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CARIBE WAVE 2020
Regional Tsunami Exercise

CARIBE WAVE is an exercise held annually to test and evaluate tsunami readiness. CARIBE WAVE 20 was held on March 19, 2020 at 14h00 UTC. The beginning of this year was marked by increased seismic activity in the Caribbean region, especially to the south of Puerto Rico and to the east of Jamaica. This seismic activity shed a light on the risk that tsunamis can pose to the Caribbean region in the event of an earthquake. For this reason, it was expected that the CARIBE WAVE exercise would have more participants than previous years. The hashtag tracker Brand24 was used to monitor #CaribeWave20 from February 22 to March 23 and its data supported the high turnout expectations: the social media posts reached over 850,000 people worldwide. Emergency management agencies from countries such as the British Virgin Islands, Venezuela, and St. Kitts and Nevis informed citizens through online article publications that their country would participate in the exercise on March 19. The National Weather Service and the Puerto Rico Seismic Network also published informative posts related to tsunami awareness in preparation for CARIBE WAVE.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, however, meant that the original plans for the exercise had become unfeasible. The scope of the exercise was reduced to a communications test. Participating countries then determined if they were going to conduct any follow-up activities. Martinique, Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico, Barbados, and the British Virgin Islands disseminated this change of plans and informed the public of their specific situation. NaDMA of Grenada, for example, said the exercise would be postponed. These notifications serve as reminders of the importance of tsunami preparedness even though most people could not physically participate in the exercise. We verified that the test message from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center went out by contacting a tsunami focal point in Puerto Rico and from PTWC’s social media posts. Despite all the outreach for tsunami awareness published in the weeks prior to the exercise, the timing of COVID-19 limited the impact that CARIBE WAVE could have on disaster preparedness.

This report includes 27 associated publications accessed through internet from 10 Member States and Territories in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions, as well as international organizations. TV and radio broadcasts are not included.
PTWC

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Happening now!

CARIBE WAVE EXERCISE - March 19, 2020

We’re testing radio communications in an earthquake and tsunami drill.

#PrepareAndBeAware #TsunamiReady #CaribeWave2020
Happening today!! We'll be sharing some emergency messages to test communications.

!! Please don't panic, it's only a drill!!

#CaribeWave2020 #PrepareAndBeAware #TsunamiReady

CARIBE WAVE EXERCISE - March 19, 2020
Are you Tsunami Ready?
Comment #Safe #TsunamiReady

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Costa Rica

Siempre debemos estar alertas y preparados, la emergencia nacional que afrontamos en estos días es un ejemplo de ello.

Como los años anteriores tendremos la realización del ejercicio Caribe Wave, pero este año un poquito diferente.

Cordialmente invitados al facebook live, donde les contaremos sobre que es un tsunami, tsunamis en Costa Rica, que podemos esperar, y además contestaremos todas sus dudas al respecto.

Los esperamos

#TsunamiCR
#CaribeWave

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France

À la lumière des implications du Coronavirus (COVID-19), le Groupe intergouvernemental de coordination du Système d’alerte aux tsunamis et autres risques côtiers dans la mer des Caraïbes et les régions adjacentes de la COI de l'UNESCO (GIC/_CARIBE EWS) Groupe intergouvernemental de coordination COI de l’UNESCO pour les tsunamis et autres systèmes d’alerte des risques côtiers pour les Caraïbes et les régions adjacentes (ICG CARIBE EWS) a convenu que pour l’exercice la vague Caribe Wave 2020, au niveau régional niveau, seule la partie test de communication se poursuivra comme prévu le 19 mars à 14h00 UTC. Ce test sera effectué entre le Centre d’alerte aux tsunamis du fédéral (le fournisseur de services de tsunami CARIBE EWS) et les pays concernés.

Pour plus d’informations sur le Caribe Wave, veuillez consulter les liens sur le site Caribiwave.

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Grenada

Regional tsunami exercise Caribewave 20 postponed due to Covid-19 threat

18 March 2020 in Press Release, Weather 1 min read

The National Disaster Management Agency (NaDMA) informs the general public of the postponement of the annual Regional Tsunami exercise CARIBE WAVE 20 scheduled for Thursday, 19 March 2020 on the western side of the island.

In a communiqué disseminated by the Intergovernmental Oceanic Commission (IOC), the organisers of the exercise noted that in light of the implications of Covid-19, that the exercise which should have included an evacuation component will now be scaled down to just testing communication between the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC) and the local Tsunami Warning Centre/focal point which is the Meteorological office.

The organising body will continue to monitor and revert on their ability to enable coordination and execution of a regional full-scale exercise at a later date.

CARIBE WAVE (Caribbean Tsunami Warning Exercise) is a tsunami exercise held annually in the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, under the direction of UNESCO and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC).

For additional information, please contact Oslyn Crosby Public Relations Officer, NaDMA on 440-8390/ 440-0838, or 533-5766
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NaDMA, the official source for all disaster-related information in Grenada.

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Puerto Rico

#PuertoRico Este jueves (mañana) se hará un simulacro de tsunami. No se hará desalojos. Si escuchan los tonos de EAS o las sirenas de tsunami, recuerde que es un simulacro #caribewave2020

5:42 PM · Mar 18, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

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Manejo De Emergencias Guayama

16 min ·

Esta es una prueba del sistema de comunicaciones de la Red Sísmica de Puerto Rico para el Ejercicio de Comunicaciones Caribe Wave 2020. 
#CaribeWave2020 pic.twitter.com/VKZamm0pZM
— Red Sísmica de PR (@redsismica) March 19, 2020

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Manejo De Emergencias Guayama

48 min ·

#CaribeWave| At 10:00 AM AST Tsunami Exercise will take place internally with local and federal agencies. EAS will not be activated during Exercise. A las 10:00 AM AST el Ejercicio de Tsunami se realizará internamente con agencias locales y federales. No se activará EAS. https://t.co/K7EZZ09F5N

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This is a test of the Puerto Rico Seismic Network, for the Caribe Wave 2020 Communications Exercise.

#CaribeWave2020

Regional Tsunami Exercise

When?: March 19, 2020
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Communication Exercise with the emergency agencies in the Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Region

Register TODAY

Prepare for a Tsunami
http://caribewave.uprm.edu
http://tsunamizone.org

CARIBE WAVE

10:00 AM · Mar 19, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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Simulacro Regional de Tsunamis

¿Cuándo?: 19 de marzo de 2020
Hora: 10:00 A.M.

Ejercicio de comunicaciones con las agencias de emergencia de la Región de Puerto Rico e Islas Vírgenes

Regístrate HOY
Prepárate para un Tsunami
http://caribewave.uprm.edu
http://tsunamizone.org

CARIBE WAVE

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Hoy se hará el ejercicio de tsunamis Caribe Wave 2020. Sólo se hará la prueba de comunicaciones entre las oficinas y agencias de manejo de emergencia. Siempre hay que estar preparados para responder ante emergencias como estás.

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Today March 19, 2020 is #CARIBEWAVE 2020.

In light of the implications of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the UNESCO IOC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG CARIBE EWS) has agreed that for the Caribe Wave 2020, at the regional level, only the communications test portion will continue as planned on March 19th at 14:00 UTC. This test will be between the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (the CARIBE EWS Regional Tsunami Service Provider) and the National Tsunami Warning Centers/Tsunami Warning Focal Points. It is further appreciated that national and local authorities may determine, if any, additional corresponding activities. We exhort all to stay safe and follow the instructions of the corresponding authorities.

À la luz de las implicaciones actuales del Coronavirus (COVID-19), el Grupo Intergubernamental de Coordinación del Sistema de Alerta contra los Tsunamis y otros Amenazas Costeras en el Caribe y Regiones Adyacentes (ICG/CARIBE-EWS) de la UNESCO/COI ha acordado que para el Caribe Wave 2020, a nivel regional, sólo la parte de prueba de comunicaciones continuará según lo planeado. El 19 de marzo a las 14:00 UTC se llevará a cabo esta prueba entre el Centro de Alerta de Tsunamis del Pacífico (el Proveedor de Servicios Regionales de Tsunami de CARIBE EWS) y los Centros Nacionales de Alerta de Tsunamis / Puntos Focales Nacionales de Alerta de Tsunami. Las autoridades nacionales y locales pueden determinar, si alguna, actividades adicionales. Exhortamos a todos a mantenerse seguros y seguir las instrucciones de las autoridades correspondientes.

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Tsunami Awareness| There are two types of tsunami warnings: official and natural. Both are important. You may not get both. Respond immediately to whichever you receive first. #TsunamiReady #CaribeWave2020 #prwx #usviwx

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Tsunami Awareness | Tsunami messages are issued by the Tsunami Warning Centers to notify emergency managers and other local officials, the public, and other partners about the potential for a tsunami following a possible tsunami-generating event. #CaribeWave #prwx #usviwx

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Saint Kitts and Nevis

St Kitts-Nevis to take part in CARIBE WAVE 2020

MARCH 13, 2020 | NEWS

ST KITTS NEVIS and amongst other Caribbean Islands will participate in a tsunami response exercise on March 19, 2020. This exercise is to evaluate national and local tsunami response plans, increase tsunami preparedness, and improve coordination throughout the region. Two exercise scenarios have been planned for this exercise. The first scenario simulates a tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.0 earthquake located along the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden Fault Zone (EPGFZ) in Jamaica. The second scenario is a tsunami generated by a magnitude 8.5 earthquake located approximately 270 km off the Portugal coast.

Recent tsunamis, such as those in the Indian Ocean (2004, 2018), Samoa (2009), Haiti (2010), Chile (2010, 2014, 2015), Japan (2011), and Honduras and Sulawesi (2018), attest to the importance of proper planning for tsunami response. This important exercise will test the current procedures of the Tsunami Warning System and help identify operational strengths and weaknesses in each community.

The CARIBE WAVE 2020 exercise, will simulate a widespread Tsunami Threat situation throughout the Caribbean, which requires implementation of local tsunami response, plans. The US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) will issue one initial dummy message on 19 March 2020 at 14:00 UTC, and will disseminate it over all standard Tsunami Warning Centre broadcast channels. This dummy message shall be issued to test communications with Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFPs) and National Tsunami Warning Centres (NTWC), and to start the exercise. Then at 14:07 UTC, the PTWC will send by email the simulated tsunami text products to officially designated TWFPs and NTWCs according to the chosen scenario. Each TWFP/NTWC will decide how to disseminate the messages within their area of responsibility.

There will be a mass evacuation of persons from Coastal areas within the Tsunami Hazard Zones to higher ground at designated safe sites. Motorists are asked to be vigilant, drive with due care and attention in an effort to preserve the safety of All Pedestrians evacuating. If any real tsunami threat occurs during the time period of the exercise, the exercise will be terminated.

The exercise is sponsored by the UNESCO/IoC Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS), the Caribbean Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Centro de Coordinación para la Prevención de los Desastres Naturales en América Central (CEPREDENAC), EMIZ Antilles and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

CARIBE WAVE 2020
Tsunami Exercise

Thursday 19th March 2020
Kingstown to Argyle
Inviting all residents and community groups!

interested in participating?
Contact NEMO
1-784-456-2975
nemosvg@gmail.com

United Kingdom

British Virgin Islands

2020 Caribe Wave Exercise excluding evacuation component to prevent mass gathering

The British Virgin Islands will be excluding the evacuation component of its annual Caribe Wave Exercise, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 19.

Deputy Governor David Archer, Jr said the decision to exclude the evacuation was made as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

“As we may all be aware, evacuation and assembling play an important role in our readiness for seismic hazards. But, in this moment, it is more pressing for the territory to focus on following best practices for preventing the spread of this infectious disease by social distancing which, in this case, means avoiding mass gatherings,” the Deputy Governor explained.

He, however, said the BVI along with the other partners in the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/Caribbean EWS) will proceed with the remaining components of the exercise.

“This means that persons should exercise any other responses that are necessary for a seismic event other than evacuation. We will receive all the emergency warning communications from the Department of Disaster Management, and we will practice the Drop, Cover and Hold technique,” Archer Jr said.

He added: “Depending on their duties and functions, some agencies may have additional actions to exercise.”

The Deputy Governor is calling for all public officers and departments to make an effort to participate in the exercise, as it provides the territory with an opportunity to test existing procedures in various agencies to determine how prepared the BVI is, in the event of a natural disaster.

CARIBE WAVE 2020 EXERCISE

EXERCISE EXERCISE EXERCISE. CARIBE WAVE 20 TSUNAMI EXERCISE MESSAGE: THIS IS ONLY AN EXERCISE.

MESSAGE IS BEING ISSUED AS PART OF THE CARIBE WAVE 20 TSUNAMI EXERCISE TO TEST COMMUNICATIONS WITH UNESCO IOC CARIBE EWS NTACs AND TRIPPS. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MESSAGE BROADCAST FOR THIS EXERCISE.

IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS SITUATION, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT EVACUATE FOR THIS EXERCISE, BUT SHOULD PRACTICE THE DROP, COVER & HOLD TECHNIQUE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO INCREASE TSUNAMI AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS AND TO EVALUATE THE CARIBE EWS TSUNAMI WARNING SYSTEM.
HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN CARIBE WAVE 2020

1. Register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bg_CW2020
2. On Exercise Day, March 19, 2020, the Department of Disaster Management will trigger the National Early Warning and Multi-hazard Alert System, which means that sirens, radio notifications, SMS messages and our IDM app will notify the public of the test.
3. When you hear the alert, react as you normally would during an earthquake (Drop, Cover and Hold On).
4. After one minute, proceed to your tsunami assembly point.
5. Wait to hear the “all clear” message at the conclusion of the exercise.
6. Practice a damage check when you get back to your home, school, or office.
7. Reflect on what you’ve learned. What improvements can you make to your plans now that you’ve practiced what to do? Let us know how it went at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CW2020_SumFeed
8. Finally, we’d love to see your photos and videos on social media, so please share them and tag @BVIDDM or use the hashtag #CaribeWave2020

Caribe Wave Exercise Slated For March 19

Press Release

6 February 2020 - 3:03pm

With seismic activity continuing in the region, the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) is encouraging the public to prepare early to participate in the annual Caribe Wave regional tsunami exercise on March 19.

This year’s scenario is modeled after an event occurring in Jamaica, which has the potential to impact the Virgin Islands in three hours.

Deputy Governor David Archer Jr. announced that this year, the Caribe Wave exercise, which is usually well supported within the public service, will see the participation of all public service entities. This he said will be done so that these entities can test departmental and agency emergency plans.

Mr. Archer in a memo to all public officers said, “Your commitment to remaining in a constant state of readiness is encouraging. I commend those of you who have used the opportunity to increase your public awareness activities as well as to conduct evacuation drills.”

DDM’s Training Manager Ms. Carlisha Hicks said that the December to January earthquake swarm centred in south western Puerto Rico as well as more recent earthquakes near Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Dominican Republic should serve as a reminder to residents that the Territory is vulnerable to earthquakes and other seismic hazards, including tsunamis.

Ms. Hicks said, “Tsunami events may be rare, but they have the potential to cause a lot of harm and they can occur without advance warning. We want persons to practice how they would respond to these events so that should the Territory experience an impact, they would not waste any time getting themselves and their families to safety.”

Ms. Hicks said in addition to mapping out and practicing evacuation routes, the DDM recommends that persons #BeReady for a possible tsunami by planning assembly points and putting together a small bag of essentials including a first-aid kit, prescription medication, flashlight, important documents and battery-operated radio to receive the all-clear message from authorities.

The Training Manager added, “Annual exercises are a great opportunity for families and businesses to review their emergency plans and make any necessary updates.” Virgin Islands schools, businesses, community groups and individuals can register as participants at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reg_CW2020.

Caribe Wave is held annually in the region since 2009 and uses historical seismic data to generate a test scenario such as last year’s exercise, which was based on a 1939 eruption of the Kick’em Jenny Volcano.

More than 600,000 persons have participated in the Caribe Wave exercise each year since 2017. Participating states besides the Virgin Islands include Haiti, Aruba, United States, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Previous years have seen as many as 7,000 persons participating in the exercise, which is organised by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Geological Survey.

Notes:
CAPTION 1: Students and staff at Valley Day School in Virgin Gorda participate in a tsunami evacuation exercise in 2018.
CAPTION 2: Students and staff at Leonora Delville Primary School practiced their tsunami evacuation procedure earlier this year.

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U.S. Virgin Islands to Participate in the Caribe Wave 2020 Tsunami Preparedness Drill
February 20, 2020

U.S. Virgin Islands – Following last week’s series of Earthquake Town Hall meetings, The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) is encouraging community participation in the upcoming Caribe Wave 2020 tsunami preparedness and response drill scheduled for March 19 at 9 a.m.

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At 9 a.m. on March 19, VITEMA will launch Caribe Wave 2020 in the territory with a Live Test of the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS). All residents and visitors will receive an emergency alert message on their television, radio and cellphone which will state: “This is a TEST and start of Caribe Wave Tsunami Drill. Drop, Cover, Hold. THIS IS A TEST.” During the self-led drill, participants will practice how to “Drop where you are, Cover your head and neck, and Hold On until the shaking stops.” Participants will also practice evacuation to a “safe zone,” review their tsunami response procedures and participate in tsunami preparedness discussions.

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USVI to Participate in Caribe Wave 2020 Tsunami Preparedness Drill
Community Center / Published On February 25, 2020 04:38 AM /

Beverly Lewis | February 25, 2020 04:58:38 AM

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#EstaSemana Con motivo al próximo ejercicio internacional #CarlbeWave2020 formamos a personal docente y estudiantil de la U.E. Armando Reverón mcpio Naguanagua #Carabobo #GeneramosTranquilidad #5Mar @CaraboboGB @bomberocarabobo @Jacobo_Vidarte @PCAlcNaguanagua
Venezuela participó en videoconferencia internacional preparatoria al Caribe Wave 2020

Como parte de los preparativos del ejercicio internacional Caribe Wave 2020, instituciones del Sistema de Gestión de Riesgo de Venezuela participaron en el primer seminario online con el fin de establecer los lineamientos y estrategias a desarrollar en este simulacro de tsunami a efectuarse el próximo 19 de marzo.

En esta videoconferencia también participaron autoridades de los países: México, Colombia, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, entre otros.

El Caribe Wave es un ejercicio promovido por la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura (Unesco) y se realiza anualmente para que los países pongan a prueba sus mecanismos nacionales de respuesta en caso de un tsunami.

En este sentido, el viceministro para la Gestión de Riesgo y Protección Civil, G/D Randy Rodríguez y el presidente de la Fundación Venezolana de Investigaciones Sismológicas (Funvisis), Roberto Betancourt, evaluaron la preparación, disponibilidad y respuesta de los funcionarios de los organismos, ante este tipo de eventos en caso de una amenaza real, para poder educar y obtener una masiva participación de la población.

Este ejercicio de simulación de tsunami, permite verificar los mecanismos de alerta temprana, comunicaciones y evacuación en caso de presentarse este tipo de fenómeno que son ocasionados por sismos.

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