

PUERTO RICO

Pequeño temblor en la zona oeste

UN TEMBLOR de pequeña intensidad se registró ayer en la costa oeste de Puerto Rico y en la región norte de Santo Domingo, dijo el Departamento de Geología del Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez.

La geóloga Christa Vonhillebrandt, del Departamento de Geología, informó que el temblor se registró a las

8:35 de la mañana, pero no se informó de daños. Se estimó la magnitud del temblor en 5.8 grados en la Escala Richter.

El pequeño temblor fue calificado número dos en la escala y pudo haber sido sentido por personas que estaban en completo reposo, parados o en edificios altos, explicó Vonhillebrandt.



Marca 2 en la Escala Richter

Earthquake rattles D.R., western Puerto Rico

The Associated Press

An earthquake occurred Tuesday morning off the coast of the Dominican Republic about 120 miles north of Santo Domingo, and was felt in the western part of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

There were no reports of damages or injuries.

The survey estimated the magnitude of the quake at 5.8 on the Richter scale and said it happened at 8:35 a.m. local time, or 7:35 a.m. EST.

The Richter scale is a measure of the strength of an earthquake as recorded by the ground motion. Each increase of one whole number indicates a tenfold

increase in the strength of the quake. The great San Francisco earthquake of 1906 has been estimated at 8.3 on the Richter scale.

The earthquake was felt strongly in the north of the Dominican Republic, according to the Dominican Seismology Institute.

The epicenter was reported to be in the Atlantic off the coast of the resort town of Puerto Plata.

Only a slight tremor was felt in the east and south of the country.

However, the tremor did cause some panic in the capital of Santo Domingo, located in the country's southern coast.