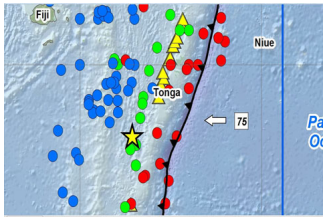


Two earthquakes 6.3 and 5.0 near Tonga this morning

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24 May 2013 **This morning a 7.3 magnitude earthquake was felt in Tonga in the early morning hours after 0600 hours local time, with a subsequent 6.3 magnitude earthquake and 5.0 aftershock occurring again in mid morning, 10:00 hrs local time.**

Details of the earthquakes are as follows:

Event Time

1. 2013-05-23 21:07:46 UTC
2. 2013-05-23 09:07:46 UTC-12:00 at epicenter
3. 2013-05-24 10:07:46 UTC+13:00 system time

Location

20.557°S 175.739°W depth=154.1km (95.7mi)

Nearby Cities

1. 84km (52mi) NW of **Nuku`alofa, Tonga**

5.0 magnitude, 153 km depth