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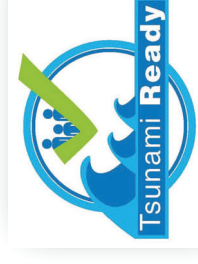
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The most visible way to educate the public about the tsunami hazard in the coastal zone is by using signboards. The tsunami signage will contribute to public awareness of the risk posed by tsunamis and better understanding of what should be done by the community in response to the event. It is critical that residents and tourists be aware of tsunami hazard zones, evacuation routes and safe zones in coastal areas.

- Signage needs to comply with national and/or international standards specifications.
- Signage must inform both the local population and international visitors.
- Local or national authorities have to define the number of signs by localities, but at a minimum, there must be signs for public education and signage for evacuation
- The adoption of a tsunami signage standard will provide a basis for a consistent set of signage and symbols nationwide.



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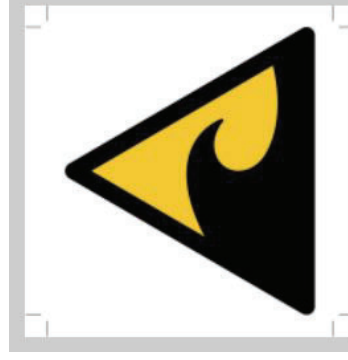
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In 2008, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) approved international signage for tsunami hazard zones, evacuation areas and evacuation buildings.

[ISO 20712](#) on water safety signs and beach safety flags provides guidance on safety signs that provide information about aquatic hazards and the action necessary to avoid those hazards, including signage for tsunami hazard areas.

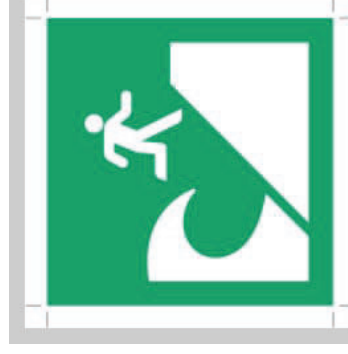


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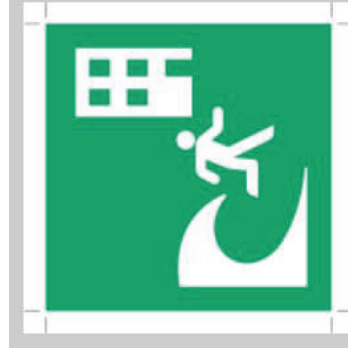


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CARIBE EWS Tsunami Signage Inventory and Report

Costa Rica			
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The first tsunami evacuation signs in the French West Indies (Martinique, 2013)



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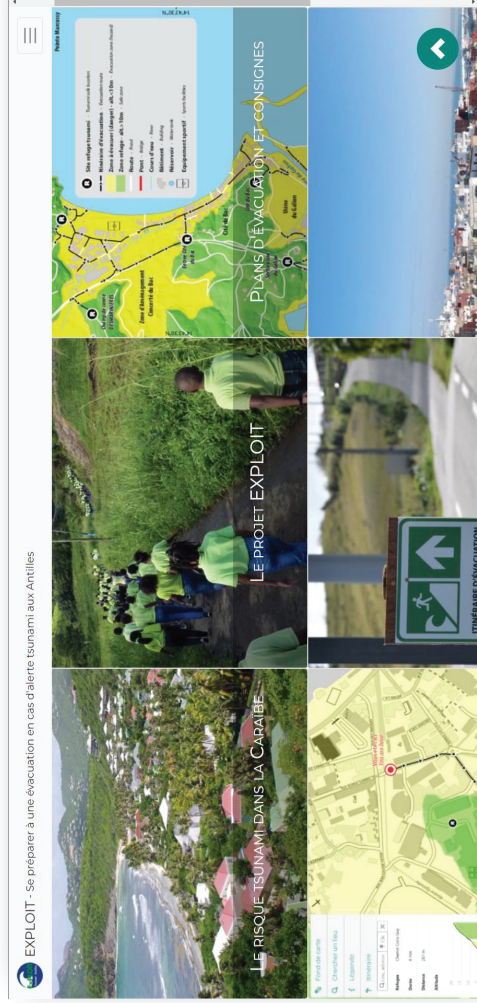


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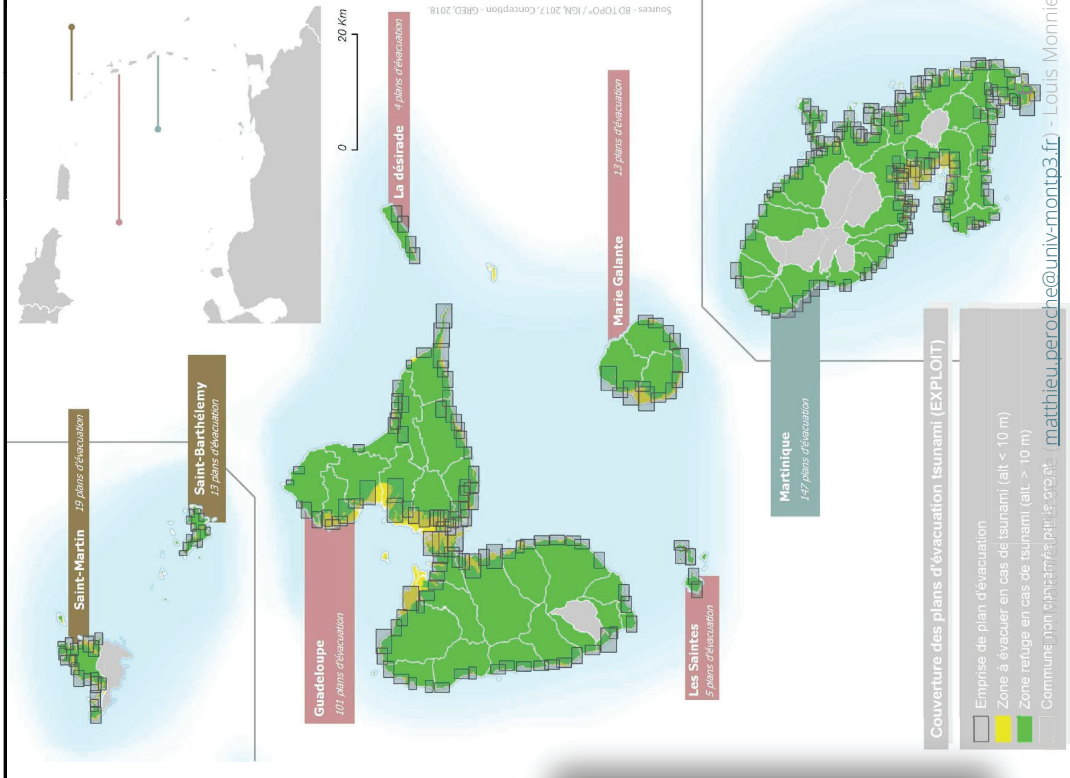
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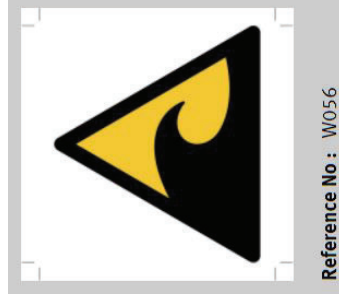


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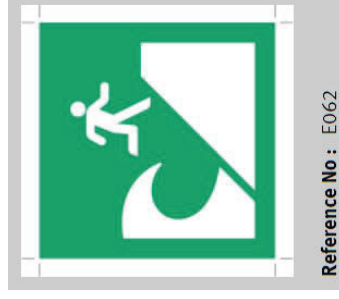
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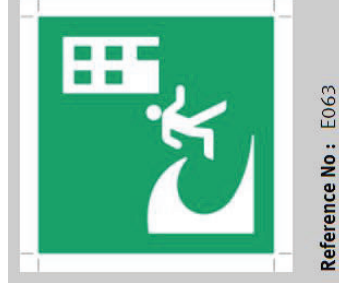
The ISO-approved signage consists of three signs :



Tsunami Hazard Zone (left) -
To warn of a hazard from
tsunami waves



• **Tsunami Evacuation Area (middle)** - To indicate the location of a safe place/uphill area for evacuation to in the event of a tsunami



• **Tsunami Evacuation Building (right)** - To indicate the location of a safe building for evacuation in the event of a tsunami

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Figure E.1 — Examples of signs

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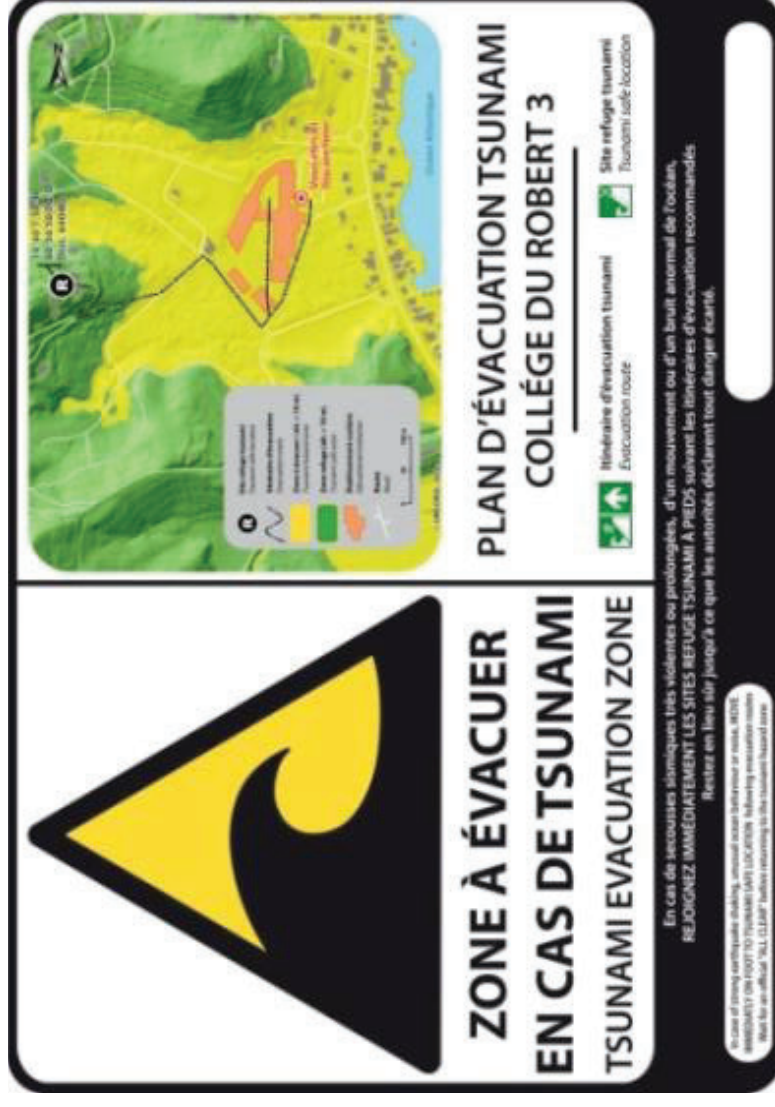
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Adaptation of the international tsunami hazard signage (ISO 20712 standards) – TSUNAMI EVACUATION ZONE



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Adaptation of the international tsunami hazard signage (ISO 20712 standards) – EVACUATION ROUTE



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Adaptation of the international tsunami hazard signage (ISO 20712 standards) – SAFE LOCATION



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GREED **Exploitation et Transfert vers les collectivités des Antilles Françaises d'une méthode de planification des évacuations en cas d'alerte tsunami**

Projet EXPLOIT

Projet co-financé par la Fondation de France et piloté par l'UMR GREED (Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3 & IRD)

CHARTRE GRAPHIQUE DES PANNEAUX ET DES PLANS D'ÉVACUATION « TSUNAMI » NORMALISÉS POUR LES ANTILLES FRANÇAISES

Adaptation régionale des normes ISO 20712 relatives aux signes de sécurité et drapeaux de l'eau et des plages

Février 2018

Logos: Université Paul Valéry, IRD, Fondation de France, LC2S, GREED, etc.

Zone à évacuer (danger)

Ce panneau signale le risque de tsunami dans la zone exposée au phénomène. Dans la mesure du possible, il doit être accolé au plan d'évacuation de la zone (cf. page suivante).

Panneau retenu

Dimensions minimales : 410 mm x 280 mm

Symbole ISO : 20712-1:2008
Référence No : WSE002

Description du symbole

Consignes en français et en anglais

Emplacement des logos éventuels

Exemples d'équivalents à l'étranger : Nouvelle-Zélande, Chili, Japon, etc.

IGRED logo

Zone à évacuer (danger) et plan d'évacuation

Ce panneau signale le risque de tsunami dans la zone exposée au phénomène. Il est accompagné du plan d'évacuation de la zone. Le plan doit être placé à proximité du panneau d'indication d'un itinéraire d'évacuation (cf. page suivante).

Panneau retenu

Dimensions minimales : 410 mm x 584 mm

Symbole ISO : 20712-1:2008
Référence No : WSE012

Description du symbole

Consignes en français

Emplacement des logos éventuels

Exemples d'équivalents à l'étranger : Japon, États-Unis, etc.

IGRED logo

Itinéraire d'évacuation

Ce panneau indique l'itinéraire d'évacuation optimal pour rejoindre un site refuge (zone de regroupement). Il existe en trois versions suivant le sens de la marche (droite, gauche, tout droit).

Panneau retenu

Signe ISO : ISO 20712-1:2008
Référence No : WSE002

Dimensions minimales : 340 mm x 330 mm

Direction à suivre vers le site refuge le plus proche

Description du symbole en français

Distances vers le site refuge le plus proche

Description du symbole en anglais

Exemples d'équivalents à l'étranger : Nouvelle-Zélande, Chili, Japon, etc.

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Site refuge

Placé au niveau du site refuge, ce panneau indique un point de rassemblement sécurisé et connu des autorités.

Panneau retenu

Dimensions minimales : 445 mm x 445 mm

Coordonnées du site refuge

Description du symbole en français

Code unique du site refuge pour une identification simplifiée à l'échelle communale et départementale

Consignes en français et en anglais

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Tsunami evacuation exercise
Middle School of Robert 2016





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Present-day situation in FWI
Guadeloupe island



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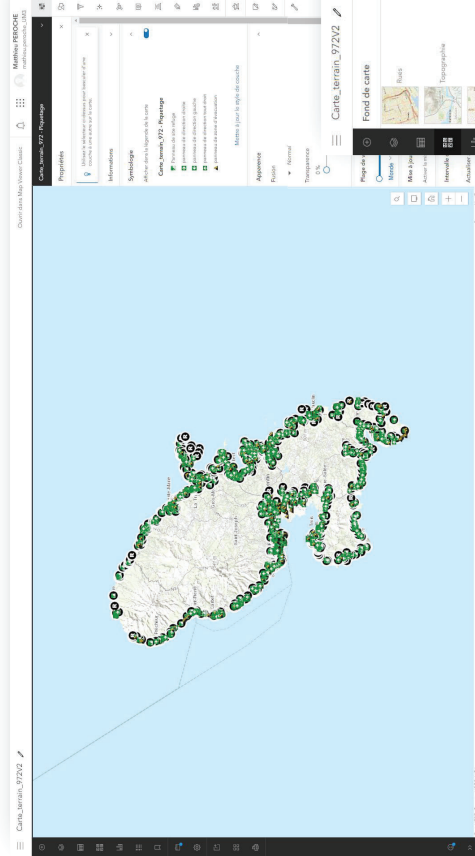
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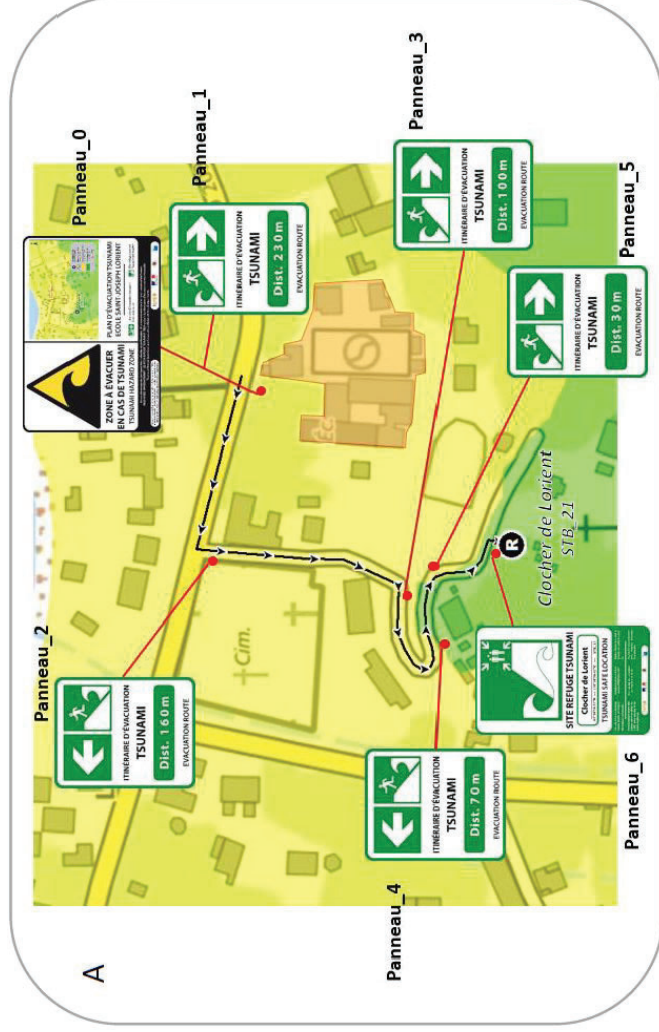


Present-day situation in FWI
Martinique island

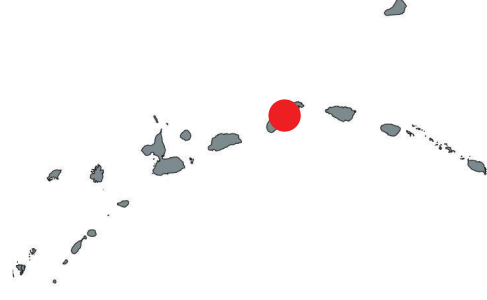


Titre		5048
	Panneau de site refuge	552
	panneau de direction droite	815
	panneau de direction gauche	838
	panneau de direction tout droit	1058
	panneau de zone d'évacuation	1785





Example of files issued to communes (A: plan of sign locations for an evacuation route; B: ready-to-print signs for an evacuation route)



Present-day situation in FWI
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Present-day
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Saint-Barthélemy
island



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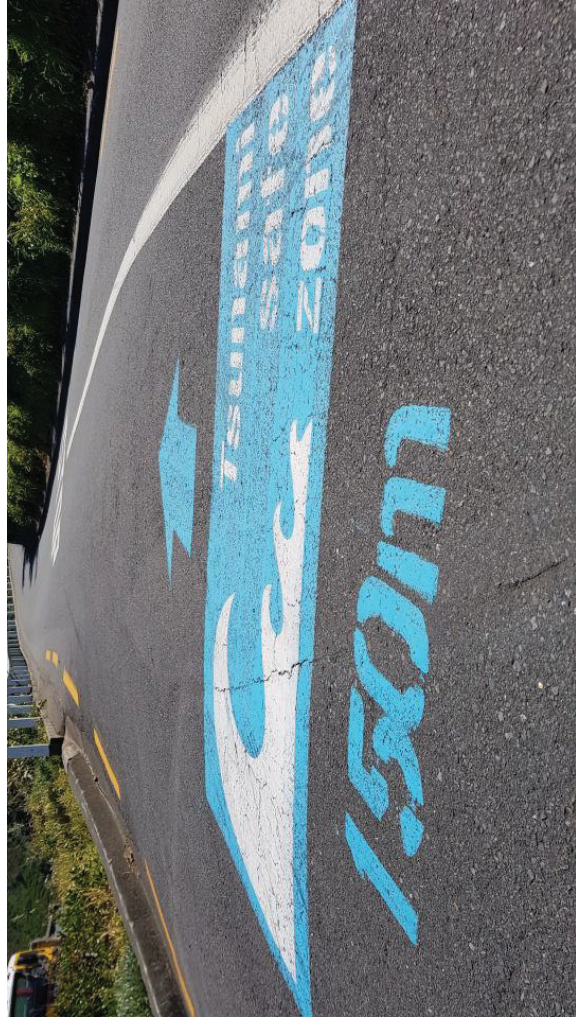
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New Zealand's famous "blue line" would become "green line" in Saint Barthelemy !



Blue lines on Island Bay streets show tsunami-safe zones

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- ✓ Mapping of the area to be evacuated and quantification of the main issues in this area (population, critical infrastructures, etc.)
- ✓ Identification of horizontal refuge sites and evacuation routes according to a scientific protocol adapted from work carried out in the Caribbean
- ✓ Mapping of evacuation plans according to a standardised graphic chart

TSUNAMI

Le risque tsunami à Cannes

La prévention du

Connaître la nature du risque

Connaître les dispositifs d'alerte

LES BONS RÉFLEXES

Avant

- Se tenir à l'écart des zones à risque de tsunami.
- Ne pas rester sur le littoral pendant une évacuation.
- Ne pas aller à la mer pendant une évacuation.
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Pendant

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- ✓ Suggested signage to be installed along evacuation routes



Tested signage (ground paint), august 2020



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Information and public survey stand, august 2020



Different supports and materials

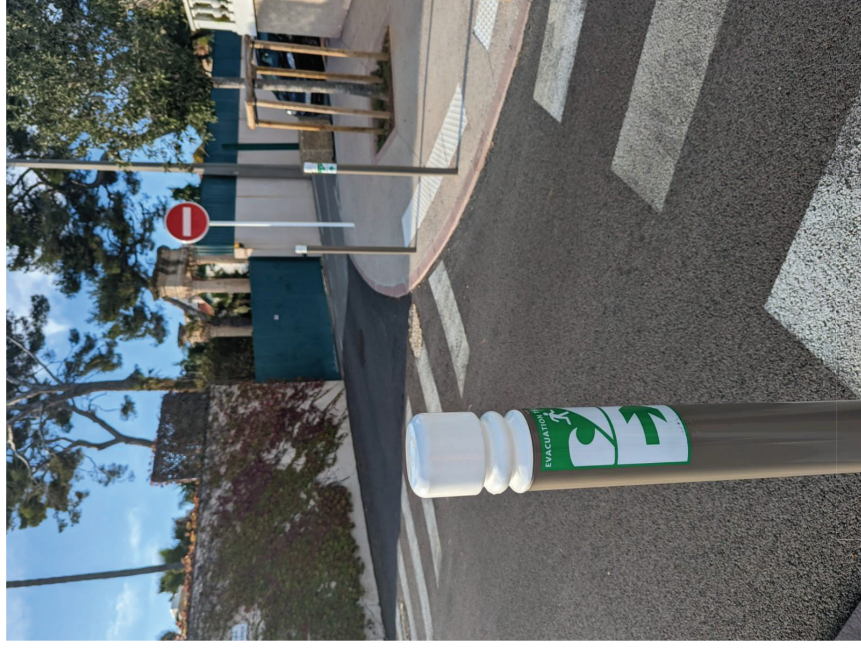
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Some key steps

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- Produce a photographic report of the signage location

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Vue aérienne



Type de signalétique		
Modèle de macaron	Nom du site refuge	Distance (m)
	Bd de la Source	Distance : 450 m

Vue Street View



Légende

- Point d'implantation (Point GPS : 43.543404, 7.042216)
- ➔ Orientation de la flèche sur le macaron

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- Produce a photographic report of the signage location
- Produce maps showing the signage locations



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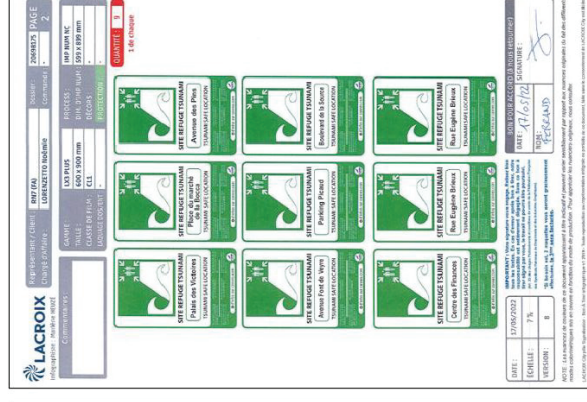
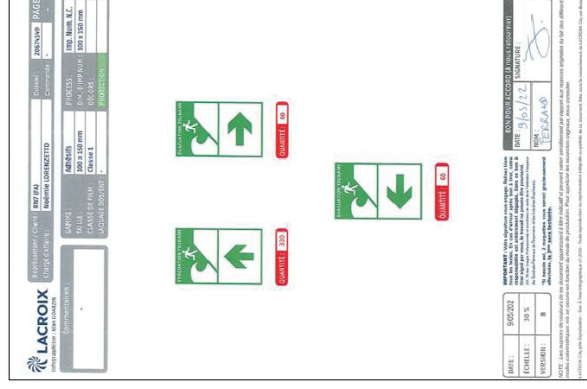
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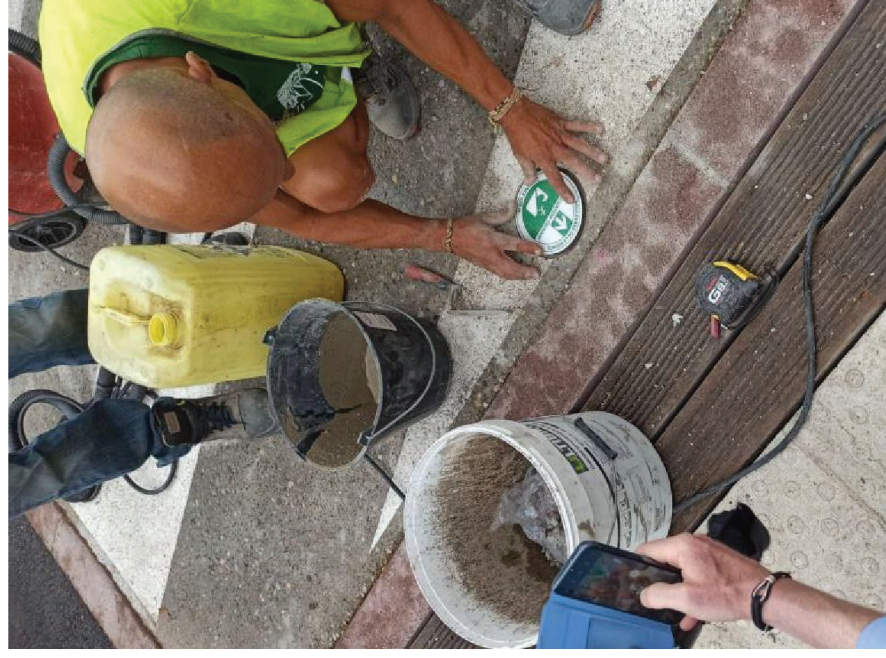
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- Map the installed signage



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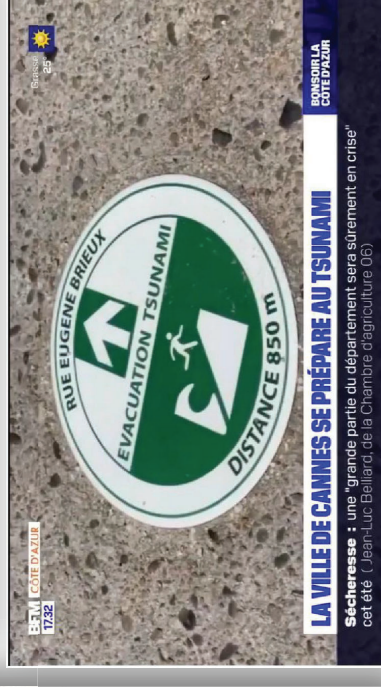
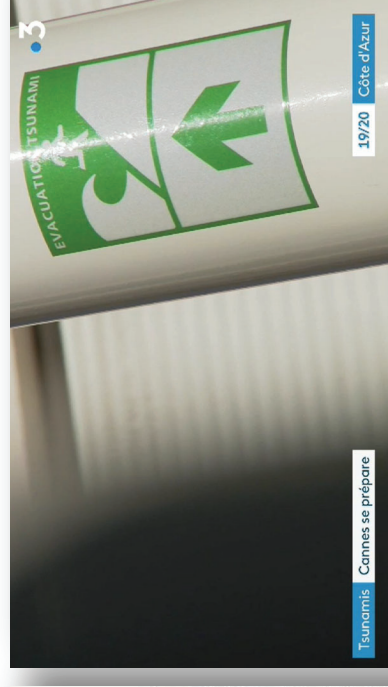
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- Guide the company on site for installation
- Map the installed signage
- Communicate to media



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Of all the criteria to be recognized as IOC-UNESCO Tsunami Ready, the installation of tsunami signage is the most difficult:

- ☐ Signage and its installation are costly
- ☐ Signage materializes the spatial extent of the risk
- ☐ Signage requires several levels of approval (administrative, financial, legal, etc.), and the process can be lengthy.

Two French experiences:

#1 Importance of following the pictograms and colors proposed by the ISO standard to create a national standard.

#2 Allow some flexibility in the choice of signage supports and materials to encourage stakeholders to adopt the system.

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