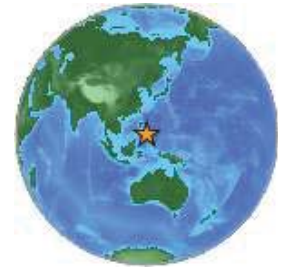


**Magnitude 7.6 Earthquake - Phillipine Island Region**  
**Friday, August 31, 2012 at 12:47:34 UTC**  
**Epicenter: Latitude 10.838°N, 126.704°E**  
**Depth: 34.9 km**



**Earthquake Summary:**

According to the US Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center, a major earthquake occurred off the east coast of the Philippines in the evening local time 96km (60mi) E of Sulangan, Philippines.

There are reports of minor damage and one death. The earthquake triggered a tsunami warning that was lifted after two hours.

USGS: "This earthquake occurred as a result of reverse faulting within the oceanic lithosphere of the Philippines Sea plate. The preliminary location of the earthquake indicates this is an intraplate event, 50 or more kilometers to the east of the subduction zone plate boundary between the Philippine Sea and Sunda plates."

