

New Zealand Prepared for a Possible Tsunami Following a Major Quake

A major quake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.6 shook the islands at Northeast New Zealand in the morning on July 7th. The quake at a shallow depth of 20 kilometers didn't cause any major impact but a one-meter-high tsunami off the shore of Raoul Island.

A tsunami warning was issued immediately in New Zealand but soon canceled while a marine threat warning remained in place. According to the country's Ministry of Civil Defense and Emergency Management, the tides and waves could still cast serious problems for boaters; and people should be restrained from the coastal areas.