

## Seismicity of the South Far East of Russia in 2022

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**Abstract.** The paper presents a review of the seismicity of the southern part of the Russian Far East in 2022 based on the data from the catalog of the “Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk” Regional Information Processing Center of the Sakhalin Branch of the Federal Research Center "United Geophysical Survey of the Russian Academy of Sciences". The main parameters of the seismicity, such as the statistical estimation of seismicity level SESL'09, Benioff diagrams, density maps of conditional elastic deformation in 2022 compared to the previous longer time interval, are estimated. A brief analysis of the most significant and interesting earthquakes for detailed study is given. The seismicity of the Kuril-Okhotsk, Sakhalin and the Amur and Primorye regions in 2022 remained within the background values. At the same time, seismic activation was noted in the Sakhalin region, manifested in a number of moderately strong events on the northeastern shelf, in the Ulegorsky district, north of the Schmidt Peninsula, as well as a strong mantle event in the La Perouse Strait with  $M_w = 5.9$ . The strongest earthquake of the Kuril-Okhotsk region with  $M_w = 6.0$  occurred in the southern part of the Kuril Island arc. A long series of moderately strong events in the Middle Kurils with  $M_w$  up to 5.6 attracts attention. The problem of operational processing of earthquakes in the Amur region and Primorye due to the decreasing number of seismic stations in this region is noted, as well as the systematic underestimation of the energy characteristics of deep-focus earthquakes.

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**earthquakes, seismicity, seismic activity, Amur region, Primorye, Sakhalin, Kuril-Okhotsk region**

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