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**NATIONAL REPORT**

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

**1. Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Local Tsunami (when a local tsunami hazard exists)**

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- *What is the threshold or criteria for declaring a potential tsunami emergency?*

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- *What organization acts on the information provided by the agency responsible for characterizing the potential tsunami threat?*

The National Headquarter for the Civil Defence (Estado Mayor Nacional de la Defensa Civil - EMNDC).
  
- *How is the tsunami information (warning, public safety action, etc) disseminated within country? Who is it disseminated to?*

The National Headquarter for the Civil Defence (Estado Mayor Nacional de la Defensa Civil - EMNDC) a través de los medios de comunicación estatales.
  
- *How is the emergency situation terminated?*

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**5) Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures for a Distant Tsunami (when a distant tsunami hazard exists)**

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**5) National Sea Level Network**

*Please include a table with position and description of stations/sensors, and a map.*

All sea level stations are managed by National Sea Level Network / Red Mareográfica Nacional (RMN) belongs to Geocuba Geodesa of Ministry of the Revolutionary Armed Forces (Figure 1).

No	Tide Gauge	Latitud N	Longitud W	Tecnología
1	Los Morros,	21°53'58"	84°54'24"	RADAR, A
2	Mariel	23°01'09	82°45'16	RADAR, A
3	Siboney	23°05'34"	82°28'13"	RADAR, A
4	Habana	23°08'03"	82°20'17"	RADAR, A, FS
5	La Isabela	22°56'24"	80°00'47"	RADAR, A
6	Playa Victoria	22°22'58"	79°12'05"	RADAR, A
7	Cayo Coco	22°28'59"	78°18'29"	RADAR, A
8	Nuevitas Bufadero	21°33'35"	77°14'12"	ANALOGICA
9	Nuevitas Pta. de Prácticos	21°36'11"	77°05'53"	RADAR,A
10	Puerto Padre	21°12'06"	76°35'59"	ANALOGICA, FS
11	Gibara	21°06'29"	76°07'30"	RADAR, A
12	Baracoa	20°20'31"	74°29'26"	RADAR, SA
13	Maisí	20°14'48"	74°08'41"	ANALÓGICA
14	Baitiquirí	20°01'35"	74°51'32"	RADAR, A
15	Daiquirí	19°55'15"	75°38'30"	RADAR, A
16	Santiago de Cuba	19°59'05"	75°52'30"	RADAR, A, FS
17	Cabo Cruz	19°50'23"	77°43'41"	RADAR, A, FS
18	Manzanillo	20°20'17"	77°08'49"	RADAR, A
19	Santa Cruz del Sur	20°41'57"	77°59'33"	ANALOGICA
20	Casilda	21°45'11"	79°59'30"	ANALOGICA, FS
21	Cayo Loco	22°09'06"	80°27'17"	RADAR, SA
22	Carapachibey	21°26'53"	82°55'18"	RADAR, A, FS
23	La Coloma	22°14'12"	83°34'18"	RADAR, A

A: automatic tide gauge SA: semi-automatic tide gauge FS: out of service at present  
 Shortly, Santiago de Cuba is transitioning to RADAR, A.

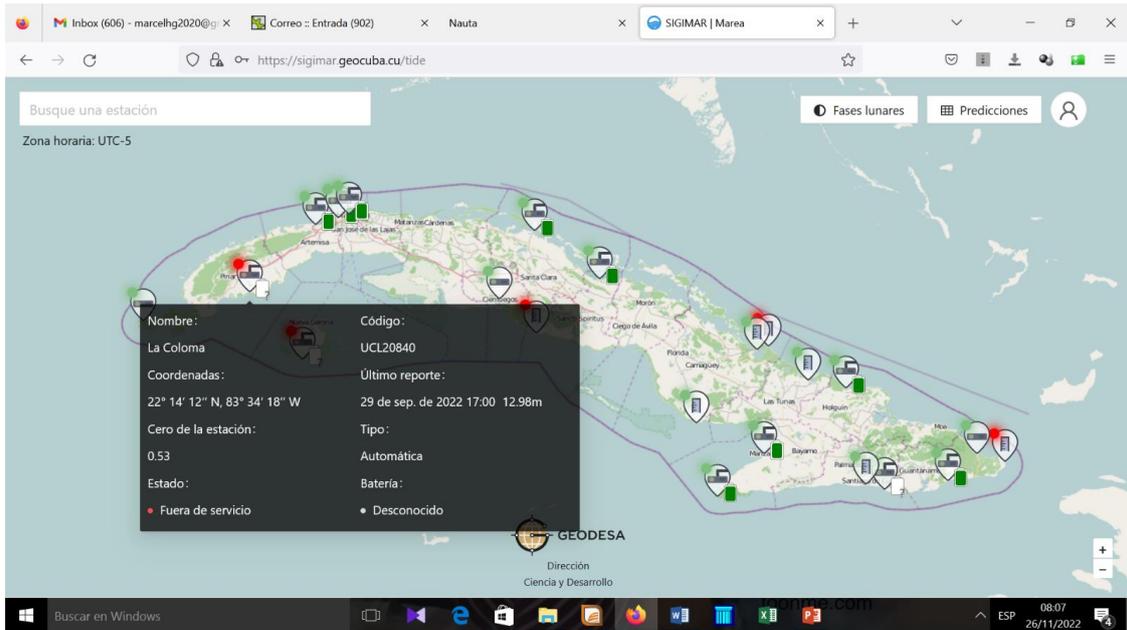


Figure 1. National sea level network 2021.

### 6) Information on Tsunami occurrences

*Please include sea level observations, pictures, wave arrival descriptions, public, media, or other responses to warnings, lessons learned, etc.*

During the intersessional period, there was no tsunami event in the country.

### 7) Web sites (URLs) of national tsunami-related web sites

- <http://www.cenais.cu/cenais/>
- <https://sigimar.geocuba.cu/>
- <http://www.insmet.cu/>

### 8) Summary plans of future tsunami warning and mitigation system improvements

*This information will be used to aid the development of the CARIBE-EWS Implementation Plan.*

The Cuban priorities are:

The establishment of real time national and international sea level high frequency data real time transmission of National Tide Network.

Improve evacuation maps for the most threatened coastal localities. Systematically update tsunami hazard, vulnerability, and risk studies.

## **NATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES INFORMATION**

### 9) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*Brief statement of no more than one page addressing all items discussed in the Narrative section of the National Report (below).*

1. Computerized tsunami tools and operational models have been implemented to work at CENAIIS (for operational and research purpose) INSMET (only for research).
2. Tsunamogenic sources with higher probability of impact for Cuba have been identified and the methodological guidelines for tsunami risk studies in Cuba are available.
3. Evacuation maps in case of tsunami events are being created and implemented for Baracoa City.
4. The investment process that has guaranteed a GNSS, National Tide Gauge and Seismological networks at a national level has continued.

## 10) NARRATIVE

*Detailed description of innovations or modifications to National tsunami warnings procedures or operations since last National Report, tsunami research projects, tsunami mitigation activities and best practices (especially in preparedness and emergency management), tsunami exercises, as well as public education programmes or other measures taken to heighten awareness of the tsunami hazard and risk.*



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