



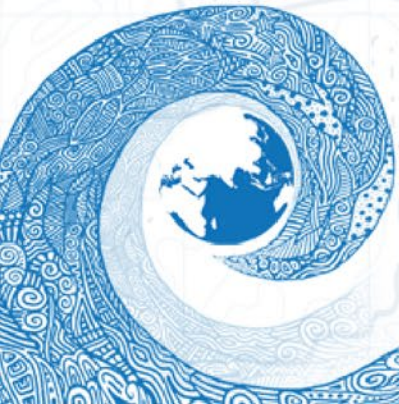
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# **Member State Report for** *Country : Sri Lanka*

Intersessional Meeting of the ICG/IOTWMS November 2021




# Activities

- IOTWMS Communications Test conducted on 9th June 2021
- Preparation of Tsunami Operations Manual for all fourteen (14) coastal districts in the island
- Commemoration of World Tsunami Awareness Day – held on 5th and 8th November 2021



**Note:**

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic imposed government restrictions, work limitations and health guidelines restricted the carrying out the planned Tsunami practical exercises, drills and other public awareness programmes for year 2021.



# Future Plans

- Launching of the documented Tsunami Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) – downstream
- Review developed Tsunami Operational plans, evacuation and inundation maps for coastal districts
- Conduct community awareness programmes on EWs and EW systems
- Continue with drills for community evacuation and Tsunami Response upon engaging communities and first respondents
- Develop institutional DRR plans for coastal business establishments, hotels and SMEs, incorporating elements of Tsunami
- Implement the Indian Ocean Tsunami Ready programme at local level
- Tsunami Ready Hotel programme





# Issues

- Current COVID-19 global pandemic and imposed government restrictions and health guidelines
- Lack of public alertness due to current focus being on the COVID-19 pandemic
- Inadequate resources (e.g. technical equipment/ items for EW)
- Capacity enhancement

