

Mexico launches national tsunami warning system

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A man takes pictures of a shoal of sardines, an ominous sign alerting about the possibility of a tsunami, since those fish seldom approach the shoreline, in Acapulco, Mexico, in 2011. The Mexican government on Tuesday launched a national tsunami system to monitor quakes around the world that could impact the country's coastline, the Interior Ministry said.

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The system's aim will be to "monitor and alert the occurrence of tsunamis generated anywhere in the world that could affect national territory," the ministry said in a statement.

The system will bring together data from the ministries of the Interior,

Navy, Communications, and Transport, as well as university bodies and research centers that already monitor [quake](#) activities, officials said.

There have been no large scale tsunamis affecting Mexico in decades, but the government recalled the devastating September 19, 1985 quake that hit [Mexico City](#) with an 8.1 magnitude that prompted large waves to cause "havoc" on the country's Pacific coast.

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