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Abstract

An effective, accurate, reliable and rapid version for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (IOTWS) is stretches back over several years to integrate with the tsunami forecasting and early warning framework. A brief outline is presented to enhance the capacity to cope with an emergency situation in scientifically rigorous manner.

2005 March, 2007 September, 2012 April etc. false tsunami warnings recall the need for effective implementation of the IOTWS with operational robustness to initiate tsunami mitigation program and to be prepared for future potentially destructive tsunamis in the region. Use common and agreed formats for information exchange, address common service requirements, standard operating procedures and international commitment strive to satisfy the public safety in a tsunami emergency. Develop all elements in order to conduct a tsunami hazard assessment study for a city along the coastline of Sri Lanka, operating within the framework of template for coastal cells in deep water adopted by the RTSP.

All material available from the activities of the former Working Group on Modelling, in particular development of data bases along the fault line for tsunami forecasting and deep water modelling was reviewed to study the existing performance criteria of the tsunami warning system by communicating with RTSPs to clarify important issues.

Preparation of a Case Study for the port city of Galle will illustrate the capability that serves real time operational needs, hazard/risk assessment needs and research/development opportunities through the use of a standard tsunami forecast system that includes tsunami characterization, measurements and forecast models. This study will be the hazard assessment for the above study.

Unfortunately, many people living along the shore facing climate change impact adversary. This incessant struggle between humans and nature need to be stabilized via short – and long – term approaches. This research provides an excellent cross reference and strong awareness of approaches adapted in IOTWS thus educating a wider stakeholder base on the said approach.

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Glossary of Terms

| Abbreviation | Description |
|---------------|--|
| ADPC | Asian Disaster Preparedness Center |
| BAKOSURTANAL | Indonesian National Coordinating Agency for Survey and Mapping |
| BMKG | Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics |
| BoM | Australian Bureau of Meteorology |
| BPPT | Indonesian Agency for Assessment and Application of Technology |
| BPR | Bottom Pressure Records |
| CFL Condition | Courant Friedriches Leavy Condition |
| CFP | Coastal Forecast Points, used by RTSPs to define coastal zones under threat |
| CFZ | Coastal Forecast Zones, used by RTSPs to identify sections of coast under threat |
| CFZ | Coastal Forecast Zones |
| ComMIT | Community Model Interface for Tsunami |
| CRM | Coastal Resource Management |
| CTBTO | Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization |
| DART | Deep Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamies |
| DMC | Disaster Management Center |
| DRM | Disaster Risk Management |
| EWS | Early Warning Systems |
| FTP | File Transfer Protocol |
| GA | Geosciences Australia |
| GLOSS | Global Telecommunication System (IOC) |
| GLOSS | Global Sea Level Observing System |
| GSN | IRIS Global Seismographic Network |
| GTS | Global Telecommunication System (WMO) |
| IAS | Interim Advisory Service |
| IGC | Intergovernmental Coordination Group |
| InaTEWS | Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System |
| INCOIS | Indian National Center for Ocean Information System |

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| INTEWC | Indian Tsunami Early Warning Center |
| IOC | Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission |
| IOTWS | Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System |
| IOWave | Indian Ocean Wave |
| IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change |
| IRIS | Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology |
| ITIC | International Tsunami Information Center |
| JATWC | Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre |
| JMA | Japanese Meteorological Agency |
| MOST | Method of Splitting Tsunami |
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| NCTR | NOAA Center for Tsunami Research |
| NDMO | National Disaster Management Organizations |
| NHMSs | National Meteorological and Hydro meteorological Services |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| NTWCs | National Tsunami Warning Centers |
| PTWC | Pacific Tsunami Warning Center |
| RTSP | Regional Tsunami Service Providers |
| SIFT | Short-term Inundation Forecast for Tsunami |
| SIM | Standby Inundation Models |
| SOPs | Standard Operating Procedures |
| TNC | Tsunami National Contact |
| TRATE | Tsunami Risk Assessment Tsunami Exercises in Indian Ocean Countries |
| TSU | IOC Tsunami Unit |
| TWFPs | Tsunami Warning Focal Points |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNESCAP | United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization |
| UNISDR | United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction |
| UNU-EHS | The United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security |
| UTC | Coordinated Universal Time |
| WG | Working Group |
| WMO | World Meteorological Organization |
| YSTWC | Yuzhno Sahhalin Tsunami Warning Center |

