

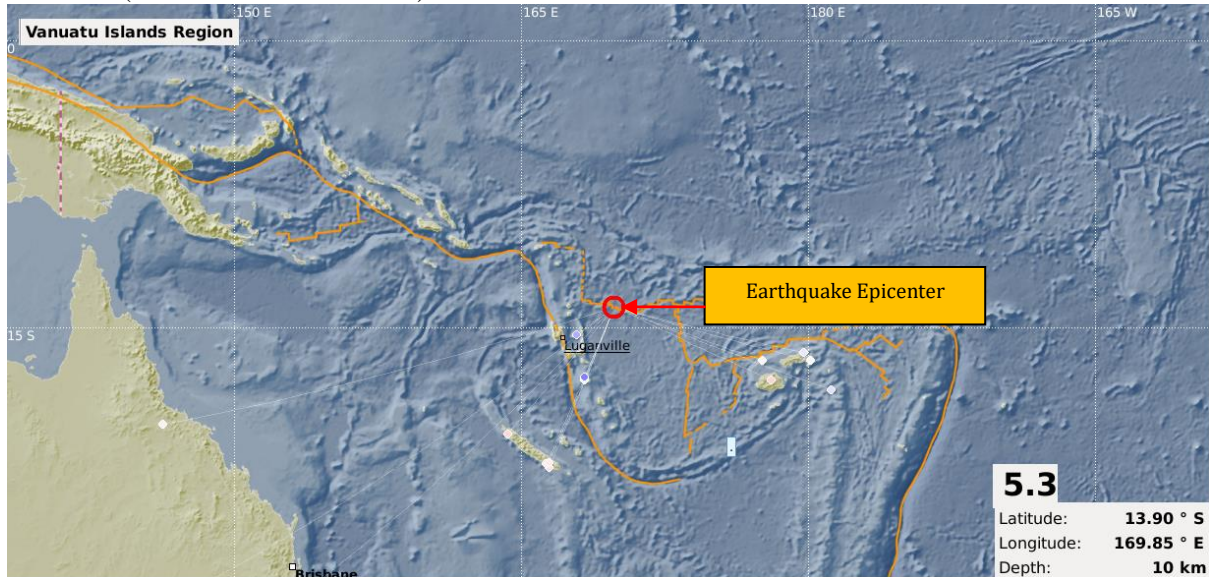


MINERAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
SEISMOLOGY UNIT



EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION RELEASE NO. 413/17

An earthquake occurred this morning at 10:21:04 AM local time, 339 km NE from Luganville, Vanuatu. (Source: MRD/ORSNET)



i) Tabulated Results

Description	Localisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date: 15/09/17• Time: 10:21:04 AM• Magnitude: 5.3 ML• Depth: 10 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vanuatu Islands Region• Latitude: 13.90° S• Longitude: 169.85° E• Offshore Earthquake
References	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 339 km NE from Luganville, Vanuatu.• 455 km NNE from Port Vila, Vanuatu.• 999 km NNE from Noumea, New Caledonia.• 1,035 km NW from Suva, Fiji.	

Evaluation

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