

Dominica (Windward Islands) Earthquake, September 2011

Event Briefing

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1 INTRODUCTION

A magnitude 5.0 earthquake occurred in the offshore Martinique region of the Windward Islands on 9 September 2011 at 10:11:24 UTC. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the estimated coordinates for this event were 14.956°N, 61.310°W with the event having an estimated depth of 150.6km. The closest CCRIF member country affected was Dominica, with estimations placing the earthquake epicentre approximately 38km SSE of the capital Roseau.

There were no reports of damage or loss in Dominica as a result of this event.

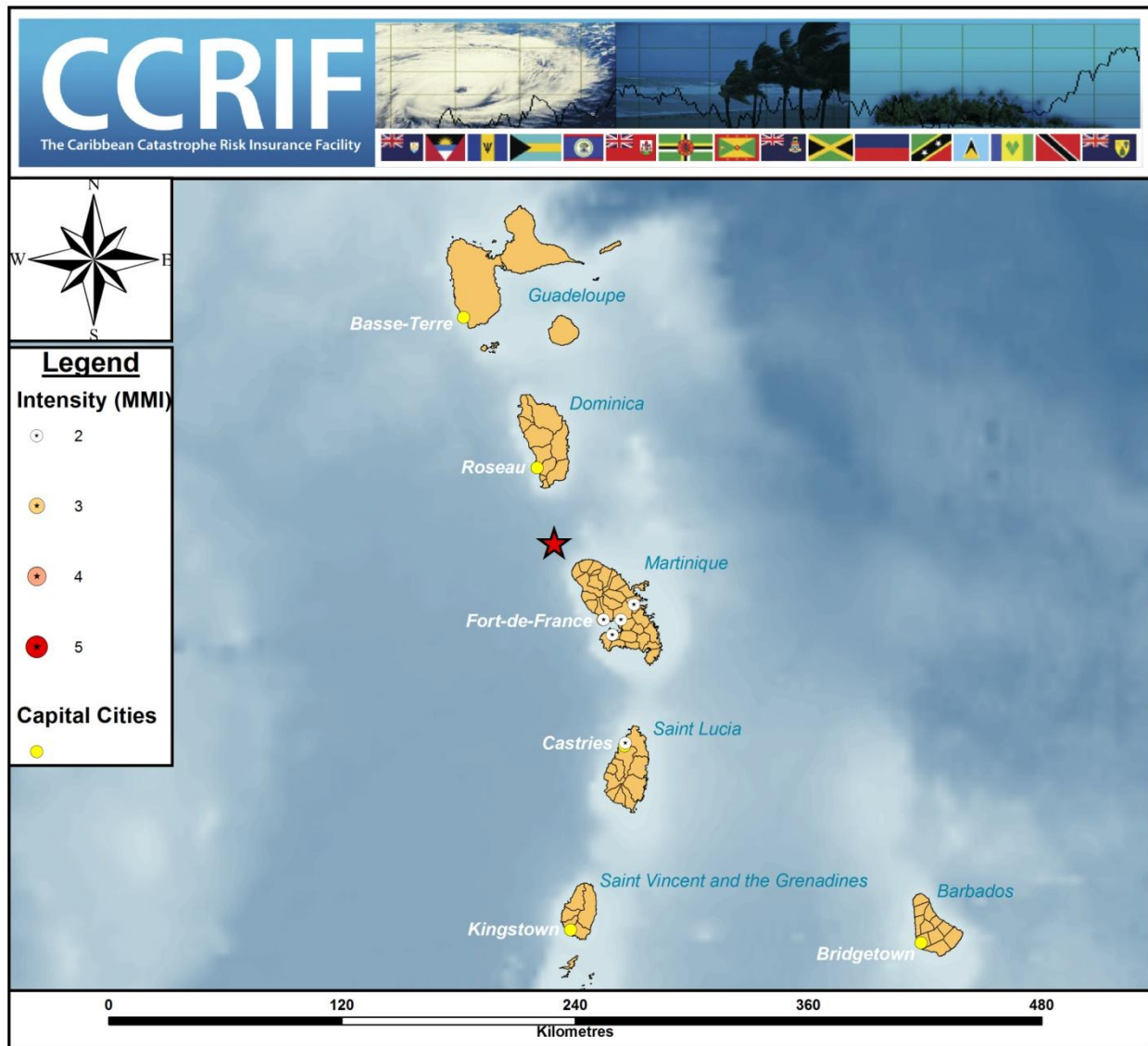


Figure 1 Epicentre location for 9 September Windward Islands earthquake. *Source: USGS.*

2 CCRIF COVERAGE

The magnitude 5.0 earthquake did not generate any government losses in the preliminary run of the CCRIF model and hence will not trigger a payment from CCRIF unless the characteristics change prior to the final calculation date/time.