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Small earthquake hits western Puerto Rico

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A small earthquake hit western Puerto Rico at 7:40 a.m. on Friday, said Christa Von Hillebrandt, director of the University of Puerto Rico's seismic network in Mayaguez.

It was rated 3.3 on the Richter scale. "It was of very short dura-

tion," she said.

Von Hillebrandt said that the region near the U.S. and British Virgin Islands saw about three or four earthquakes during February.

She said a seismic zone runs from near Anegada in the British Virgin Islands to Fajardo on the western end of Puerto Rico. Only about two to five percent of the earthquakes that happen in that area are felt.