PHILIPPINE TSUNAMI ALERT LEVELS

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Tsunami Alert Level	Threat to the Philippines	Recommended Action for Affected Places
ALERT LEVEL O	A large earthquake is generated but either (1) there is no tsunami generated by this event or (2) a tsunami was generated but will not reach the Philippines.	No evacuation needed. The bulletin is issued for information purposes only.
ALERT LEVEL 1 READY	There is a potential threat to the Philippines.	No evacuation order is in effect but coastal communities that maybe affected are advised to be on alert for possible evacuation.
ALERT LEVEL 2	There will be minor sea level disturbance.	The concerned public is advised to be on alert for unusual waves.
WATCH/ OBSERVE	(A confirmed tsunami is expected to arrive to the Philippines with wave heights of less than one meter above the expected ocean tides).	People are advised to stay away from the beach and not to go to the coast to watch the tsunami. People whose houses are located very near the shoreline are advised to move farther inland. Owners of boats in harbors, estuaries or shallow coastal waters of the affected provinces should secure their boats and move away from the waterfront. Boats already at sea are advised to stay offshore in deep waters until further notified.
GO!	Destructive tsunami is generated with life threatening wave heights. (A confirmed destructive tsunami is expected to arrive to the Philippines with wave heights of greater than one meter above the expected ocean tides).	Coastal communities that maybe affected are strongly advised to immediately evacuate to higher grounds. Owners of boats in harbors, estuaries or shallow coastal waters of the affected provinces should secure their boats and move away from the waterfront. Boats already at sea are advised to stay offshore in deep waters until further notified.

