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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.

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Caribe Wave 20 Tsunami Exercise Message
#CARIBEWAVE #PTWC

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Barbados



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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



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Happening today!! We'll be sharing some emergency messages to test communications.
!! Please don't panic, it's only a drill!!
 #CaribeWave2020 #PrepareAndBeAware #TsunamiReady

MARCH 19, 2020 | 10:00 TO 11:30 AM
BETWEEN SHERMANS, ST LUCY & MULLINS, ST. PETER

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

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EXERCISE EXERCISE EXERCISE

Effective 19th March 2020 10:15 am
Expires 19th March 2020 11:15 am

Description
 Earthquake has occurred. The tsunami threat to the island is still under investigation.

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Instructions
 Please monitor all stations for updates

Contact MET

Affected areas

St Andrew, Christ Church, St James, St John, St Joseph,

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Costa Rica



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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

¿Tsunamis en Costa Rica?

Los invitamos cordialmente al  mañana Jueves 18 de abril

- Hora: 5:00 pm

Impartido por:

- Dra. Silvia Chacón (coordinadora del SINAMOT y presidenta de Caribe EWS)

En ocasión del Caribe Wave 2020, que por la emergencia nacional no se pudo realizar como en años anteriores.

Logos: UNA (Universidad Nacional), SINAMOT, CNE, and Caribe Wave.

CARIBE WAVE es el ejercicio anual de tsunamis de la Comisión Oceanográfica Intergubernamental (COI) de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia, y la Cultura (UNESCO).


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Pour plus d'informations sur les points focaux nationaux d'alerte aux tsunamis et les contacts nationaux correspondants, veuillez consulter les liens sur le site CaribWave
<https://www.tsunamizone.org/francais/caribewave/>

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[EXERCICE #CaribWave2020]

Aujourd'hui 19 mars se tiendra des deux côtés de l'Atlantique l'exercice international annuel de préparation aux tsunamis Caribe Wave

2 scénarios ont été retenus pour la simulation 2020:

- un séisme de magnitude 8.5 au Portugal avec des vagues atteignant la Caraïbe
- un séisme de magnitude 8.0 en Jamaïque avec des vagues atteignant l'ensemble du bassin caribéen

Cette année en raison des circonstances exceptionnelles, seules les fonctions de communication seront testées

Début de l'exercice à 14h TU (ou 10h aux Antilles Françaises)

Ouragans.com participera à cet exercice en diffusant les messages transmis par le Caribbean Tsunami Warning Program

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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 **Osiyn Crosby Public Relations Officer, NaDMA** on 440-8390/ 440-0838, or 533-0766
email: nadma@spiceisle.com / nadmapr@gmail.com .

NaDMA, the official source for all disaster-related information in Grenada.

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Puerto Rico

 **Emergency Notification Alert System Puerto Rico**
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#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**



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

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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

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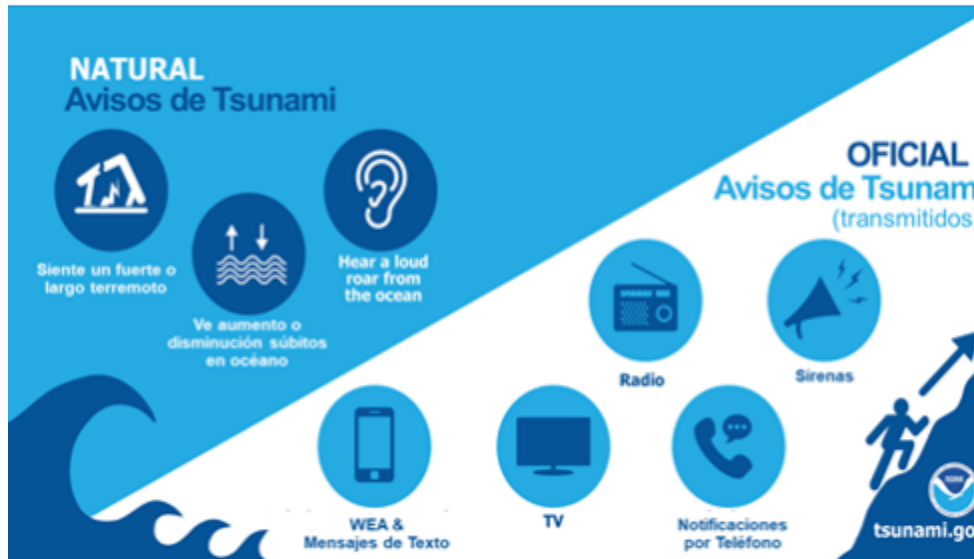


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Hoy se hará el ejercicio de tsunamis Caribe Wave 2020. Sólo se hará la prueba de comunicaciones entre las oficinas y agencias de manejo de emergencia. Siempre hay que estar preparados para responder ante emergencias cómo estás.



US National Weather Service San Juan Puerto Rico ✓

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Concienciación sobre Tsunamis| Hay dos tipos de avisos de tsunami: oficial y natural. Los dos son importantes y puede que no reciba ambos. Responda inmediatamente a lo que reciba primero. #TsunamiReady #CaribeWave #prwx #usviwx

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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 14h00 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.

A la luz de las implicaciones actuales del Coronavirus (COVID-19), el Grupo Intergubernamental de Coordinación del Sistema de Alerta contra los Tsunamis y otras 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 14h00 UTC se llevará a cabo esta prueba entre el Centro de Alerta de Tsunami del Pacífico (el Proveedor de Servicios Regionales de Tsunami de CARIBE EWS) y los Centros Nacionales de Alerta de Tsunami / Puntos Focales Nacionales de Alerta de Tsunami. Las autoridades nacionales y locales puedan determinar, si alguna, actividades adicionales. Exhortamos a todos a mantenerse seguros y seguir las instrucciones de las autoridades correspondientes.

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 Pacifique (le fournisseur régional de services de tsunami CARIBE EWS) et les centres nationaux d'alerte aux tsunamis / points focaux d'alerte aux tsunamis. Il est en outre apprécié que les autorités nationales et locales puissent déterminer, le cas échéant, des activités supplémentaires. Nous exhortons tous à rester en sécurité et à suivre les instructions des autorités correspondantes.

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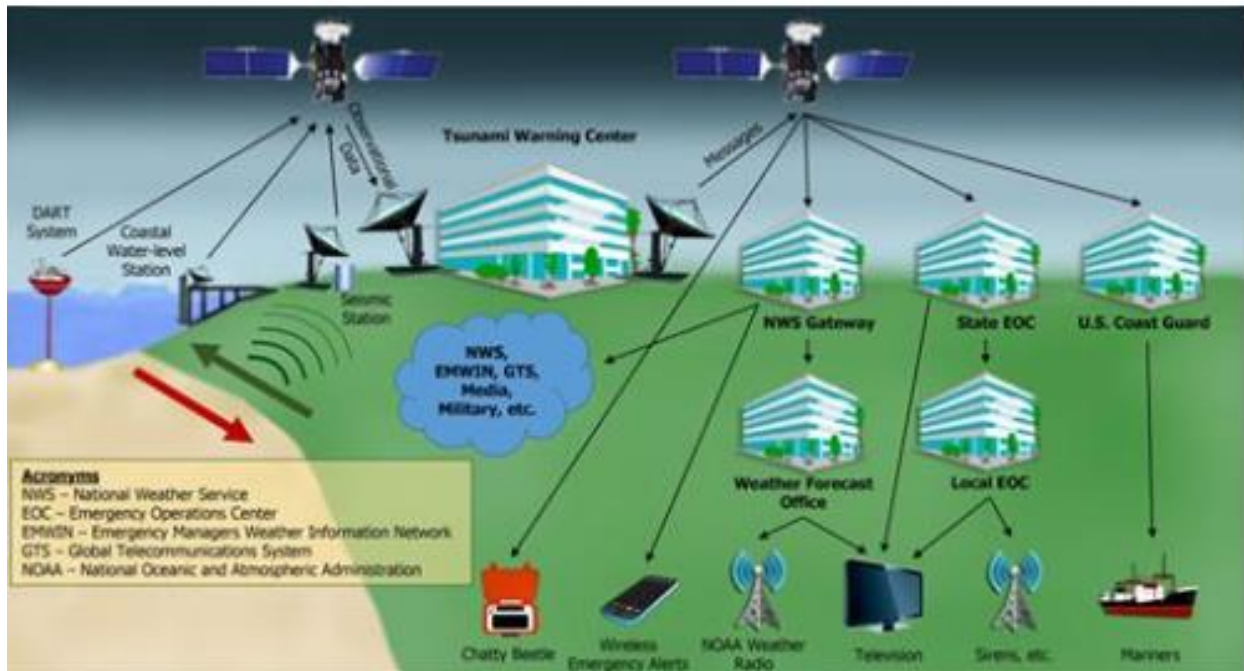


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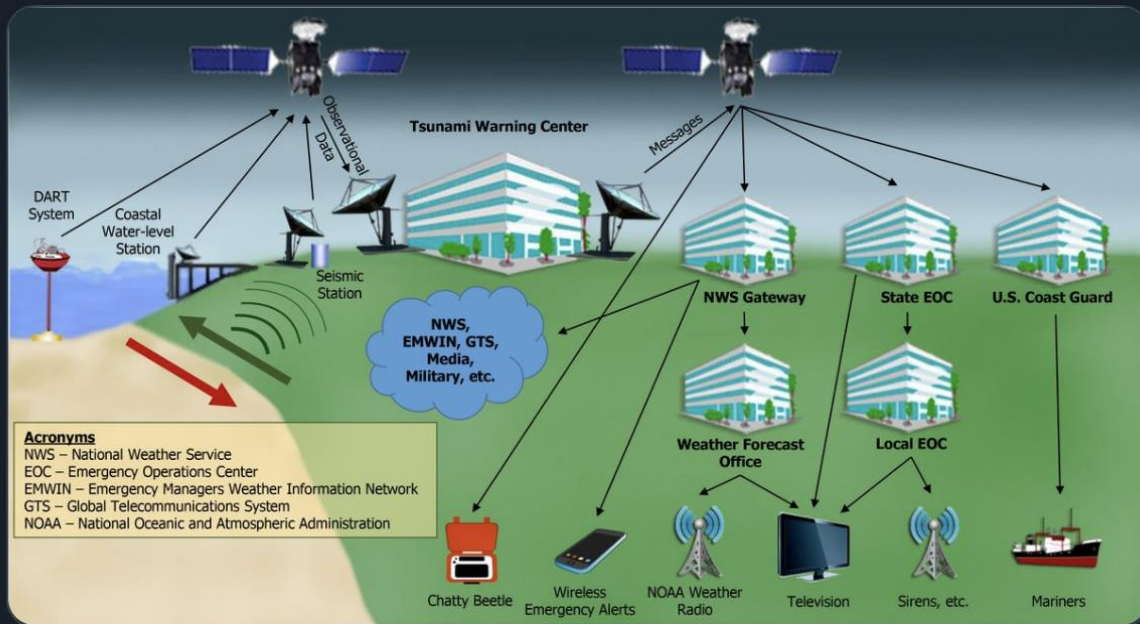
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Tsunami Awareness| There are two types of tsunami warnings: official and natural. Both are important. You may not get both. Respond immediately to whichever you receive first. #TsunamiReady #CaribeWave2020 #prwx #usviwx

NATURAL Tsunami Warnings



Feel a strong or long earthquake



See a sudden rise or fall of the ocean



Hear a loud roar from the ocean

OFFICIAL Tsunami Warnings (broadcast through)



Radio



Outdoor Sirens



Wireless Emergency Alerts and Text Messages



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Telephone Notifications



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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

 WARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dangerous coastal flooding & powerful currents possible• Move to high ground or inland	 AVISO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posibles inundaciones costeras peligrosas & corrientes potentes• Muévase a terreno alto
 ADVISORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong currents & waves dangerous to those in/very near water possible• Stay out of water, away from beaches & waterways	 ADVERTENCIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posibles corrientes fuertes y olas peligrosas en o cerca del agua• Manténgase fuera del agua, retirado de las playas y cuerpos de agua
 WATCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distant tsunami possible• Stay tuned for more information• Be prepared to act	 VIGILANCIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posible tsunami distante• Siga al pendiente para más información• Está preparado para actuar
 INFORMATION STATEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No threat or very distant event and hazard not determined• Relax	 BOLETIN INFORMATIVO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No hay amenaza o no se ha determinado amenaza de un evento muy distante• Mantener la calma

Follow instructions from local officials. / SIGA INSTRUCCIONES DE AGENCIAS OFICIALES.

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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 (CEPRENAC), EMIZ Antillas and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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The poster features a map of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with a red line indicating the tsunami exercise route from Kingstown to Argyle. It includes the NEMO logo, the CARIBE WAVE logo, and contact information for NEMO. The text on the poster reads: "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 nemosvgeoc@gmail.com".

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British Virgin Islands

2020 Caribe Wave Exercise excluding evacuation component to prevent mass gathering

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File Photo depicting droves of residents participating in the evacuation component of the annual Caribe Wave Exercise.

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/CARIBE 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.



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CORONAVIRUS

HOW TO PROTECT OTHERS FROM EXPOSURE

- Avoid close contact when you are experiencing cough and fever
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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.

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1. Register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Reg_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 DDM 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_GenFeed
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 #CaribeWaveVI

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Caribe Wave Exercise Slated For March 19

Press Release

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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. Carishma Hicks said that the December to January earthquake swarm centred in south western Puerto Rico as well as the 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 Dellville 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.

[Register Here](#)

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USVI to Participate in Caribe Wave 2020 Tsunami Preparedness Drill

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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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