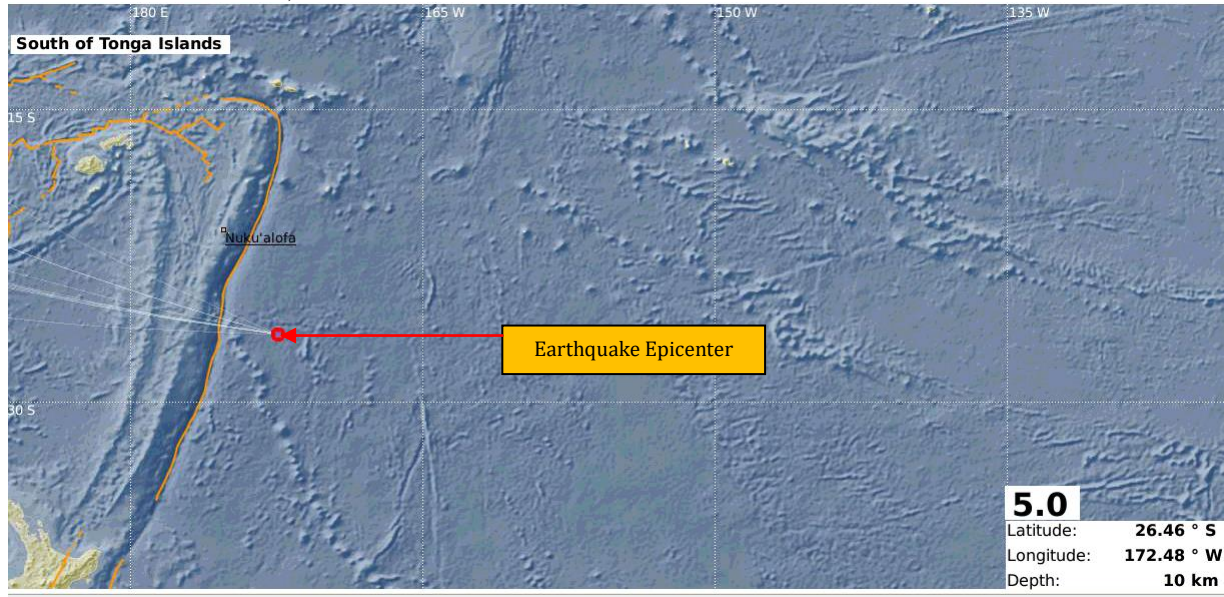




EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION RELEASE NO. 373/17

An earthquake occurred this morning at 03:15:15 AM local time, 648 km SE from Nukualofa, Tonga Islands. (MRD/ORSNET)



i) Tabulated Results

Description	Localization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: 19/08/17 • Time: 03:15:15 AM • Magnitude: 5.0 ML • Depth: 10 km 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonga Islands Region • Latitude: 26.46° S • Longitude: 172.48° W • Off shore Earthquake
References	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 648 km SE from Nukualofa, Tonga Islands. • 861 km SW from Alofi, Niue. • 1,311 km SSE from Suva, Fiji. 	

Evaluation

A **moderate** earthquake with **shallow depth** source location occurred in the Tonga Islands region. However, it does not pose any immediate threat to the Fiji region.

This serves as notification only and will keep monitoring for any further updates. For further information's and queries you are advised to contact the Seismology Unit of the Mineral Resources Department on landline 3381611, mobile 9906165 or fax 3370039/3383910.

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