



EARLY WANING SERVICES FOR OCEAN HAZARDS

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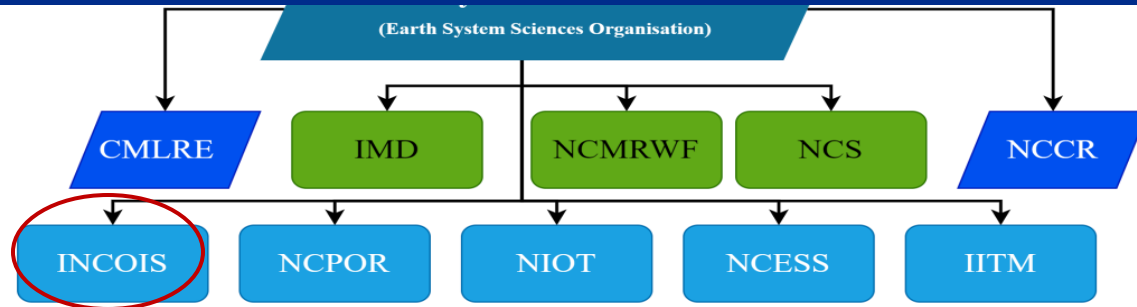
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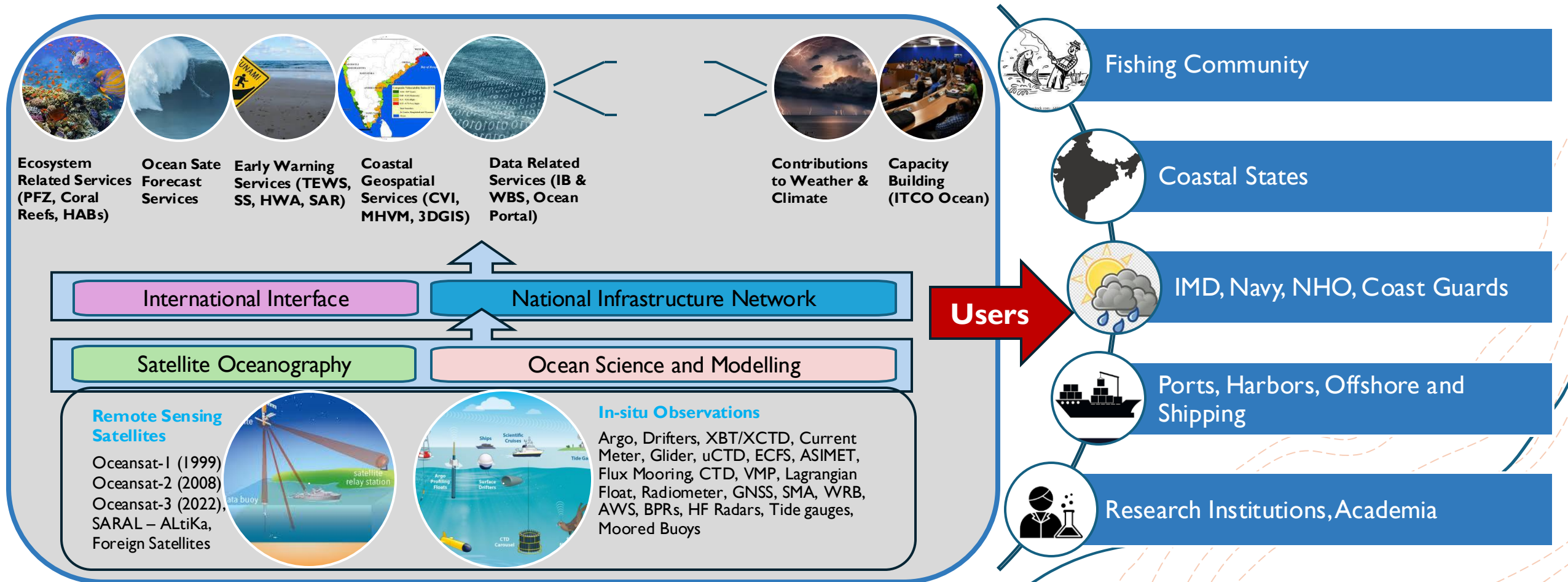
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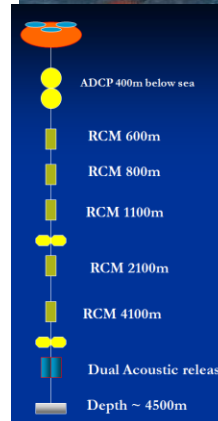
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Earth System Science & Services – Institutional Mechanism



INCOIS Mission: To provide the Ocean Information and Advisory Services to Society, Industry, Government Agencies and Scientific Community through Sustained Ocean Observations and Constant improvements through Systematic and Focussed Research





Ocean Prediction System

INCOIS Ocean Modeling
and Data Assimilation
Activities

Ocean Modeling Mission

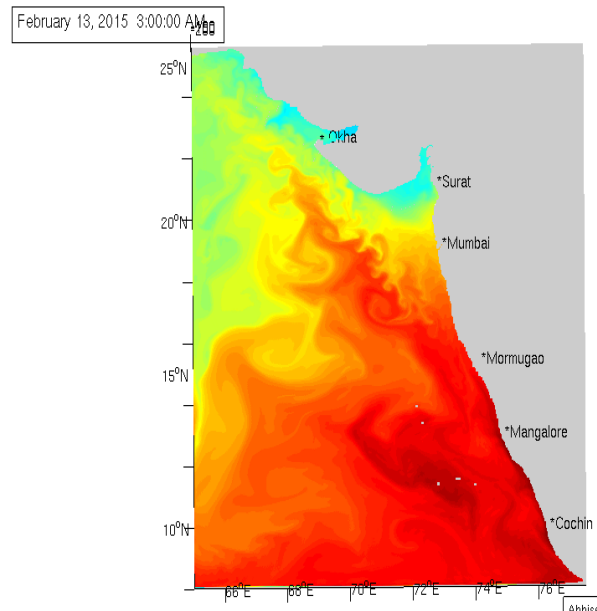
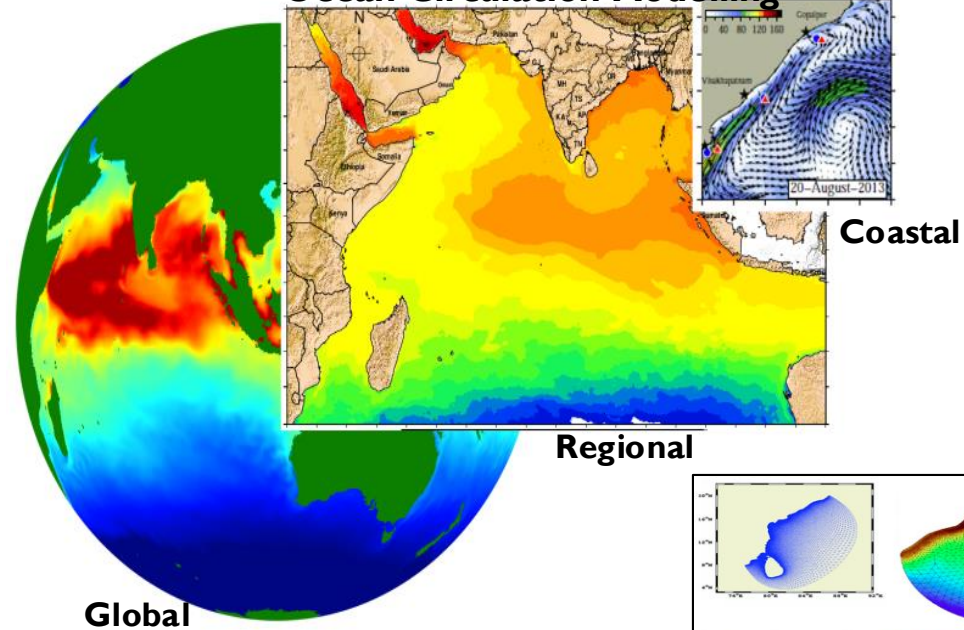
Deep Ocean Mission

Monsoon Mission

Coastal Water Quality
Monitoring and Forecast
Program

Ocean Predict
(GODAE OceanView)

Ocean Circulation Modelling



Wave, Tsunami and
Storm Surge Modeling

Model
simulated
variability of
Temperature

Ocean Analysis
(GODAS)

Monsoon Forecast
(CFS model)

Tropical Cyclone
Heat Potential

Cyclone Prediction

Climate Indices

Data Assimilation
(LETKF, 3DVAR,
OI)

Circulation
Models (ROMS,
MOM, HYCOM)

Regional Analysis

Regional and
Coastal Forecasts

Value Added Services
(OOSA, SARAT)

Wave,
Tsunami, Cyclone,
Storm Surge
(Wavewatch III
ADCIRC, SWAN,
HWRF+HYCOM)

Forecast and
Advisory services



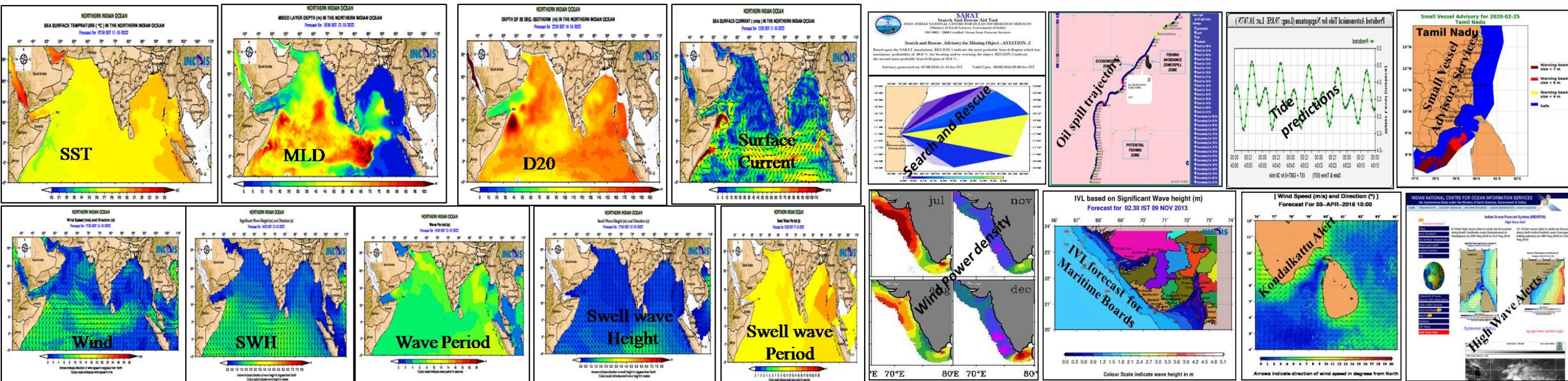
Ocean State Forecast Products

- Wave – Period/Height /Direction
- Wind Speed/Direction
- Ocean currents- Speed/Direction
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Salinity
- Mixed layer Depth
- Depth of the 20 degree isotherm
- Tide predictions

- High Wave Warning/Alert
- Swell Surge Warning/Alert
- High Currents Warning/Alert
- Swell Surge Warning/Alert
- Small Vessel Advisory Services

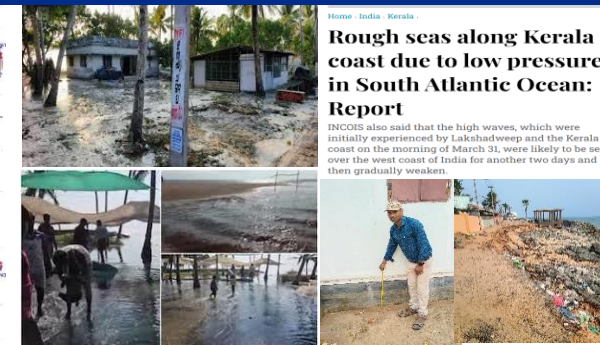
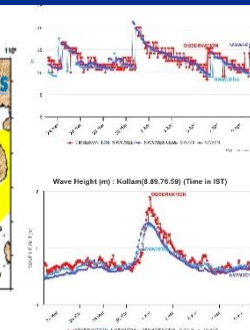
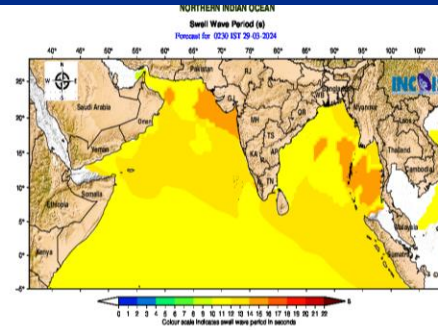
- Online Oil spill advisory (OOSA)
- Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT)

<https://incois.gov.in/portal/osf/osf.jsp>



Swell Surge Warnings in March and May 2024

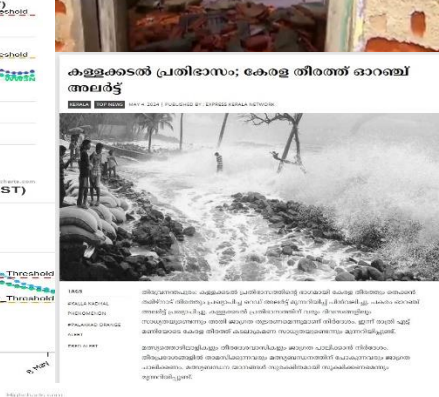
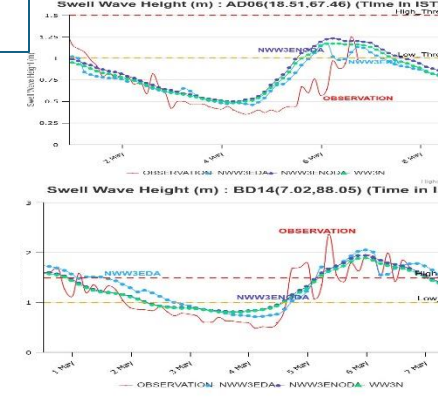
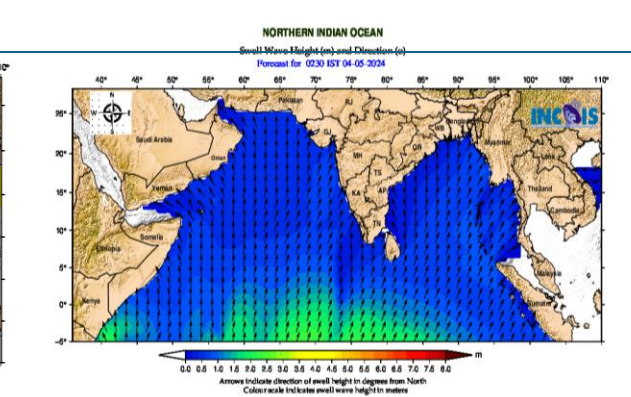
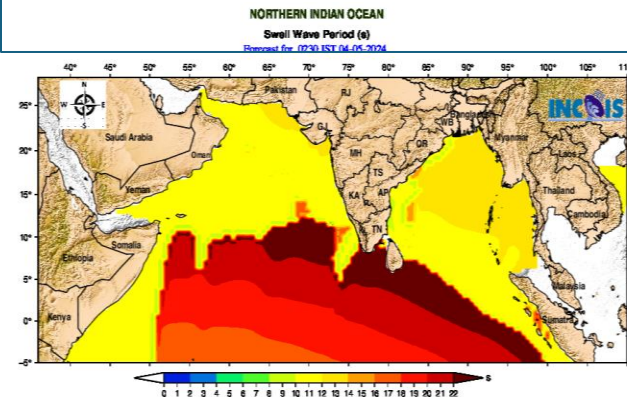
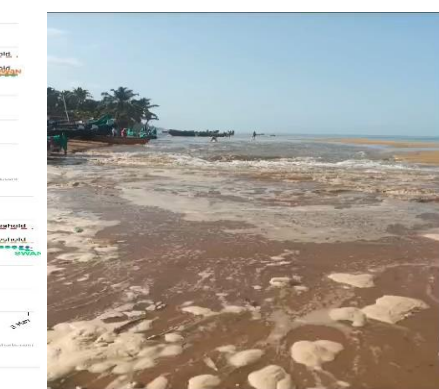
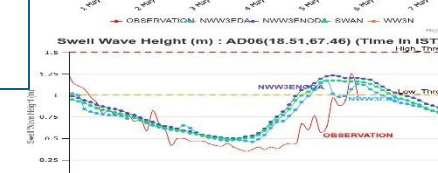
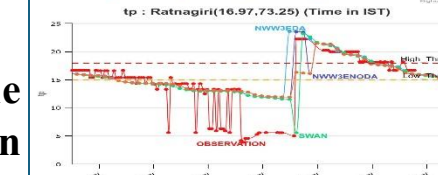
- Swell Surge happened on 31 March 2024 at a few coastal places of Southern India. High swell wave experienced Kerala.
- INCOIS issued Rough Sea/Swell surge Alerts to the respective states/UTs on 29, 30 & 31 Mar2024.
- INCOIS team surveyed the impacted areas in Kerala and observed 120 m max. inundation at Adimalatura, and 1.2 m max wave height at Pozhiyoor.



Rough seas along Kerala coast due to low pressure in South Atlantic Ocean: Report

INCOIS also said that the high waves, which were initially experienced by Lakshadweep and the Kerala coast on the morning of March 31, were likely to be seen over the west coast of India for another two days and then gradually weaken.

- INCOIS issued Swell surge Warning to Kerala, South Tamil Nadu and Lakshadweep, and Alerts to remaining Indian coastal states on 04 & 05 May 2024. About 1.02 cr. SMS disseminated through CAP.
- Swell surges experienced low-lying areas Kerala and TN. As per report from Kerala, low-lying areas got flooded and damages were reported at few scattered coastal districts.
- From WRB and MRB observations, it was evident that swell periods 20-25 sec and swell height 1.2-2.8 m as forecasted by models.
- **This was a success story of INCOIS as we could monitor the oceanic conditions through observations/models and forewarn the coastal states in advance.**



Swell surge in sea off Kanyakumari kills five medics

MADURAI Five medical college students and interns from SSM Medical College Hospital and Trichy Government Medical College Hospital vacationing in Kanyakumari district drowned in the sea off Lemur Beach on Monday due to a swell surge, a phenomenon the India Meteorological Department has been warning for the southern Tamil Nadu coast.

The deceased have been P Saravardhanthi, 23, of Pudukkottai in Kanyakumari district, M Praveen Sam, 23, of Oddanchatram in Dindigul district, B Jayanthi, 25, of Neyyeli, Venkatesh, 24, of Andhra Pradesh, and D Chakrabarti, 23, of Thiruvananthapuram.

They along with S Nishi, 24, of Karur, D Preethi Priyanka, 23, of Pudukkottai in Thiruvananthapuram and S Saranya, 24, of Madurai went to Kanyakumari on Sunday for a wedding.

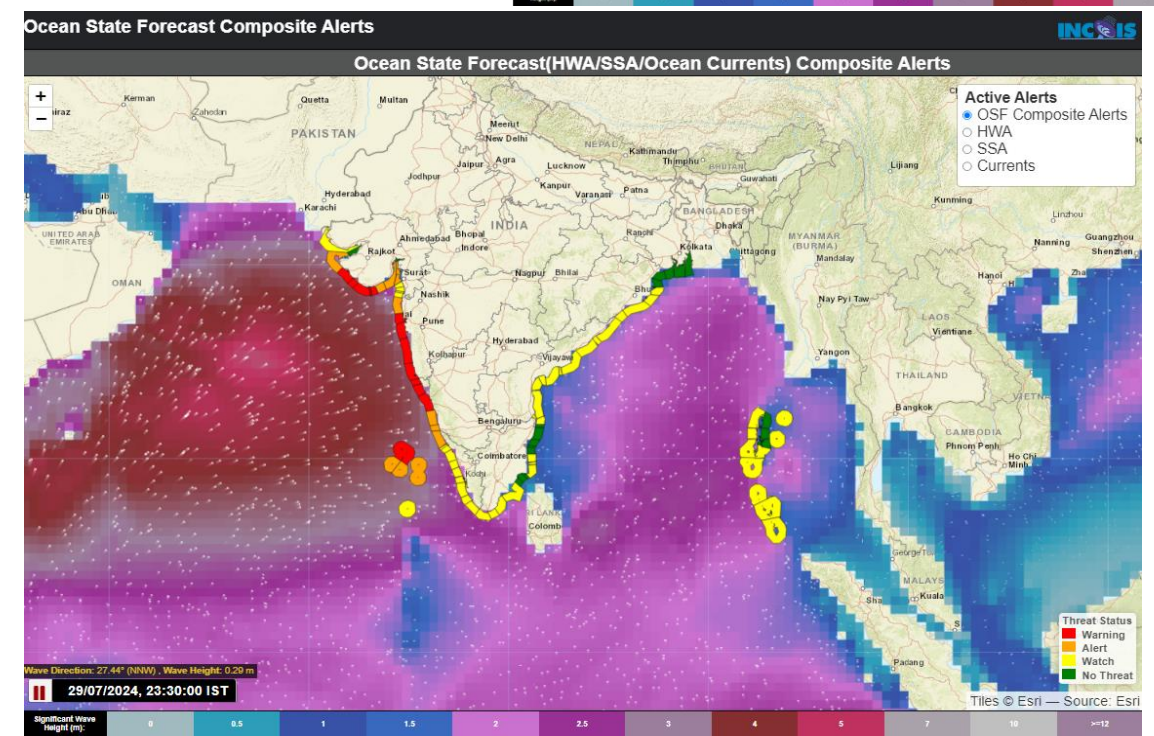
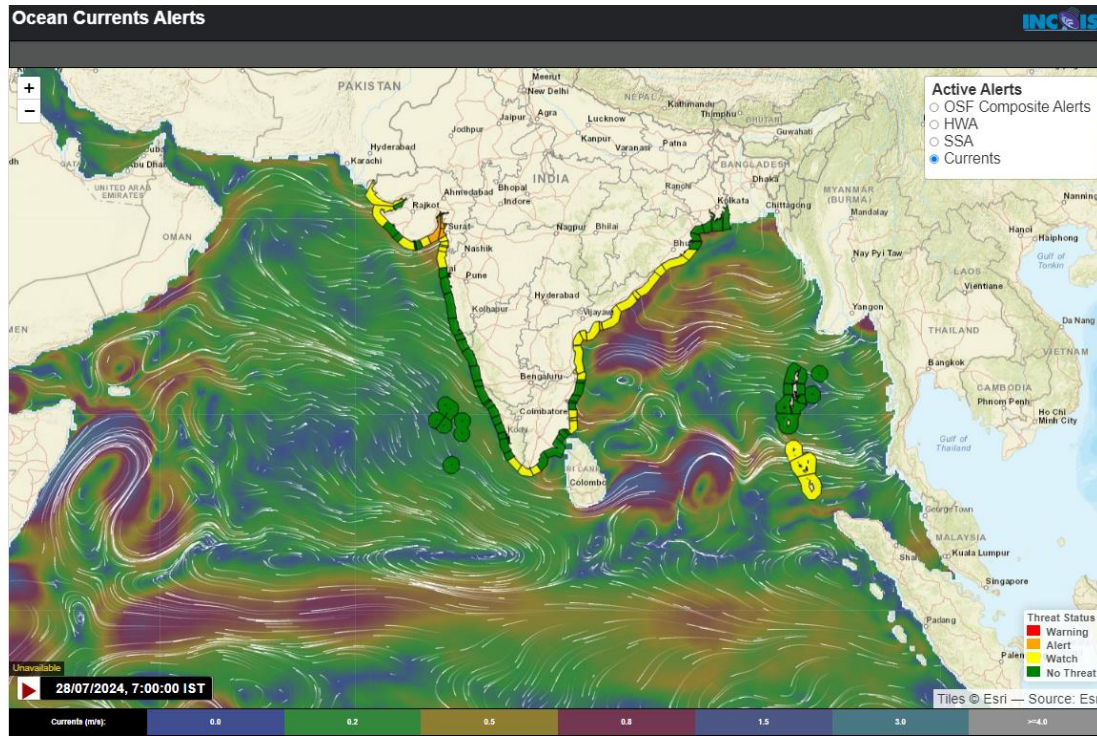
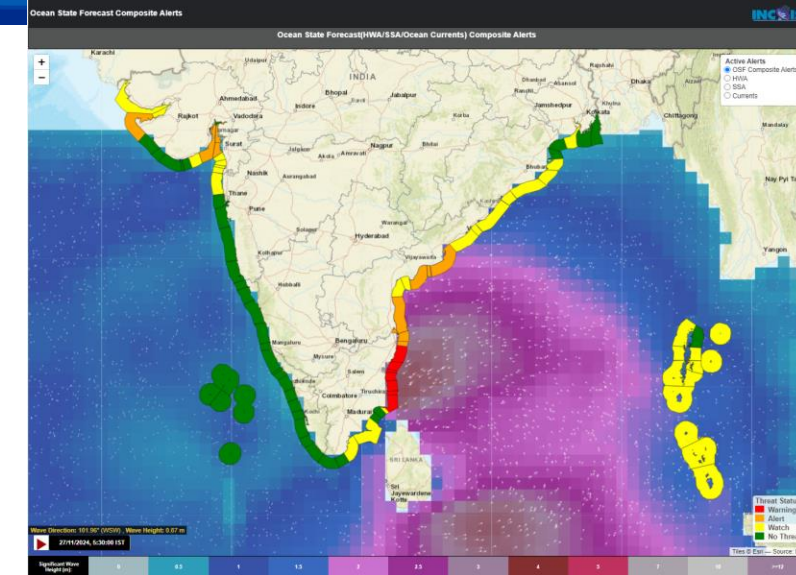
They headed to Thiruvananthapuram on Monday morning but there was not much water in the falls. So, they went to Rajakkamangalam area from where they went to nearby Lemur Beach off the Arabian Sea. While they were playing on the beach, a massive wave (swell surge) swept them away into the sea.

Fishermen, who heard the commotion, rushed to their aid and managed to rescue Nishi, Preethi Priyanka and Saranya. They were rushed to Government Medical College Hospital in Asargalam where Nishi's condition remains critical. The dead bodies of the five medics were recovered from the sea and were sent to Asargalam Government Medical College Hospital for postmortem.

With them, the death toll from the swell surge increased to eight in Kanyakumari district in the last three days. A...

High Wave and Currents Alerts

SURAT - [ALERT]	HIGH WAVE WATCH	High Wave Watch for the coast of SURAT, GUJARAT from Kosamba (Mangelvad) To Bhimpur. High waves in the range of 1.9 - 2.0 meters are forecasted during 08:30 hours on 29-07-2024 to 17:30 hours on 30-07-2024. It advised that no immediate action is required. Check for updates.	28-07-2024
	OCEAN CURRENT ALERT	Ocean Currents Alert for the coast of SURAT, GUJARAT from Kosamba (Mangelvad) To Bhimpur. Surface current speeds in the range of 1.2 - 1.8 m/sec are forecasted during 16:00 hours on 28-07-2024 to 19:00 hours on 30-07-2024. It advised that Harbour & marine operations to be careful.	28-07-2024



INCOIS-IMD Joint Bulletins during Extreme Events- SCS Remal

midnight of today, the 26th may 2024 as a severe cyclonic storm with maximum sustained wind speed of 110-120 kmph gusting to 135 kmph. Forward sector of wall cloud region is entering into land. The landfall process has commenced over coastal areas of Bangladesh and adjoining West Bengal. It will continue for next 4 hours.

High Wave/Ocean State Warning/Alert for West Bengal, Odisha, Andaman, Nicobar, Tamil Nadu South, Tamil Nadu North, and Andhra Pradesh: West Bengal:

Table: Forecasted wave height, swell height and maximum wave height for coastal region into the ocean upto 10 km off West Bengal.

Location	From (IST)	To (IST)	Significant Height (m)	Wave	Swell Height (m)
Digha	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.6 – 7.1		1.7 – 3.5
Pargana Sagar	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.7 – 7.2		1.5 – 3.6
Purba Medinipur	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.5 – 7.1		1.8 – 3.6
South Paraganas	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.7 – 7.0		1.7 – 3.4

Offshore: High waves in the range of 3.5 – 7.2 meters are forecasted during 22:50 hours on 26-05-2024 to 11:30 hours of 27-05-2024 beyond 10 km off the coast of West Bengal from Digha to Bakkhali. Surface Current speeds vary between 60 - 120 cm/sec

Odisha

Table: Forecasted wave height and swell height for coastal region into the ocean upto 10 km off Odisha

Location	From (IST)	To (IST)	Significant Height (m)	Wave	Swell Height (m)
Ganjam	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.5 – 6.5		1.7 – 3.2
Puri	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.4 – 6.5		1.6 – 3.3
Jagatsinghpur	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.4 – 6.6		1.7 – 3.4
Kendrapada	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.5 – 6.6		1.8 – 3.3
Bhadrak	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.4 – 6.7		1.8 – 3.3
Balasore	22:50 hrs, 26-05-2024	11:30 hrs, 27-05-2024	3.6 – 6.7		1.7 – 3.4

Offshore: High waves in the range of 3.5 – 6.7 meters are forecasted during 22:50 hours on 26-05-2024 to 11:30 hours of 27-05-2024 beyond 10 km off the coast of Odisha from Gopalpur to Chandipur. Surface Current speeds vary between 50 - 120 cm/sec.

INCOIS issued Joint Bulletins for the severe cyclonic storm Remal during 24-26 May 2024

Mode	Number
SMS Alerts (through CAP platform)	17,71,782
NO. of INCOIS-IMD Joint Bulletins Issued	14
Bulletins sent to emails	5,040
No. of NAVIC messages	12

Storm Surge Early Warnings

S.N o.	Cyclone Name	Duration	No. Bulletins / Products Issued
1	Severe Cyclonic Storm REMAL	24-May-2024 to 28-May-2024	14

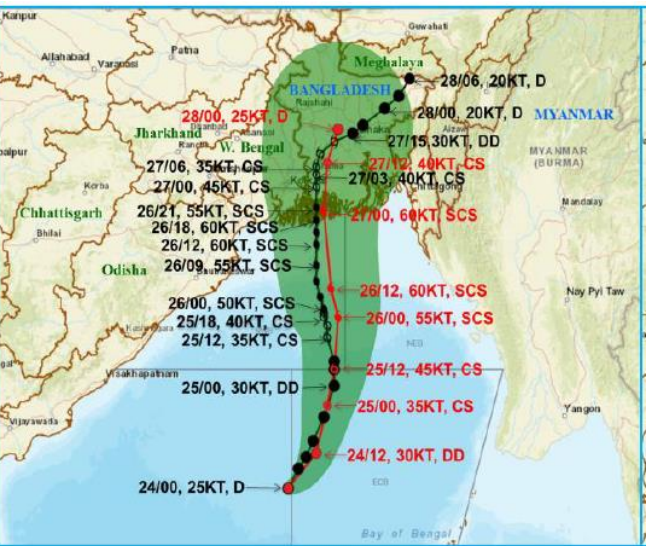
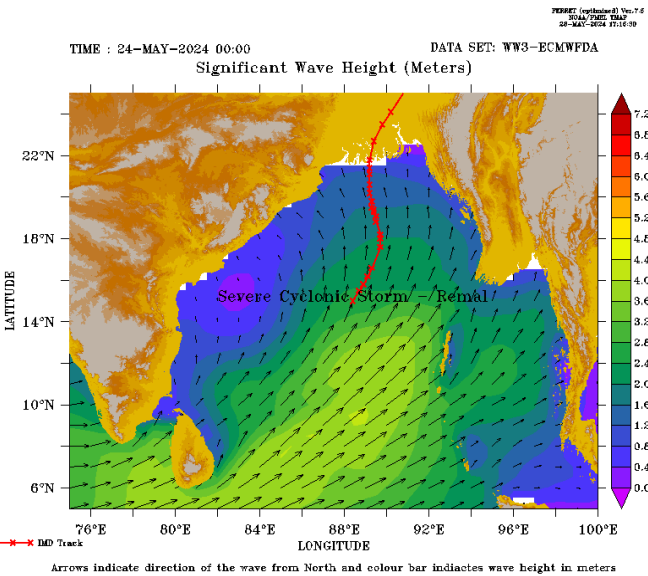
EVENT SUMMARY:

Cyclone Name	FENGAL [pronounced as FEENJAL]
Place of Land Fall	North Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram close to Puducherry
Time of Land Fall	Evening of 30th November
Wind Speed at the time of landfall	70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph
Expected Maximum Storm Surge *	Around 0.7 m
Expected Maximum Inundation Extent	Upto 0.13 km

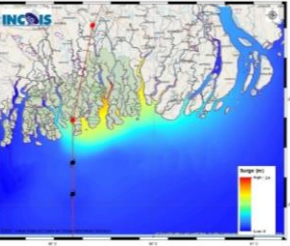
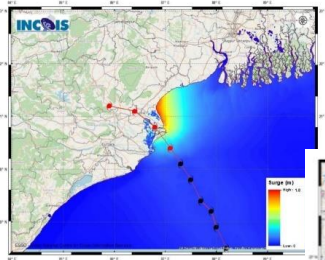
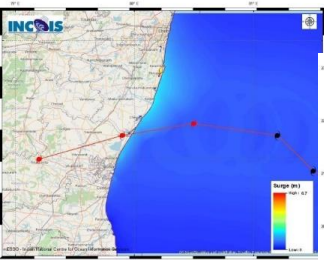
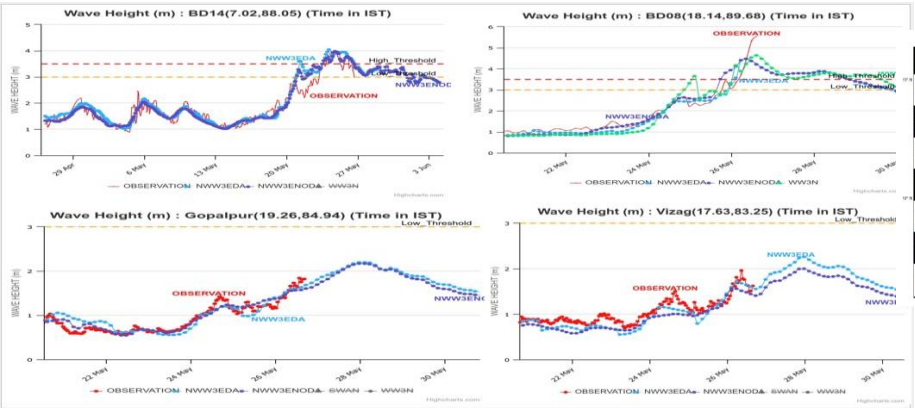
STORM SURGE HEIGHT INFORMATION:

* The below listed surge heights are over and above astronomical tide.

MANDAL/ TALUK	DISTRICT	STATE / UNION TERRITORY	NEAREST PLACE OF HABITATION	STORM SURGE (m)*	EXPECTED INUNDATION EXTENT (km)
	icheerapuram	Tamil Nadu	Muthukadu	0.2-0.7	Upto 0.13



Observation and forecast comparisons

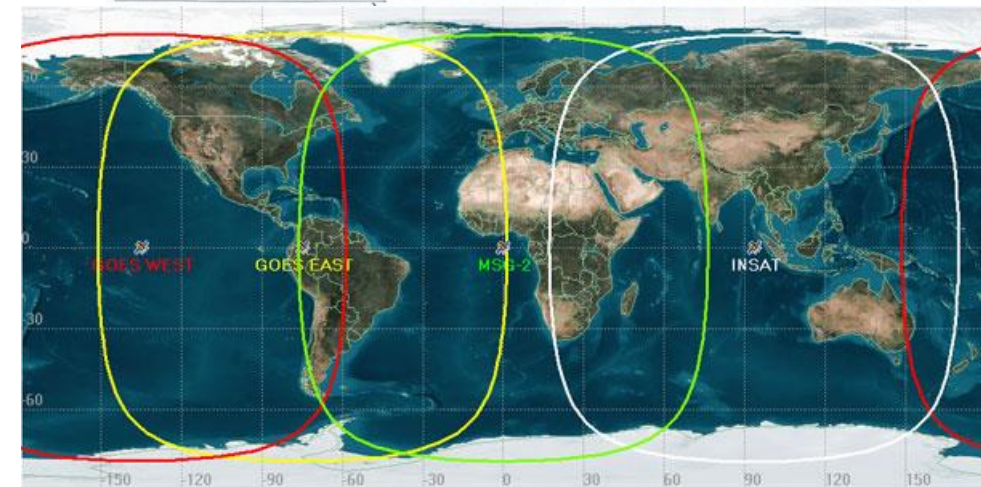
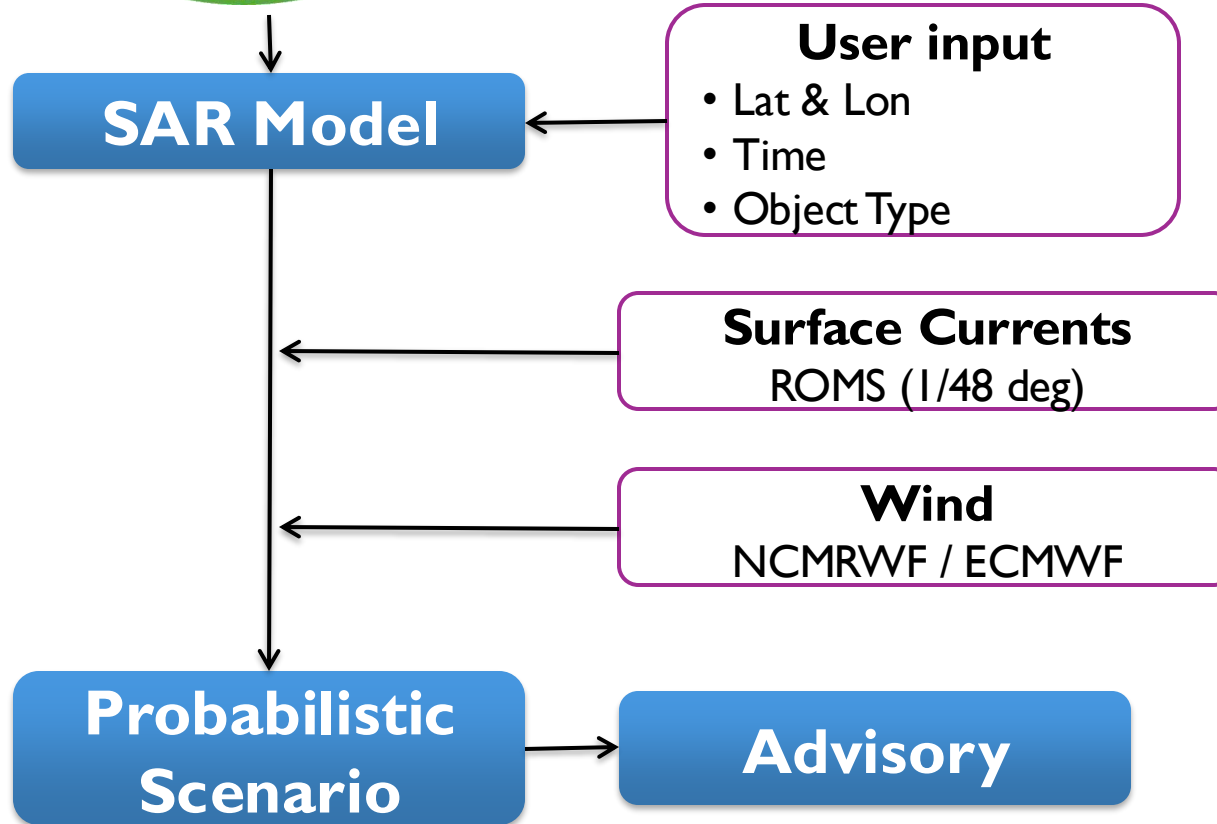
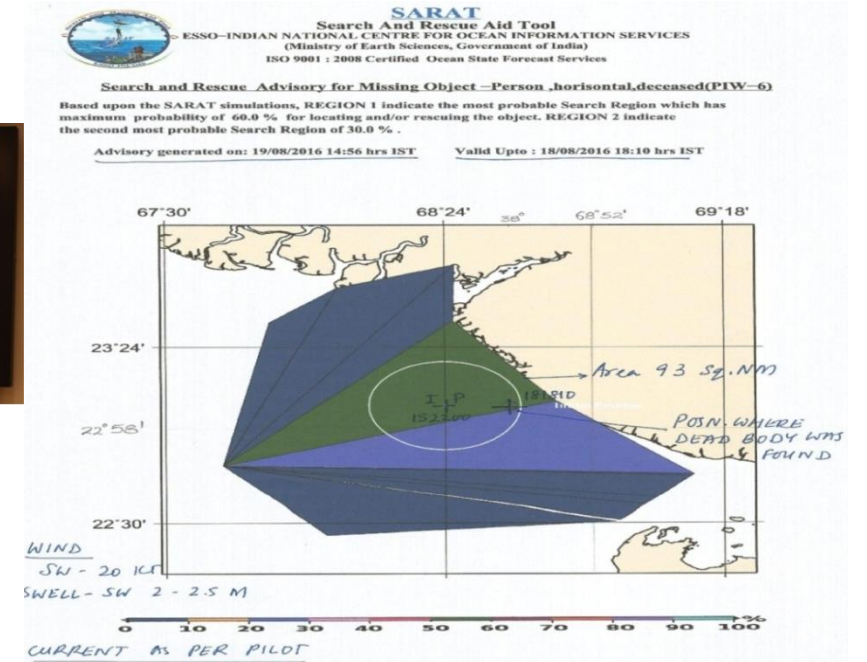


Storm surge forecast for SCS REMAL, SCS DANA and CS FENGAL respectively

IMD Track

Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT)

Based on the SARAT Advisory, The Indian Coast Guard successfully located the deceased within the most probable region



A geostationary orbiting search and rescue (GEOSAR) constellation with SAR instrument packages

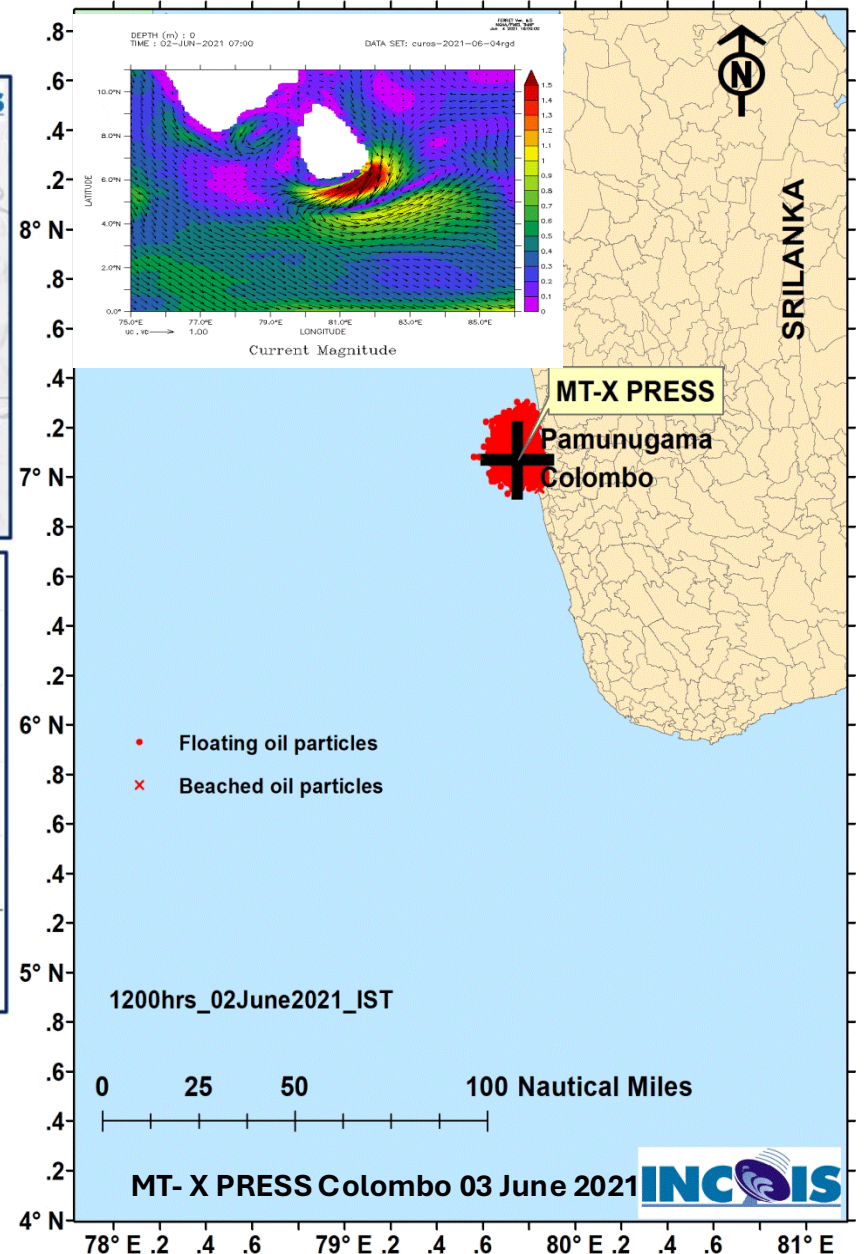
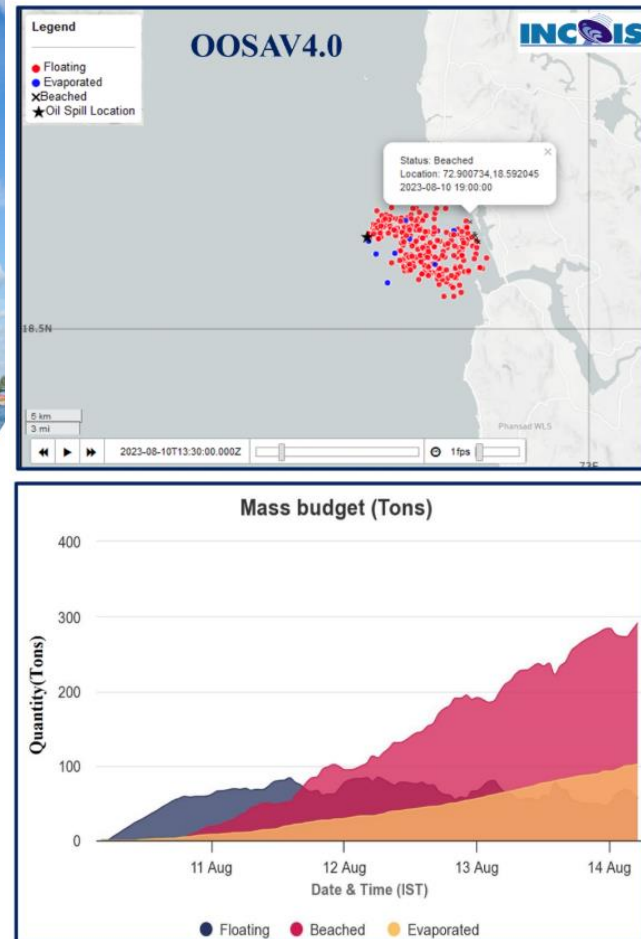
Oil Spill Trajectories



ONLINE OIL SPILL ADVISORY (OOSA)

- Delivers the trajectory of the spilled oil, which can enable the oil spill responders to plan their clean up activity
- Minimize the impact of oil spills on the marine ecosystem and on the aquatic organisms

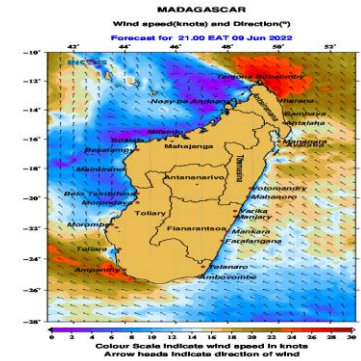
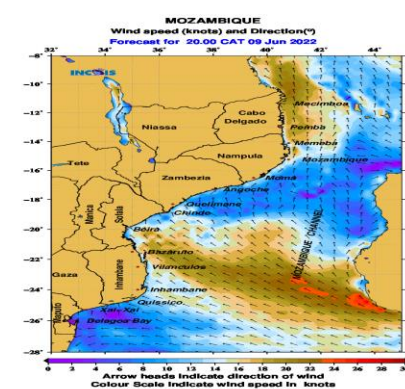
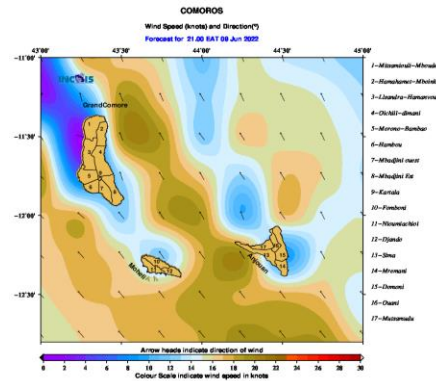
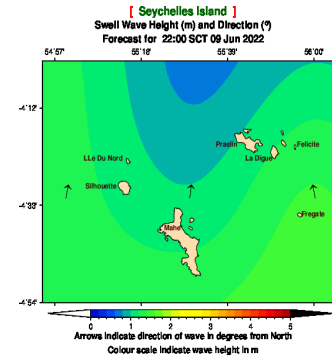
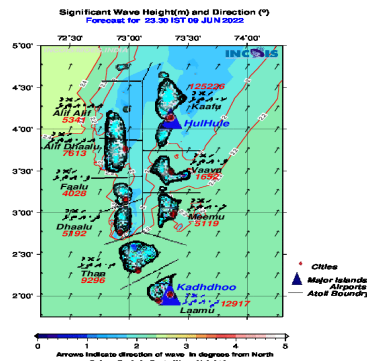
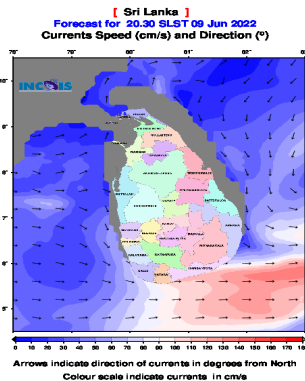
OOSA Web Interface



Ocean Services for RIMES member States

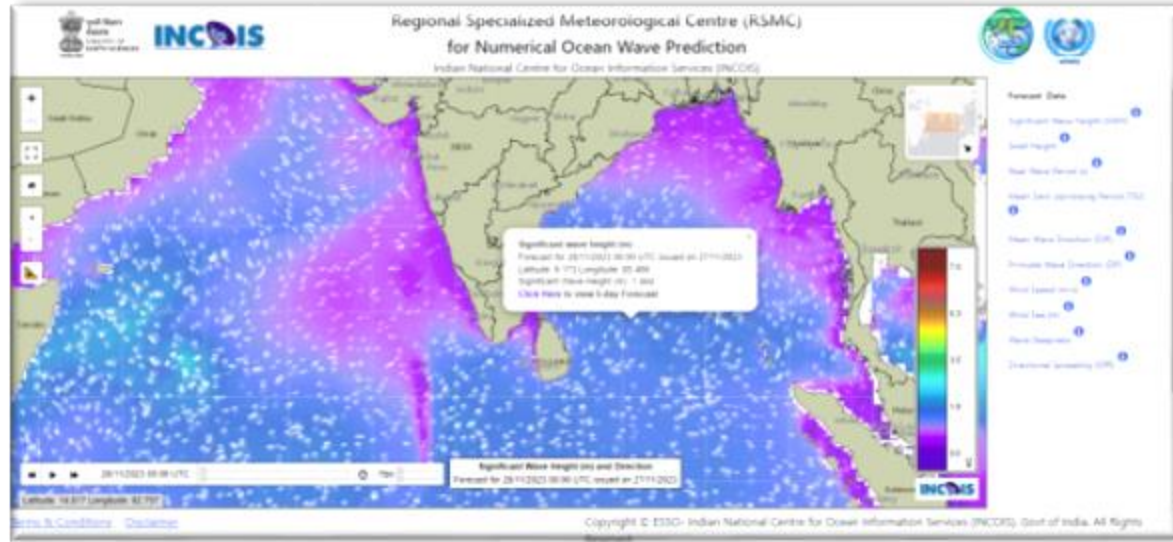
INCOIS provides Ocean Services to RIMES countries (Maldives, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Comoros, Madagascar and Mozambique) – 3-day forecast

	Parameters									
Country	Wave	Wave period	Swell	Swell period	Wind	Sea Surface Temperature	Mixed Layer Depth	Surface Currents	Location Specific stations	High Wave Alert
Maldives (3 regions separately)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	21	Yes
Seychelles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	Yes
Sri Lanka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	22	Yes
Comoros	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	Yes
Madagascar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	Yes
Mozambique	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	16	Yes

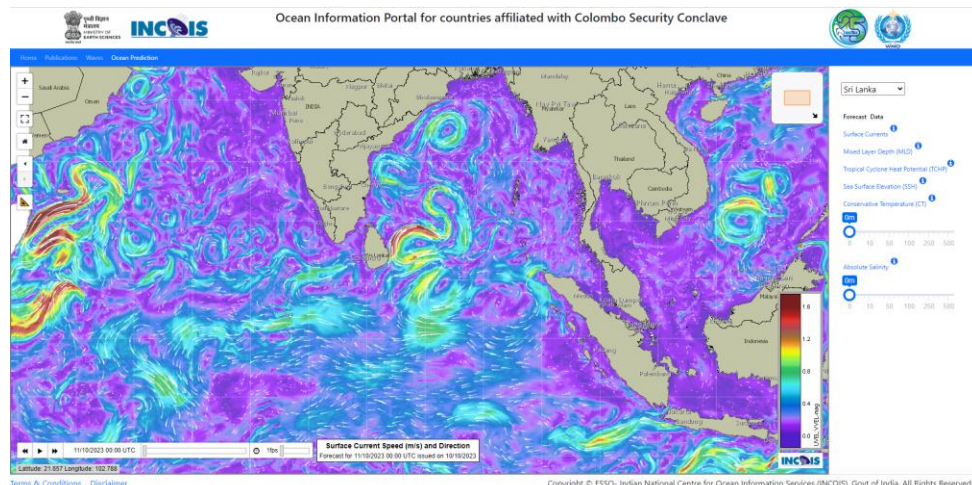


Ocean Services for International Users

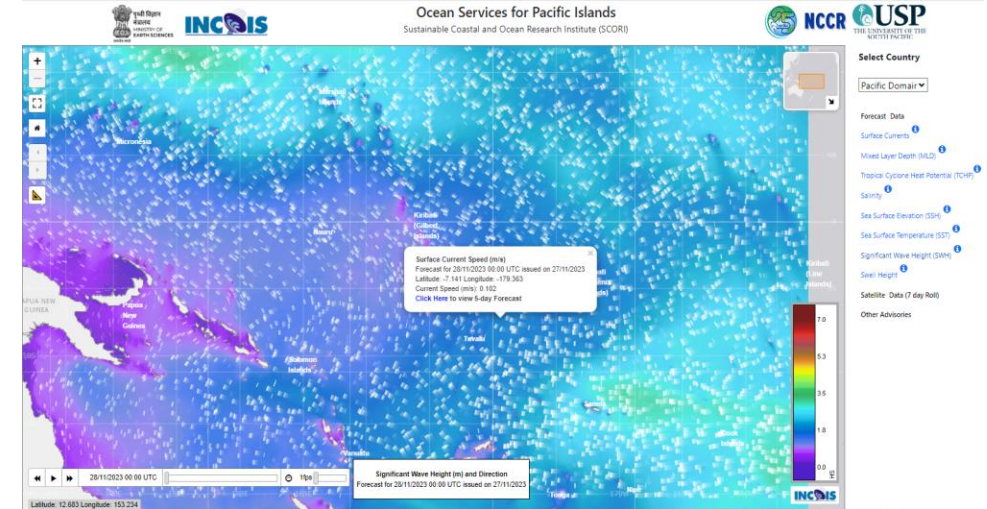
Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) services for Indian Ocean under WMO framework



Ocean Information services under the regional framework of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)

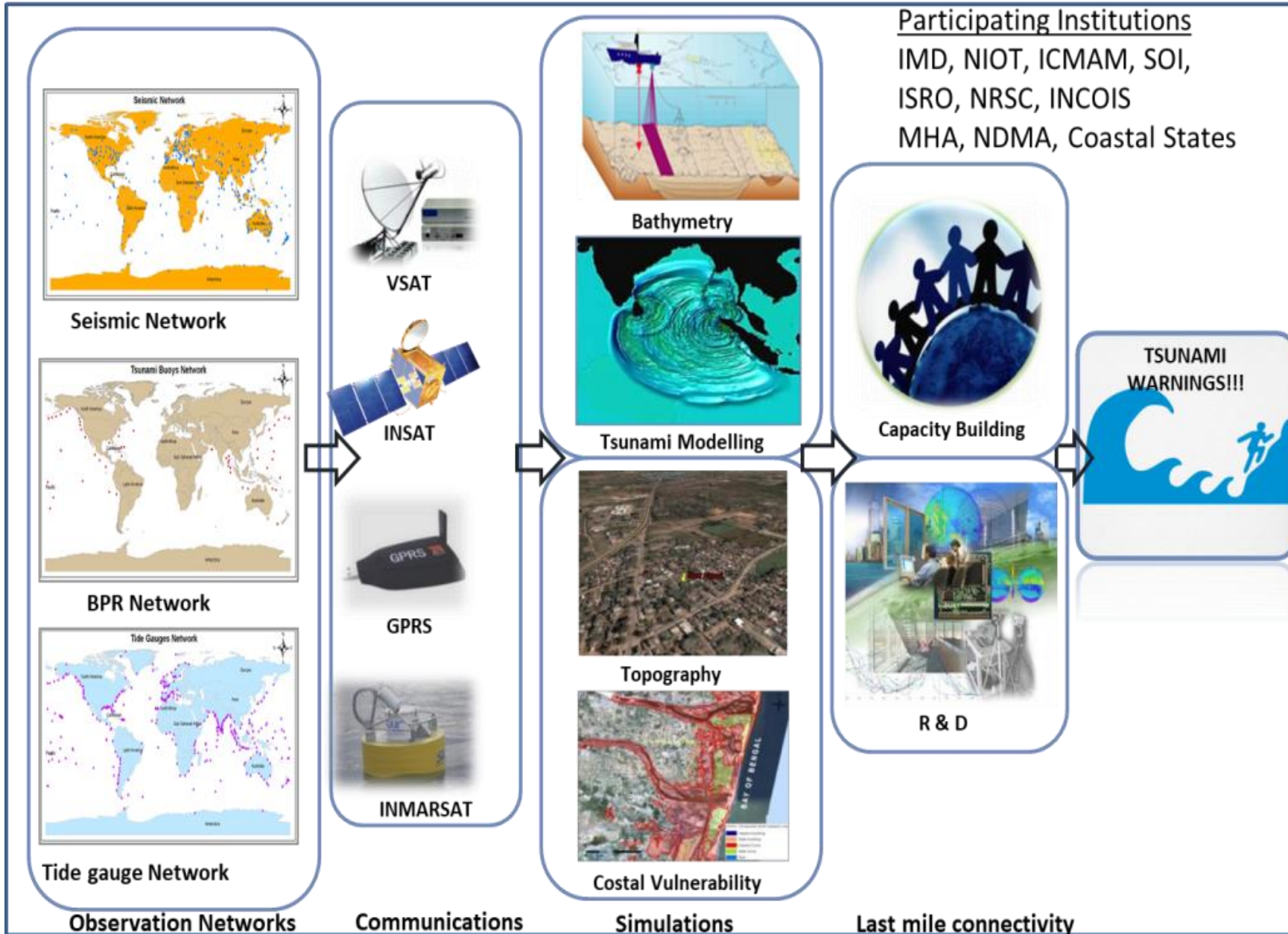


Ocean Services for Pacific Island Countries

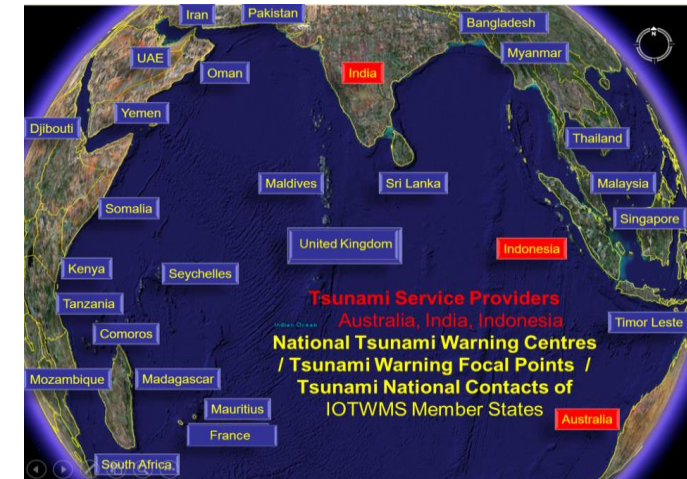


- Tsunami Services for Indian Ocean rim countries
- Ocean RSMC services for Indian Ocean
- Ocean services for Pacific Islands countries
- Ocean Services for RIMES member states
- Ocean Services for CSC countries
- Others

Tsunami Early Warning Services



Indian Tsunami Early Warning



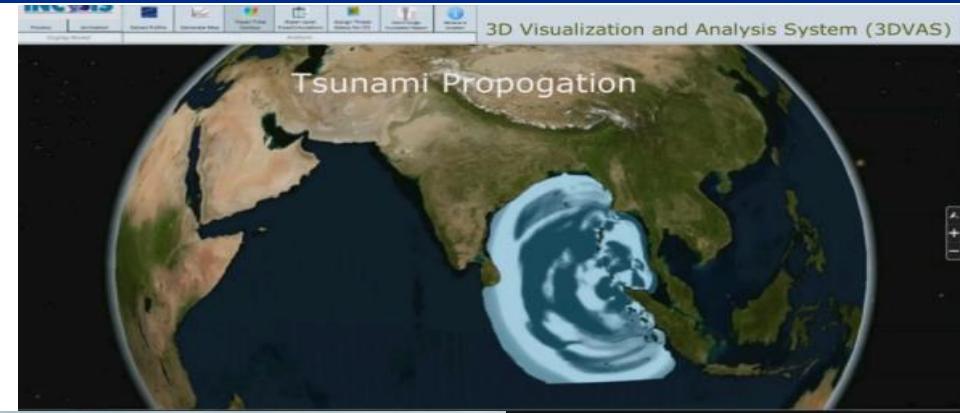
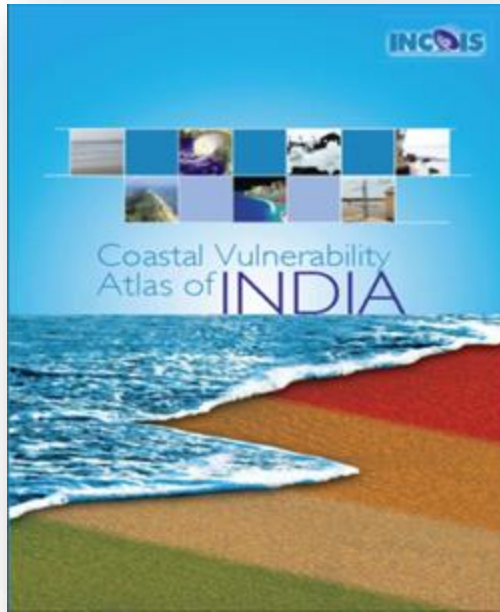
Regional Tsunami Early Warning Services



Coastal Multi Hazard Vulnerability Assessments

Coastal Vulnerability Atlas

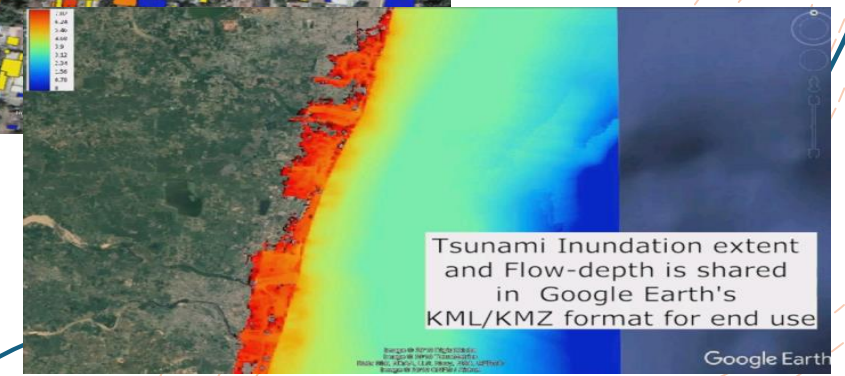
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Multi-hazard Vulnerability Map



Coastal Inundation – 3D Mapping



Information Dissemination Modes

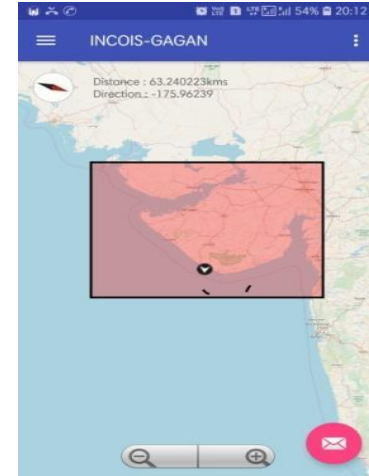


GAGAN based GEMINI
Satellite based Solution

INCOIS



Simple & Easy Integration
Economic
Plug & Play



- Key role by Mobile based dissemination methods
- Active catalyst role by NGO's and Partner institutes

CAP-Sachet

SAMUDRA Mobile App



Android

QR Codes for SAMUDRA



iOS

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ദൂരം- 28 km, സമുദ്രം ആഴം- 30 m

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20°27.66"N, 69°31.23"E, ദിശ - SW (220°),
അകലം- 94 km, ദിശ- 87 m

Multilingual SMS Services

Similar number of
fishermen also must be
receiving the
information from
secondary channels

2014 0.82 Lakhs

2015 1.17 Lakhs

2016 2.23 Lakhs

2017 3.09 Lakhs

2018 4.02 Lakhs

2019 6.75 Lakhs

2020 07 Lakhs

Registered Mobile Users



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