



Improving Data Access through Standards-based Metadata and Web Map Services

Access to Natural Hazards Data



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Increasing Coastal Risks



- Coastal population increasing globally
 - As of 2003, 53% of the USA population lived on the coasts
 - Coastal population expected to increase by 10% by 2015
- Increasing risk and December 2004 Tsunami prompted study
 - Tsunami Risk Reduction for the United States: A Framework for Action (December 2005)
 - U.S. plan for developing tsunami-resilient communities and international coordination
 - Informed decisionmaking essential to minimize impact of natural disaster on communities
 - Need for integrated, global data as a basis for informed decisionmaking is greater than





GEOSS and the WDC



The Global Earth Observation System of Systems

- –GEO 2006 Disaster-related Task: Promote and facilitate free and unrestricted exchange of all Earth observation data relevant to tsunami early warning systems.
- Seeks to meet the need for timely, quality long-term global information
- Facilitates exchange of data and information
- Improves decision-makers' abilities to address pressing policy issues

The World Data Center System

 The WDC for Solid Earth Geophysics, Boulder has responsibility for global tsunami data and the ability to deliver integrated access to these data





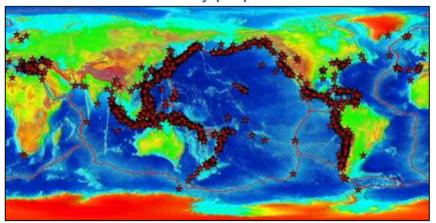
Data Required for Tsunami Mitigation



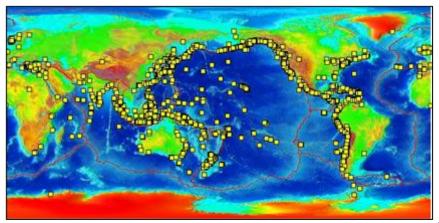
- Real-time data needs Identifying danger and alerting at-risk areas
 - Seismic data for events of magnitude 6 and greater
 - Tsunameter data for deep-ocean verification (or cancellation) of event
 - Coastal water level data (stations registering tsunami arrival)
- Record of the past to prepare for the future
 - Past Tsunami Source Events (where, what, when, how big, how bad)
 - Tsunami Runup Locations (where, when, how high, what impact)
 - Imagery and descriptions of past damage preserving visual record

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- Data for forecast models to improve warnings and minimize damage
 - Deep-ocean bathymetry tsunami travel times and propagation models
 - Local community preparedness near-shore relief data for inundation models



Events Generating Tsunamis



Tsunami Runup Locations

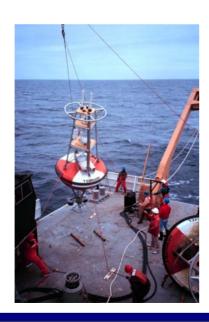


Acquisition, Dissemination & Archive



Discuss data management for two tsunami-monitoring data streams

- Deep-ocean water level data from NOAA DART
- Coastal water level data from NOAA CO-OPS







NOAA Deep-Ocean Tsunameter Network

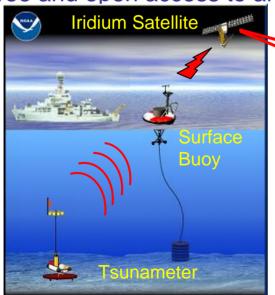


Real-time Event Data

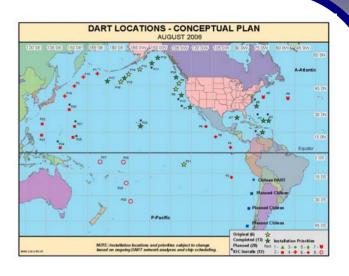
 15-second averages sent to NDBC and to NOAA Message Gateway; then to Warning Centers

Retrospective High Resolution Data

- Retrieve buoy every 2-5 years
- Event and full-resolution data sent to NGDC/WDC archive
- Free and open access to archive



Red = real-time Black = retrospective







NOAA Coastal Water Level Network









GOES Satellite









Water Level Station

- (6) Averaged 1-min WL values plus
- Averaged 6-min WL value Back-up records 15-second data: available via phone or serial download

Every 6 minutes for 68 stations in AK, West Coast and Pacific Islands

QA/QC and load into **Database Server**



Tsunami Warning Centers





Web and FTP Servers

Web and FTP access to quality data and metadata from >200 coastal stations

Moving towards XML delivery and community standards.



Data Delivery Strategies Employed



- Follow International Standards Organization (ISO) metadata standard
 - Open access to metadata
 - Spatially-enabled relational databases
 - XML native databases and files
 - Formatted text
 - Publish and maintain metadata in a variety of catalogs and clearinghouses
- Move towards XML & GML description of data
 - Utilize Geography Markup Language to describe geographic content
 - Work with scientific community for standard XML syntax defining data
- Archive accessible on-line or near-line (robotic tape system)
 - Spatially-enabled relational databases
 - Support Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)
 - Multiple delivery formats
 - International and community standard XML / GML
 - Net-CDF
 - ASCII



Metadata Standards



Metadata: A record of information capturing the basic characteristics of a data or information resource. It represents the who, what, when, where, why and how of data.

The major uses of metadata are: BPR Data for D171_2003 20030501 to 20040501 HTML Metadata from the NOAA Metadata Manager and Repository (NMMR) · Identification Information · Data Quality Information . Entry and Attribute Information Distribution Information · Metadata Reference Information · Platform and Mission Information · Instrument Information <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?> <metadata> Identification Information: XML Dataset Identifier: <datsetid>gov.noaa.ngdc.dart_bpr:D171_2003</datsetid> D171 2003 <citation> Citation - <citeinfo> Citation Information <origin>DOC/NOAA/OAR/PMEL > Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, OAR, NOAA, U.S. Departme Commerce </origin> DOCMOAA <origin>DOC/NOAA/NWS/NDBC > National Data Buoy Center, National Weather Service, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce </origin> DOCMOAA Publication Date: <title>BPR Data for D171 2003 20030501 to 20040501</title> 20060421 <onlink>http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/seg/hazard/DARTData.shtml <onlink>http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/dart.shtml</onlink> BPR Data for <CI OnlineResource> Search <linkage>http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/seg/hazard/DARTData.shtml</linkage> Data access to cprotocol>http <name>Historic DART/BPR Data On-line</name> <description>Data access to historic DART/BPR data obtained from PMEL and NDBC.</description> Access to real <function>005</function> Description </CI OnlineResource> Abstract: <CI OnlineResource> As part of the U.S. N <linkage>http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/dart.shtml</linkage> maintain and improve cprotocol>http generating destructive <name>Real-time DART Data On-line</name> pressure recorder (B) <description>Access to real-time DART data at NDBC.</description> The data are then rela PMEL The National <function>005</function> Purpose </CI OnlineResource> </citeinfo> </citation> <abstract>As part of the U.S. National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP), the Deep Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis (DART) Project is an ongoing effort to maintain and improve the capability for the early detection and real-time reporting of tsunamis in the open ocean. DART stations have been sited in regions with a history of generating destructive tsunamis to ensure early detection of tsunamis and to acquire data critical to real-time forecasts. DART systems consist of an anchored seafloor bottom

- provide information about data holdings to catalogues and clearinghouses
- provide information to process and interpret data from an external source



NOAA CO-OPS XML Data Schema



XML Example for Tidal Constituents

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XML File Sample:

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<longitude>124.183</longitude>

<mean_depth></mean_depth>

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Repeatable for # of constituents

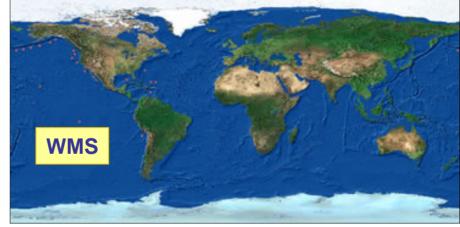
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OGC Standards - Sharing Image Data



- OGC Web Map Service (WMS)
 - allows client overlay of map images
 - display from multiple Web Map Services
- Tsunami data available via WMS
 - DART Tsunameter data
 - Global event data
 - Global runup data
 - Global bathymetry / elevation data
- In progress
 - Linking coastal water level data (NOAA and GLOSS)





OGC Standards - Sharing Data Values



- OGC Web Feature Service (WFS)
 - Allows client to retrieve geospatial data encoded in Geography Markup Language (GML)
 - Retrieval from multiple Web Feature Services
- Coming soon: Tsunami data available via WFS
 - DART Tsunameter data
 - Global event data
 - Global runup data
 - Global coastal water level data
- Data stored in open databases
 - Integrate the deep-ocean and coastal water level databases

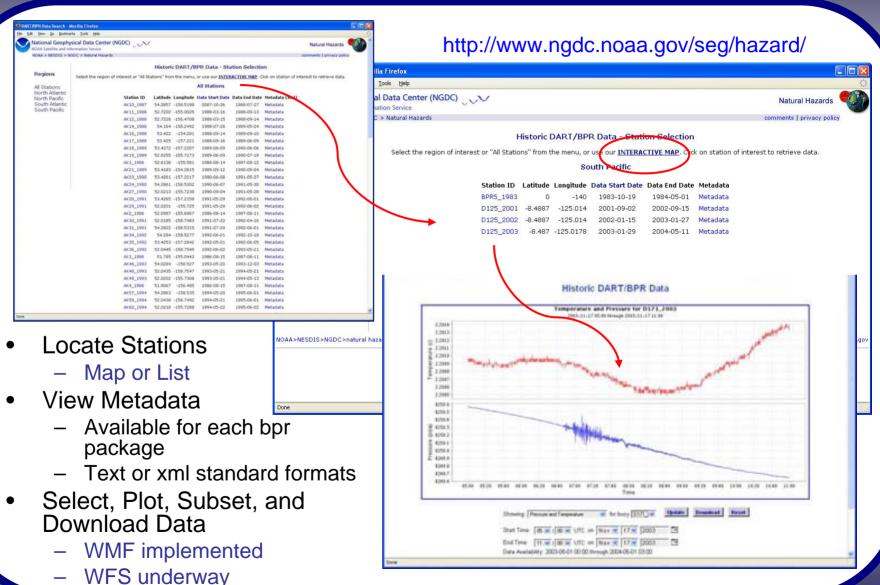
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WFS URL Specifications



Web Interface to Tsunameter Data

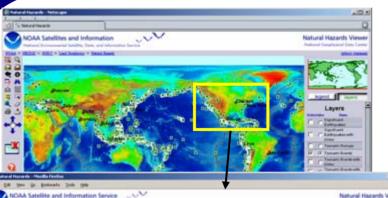






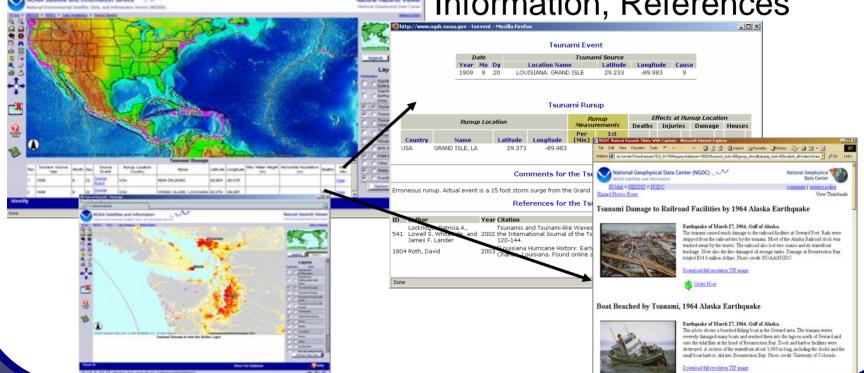
WebMap Access to Tsunami Data





Web maps

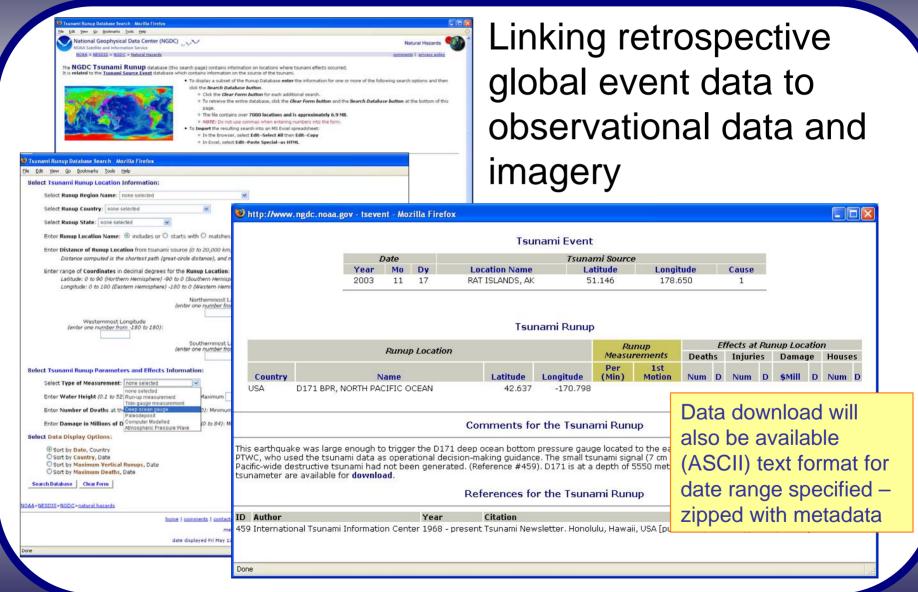
- Operate off the same database
- Provide limited GIS capability
- Are linked to Photos, Additional Information, References





Integrated Tsunami Databases







Opportunities and Requirements



- Increasing need to look at "multi-hazard"
 - Need to describe and provide data for multidisciplinary use
 - Data need to be better described to aid non-expert users
- Advances in web access to databases and GIS technologies
 - Enable powerful search and display options
 - Enable integration of data supporting GEOSS goals
- Improved collaboration on sea-level data exchange and archive
 - Closer community collaboration and exchange of data
 - Participate in data / metadata format discussion
- Continued improvement in global past event database
 - Partnerships with regional experts in Asia
 - Review, document sources, add content
- Rescue tsunami source material (catalogs)
 - Scan catalogs and provide PDF online
 - Entire document or
 - Abstract and citation if under copyright



Summary



Global Science increasing demands

- High-quality multi-disciplinary data for decision making
- Well-documented data in standard formats

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XML GML

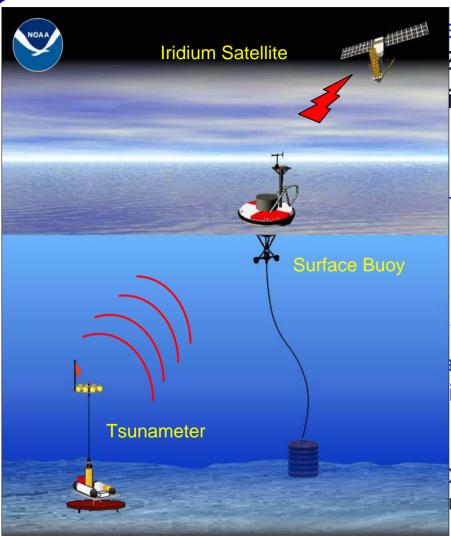


- XML is the rules governing markup of data
- Defined method of describing content, when used with a schema or dtd, enables others to read
- GML is XML "dialect" with well-defined rules and syntax
- GML enables developers to read and understand all documents following standard
- Analogy:
 - XML is the arabic alphabet
 - XML documents could be in French, German, or English and still be valid. Users need to know "dialect" to understand
 - GML is a dialect with well defined dictionary describing what each element means



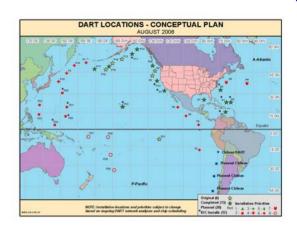
Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation





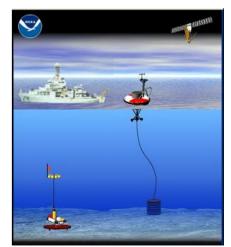
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WDC for SEG - Tsunami Data



- Manage global database of historic events
 - Tsunami and significant earthquake and volcanic events databases 2000 BC to Present
- Manage archive of source documents
 - Tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption
- Manage archive of past event damage imagery
 - Prints, slides, digital imagery of damage
- Manage event-specific sea-lev
 - Marigrams (paper)
 - Retrospective deep-ocean tsunamete
 - Selected Retrospective coastal tide s
- Manage bathymetry and near-street
 relief data
 - Modeling tsunami propagation
 - Modeling tsunami inundation



Tsunamis Affecting Alaska

DAA>NESDIS>NGDC>natural hazard



Information from Many Source Catalogs



Some of the many tsunami catalogs used in the global compilation

Alaska Kamchatka, Kuril Islands West Coast USA Lander Lander, Lockridge, Kozuch **Tsunamis** Tsunamis affecting the West Coast Japan Affecting Alaska lida, Catalog of Tsunamis in Japan and of the United States 1806-1992 1737-1996 its neighboring countries 684-1980 **Central America** Catalog of Tsunamis China, N and S Korea, on the Western Coast Hawaii Philippines, Taiwan of Mexico 1537-1985 Lander, Lockridge Devora, Sanz United States Tsunamis (Including United States Indonesia, Malaysia Possessions) 1690-1988 **South America** Lockridge New Zealand. Tsunamis in Peru-S Pacific Is New Caledonia, New Chile 1562-1985 Guinea, Solomon Is, Vanuatu

Lander, Whiteside, Lockridge, 2003, Two Decades of Global Tsunamis 1982-2001 lida, 1967, Preliminary Catalogue of Tsunamis Occurring in the Pacific Ocean, 173-1967 Soloviev and Go, 1984, A Catalogue of Tsunamis on the Eastern Shore of the Pacific Ocean 1513-1967 Soloviev and Go, 1984, A Catalogue of Tsunamis on the Western Shore of the Pacific Ocean 173-1968 Soloviev, Go, Kim, 1992, Catalog of Tsunamis in the Pacific 1969-1982