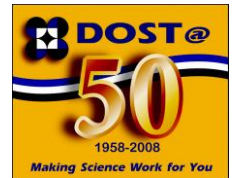


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MAYON VOLCANO UPDATE
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Mayon Volcano's (13.2576°N, 123.6856°E) seismic network detected five (5) volcanic earthquakes during the past 24 hours. The summit was cloud-covered the whole day and night, thus hampering visual observation of the crater.

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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