETIA	VENEZUELA	10.6N	67.0W	1722	03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1723	03/17
KINGSTOWN	SAINT VINCENT	13.1N	61.2W	1724	03/17
WILLEMSTAD	CURACAO	12.1N	68.9W	1724	03/17
COZUMEL	MEXICO	20.5N	87.0W	1729	03/17
PUERTO CORTES	HONDURAS	15.9N	88.0W	1733	03/17
BARRANQUILLA	COLOMBIA	11.1N	74.9W	1734	03/17
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1740	03/17
SAINT GEORGES	GRENADA	12.0N	61.8W	1742	03/17
CUMANA	VENEZUELA	10.5N	64.2W	1745	03/17
RIOHACHA	COLOMBIA	11.6N	72.9W	1747	03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1748	03/17
LA HABANA	CUBA	23.2N	82.4W	1750	03/17
PUERTO OBALDIA	PANAMA	8.7N	77.4W	1800	03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1803	03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1804	03/17
PUERTO LIMON	COSTA RICA	10.0N	83.0W	1809	03/17
COLON	PANAMA	9.4N	79.9W	1814	03/17
TRUJILLO	HONDURAS	15.9N	86.0W	1819	03/17
BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1825	03/17
BELIZE CITY	BELIZE	17.5N	88.2W	1842	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1857	03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1859	03/17
SANTA CRZ D SUR	CUBA	20.7N	78.0W	1902	03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1925	03/17
PUERTO BARRIOS	GUATEMALA	15.7N	88.6W	1926	03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	2024	03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	2039	03/17

PORLAMAR	VENEZUELA	10.9N	63.8W	2105	03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2223	03/17

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**PTWC Message #3**

WECA41 PHEB 171600  
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 3  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1600 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES

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\* TSUNAMI WAVE OBSERVATIONS ARE NOW INCLUDED.

PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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\* MAGNITUDE 8.7  
\* ORIGIN TIME 1500 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES 20.2 NORTH 71.7 WEST  
\* DEPTH 20 KM / 12 MILES  
\* LOCATION DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION

EVALUATION

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- \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR SOME COASTS.

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LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA (UTC)	
CAP HAITEN	HAITI	19.8N	72.2W	1509	03/17
PUERTO PLATA	DOMINICAN REP	19.8N	70.7W	1512	03/17
WEST CAICOS	TURKS N CAICOS	21.7N	72.5W	1521	03/17
MAYAGUANA	BAHAMAS	22.3N	73.0W	1526	03/17
GRAND TURK	TURKS N CAICOS	21.5N	71.1W	1526	03/17
BARACOA	CUBA	20.4N	74.5W	1530	03/17
GREAT INAGUA	BAHAMAS	20.9N	73.7W	1531	03/17
JEREMIE	HAITI	18.6N	74.1W	1541	03/17
SANTIAGO D CUBA	CUBA	19.9N	75.8W	1544	03/17
GIBARA	CUBA	21.1N	76.1W	1547	03/17
SAN SALVADOR	BAHAMAS	24.1N	74.5W	1551	03/17
CABO ENGANO	DOMINICAN REP	18.6N	68.3W	1552	03/17
LONG ISLAND	BAHAMAS	23.3N	75.1W	1558	03/17
EXUMA	BAHAMAS	23.6N	75.9W	1606	03/17
CROOKED ISLAND	BAHAMAS	22.7N	74.1W	1607	03/17
CAT ISLAND	BAHAMAS	24.4N	75.5W	1609	03/17
ELEUTHERA ISLAN	BAHAMAS	25.2N	76.1W	1615	03/17
CAYMAN BRAC	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.7N	79.9W	1616	03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1616	03/17
ANDROS ISLAND	BAHAMAS	25.0N	77.9W	1624	03/17
SANTO DOMINGO	DOMINICAN REP	18.5N	69.9W	1625	03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1627	03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1631	03/17
GRAND CAYMAN	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.3N	81.3W	1632	03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1632	03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1634	03/17
NASSAU	BAHAMAS	25.1N	77.4W	1636	03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1638	03/17
BASSETERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1640	03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1643	03/17
FREEPORT	BAHAMAS	26.5N	78.8W	1648	03/17
PLYMOUTH	MONTSERRAT	16.7N	62.2W	1651	03/17
ONIMA	BONAIRE	12.3N	68.3W	1651	03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1652	03/17

ABACO ISLAND	BAHAMAS	26.6N	77.1W	1652	03/17
BASSE TERRE	GUADELOUPE	16.0N	61.7W	1657	03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1657	03/17
SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1658	03/17
ORANJESTAD	ARUBA	12.5N	70.0W	1700	03/17
BIMINI	BAHAMAS	25.8N	79.3W	1701	03/17
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	15.3N	61.4W	1703	03/17
RUTHS BAY	BERMUDA	32.4N	64.6W	1705	03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1707	03/17
CASTRIES	SAINT LUCIA	14.0N	61.0W	1710	03/17
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BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1718	03/17
MAIQUETIA	VENEZUELA	10.6N	67.0W	1722	03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1723	03/17
KINGSTOWN	SAINT VINCENT	13.1N	61.2W	1724	03/17
WILLEMSTAD	CURACAO	12.1N	68.9W	1724	03/17
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TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS

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\* THE FOLLOWING ARE TSUNAMI WAVE OBSERVATIONS FROM COASTAL AND/OR DEEP-OCEAN SEA LEVEL GAUGES AT THE INDICATED LOCATIONS. THE MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT IS MEASURED WITH RESPECT TO THE NORMAL TIDE LEVEL.

GAUGE LOCATION	GAUGE COORDINATES		TIME OF MEASURE	MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT	WAVE PERIOD
	LAT	LON	(UTC)		(MIN)
DART 41420	23.5N	67.3W	1553	0.24M/ 0.8FT	24
PUERTO PLATA DO	19.8N	70.7W	1522	15.27M/50.1FT	22
CAP HAITIEN HT	19.8N	72.2W	1514	17.74M/58.2FT	16

NEXT UPDATE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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**PTWC Message #4**

WECA41 PHEB 171630  
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 4  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1630 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

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UPDATES  
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MAIQUETIA	VENEZUELA	10.6N	67.0W	1722 03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1723 03/17
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GAUGE LOCATION	GAUGE COORDINATES		TIME OF MEASURE (UTC)	MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT	WAVE PERIOD (MIN)
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ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1629	0.80M/ 2.6FT	24
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1630	0.07M/ 0.2FT	18
JACMEL HT	18.2N	72.5W	1629	0.78M/ 2.5FT	26
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	18.0N	67.0W	1621	0.91M/ 3.0FT	26
PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1623	0.94M/ 3.1FT	26
DART 41421	23.4N	63.9W	1619	0.19M/ 0.6FT	20
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1610	2.74M/ 9.0FT	22
PUNTA CANA DO	18.5N	68.4W	1604	3.47M/11.4FT	22
SAN JUAN PR	18.5N	66.1W	1601	2.03M/ 6.7FT	16
MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1603	3.55M/11.6FT	14
DART 41420	23.5N	67.3W	1553	0.24M/ 0.8FT	24
PUERTO PLATA DO	19.8N	70.7W	1522	15.27M/50.1FT	22

CAP HAITIEN HT 19.8N 72.2W 1514 17.74M/58.2FT 16

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**PTWC Message #5**

WECA41 PHEB 171700  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 5  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1700 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS  
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- \* MAGNITUDE 8.7
- \* ORIGIN TIME 1500 UTC MAR 17 2016
- \* COORDINATES 20.2 NORTH 71.7 WEST
- \* DEPTH 20 KM / 12 MILES

\* LOCATION           DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION

EVALUATION  
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TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST  
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LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA (UTC)
EXUMA	BAHAMAS	23.6N	75.9W	1606 03/17
CROOKED ISLAND	BAHAMAS	22.7N	74.1W	1607 03/17
CAT ISLAND	BAHAMAS	24.4N	75.5W	1609 03/17
ELEUTHERA ISLAN	BAHAMAS	25.2N	76.1W	1615 03/17
CAYMAN BRAC	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.7N	79.9W	1616 03/17
JACAMEL	HAITI	18.1N	72.5W	1616 03/17
ANDROS ISLAND	BAHAMAS	25.0N	77.9W	1624 03/17
SANTO DOMINGO	DOMINICAN REP	18.5N	69.9W	1625 03/17
MONTEGO BAY	JAMAICA	18.5N	77.9W	1627 03/17
SIMPSON BAAI	SINT MAARTEN	18.0N	63.1W	1631 03/17
GRAND CAYMAN	CAYMAN ISLANDS	19.3N	81.3W	1632 03/17
THE VALLEY	ANGUILLA	18.3N	63.1W	1632 03/17
PORT AU PRINCE	HAITI	18.5N	72.4W	1634 03/17
NASSAU	BAHAMAS	25.1N	77.4W	1636 03/17
CIENFUEGOS	CUBA	22.0N	80.5W	1638 03/17
BASSETERRE	SAINT KITTS	17.3N	62.7W	1640 03/17
KINGSTON	JAMAICA	17.9N	76.9W	1643 03/17
FREEPORT	BAHAMAS	26.5N	78.8W	1648 03/17
PLYMOUTH	MONTSERRAT	16.7N	62.2W	1651 03/17
ONIMA	BONAIRE	12.3N	68.3W	1651 03/17
PALMETTO POINT	BARBUDA	17.6N	61.9W	1652 03/17
ABACO ISLAND	BAHAMAS	26.6N	77.1W	1652 03/17
BASSE TERRE	GUADELOUPE	16.0N	61.7W	1657 03/17
SAINT JOHNS	ANTIGUA	17.1N	61.9W	1657 03/17
SAINT BARTHELEM	SAINT BARTHELEMY	17.9N	62.8W	1658 03/17
ORANJESTAD	ARUBA	12.5N	70.0W	1700 03/17
BIMINI	BAHAMAS	25.8N	79.3W	1701 03/17
ROSEAU	DOMINICA	15.3N	61.4W	1703 03/17
RUTHS BAY	BERMUDA	32.4N	64.6W	1705 03/17
BAIE BLANCHE	SAINT MARTIN	18.1N	63.0W	1707 03/17
CASTRIES	SAINT LUCIA	14.0N	61.0W	1710 03/17
FORT DE FRANCE	MARTINIQUE	14.6N	61.1W	1710 03/17
SANTA MARTA	COLOMBIA	11.2N	74.2W	1712 03/17
BRIDGETOWN	BARBADOS	13.1N	59.6W	1718 03/17
MAIQUETIA	VENEZUELA	10.6N	67.0W	1722 03/17
CARTAGENA	COLOMBIA	10.4N	75.6W	1723 03/17
KINGSTOWN	SAINT VINCENT	13.1N	61.2W	1724 03/17
WILLEMSTAD	CURACAO	12.1N	68.9W	1724 03/17
COZUMEL	MEXICO	20.5N	87.0W	1729 03/17
PUERTO CORTES	HONDURAS	15.9N	88.0W	1733 03/17
BARRANQUILLA	COLOMBIA	11.1N	74.9W	1734 03/17
ALIGANDI	PANAMA	9.2N	78.0W	1740 03/17
SAINT GEORGES	GRENADA	12.0N	61.8W	1742 03/17
CUMANA	VENEZUELA	10.5N	64.2W	1745 03/17
RIOHACHA	COLOMBIA	11.6N	72.9W	1747 03/17
PUERTO CARRETO	PANAMA	8.8N	77.6W	1748 03/17
LA HABANA	CUBA	23.2N	82.4W	1750 03/17
PUERTO OBALDIA	PANAMA	8.7N	77.4W	1800 03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1803 03/17
PUNTA CARIBANA	COLOMBIA	8.6N	76.9W	1804 03/17
PUERTO LIMON	COSTA RICA	10.0N	83.0W	1809 03/17
COLON	PANAMA	9.4N	79.9W	1814 03/17
TRUJILLO	HONDURAS	15.9N	86.0W	1819 03/17
BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1825 03/17

BELIZE CITY	BELIZE	17.5N	88.2W	1842	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1857	03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1859	03/17
SANTA CRZ D SUR	CUBA	20.7N	78.0W	1902	03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1925	03/17
PUERTO BARRIOS	GUATEMALA	15.7N	88.6W	1926	03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	2024	03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	2039	03/17
PORLAMAR	VENEZUELA	10.9N	63.8W	2105	03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2223	03/17

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DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.8W	1657	0.62M/	2.0FT 28
PORT SAN ANDRES DO	18.4N	69.6W	1651	1.14M/	3.7FT 22
PARHAM AT	17.1N	61.8W	1647	0.42M/	1.4FT 28
DESIRADE GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.1W	1652	0.38M/	1.3FT 22
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	18.1N	65.5W	1639	0.73M/	2.4FT 16
GEORGE TOWN CY	19.3N	81.4W	1639	0.47M/	1.5FT 18
LIMETREE VI	17.7N	64.8W	1634	0.77M/	2.5FT 20
ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1629	0.80M/	2.6FT 24
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1630	0.07M/	0.2FT 18
JACMEL HT	18.2N	72.5W	1629	0.78M/	2.5FT 26
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	18.0N	67.0W	1621	0.91M/	3.0FT 26
PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1623	0.94M/	3.1FT 26
DART 41421	23.4N	63.9W	1619	0.19M/	0.6FT 20
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1610	2.74M/	9.0FT 22
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SAN JUAN PR	18.5N	66.1W	1601	2.03M/	6.7FT 16
MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1603	3.55M/	11.6FT 14
DART 41420	23.5N	67.3W	1553	0.24M/	0.8FT 24
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**PTWC Message #6**

WECA41 PHEB 171800  
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TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 6  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1800 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

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BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1837	03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1846	03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1855	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1928	03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	1958	03/17
PUERTO BARRIOS	GUATEMALA	15.7N	88.6W	2028	03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	2031	03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2220	03/17
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PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1749	0.47M/ 1.5FT	24
SAN ANDRES CO	12.6N	81.7W	1751	0.57M/ 1.9FT	26
CALLIAQUA VC	13.1N	61.2W	1735	0.50M/ 1.7FT	22
BRIDGEPORT BB	13.1N	59.6W	1729	0.31M/ 1.0FT	26
PORT ST CHARLES BB	13.3N	59.6W	1722	0.31M/ 1.0FT	16
SANTA MARTA CO	11.2N	74.2W	1721	0.89M/ 2.9FT	22
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1719	0.62M/ 2.0FT	26
LE ROBERT MARTINIQU	14.7N	60.9W	1714	0.31M/ 1.0FT	22
ROSEAU DM	15.3N	61.4W	1710	0.46M/ 1.5FT	18

LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	14.8N	61.2W	1712	0.54M/	1.8FT	28
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1713	0.89M/	2.9FT	24
POINT A PITRE GP	16.2N	61.5W	1701	0.60M/	2.0FT	14
DART 41424	32.9N	72.5W	1704	0.19M/	0.6FT	26
LAMESHURBAYSTJOHNVI	18.3N	64.7W	1659	0.83M/	2.7FT	28
DESHAIES GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.8W	1657	0.62M/	2.0FT	28
PORT SAN ANDRES DO	18.4N	69.6W	1651	1.14M/	3.7FT	22
PARHAM AT	17.1N	61.8W	1647	0.42M/	1.4FT	28
DESIRADE GUADELOUPE	16.3N	61.1W	1652	0.38M/	1.3FT	22
ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	18.1N	65.5W	1639	0.73M/	2.4FT	16
GEORGE TOWN CY	19.3N	81.4W	1639	0.47M/	1.5FT	18
LIMETREE VI	17.7N	64.8W	1634	0.77M/	2.5FT	20
ST CROIX VI	17.7N	64.7W	1629	0.80M/	2.6FT	24
DART 42407	15.3N	68.2W	1630	0.07M/	0.2FT	18
JACMEL HT	18.2N	72.5W	1629	0.78M/	2.5FT	26
MAGUEYES ISLAND PR	18.0N	67.0W	1621	0.91M/	3.0FT	26
PENUELAS PR	18.0N	66.8W	1623	0.94M/	3.1FT	26
DART 41421	23.4N	63.9W	1619	0.19M/	0.6FT	20
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1610	2.74M/	9.0FT	22
PUNTA CANA DO	18.5N	68.4W	1604	3.47M/11.4FT		22
SAN JUAN PR	18.5N	66.1W	1601	2.03M/	6.7FT	16
MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1603	3.55M/11.6FT		14
DART 41420	23.5N	67.3W	1553	0.24M/	0.8FT	24
PUERTO PLATA DO	19.8N	70.7W	1522	15.27M/50.1FT		22
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**PTWC Message #7**

WECA41 PHEB 171900  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 7  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1900 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES

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\* TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS ARE UPDATED IN THIS MESSAGE.

PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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\* MAGNITUDE 8.7  
\* ORIGIN TIME 1500 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES 20.2 NORTH 71.7 WEST  
\* DEPTH 20 KM / 12 MILES  
\* LOCATION DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION

EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.7 OCCURRED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION AT 1500 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 2016.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED.
- \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR SOME COASTS.

TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST

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- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING MORE THAN 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF  
  
CUBA... DOMINICAN REPUBLIC... HAITI... BAHAMAS... AND TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 1 TO 3 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE ALONG SOME COASTS OF  
  
MEXICO... PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN IS... ANGUILLA... BERMUDA... JAMAICA... AND SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS.
- \* TSUNAMI WAVES REACHING 0.3 TO 1 METERS ABOVE THE TIDE LEVEL ARE POSSIBLE FOR SOME COASTS OF  
  
ARUBA... COLOMBIA... COSTA RICA... HONDURAS... GUATEMALA... NICARAGUA... PANAMA... ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA... BARBADOS... BELIZE... CAYMAN ISLANDS... DOMINICA... GRENADA... GUADELOUPE... MARTINIQUE... MONTSERRAT... CURACAO... BONAIRE... SAINT LUCIA... SINT MAARTEN... SAINT BARTHELEMY... SAINT MARTIN... SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES... TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO... AND VENEZUELA.

- \* NON-HAZARDOUS TSUNAMI WAVES ARE FORECAST FOR ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THIS MESSAGE.
- \* ACTUAL AMPLITUDES AT THE COAST MAY VARY FROM FORECAST AMPLITUDES DUE TO UNCERTAINTIES IN THE FORECAST AND LOCAL FEATURES. IN PARTICULAR MAXIMUM TSUNAMI AMPLITUDES ON ATOLLS WILL LIKELY BE MUCH SMALLER THAN THE FORECAST INDICATES.
- \* FOR OTHER AREAS COVERED BY THIS PRODUCT A FORECAST HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPUTED. THE FORECAST WILL BE EXPANDED AS NECESSARY IN SUBSEQUENT PRODUCTS.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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- \* GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THREATENED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO INFORM AND INSTRUCT ANY COASTAL POPULATIONS AT RISK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN EVALUATION... PROCEDURES AND THE LEVEL OF THREAT.
- \* PERSONS LOCATED IN THREATENED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD STAY ALERT FOR INFORMATION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM NATIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL

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- \* ESTIMATED TIMES OF ARRIVAL -ETA- OF THE INITIAL TSUNAMI WAVE FOR PLACES WITHIN THREATENED REGIONS ARE GIVEN BELOW. ACTUAL ARRIVAL TIMES MAY DIFFER AND THE INITIAL WAVE MAY NOT BE THE LARGEST. A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF WAVES AND THE TIME BETWEEN WAVES CAN BE FIVE MINUTES TO ONE HOUR.

LOCATION	REGION	COORDINATES		ETA (UTC)	
PUERTO OBALDIA	PANAMA	8.7N	77.4W	1800	03/17
PUERTO LIMON	COSTA RICA	10.0N	83.0W	1802	03/17
CUMANA	VENEZUELA	10.5N	64.2W	1806	03/17
PIRATES BAY	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	11.3N	60.6W	1809	03/17
BELIZE CITY	BELIZE	17.5N	88.2W	1810	03/17
COLON	PANAMA	9.4N	79.9W	1825	03/17
SANTA CRZ D SUR	CUBA	20.7N	78.0W	1833	03/17
BOCAS DEL TORO	PANAMA	9.4N	82.2W	1837	03/17
PUNTA GORDA	NICARAGUA	11.4N	83.8W	1846	03/17
PUNTO FIJO	VENEZUELA	11.7N	70.2W	1855	03/17
PORT OF SPAIN	TRINIDAD TOBAGO	10.6N	61.5W	1928	03/17
NUEVA GERONA	CUBA	21.9N	82.8W	1958	03/17
PUERTO BARRIOS	GUATEMALA	15.7N	88.6W	2028	03/17
GOLFO VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA	11.4N	71.2W	2031	03/17
PUERTO CABEZAS	NICARAGUA	14.0N	83.4W	2220	03/17
PORLAMAR	VENEZUELA	10.9N	63.8W	2225	03/17

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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- \* A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF WAVES. THE TIME BETWEEN WAVE CRESTS CAN VARY FROM 5 MINUTES TO AN HOUR. THE HAZARD MAY PERSIST FOR MANY HOURS OR LONGER AFTER THE INITIAL WAVE.
- \* IMPACTS CAN VARY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM ONE SECTION OF COAST TO THE NEXT DUE TO LOCAL BATHYMETRY AND THE SHAPE AND ELEVATION OF THE SHORELINE.



\* IMPACTS CAN ALSO VARY DEPENDING UPON THE STATE OF THE TIDE AT THE TIME OF THE MAXIMUM TSUNAMI WAVES.

\* PERSONS CAUGHT IN THE WATER OF A TSUNAMI MAY DROWN... BE CRUSHED BY DEBRIS IN THE WATER... OR BE SWEEPED OUT TO SEA.

TSUNAMI OBSERVATIONS

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GAUGE LOCATION	GAUGE COORDINATES		TIME OF MEASURE (UTC)	MAXIMUM TSUNAMI HEIGHT	WAVE PERIOD (MIN)
	LAT	LON			
KEY WEST FL	24.6N	81.8W	1852	0.20M/ 0.6FT	18
TRIDENT PIER FL	28.4N	80.6W	1854	1.26M/ 4.1FT	20
DART 42429	27.4N	85.7W	1820	0.01M/ 0.0FT	26
LIMON CR	10.0N	83.0W	1818	0.71M/ 2.3FT	22
CHARLOTTEVILLE TT	11.3N	60.5W	1809	0.28M/ 0.9FT	24
DART 42409	26.7N	85.8W	1810	0.01M/ 0.0FT	28
PUERTO MORELOS MX	21.4N	86.8W	1806	0.38M/ 1.2FT	18
ISLA MUJERES	21.2N	86.7W	1759	0.68M/ 2.2FT	14
EL PORVENIR PM	9.6N	78.9W	1754	0.87M/ 2.9FT	18
PRICKLEY BAY GD	12.0N	61.8W	1749	0.47M/ 1.5FT	24
SAN ANDRES CO	12.6N	81.7W	1751	0.57M/ 1.9FT	26
CALLIAQUA VC	13.1N	61.2W	1735	0.50M/ 1.7FT	22
BRIDGEPORT BB	13.1N	59.6W	1729	0.31M/ 1.0FT	26
PORT ST CHARLES BB	13.3N	59.6W	1722	0.31M/ 1.0FT	16
SANTA MARTA CO	11.2N	74.2W	1721	0.89M/ 2.9FT	22
FORT DE FRANCE MQ	14.6N	61.1W	1719	0.62M/ 2.0FT	26
LE ROBERT MARTINIQU	14.7N	60.9W	1714	0.31M/ 1.0FT	22
ROSEAU DM	15.3N	61.4W	1710	0.46M/ 1.5FT	18
LE PRECHEUR MARTINI	14.8N	61.2W	1712	0.54M/ 1.8FT	28
BULLEN BAY CURACAO	12.2N	69.0W	1713	0.89M/ 2.9FT	24
POINT A PITRE GP	16.2N	61.5W	1701	0.60M/ 2.0FT	14
DART 41424	32.9N	72.5W	1704	0.19M/ 0.6FT	26
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DART 41421	23.4N	63.9W	1619	0.19M/ 0.6FT	20
MONA ISLAND PR	18.1N	67.9W	1610	2.74M/ 9.0FT	22
PUNTA CANA DO	18.5N	68.4W	1604	3.47M/11.4FT	22
SAN JUAN PR	18.5N	66.1W	1601	2.03M/ 6.7FT	16
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**PTWC Message #8**

WECA41 PHEB 172000  
TSUCAX

TSUNAMI MESSAGE NUMBER 8  
NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
2000 UTC THU MAR 17 2016

...FINAL TSUNAMI THREAT MESSAGE...

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UPDATES  
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PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS  
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\* MAGNITUDE            8.7  
\* ORIGIN TIME         1500 UTC MAR 17 2016  
\* COORDINATES        20.2 NORTH 71.7 WEST  
\* DEPTH               20 KM / 12 MILES

\* LOCATION DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION

EVALUATION

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- \* AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 8.7 OCCURRED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC REGION AT 1500 UTC ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 2016.
- \* BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE DATA... THE TSUNAMI THREAT FROM THIS EARTHQUAKE HAS NOW LARGELY PASSED.

TSUNAMI THREAT FORECAST...UPDATED

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- \* THE TSUNAMI THREAT HAS NOW LARGELY PASSED.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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- \* GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY IMPACTED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD MONITOR CONDITIONS AT THE COAST TO DETERMINE IF AND WHEN IT IS SAFE TO RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES.
- \* PERSONS LOCATED NEAR IMPACTED COASTAL AREAS SHOULD STAY ALERT FOR INFORMATION AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- \* REMAIN OBSERVANT AND EXERCISE NORMAL CAUTION NEAR THE SEA.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

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- \* MINOR SEA LEVEL FLUCTUATIONS MAY PERSIST IN COASTAL AREAS AFFECTED BY THE TSUNAMI FOR SEVERAL HOURS OR LONGER.

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KEY WEST FL	24.6N	81.8W	1852	0.20M/ 0.6FT	18
TRIDENT PIER FL	28.4N	80.6W	1854	1.26M/ 4.1FT	20
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ESPERANZA VIEQUES P	18.1N	65.5W	1639	0.73M/	2.4FT	16
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MAYAGUEZ PR	18.2N	67.2W	1603	3.55M/	11.6FT	14
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## Annex G. Sample Press Release for Local Media

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TEMPLATE FOR NEWS RELEASE

USE AGENCY MASTHEAD

Contact: (insert name)  
(insert phone number)  
(insert email address)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
(insert date)

### **CARRIBEAN TSUNAMI EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED March 17, 2016**

*(insert community/county/state name)* will join other localities in the Caribbean as a participant in a tsunami response exercise on March 17, 2016. The purpose of this exercise is to evaluate local tsunami response plans, increase tsunami preparedness, and improve coordination throughout the region.

*(insert a promotional comment from a local official, such as “The 2010 Haiti and 2010, 2014, 2015 Chilean earthquakes and tsunamis have reminded the world again of the urgent need to be more prepared for such events,” said (insert name of appropriate official). “This important exercise will test the current procedures of the Tsunami Warning System and help identify operational strengths and weaknesses in each community.” (Please modify for uniqueness.)*

The exercise, titled CARIBE WAVE 16, will simulate a widespread Tsunami Warning and Watch situation throughout the Caribbean which requires implementation of local tsunami response plans. The exercise will *(insert “include” or “not include”)* public notification.

The exercise will simulate a major earthquake and tsunami generated just off the Caribbean coast of Venezuela scenario at 10:00 am (or Northern Hispaniola scenario 11:00 am) Atlantic Standard Time *(or appropriate local time)* on March 17, 2016. A handbook has been prepared which describes the scenario and contains tsunami messages from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC). The PTWC is the interim Regional Tsunami Service Provider for the other countries in the Caribbean Sea and Adjacent Regions.

*Insert paragraph tailored for specific community. Could identify participating agencies and specific plans. Could describe current early warning program, past tsunami exercises (if any), ongoing mitigation and public education programs, etc. Could describe tsunami threat, history of tsunami hazards, if any.*

If any real tsunami threat occurs during the time period of the exercise, the exercise will be terminated.

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