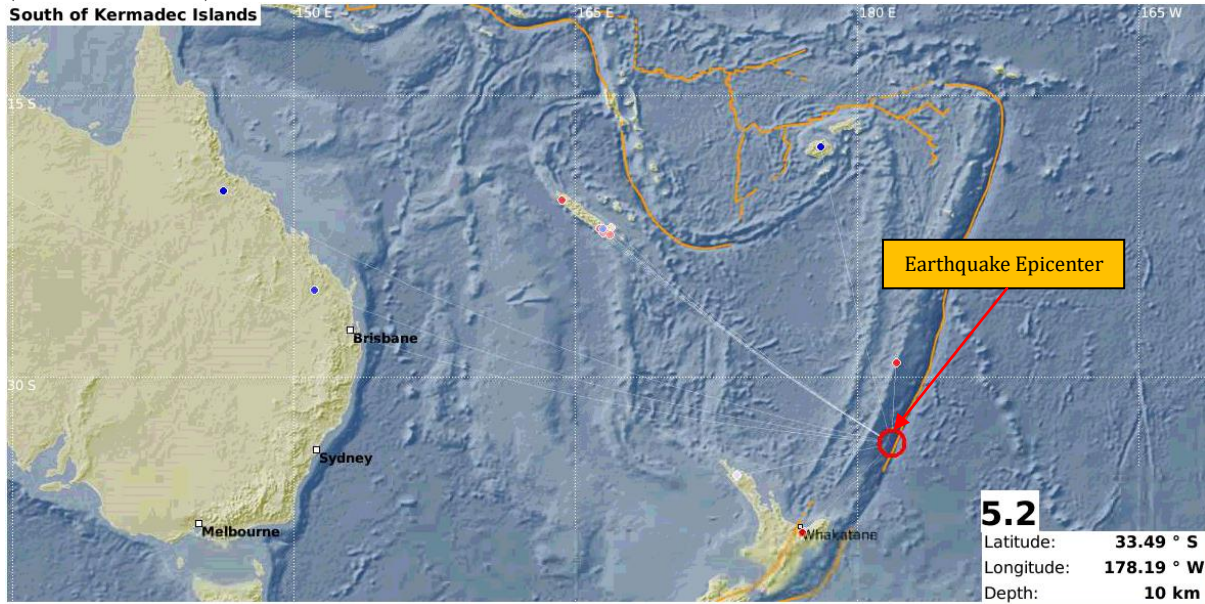




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An earthquake occurred this morning at 07:15:17 AM local time, 661 km NE from Whakatane, N.Z. (MRD/ORSNET)



i) Tabulated Results

Description	Localization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date:03/08/17 • Time: 07:15:17 AM • Magnitude: 5.2 ML • Depth: 10 km 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South of Kermadec Islands • Latitude: 33.49 °S • Longitude: 178.19 °W • Offshore Earthquake
References	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 661 km NE from Whakatane, N.Z • 1,946 km SE from Noumea, New Caledonia. • 1, 727 km SSE from Suva, Fiji. 	

Evaluation

A **moderate** size earthquake with **shallow depth** source location occurred in the Kermadec 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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