

# Tsunami Response Plan

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# **Background**



#### Installation of national seismic network



2007 - 2008

#### **Established National Tsunami Early Warning System (TEWS)**

- Established links with regional /international tsunami warning centres
- Completed tsunami simulation studies and models
- Formulation of Tsunami Task Force (TTF)



2008 - 2010

#### Tsunami Response Plan (TRP)

- Members of TTF submitted Support Plans for the TRP
- Endorsed by Crisis Management Group (CMG), Tsunami



2011, 2012

Table-top Exercises (with TTF agencies and others)



2018 - 2020

**Update of TRP** 

Members of TTF updated/submitted Support Plans



2020

**Internal Table-top Exercise** 

Regular participation in International Tsunami Exercises (IOWave & PacWave) and communication tests since 2006

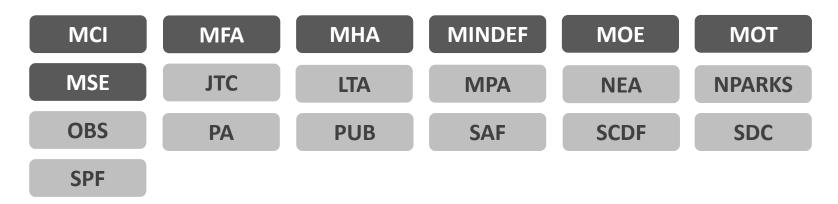
# Tsunami Response Plan (TRP)

### **Objectives:**

- a) Mitigate the impact of a tsunami on Singapore
  - By providing early alerts and warnings to all response agencies under TTF
  - For respective agencies to take early preventive and necessary action;
- b) Manage the consequences of a tsunami affecting Singapore

### <u>Tsunami Task Force (TTF):</u>

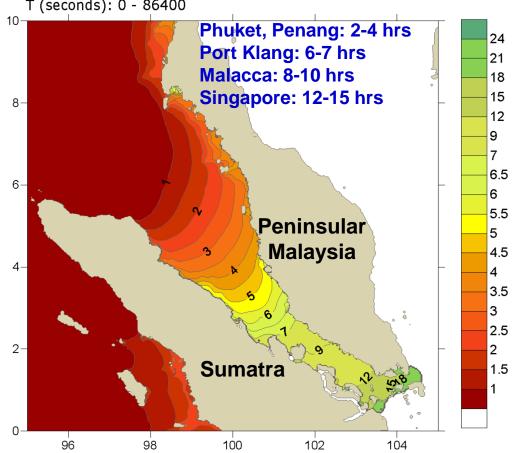
- Chaired by the Director-General, Meteorological Service Singapore (MSS)
- Members (as of Dec 2020):

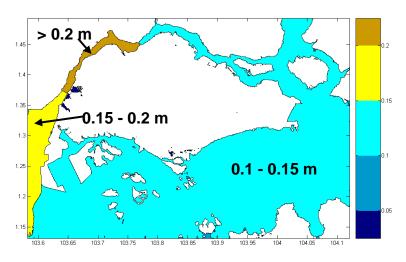


### **Tsunami Model Simulations**

#### Scenario 1: Source in Andaman Sea

TUNAMI-N2 simulation Arrival Time of First Wave (hour) - 2004.12.26 Indonesian Tsunami T (seconds): 0 - 86400

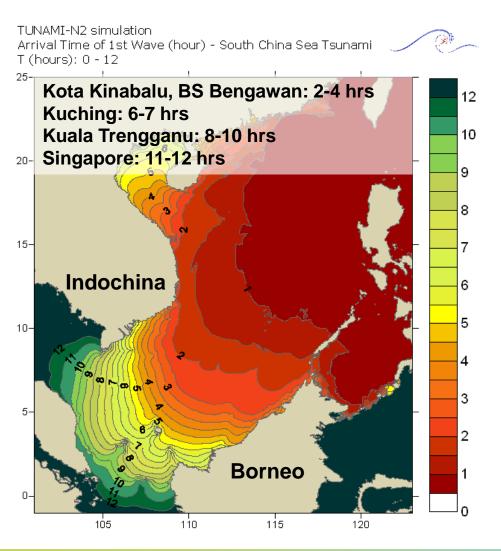


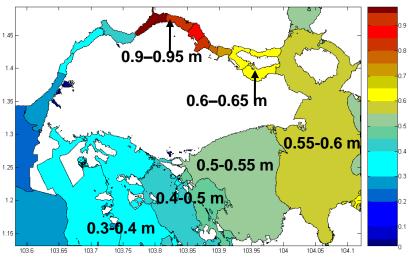


- At least 12 hours lead time
- Wave height < 1m</li>

### **Tsunami Model Simulations**

### Scenario 2: Source in South China Sea





- At least 11 hours lead time
- Wave height < 1m</li>

# **Concept of Operation – Activation Alerts**

Advance Notice	Type of Alert	Message Content	
-	Earthquake Alert	Detection of potentially tsunami-genic earthquake and initial alert	
10 – 12 hr	YELLOW Alert: Tsunami Watch	Tsunami is expected to affect Singapore	
6 – 8 hr	AMBER Alert: Tsunami Advisory	Confirmation of ocean-wide tsunami, and it is expected to affect Singapore	PHASE 1
2 – 4 hr	RED Alert: Tsunami Warning	Imminent arrival of tsunami at Singapore	
0 hr	<b>BLACK Alert:</b> Tsunami Report	Tsunami hits Singapore	PHASE 2
N.A.	<b>GREEN Alert:</b> Tsunami Information	All Clear/Stand down. Threat of the tsunami is over.	PHASE 3

<sup>\*</sup> The Phases of Operations may not progress sequentially. At any of the phases, a return to 'Green' phase is possible when tsunami is assessed to no longer be a threat to Singapore.

