

## **PROVIDED BY BMKG, 3 NOVEMBER 2010**

### **Witness at Marconi Resort, Sibala village North Pagai island, Mentawai**

Suhardjono's brother in law is a civil engineer and during the earthquake-tsunami in Mentawai on October 25, 2010 was at the Marconi resort a three floors house. He lives in Padang west Sumatra and he was in Padang when the devastating earthquake hit Padang in 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at around 9:42 pm local time he felt the earthquake shaking in the Sibala village, it was a swing rather than shaking which took enough long time, much less stronger than the Padang earthquake shaking in 2009. Due to the "swing" people went out from the resort and discussed the event. The chief of the village joined and said that BMKG issued tsunami warning that he just watch from television.

Suddenly, the security of the resort who observed the sea surface saw that the sea water was residing quickly, then he ran and screamed "tsunami is coming!", then everybody ran leaving the beach or going up to the third floor of the resort. Just few minutes later very strong sound approaching and the tsunami arrived.

The first floor of the resort was submerged, meant that the tsunami height reached more than 3 meters. In his observation the wave arrived 3 times and the total duration of the "come and go" of the tsunami was estimated around 20 – 30 minutes.

Most of the people staying at the resorts are foreign tourists mainly from Australia and all of them save.



A number of save people walked across the area swept by tsunami in North Pagai Island, Mentawai (set Wapres)





Photo aerial of a village devastated by tsunami in Pagai Island, Mentawai (Antara)



Sub village Saumanganya, Pasapuat village, North Pagai island, Mentawai (Antara)





Sub village Saumanganya, Pasapat village, North Pagai island, Mentawai (Antara)



Marconis Resort, Sibala village, North Pagai island, Mentawai before tsunami (courtesy Suhardjono family)



Marconis Resort, Sibala village, North Pagai island, Mentawai before tsunami (courtesy Suhardjono family)





Marconis Resort, Sibala village, North Pagai island, Mentawai after tsunami  
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