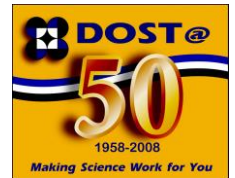


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**MAYON VOLCANO UPDATE**  
**19 December 2008**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Mayon Volcano's (13.2576°N, 123.6856°E) seismic network detected nine (9) volcanic earthquakes during the past 24 hours. Steaming activity and crater glow were not observed due to thick clouds that covered the upper slope of the volcano the whole day yesterday up to this morning.

**Alert Level 1** remains hoisted over Mayon Volcano. The public is reminded that the 7-km Extended Danger Zone (EDZ) at the southeastern flank of the volcano and the 6-km radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) at other areas remain off-limits due to the continuing threat from sudden explosions and rockfalls from the upper slopes. Active river channels and those areas perennially identified as lahar-prone around the volcano should be avoided when there is heavy and prolonged rainfall.

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