

## **Deployment 55012\_1012**

(NDBC 55012 - Coral Sea 1 - 1285 km ENE of Townsville)

### **Location**

Latitude: -15.798

Longitude: 158.399

Depth: 3284 m

Ocean region: 2.3 - Tropical Pacific Ocean

### **Time Span**

Start Date: 2010-09-06

End Date: 2012-11-19

### **Notes**

Data downloaded from [http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/historical\\_data.shtml](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/historical_data.shtml)

For tsunameter data from the NDBC (largely from the Deep-Ocean and Reporting of Tsunamis network), information regarding deployment and recovery dates is limited. Therefore, annual files of quality controlled data are initially concatenated for each station and plotted in order to identify the start and end times of each deployment. The data are segmented into individual deployment time series, so the deployment and recovery dates are assumed dates.

Raw NDBC data have varying sampling frequencies depending upon the operating mode (i.e. whether there is a tsunami alert). Standard operating mode (1) uses 15 minute spot values, mode 2 data consists of 1 min averages of 4X15 sec spot values and mode 3 is 15 second sampling. Mode 3 data were sub-sampled to the frequency of mode 1, but mode 2 data were not compatible and were treated as missing.

Raw pressures were obtained in metres from NDBC but had been converted from psia using a conversion factor of 0.67. The true conversion should have used 0.68947573, so to convert to mb, we multiplied by  $102.9 = 0.68947573 / 0.67 * 100$ .

An offset of 335 bar was removed from the raw pressure data.

Latitudes, longitudes and depths specific to this deployment were not available, so they are taken to be those shown for the latest deployment on webpage [www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station\\_page.php?station=55012](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=55012) as at 14/11/2014.

Possible effects of an earthquake off the coast of Honshu can be seen in the data for 11/03/11-15/03/11.

This record contains numerous datum shifts, some of which coincide with seismic events in the region. Others appear to be unexplained.

These data must be treated with caution as the station is located in an area of seismic activity.

### **Channels**

**55012\_1012 (Preferred Channel)**

Parameter: pressure

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**Notes**

Data were obtained via NDBC. However, instrumentation is owned and maintained by ABM.