Hawaiian Natural Hazards Review and Assessment



EOSC105 Natural Disasters Lab





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Preview of Hawaii Natural Hazards Lab

I. What are Major Hazards on the Big Island?

Earthquakes Lava Flows and Vog Landslides Flooding Tsunami Giant Surf



II. Examine each type of hazard using maps Each table has a set a maps for a specific hazard Reader handout broken down by hazard

III. Assess each type of hazard Location/Frequency Origin/Causes Magnitude/Extent Damage/Mitigation

HAWAII HAZARD ASSESSMENT EXERCISES

see last pages in your reader p.27-31

- 1) Each big map has a set of questions, which are in your reader.
- 2) All maps, except tsunami, have supplementary exercises (in your reader).
- 3) Everyone should have one 81/2 x 11 topo map: use this to plot hazards.
- 4) Each team will turn in one report! Everyone does their own work! See last slide in this ppt





LAVA FLOW MAP QUESTIONS:

1. Where do the lava flows originate (in general), and where do they end? Start:

End:

- 2. How far did the longest historical flows travel? ____
- 3. Which volcanoes have historical lava flows (since 1790)?



4. Where are the oldest lava flows (in general), and where are the youngest lava flows? Oldest:

Youngest:

- 5. How long does it take lava flows on Mauna Loa Volcano to travel from where they erupt to the coast? What factor is important in determining how fast lava flows travel?
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6. **Complete the lava flow velocity exercise** on your 8x11 printout of the Island of Hawaii.



Lava Flow Rate Calculation Map

Black & white version in reader, color version is on table next to big map. (Please leave on the table).

Write answers to questions in reader (be neat please).





EARTHQUAKE MAP QUESTIONS:

1. Beneath which volcanoes do most earthquakes occur?

2. At what depth do the largest earthquakes occur?

3.Complete the <u>Seismic cross-section exercise</u> on your 8x11 printout with maps and axes. Draw the approximate locations of earthquakes along a cross section from A to B showing the depth of earthquakes beneath the Island of Hawaii.

4. What do the different earthquake magnitudes generally mean in terms of the shaking and damage?

5. What is a possible cause of earthquakes beneath Kīlauea Volcano?





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Write answers to questions in reader (be neat please).







LANDSLIDES OFFSHORE HAWAII QUESTIONS

See figures on the lab table for the following questions:

The Hawaiian Islands are home to some of the largest landslides on the planet. The steep cliffs along the side are not due to wave erosion. They are scarps from the debris flows that extend out onto the abyssal plain (d flat region of the seafloor).

- 1) Where is the largest landslide located? Offshore which islands and direction (N, S, SE, NE, etc.)?
- 2) What would the effects be if a landslide occurred here today? (local effect, regional effe
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- 3) Give the <u>approximate area</u> of the largest landslide in km.
- 4) What is the relief from Mauna Kea to the abyssal plain (in ft)? How does this compare to Mt. Everest? (29,029')



Kaua

Landslide Map

- on table -

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1000

50 MILES

2000 3000 4000

100 KM

10,000

Water Depth

15,000 FEET

5000 METERS



Island of Hawai'i



Landslide Geomorphology



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Landslide Scarp



RAINFALL IN HAWAII QUESTIONS:

See figures on the lab table for the following questions:

- 1) Why is there an orographic effect on the Big Island of Hawaii (or any Hawaiian island)?
- 2) Which side of Hawaii is the "wet" side?
- 3) What is the range (in mm) of the mean annual rainfall on the east side of the island?









Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Intensity Scale





This map in your Reader

Due before you leave: Each team will turn in: Start working on your hazard report no later than 4:30

- 1) This map (put all your names) with all hazards clearly marked with a legend
- 2) Brief, but thorough, summary on a separate piece of paper explaining why you placed a college campus with affordable housing at the selected location. Clearly indicate on this map.
- 3) ONE full set of the lab exercise. Must be NEAT!

Kilauea update USGS