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Reducing risks of tsunami, storm surges, large waves and other natural hazards in low elevation coastal zones

This e-Newsletter provides the latest updates on the implementation of the UNESCAP-funded project "Reducing risks of tsunami, storm surges, large waves and other natural hazards in low elevation coastal zones". This project aims at strengthening institutional systems for end-to-end warning, and building institutional capacities for the application of warning information products in decision-making in Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. The project is implemented together with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Upcoming Activities

• Monsoon Forums:

Bangladesh- November 2013
Maldives- October 2013
Myanmar- October 2013
Sri Lanka- November 2013

• Emergency Operation Center Training:

Bangladesh- February 2014
Maldives- TBD
Myanmar- January 2014
Sri Lanka- February 2014

• Emergency Operation Center Exercise:

Bangladesh- March 2014
Maldives- TBD
Myanmar- March 2014
Sri Lanka- March 2014

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Improved forecast products and strengthened user capacity for forecast application: key outcomes from Monsoon Forums

Regular dialogues between forecast producers and users, through Monsoon Forums, have catalyzed the generation of forecast products that are more relevant to users, and users' better analysis of forecast-based potential impacts and management options for enhanced management of climate and other hazard risks. Monsoon Forums, convened by the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) in Bangladesh, Maldives Meteorological Services (MMS) in Maldives, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) in Myanmar, and Department of Meteorology (DOM) in Sri Lanka provide ... (read more)

Forecast-based agro-advisories, shared daily with farmers in Tamil Nadu, India, to improve farming operations

Farmers from Tamil Nadu, India, who received training at the Climate Risk Management Farmers Field School (CRMFFS), are receiving daily forecast-based agro-advisories for improving farming operations. This experimental system, developed by RIMES in collaboration with the Centre for Ecology and Research and the association of retired agricultural officers in Tamil Nadu, interprets forecast products...(read more)

Visit of Tamil Nadu farmers to a meteorological station, during the CRMFFS training

What has been the impact of daily forecast-based agro-advisories on the farming operations? Click HERE to read the opinion of farmers from Tamil Nadu

Engineers from Thailand's Royal Irrigation Department receive training on weather forecast-based hydrological modeling

With the objective of enhancing capacity for flood early warning and disaster management, more than 20 engineers from Thailand's Royal Irrigation Department received training from RIMES in November 2012 on Hydrological Modeling... (read more)

Improved severe weather forecasting and increased dialogue with users- focus of the Regional Training Workshop on Severe Weather Forecasting and Warning Services

Improved severe weather forecasting and timely delivery of warnings, and increased dialogue, coordination, and engagement with users were the focus of the Regional Training Workshop on Severe Weather Forecasting and Warning Services from 8-19 April 2013 in Macau, China, organized by WMO... (read more)

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