Near- and Onshore Tsunami Effects: Ongoing and Planned Research in Sri Lanka

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Deaths due to Natural Disasters in Sri Lanka 1993 - 2001



Source: Dept. of Social Services, Sri Lanka



Tsunami Disaster in Sri Lanka – Human Aspects



Death toll: 35,322 Injured: 21,441 Homeless: 516,150

Destruction – Coastal Settlements









No. of Houses Damaged - 89,000

Destruction – Coastal Settlements







No. of Lost Livelihoods - 150,000

Destruction – Roads, Railways & Bridges



800 km of national and 1500 km of provincial & local government roads damaged

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Sections of track, bridges, communication systems, buildings and some rolling stock were severely damaged on the 160 km long southern line.

Destruction – Fisheries Sector



75% of the country's fishing fleet destroyed

Destruction – Tourism related infrastructure

Nilawali Beach Hotel

Large hotels: 53 out of 242 Small hotels: 248

Where Yala Safari Beach Hotel was



Living with Tsunami



Integrated Strategy for Disaster Reduction on Coasts consisting of: But, at specific locations,

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In General:

- Education/Awareness
- Early Warning Systems& Evacuation
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- Legislative Initiatives

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- Tsunami Breakwaters,
- Tsunami Walls/Dikes, and
- Other energy dissipation measures

Post-Tsunami

Revise/ Update Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (1990)

Four priority areas in ICZM Plan:

- Erosion management and land use,
- Cessation of coral mining and control of sand mining,
- Prevention of loss and degradation of coastal natural habitats,
- Protection of scenic areas and cultural, religious and historical sites.

<u>Add</u>

Protection against coastal natural hazards

due to tsunamis & storm surges

• ICZM with necessary revisions is a good tool because it can control development patterns, and combine coastal natural hazards mitigation with natural resource conservation.

DRM Institutional Framework in Sri Lanka



Some of the tsunami related research/projects being carried out in Sri Lanka

- Numerical modeling of tsunami propagation and inundation
- Planning and design of countermeasures against tsunami and other coastal hazards
- Investigating the performance of natural barriers against wave attack simulation of coral reefs
- Effect of the 2004 tsunami on the nearshore coastal morphology
- National and local level tsunami warning systems
- Impact of the 2004 tsunami on groundwater resources in Sri Lanka
- Paleotsunami deposits in coastal lagoons
- Development of disaster resistant build environments; tsunami resilient/resistant structures; structural resistance against sliding, overturning and scouring caused by tsunamis
- Role of coastal vegetation in tsunami energy dissipation
- Effect of surface roughness on tsunami run-up

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Capacity Building in Disaster Risk Management







Master's Degree Programme in Disaster Management

Conducted jointly by the Faculty of Engineering and the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS) of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Collaborating Institutions: Emergency Management, Australia (EMA); Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Thailand; ITC, The Netherlands;, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, USA

Tsunami Hazard Mapping for the Coastal Belt of Sri Lanka

Inundation Distance - How far inland?



Detailed Inundation Measurements: Coastal Sectors Covered







Population Density

Galle

Colombo

Kalutara

Elevation below 10 m Negombo Gan Colombo N (m) 170000 oratuv 15000

West Coast

Salutara Beruwala Bentota 30000 Balapitiya Ambalangoda 110000 kurala Porelli (a Galle 1000 0 2000 5 0

Tsunami Height (m)

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Inundation Distance (m)





Tsunami Inundation Distance with Ground Slope



Sand Dunes on the South & South East Coasts of Sri Lanka



Shore-connected water bodies



Extent of Tsunami Inundation





Development of Tsunami Hazard Zonation Maps for the Coastal Belt of Sri Lanka



 Tsunami hazards maps are developed for these five coastal cities severely affected by the tsunami in 2004.

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Topo & Bathy Data for Modeling

Topo Data: LIDAR DGM - Resolution: Horizontal = 1 m; Vertical < 0.3 m



UK Admiralty Charts – Scale: 1:10,000; 1:25,000; 1:50,000; 1:300,000

Modelling Tsunami Inundation Cornell Multi-grid Coupled Tsunami Model (COMCOT)

- The COMCOT tsunami model is a dynamically coupled combination of the following three components:
 - *a*) source model which creates the initial water surface disturbance given the earthquake parameters,
 - *b*) tsunami propagation from its origin to the nearshore coast,
 - *c*) tsunami run-up and inundation with a moving boundary.

 It solves the linear/non-linear shallow-water equations. Source, Propagation and Inundation Models



Nested Grids for COMCOT Model







Layer42: Matara

Layer 1: $\Delta x = \Delta y = 0.6765$ min



Source Model of Chen Ji

| Layer No. | Grid Spacing | Coordinate System | Linear/ Non-linear Equations |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.6765 min (~1250 m) | Spherical | Linear |
| 2 | 0.1353 min (~250 m) | Spherical | Linear |
| 3 | 50 m | Cartesian | Linear |
| 4 | 10 m | Cartesian | Non-Linear |

Preliminary Model Results: Extent of Inundation



No bottom friction

Preliminary Model Results: Comparison with Field Measurements





Field measurements of inundation

Preliminary Model Results: Comparison with Field Measurements



Simulation of Roughness, Effect of Obstructions & Vegetation, etc ??



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- bare ground surface
- 90-95% of vegetation and man-made elevated features removed

¢ity map of roads, buildings, etc



City of Galle (part of)