

Indonesia, Sulawesi Island, 3 May 2000.

On May 3, 2000 a major earthquake (magnitude of 7.3) struck the eastern part of Sulawesi and the neighbouring offshore smaller islands in Indonesia . This was the largest earthquake to strike Sulawesi island since November 29, 1998 (magnitude 7.8).

A devastating tsunami was generated that struck the offshore islands of Peleng and Banggai in neighbouring Central Sulawesi province. Combined , the earthquake and the tsunami waves killed 46 people, injured 264 , and left 30,000 homeless. There was extensive damage in the Luwuk area, Sulawesi and on nearby islands. Eighty percent of buildings were damaged or destroyed on Banggai. There was extensive damaged on Peleng. Most of the damage east of Luwuk and on Peleng was caused by tsunami waves which reached heights up to to 6 meters.