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Inter-Governmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

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2025-2027

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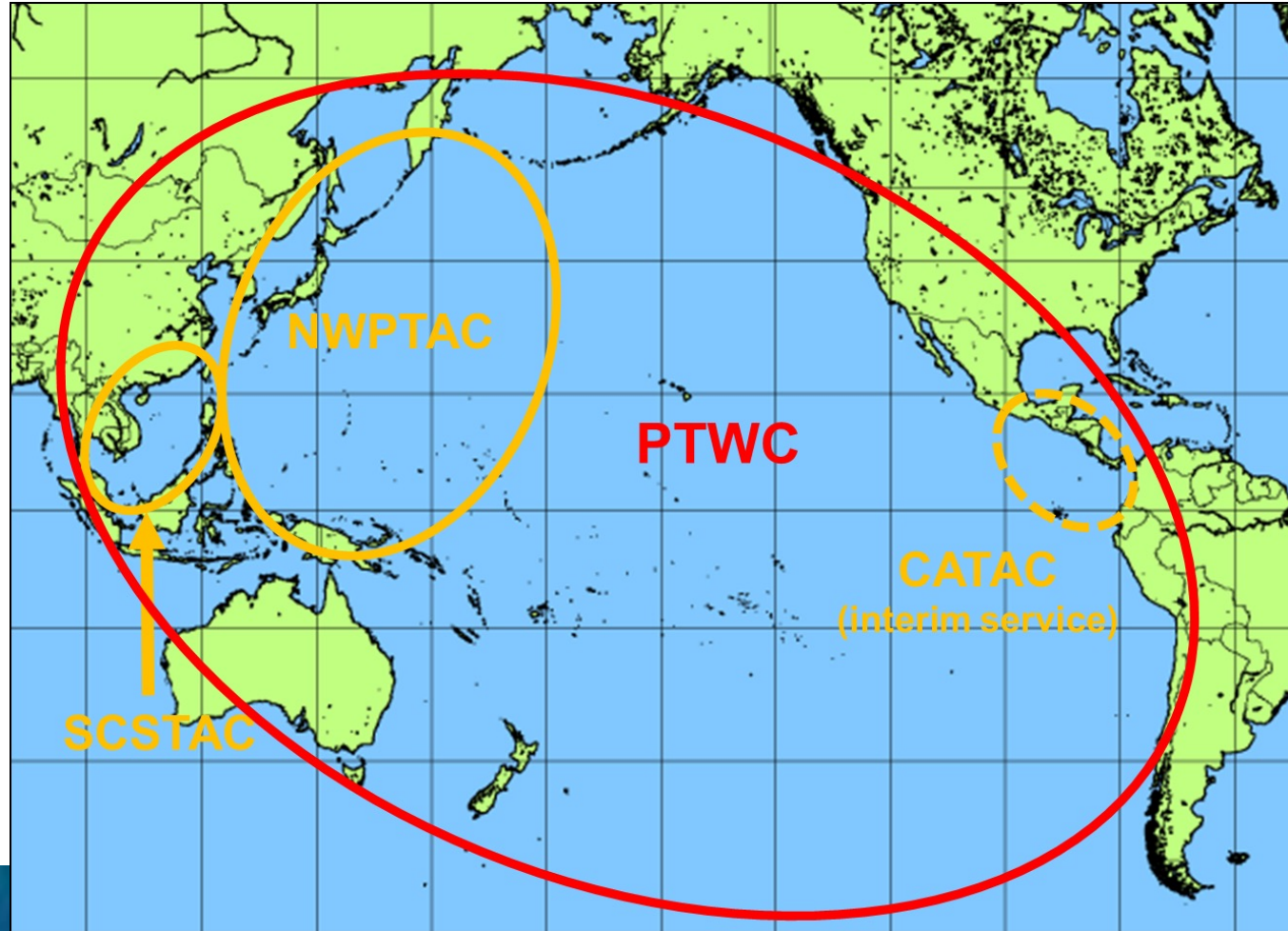
CCs: Ms. [Laura Kong](#) & Ms. [Ashleigh Fromont](#)

Tsunami Service Providers in the Pacific



➤ Four Tsunami Service Providers

- **Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)** operated by USA
- **Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)** operated by Japan
- **South China Sea Tsunami Advisory Center (SCSTAC)** operated by China
- **Central America Tsunami Warning Center (CATAC)** operated by Nicaragua
- The CATAC is fully operated (24hours/7days) on the interim service.



THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING AND MITIGATION SYSTEM (ICG/PTWS-XXXI)

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9th ICG/PTWS – IUGG JTC Joint Tsunami Workshop

60th Anniversary of the ICG/PTWS - Past and Future -

- 1 April 2025 (Online)
- Aims
 - 1) Recognition of contributions of 60 years of PTWS
 - 2) Prospective of the future of PTWS
 - 3) Tsunami DRR within the context of the IODTP – lessons from 60 years
- 7 April 2025 (Hybrid)
- Aims

Guide 5-year research and development strategy for detection, monitoring and forecasting through:

 - 1) Investigating challenges to achieving Decade forecasting goals
 - 2) Exploring emergent data technologies to achieve Decade forecasting goals
 - 3) Exploring emergent forecasting technologies to achieve Decade forecasting goals
 - 4) Exploring impact-based forecasting including challenges faced when forecasting inundation and time-dependence



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Endorses the conduct the Pacific Tsunami Preparedness Capacity Assessment as the first systemwide measurement of the existing capacities to inform next efforts to improve the PTWS under the kind support of ESCAP.

Recommends the provisional approval of the Tsunami Ready Equivalency Guidance, as described in IOC ICG/PTWS-XXXI Draft Document (Agenda 4.2),

Decides to modify the current Terms of Reference of the Group to establish a permanent structure comprising three Vice-Chairs.

Welcomed the organization of the 9th IOC/ICG/PTWS–IUGG Joint Tsunami Commission (JTC) Technical Workshop on during the ICG/PTWS-XXXI on the "60th Anniversary of the ICG/PTWS – Past and Future", with Part II in-person on 7 April 2025, and Part I as a webinar on 1 April 2025.

Decides to carry out the twelfth Exercise Pacific Wave in 2026 (PacWave 26) in the months of September through to November 2026 to support International Disaster Risk Reduction Day (13 October) and World Tsunami Awareness Day (5 November), as reflected in the Terms of Reference.



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Notes Argentina's participation to the ICG/PTWS XXXI as an Observer,

Notes with satisfaction active participation of Argentina in the PacWave24 as the Coordinator of the NAVAREA VI for the purposes of testing tsunami maritime safety product dissemination,

Encourages Argentina to actively participate in the future PacWave exercises with respect to its Search and Rescue (SAR) and NAVAREA VI coordination responsibilities,

Notes the recommendation of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII on the consideration of CATAC as a TSP in its XVIII Session in May 2025 to enable the IOC Assembly to consider the final admission of CATAC as TSP in June 2025 (Recommendation ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XVII.8),

Accepts with appreciation the kind offer of Ecuador to host the 32nd Session of the ICG/PTWS in 2027 in Ecuador. Specific dates will be determined at a later stage,

Notes with appreciation the intention of Costa Rica to host the 33rd Session of the ICG/PTWS in 2029 in Costa Rica, to be confirmed at the 32nd Session of the ICG/PTWS,

Congratulates Chair Mr Dakui Wang (China) and Vice Chairs Ms Lara Bland (New Zealand), Ms Mylene Villegas (Philippines), and Mr Levu Antfalo (Vanuatu) on their election to leadership of the PTWS.

Related Events to the ICG/PTWS since February 2024

Date	Event	Venue
26 - 27 March 2024	ICG/PTWS Steering Committee Meeting	Online
10 May 2024	Seventh Meeting of the ICG/PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the Central America Region (ICG/PTWS WG-CA-VII)	Managua, Nicaragua
13 – 14 May 2024	Pacific Island Country and Territories (PICT) Tsunami Ready Workshops	Port Vila, Vanuatu
14 – 17 May 2024	Expert Meeting on Tsunami Sources, Hazards, Risk and Uncertainties Associated with Vanuatu, San Cristobal and New Britain Subduction Zones	Port Vila, Vanuatu
12 July 2024	PTWS Working Group 3 Task Team Tsunami Ready Meeting	Online
30 – 31 July 2024	Solomon Islands Tsunami Ready Workshop	Solomon Island
19-30 August 2024	ITIC Training Programme on Tsunami Early Warning Systems and the PTWC Enhanced Products, Tsunami Evacuation Planning and Tsunami Ready Programme (ITP-TEWS-Chile)	Valparaiso, Chile
1 September – 30 November 2024	Exercise Pacific Wave 2024 (PacWave24)	
16 – 20 September 2024	ICG/PTWS Steering Committee Meeting	Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
07 – 08 November 2024	Twelfth Meeting of the ICG/PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the South China Sea Region (ICG/PTWS-WG/SCS-XII)	Jakarta, Indonesia

IOC EC 57th Session (25 June to 28 June 2024)

ICG and	Session	Reporter
ICG/CARIBE-EWS	XVII Session	Dr. Regina Browne on behalf the Chair
ICG/NEAMTWS	XVIII Session	Dr. Alessandro Amato
ICG/PTWS	XXX Session	Mr. Yuji Nishimae
TOWS-WG	XVII Session	Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala



Fifty-Seventh Session of the Executive Council
Paris, 25–28 June 2024



**Report of the ICG/NEAMTWS
(2023-2024)**

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Technical Secretary

ICG/CARIBE-EWS XVII



Gérard Métayer
ICG/CARIBE-EWS Chair
June 27, 2024

57th Executive Council

57th Session of the Executive Council, Paris, 25-28 June 2024



Agenda 3.2.1.2

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Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala
Chair, TOWS-WG and Vice-Chair, IOC

Acknowledgements: Bernardo Aliaga, IOC

57th Session of the IOC Executive Council
25 - 28 June 2024



Report from the ICG/PTWS

NISHIMAE Yuji
ICG/PTWS Chair

Start of the official full functional operation of the Central America Tsunami Advisory Center (CATAC)

Recommendation ICG/PTWS-XXX-6

Decides to admit the start of the official full functional operations of CATAC, starting after the IOC governing body meeting in 2024, with the specific starting date to be decided after the coordination with the ICG/CARIBE-EWS

Recommendation ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XVII.8

- **Recommends** CATAC to continue with the implementation of EEW methods for the acceleration and improvement of the tsunami warning for Central America.
- **Recommends** the use of additional methods for the transmission of CATAC's products to its users.
- **Recommends** that CATAC continues full functionality in an interim manner to be able to support the National Tsunami Warning Centers (NTWCs), Tsunami Warning Focal Points 18 (TWFPs), and emergency management authorities of Central America in addressing those challenges,
- **Further recommends** the consideration of CATAC as a TSP in its XVIII Session in 2025 to enable the IOC Assembly to consider the final admission of CATAC as TSP in June 2025



ICG/PTWS Steering Committee Meeting



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Date: 16 - 17 September TT and WG meeting
18 - 20 September SC meeting
Venue: Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (of UNESCO)

Steering Committee Meeting
of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group
for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

NOAA Facility at Pier 38, 18 - 19 September 2024

Double Tree by Hilton Alana Waikiki Beach, 20 September 2024

PROVISIONAL AGENDA (V7)

1. → Welcome and Opening
2. → Adoption of Agenda
3. → Review of Action Items from the ICG/PTWS-XXX session
4. → Chair's Report on the TOWS-WG XVII session and the IOC 57th EC
5. → Report of Tsunami Service Providers:
 - 5.1 PTWC
 - 5.2 NWPTAC
 - 5.3 SCSTAC
 - 5.4 CATAC
6. → Report of the ITIC
7. → Report of WGs:
 - 7.1 Working Group 1 - Understanding Tsunami Risk
 - 7.2 Working Group 2 - Tsunami Detection, Warning and Dissemination
 - 7.3 Working Group 3 - Disaster Risk Management and Preparedness
 - 7.4 Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System on the Central American Pacific Coast
 - 7.5 Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the South East Pacific Region
 - 7.6 Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the South China Sea Region
 - 7.7 Pacific Island Countries and Territories Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System

8. → Policy Matters:
 - 8.1. Tsunami Detection, Warning and Dissemination
 - 8.1.1. Sea Level Observations
 - 8.1.2. SMART Cable
 - 8.1.3. SoP of Tsunami Generated by Volcanoes and Meteorological Tsunami
 - 8.1.4. Common Format for Tsunami Products from TSPs
 - 8.1.5. Expansion of the ICG/PTWS ESZ
 - 8.2. Tsunami Disaster Preparedness
 - 8.2.1 Tsunami Ready Recognition Program
 - 8.2.2. Minimum NTWC Competency Framework
 - 8.2.3. Pacific Wave 2024
 - 8.3. Tsunami Service Providers' Products and Messages
 - 8.3.1. Users' Guide
 - 8.3.2. Cease Telefax Transmission
 - 8.3.3. Tsunami Threat Message of the PTWC
 - 8.3.4. Termination of Notification of Regular Communication Test from TSPs by Circular Letter
 - 8.3.5. Provision of special tsunami maritime safety products to the NAVAREA coordinators
 - 8.3.6. Status of the CATAC
 - 8.4. UN Ocean Decade Tsunami Program
 - 8.5. 2nd Tsunami Global Symposium
9. → UNESCAP Capacity Assessment Project
10. ICG/PTWS-XXXI Session:
 - 10.1. Expected Date of the ICG/PTWS-XXXI session
 - 10.2. Draft Agenda of the ICG/PTWS-XXXI session
 - 10.3. ICG/PTWS 60 year anniversary workshop
11. Any Other Business
12. Special Lecture:
 - Nankai Trough Earthquake Information presented by the JMA



UNESCO-IOC ICG/PTWS Steering Committee
18-20 September 2024, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

IOC Circular Letter No 2999 and the Exercise Manual (IOC Technical Series, 191)



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IOC Circular Letter No 2999
(Available in English only)

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28 May 2024

To : ICG/PTWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP)
ICG/PTWS Tsunami National Contacts (TNC)
ICG/PTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs

C.c. : Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC (IOC Member States)
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National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
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Director, Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPATAC)
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Forecasting Center and South China Sea Tsunami Advisory Center (SCSTAC)
Coordinator, Central America Tsunami Advisory Center (CATAC)

Subject: Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (PTWS) Exercise Pacific Wave 2024 (PacWave24), September–November 2024, including live Tsunami Service Provider Communication Test on 5 November 2024 at 0000 UTC

At its 30th session (ICG/PTWS-XXX, Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga, 11–15 September 2023), the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System approved the conduct of Exercise Pacific Wave 2024 (PacWave24) in the months of September through November 2024 to support [International Disaster Risk Reduction Day](#) (13 October) and [World Tsunami Awareness Day](#) (5 November).

PacWave24 will test PTWS Tsunami Service Provider (TSP), and country operational plans and procedures to respond to a destructive tsunami. PacWave24 is the eleventh in a series of PacWave exercises that have been conducted biennially since 2006. The Exercise Manual (IOC Technical Series, 191) is attached. For PacWave24, all exercise information, including resources, manual, post-exercise evaluation, and the summary report, can be found on the PacWave24 exercise web site at www.pacwave.info.

Recalling IOC Decision A-32/3.4.1 instructing regional Intergovernmental Coordination Group (ICGs) TSPs, in collaboration with NAVAREA operators of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO), to test tsunami maritime safety products in 2023/24 with the goal to operationally implement

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I. TSUNAMI SERVICE PROVIDER COMMUNICATIONS TEST MESSAGES	
Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)	
Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPATAC)	
South China Sea Tsunami Advisory Center (SCSTAC)	
Central America Tsunami Advisory Center (CATAC)	

Timeline Milestones (1)



KEY DATES

31 August 2024	Deadline for PTWS Regional Working Groups to inform TSPs if products needed, copied to ITIC
1 September – 30 November 2024	PacWave24 Member State national exercise
2 weeks before Regional Exercise (5 Nov.)	TSP products available on regional exercise webpage
5 November 2024 (0000 UTC)	Live TSP Communications Test
5 November 2024 (0100 UTC)	Live NAVAREA Coordinators Communication Test from PTWC through concerned NTWC
4 November 2024	Pacific Island Countries and Territories Regional Exercise
21 November 2024	South East Pacific Regional Exercise



Timeline Milestones (2)



KEY DATES



15 December 2024	Deadline for Member States to complete and submit online PacWave24 Post-Exercise Evaluation Surveys for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live TSP Communication Test• Live NAVAREA Coordinators Communication Test• National Exercise• Regional Exercise
15 December 2024	Deadline for Submission of Regional Exercise Reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PICT Regional Exercise• SEP Regional Exercise
10 days prior to ICG/PTWS-XXXI (<i>April 2025</i>)	Draft PacWave24 Summary Report shared with Member States
30 June 2025	Final PacWave24 Summary Report published and posted at http://www.pacwave.info/

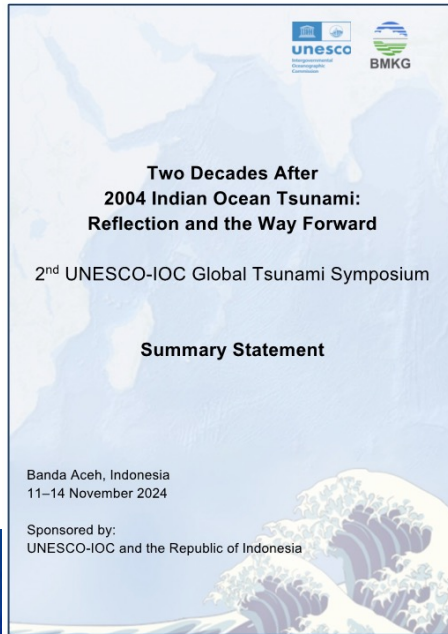
2nd Global Tsunami Symposium (11 – 14 November 2024)

Participants related to the ICG/PTWS

- Mr. Yuji Nishimae (Chair)
- Dr. Dakui Wang (Vice-Chair)
- Dr. Charles McCreely (PTWC Director)
- Dr. Laura Kong (ITIC Director)
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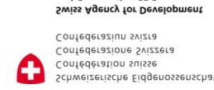
Summary Statement



Banda Aceh Statement

Global Tsunami Warning and Mitigation: Building Sustainability for the next decade through Transformation and Innovation. UNESCO and its partners call on States and civil society to drastically step up their investments and efforts to strengthen Tsunami Early Warning Systems and achieve 100% of Tsunami Ready Communities across the world by 2030.

PTWS Tsunami Preparedness Capacity Assessment (ESCAP Phase II)

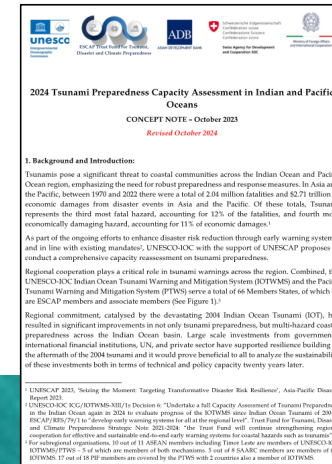


The key objectives of this assessment have been identified as follows:

1. To evaluate the existing capacity of the UNESCO-IOC Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWMS) (Phase I) and Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (PTWS) (Phase II) and highlight the progress made since 2004 IOT and subsequent assessments.
2. To identify specific gaps and capacity development requirements at regional and national levels for strengthening the technical and policy aspects of the tsunami warning and mitigation systems in the region.
3. To provide recommendations for the next strategic phase of ESCAP's Trust Fund for Tsunami Disaster and Climate Preparedness, aiming to address the identified gaps through regional cooperation and mainstreaming science.

Output of the assessment

	Phase one [November 2023-December 2024]	Phase two [September 2024-September 2025]
Technical	1.A_ Technical Capacity Assessment for IOTWMS 1.B_ IOTWMS assessment summary and comparative analysis	2.A_ Technical Capacity Assessment for PTWS 2.B_ PTWS assessment summary and comparative analysis
Policy	3.A/3.B_ Tsunami preparedness recommendations for ASEAN, SAARC, BIMSTEC policymakers ⁸	3.C_ Tsunami preparedness recommendations for PIF policymakers

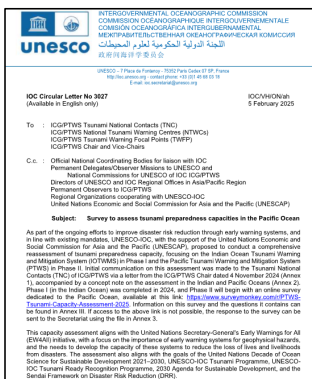
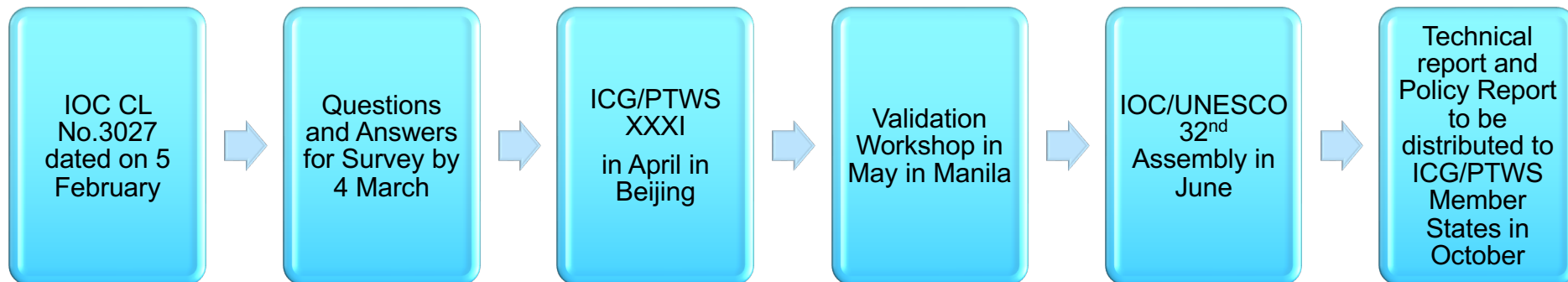


ESCAP Tsunami Preparedness Capacity Assessment (Timeline)



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2025 UNESCO-IOC ICG/PTWS National Report on Capacity Assessment of Tsunami Preparedness		
SURVEY INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS		
<p>Background information on the Tsunami Preparedness Capacity Assessment in the Pacific Ocean is provided in the IOC Letter 24.113 as provided as an Annex to the CL-3027. Below is an overall description of the survey provided together with the set of survey questions prepared for this assessment. The link of the survey is also provided in the CL-3027. While the questions of the survey are provided both in English and Spanish, responses would be required only in English, to better facilitate the analysis and evaluation of the survey data and results. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding on this matter.</p> <p>The Tsunami National Contacts (TNCs) are requested to coordinate the completion of the entire survey, in consultation with other national stakeholders involved in end-to-end tsunami early warning and mitigation within the country. Considering the importance of this survey, all Member States are requested to complete the survey before 04 March 2025 1500 (UTC).</p>		
Part	Topic of the Survey	Stakeholder Inputs
I	Basic Information: TNC/NTWC/TWFP contact details	Tsunami National Contact
II	Risk Assessment & Reduction: Hazard assessment, Risk Assessment, Policies, Plans, Guidelines	Inputs to be obtained from the Disaster Management Office and/or any other agency responsible for Hazard/Risk Assessment in the Country. Inputs to be obtained from the National Tsunami Warning Centre and/or other agency responsible for generation and dissemination of tsunami early warnings within the country.
III	Detection, Warning and Dissemination	Inputs to be obtained from the Disaster Management Office and/or other agencies responsible for public awareness, preparedness, and response in the country.
IV	Public Awareness, Preparedness & Response: DQPs, Evaluation, Tsunami exercises, Public Awareness	Inputs to be obtained from the Tsunami National Contact, Tsunami Ready Focal Point (TRFP), if identified, and/or other agencies responsible for the TRFP or any other similar initiative in the country.
V	Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP)	
VI	Narrative: Important recent developments and summary of future plans.	Tsunami National Contact

A preliminary compilation of the survey results will be presented

Steering Committee members will attend

Draft Technical Report and its Summary will be made available

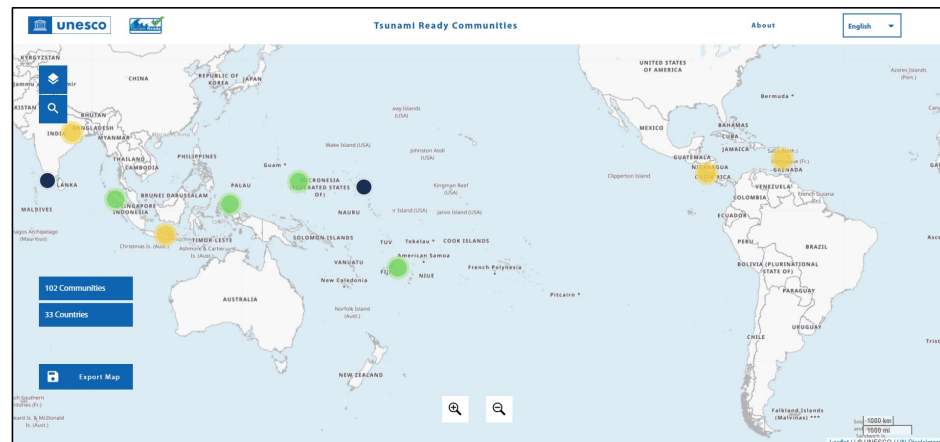
Technical report and Policy Report to be distributed to ICG/PTWS Member States in October

Promoting for the IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme



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TSUNAMI READY INDICATORS	
I ASSESSMENT (ASSESS)	
1	ASSESS-1. Tsunami hazard zones are mapped and designated.
2	ASSESS-2. The number of people at risk in the tsunami hazard zone is estimated.
3	ASSESS-3. Economic, infrastructural, political, and social resources are identified.
II PREPAREDNESS (PREP)	
4	PREP-1. Easily understood tsunami evacuation maps are approved.
5	PREP-2. Tsunami information including signage is publicly displayed.
6	PREP-3. Outreach and public awareness and education resources are available and distributed.
7	PREP-4. Outreach or educational activities are held at least three times a year.
8	PREP-5. A community tsunami exercise is conducted at least every two years.
III RESPONSE (RESP)	
9	RESP-1. A community tsunami emergency response plan is approved.
10	RESP-2. The capacity to manage emergency response operations during a tsunami is in place.
11	RESP-3. Redundant and reliable means to timely receive 24-hour official tsunami alerts are in place.
12	RESP-4. Redundant and reliable means to timely disseminate 24-hour official tsunami alerts to the public are in place.

GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF UNESCO-IOC TSUNAMI READY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITIES												
	PL	EOI	OG	TR	RV	RD	RIP	RN	RDE	TOTAL OF COMMUNITIES	IN # MEMBER STATES	OF WHICH # ARE SIDS
CARIBE-EWS	2	2	0	4	6	4	0	0	9	23	16	10
IOTWMS	0	0	0	36	10	2	0	0	0	48	2	0
NEAMTWS	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
PTWS	4	2	2	5	10	0	0	0	8	23	10	5
TOTAL	6	4	2	51	26	6	0	0	17	100	34	15

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Active

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Need renewal

2025 FEBRUARY

LEGEND

PL	TR planned	TR	Initial TR recognition	RIP	TR renewal in progress
EOI	Expression of Interest	RV	TR recognition valid (incl. RN)	RN	TR renewal completed
OG	Initial TR process ongoing	RD	TR renewal due	RDE	TR renewal delayed


➤ Tsunami Ready Equivalency Guidance was developed by ICG/PTWS WG3 Task Team on Tsunami Ready, under the leadership of the New Zealand National Emergency Management Agency and the International Tsunami Information Centre, which was provisionally **approved** at the ICG/PTWS XXXI.

Cessation of fax transmissions of tsunami information products by Tsunami Service Providers by 31 March 2025 (IOC CL-3006)

IOC CL-3006 dated on 27 Sep. 2024 issued.

- Last June, the IOC Executive Council noted the increasing failure in reception and costs associated with the use of fax transmissions as a mean of disseminating and receiving tsunami threat information products sent by Tsunami Service Providers (TSPs).
- Following the recommendations of the IOC Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG), the Council requested the IOC Secretariat to inform all Member States, by circular letter, that fax transmissions of tsunami information products by TSPs will be phased out **from six months to the date of this letter**, unless Member States advise within three months that fax transmission is essential for the functions of their National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC).

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C.c. : Chairpersons and Tsunami Service Providers (TSPs): CATAC, CENALT, INATEWS, INGV, IPMA, ITEWS, JATWC, KOERI, NOA, NWPATC, PTWC, SCSTAC)
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Accordingly, I invite Tsunami National Contacts (TNC), Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) and NTWCs to report to the Secretariat in case stopping the transmission of tsunami products from TSPs by fax would be detrimental to NTWCs or TWFPs in fulfilling their functions. It should be remembered that TSP products are distributed to NTWCs and TWFPs through additional communication channels, such as e-mail and Global Telecommunication System (GTS). If you consider that none of these means can replace fax transmission, please inform the secretariat, in the person of Bernardo Aliaga, Head of the Tsunami Resilience Section (b.aliaga@unesco.org) with copies to Ocal Necmioglu (o.necmioglu@unesco.org) and Angelos Haidar (a.haidar@unesco.org), before 31 December 2024. The Secretariat will inform the TSPs concerned accordingly.



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