COAST-MAP-IO

Improving Emergency Response to Ocean-based Extreme Events through Coastal Mapping Capacity Building in the Indian Ocean

Bangladesh, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand



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Preparedness to tsunamis and storm surges



Boxing day tsunami

Nargis storm surge



Project Goal

Safer coastal zones from tsunamis, storm surges, and other hazards through accurate inundation maps

Inundation maps are critical to safe coastal planning and effective evacuation plans;

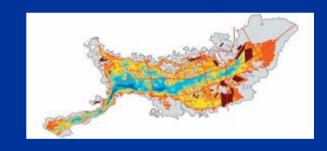
Nearshore bathymetry strongly influences inundation from tsunamis and storm surges



Need to develop national capacities to collect and use nearshore bathymetry for inundation map preparation

Other benefits

- Routine local users are necessary for continuous improvement of skills
- ⇒ Coast-map-io also develops capacity to use hydrographic data for better coastal management through modelling



 Other routine users: navigation and marine resource prospection (e.g. hydrocarbon)

Main achievements:

15 training courses and workshops

Number of participants by country:

Bangladesh 12 Mozambique 12

Comoros 5 Myanmar 14

Kenya 12 Seychelles 3

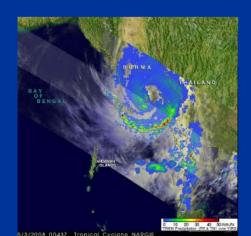
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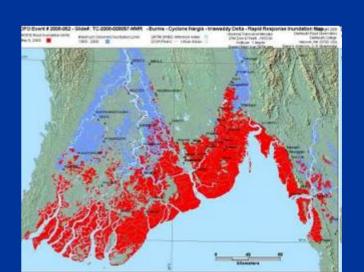
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Other activities

- 10 Assessment missions conducted
- Provision of modern hardware and software
- COAST MAP IO network established
- National Hydrographic Committees reactivated
- Awareness raised
- First inundation maps prepared for several countries





Sponsors and partnership

Government of Italy: cash

Government of India: training in hydrography and modelling

Indian Navy: bathymetric data management and processing, on job training on board

French Navy: on job training on board of r/v "Beautemps Beaupres"

Kingdom of Norway: sponsored travel

Kingdom of Sweden: training in leadership

Alfred Wegener Institute: hydrography training

ESRI Europe: GIS software

CARIS: hydrography software and training

IHB International Hydrographic Bureau

HDRTN Hydrographic Department Royal Thai NAVY

Next Steps

Remaining needs:

- Hi-resolution hydrographic database of selected priority areas
- Self-sustainable hydrographic services for disaster preparedness, coastal management, navigation and resources prospection
- Downstream products users delivering to decision-makers and driving hydrographic activities

Opportunities:

- New actors in project: training, possibly donation of equipment
- Links with growing needs for capacities for safer, sustainable and climate-proof coastal planning
- Country proposals received for next steps

LOOKING FOR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS FOR HYDROGRAPHIC TRAINING, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT