



**Tsunami Information No.: 1**  
Date Issued: **December 29, 2018**  
Time Issued: **12:26 PM**

## **ADVISORY**

### **Minor Sea Level Disturbances**

A major earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of **7.1** occurred in **Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental** on **29 December 2018** at **11:39 AM** (Philippine Standard Time) located at **05.68 °N, 127.17 °E** with depth of **49 km**.

**MINOR SEA LEVEL DISTURBANCES such as strong currents and rapid rise and fall of seawaters are expected.** The concerned public is advised to be on alert for unusual waves. Based on tsunami wave models and early tide gauge records of the tsunami in the Philippine Sea, coastal areas in Philippine provinces fronting the Philippine Sea are expected to experience wave heights of less than one meter above the normal tide levels. The first tsunami waves will arrive between **12:00 PM to 02:00 PM, December 29, 2018 (PST)** and may not be the largest. These waves may continue for hours.

People are advised to **STAY AWAY FROM THE BEACH AND NOT TO GO TO THE COAST** fronting Philippine Sea of the following provinces during this **12:00 PM to 02:00 PM**, and until the threat has passed:

**Compostela Valley**  
**Davao Del Norte**  
**Davao Del Sur**  
**Davao Oriental**  
**Davao City**  
**Sarangani**  
**South Cotabato**  
**Agusan Del Norte**  
**Agusan Del Sur**  
**Surigao Del Norte**  
**Surigao Del Sur**

People whose houses are located very near the shoreline of these provinces are advised to **MOVE FARTHER INLAND**.

Owners of boats in harbors, estuaries or shallow coastal water of the above-mentioned provinces should secure their boats and move away from the water front. Boats already at sea during this period **12:00 PM to 02:00 PM** should stay offshore in deep waters until further advised.

**DOST- PHIVOLCS**  
**BR/MPA/TLH**