

Seismicity of the south of the Russian Far East in 2024

^{@1} Safonov, Dmitry A. (<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-2201-2016>), d.safonov@imgg.ru

² Semenova, Elena P. (<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7435-961X>), semenova@seismo.sakhalin.ru

² Kostylev, Dmitry V. (<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8150-9575>), kostylev@seismo.sakhalin.ru

² Shchukin Mikhail Anatolyevich (<https://orcid.org/0009-0001-9587-1997>), vgcatazero@gmail.com

¹ Institute of Marine Geology and Geophysics of the Far Eastern Branch of RAS, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia

² Sakhalin Branch of the FRC “Geophysical Survey of the Russian Academy of Sciences”, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia

[Abstract](#) [PDF ENG](#) [PDF RUS](#)

[Full text](#) [PDF RUS](#)

Abstract. The paper continues the series of annual brief reviews of the seismicity in the southern part of the Russian Far East, based on the data from the catalog of the “Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk” Regional Information Processing Center of the Sakhalin Branch of the Federal Research Center “Geophysical Survey of the Russian Academy of Sciences”. The main parameters of the seismicity of the studied area in 2024 are given: maps of earthquake epicenters and their maximum macroseismic effects, statistical estimate of the seismicity level SESL'09, Benioff graphs, and density maps of nominal elastic deformation. The information on some of the most significant and interesting for detailed study earthquakes is given. Seismicity of the south of the Russian Far East remains moderate in 2024, within the background level. At the same time, there is a reduced level of crustal and upper mantle seismicity ($h \leq 70$ km). Almost all major earthquakes in 2024 occurred in the interval of deep earthquakes ($h > 70$ km). The strongest earthquake with $M_w = 6.8$ occurred in the middle part of the Kuril Island arc at the depth of $h = 182$ km.

Keywords:

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

For citation: Safonov D.A., Semenova E.P., Kostylev D.V., Shchukin M.A. Seismicity of the south of the Russian Far East in 2024. *Geosistemy perehodnykh zon = Geosystems of Transition Zones*, 2025, vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 182–196. (In Russ.).

<https://doi.org/10.30730/gtrz.2025.9.2.182-196>; <https://elibrary.ru/xzupuo>

Для цитирования: Сафонов Д.А., Семенова Е.П., Костылев Д.В., Щукин М.А. Сейсмичность юга Дальнего Востока России в 2024 году. *Геосистемы переходных зон*, 2025, т. 9, № 2, с. 182–196. <https://doi.org/10.30730/gtrz.2025.9.2.182-196>; <https://elibrary.ru/xzupuo>

References

1. Safonov D.A., Semenova E.P. **2024.** Seismicity of the South Far East of Russia in 2023. *Geosistemy perehodnykh zon = Geosystems of Transition Zones*, 8(2): 77–90. (In Russ., abstr. in Engl.). <https://doi.org/10.30730/gtrz.2024.8.2.077-090>
2. Kostylev D.V., Boginskaya N.V. **2022.** Seismic monitoring of the coal mining area on Sakhalin Island using temporary networks of the FRC GS RAS. *Geodynamics & Tectonophysics*, 13(2), 0634. (In Russ.). <https://doi.org/10.5800/GT-2022-13-2s-0634>
3. Dyagilev R.A. **2020.** *Software for calculating recording capabilities of seismic networks and groups*, SArra: Certificate for the State Registration of Software Package for Computer No. RU 2020662170 of October 10, 2020. Moscow: Rospatent. (In Russ.).
4. Safonov D.A., Semenova E.P. **2022.** Regional magnitude M_{wa} in the Russian Far East. *Seismic Instruments*, 58(Suppl 1): S42–S57. <https://doi.org/10.3103/S074792392207009X>
5. Rautian T.G. **1964.** [On determining the energy of earthquakes at distances up to 3000 km]. In: *Eksperimental'naya seismika = Experimental seismic*. Moscow: Nauka Publ., p. 88–93. (Trudy IFZ AN SSSR; 32(199)). (In Russ.).
6. Sokos E., Zahradník J. **2013.** Evaluating centroid-moment-tensor uncertainty in the new version of ISOLA software. *Seismological Research Letters*, 84: 656–665. <https://doi.org/10.1785/0220130002>
7. Safonov D.A., Konovalov A.V. **2017.** Moment tensor inversion in the Kuril-Okhotsk and Sakhalin regions using ISOLA software. *Russian Journal of Pacific Geology*, 36(3): 102–112. (In Russ.). URL: http://itig.as.khb.ru/POG/2017/n_3/PDF_3_17/102-112.pdf (accessed 05.06.2025).
8. Richter C.F. **1958.** *Elementary seismology*. New York: Freeman and Co., 768 p.
9. Safonov D.A. **2025.** [Relationship between the magnitudes M_{LH} and M_w for the Kuril-Okhotsk region and its use for transit calculations to other magnitudes]. *Journal of Volcanology and Seismology*, 2: 20–37. (In Russ.).

10. Safonov D.A. **2024**. Relationships for conversion of energy characteristics of earthquakes in the Kuril-Okhotsk region. *Voprosy inzhenernoj seismologii*, 51(2): 102–117. (In Russ.). <https://doi.org/10.21455/VIS2024.2-6>
11. Saltykov V.A. **2011**. A statistical estimate of seismicity level: The method and results of application to Kamchatka. *Journal of Volcanology and Seismology*, 5: 123–128. <https://doi.org/10.1134/S0742046311020060>
12. Poplavskaya L.N. (ed.) **2006**. [Regional catalog of earthquakes on Sakhalin Island, 1905–2005]. Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk: IMGiG DVO RAN, 103 p. (In Russ.).
13. Kim Ch.U., Andreeva M.Yu. **2009**. [Earthquake catalog of the Kuril-Kamchatka region (1737–2005)]. Preprint. Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk: IMGiG DVO RAN, 126 p. (In Russ.).
14. Safonov D.A., Nagornyh T.V., Kovalenko N.S. **2019**. *Seismicity of the Amur and Primorye regions*. Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk: IMGG FEB RAS, 104 p. (In Russ., abstr. in Engl.).
15. Fokina T.A., Safonov D.A., Kostylev D.V. **2023**. Seismicity of the Amur Region and Primorye, Sakhalin and the Kuril-Okhotsk region in 2018–2019. *Zemletriasenia Severnoi Evrazii = Earthquakes of Northern Eurasia*, 26 (2018–2019): 154–170. (In Russ., abstr. in Engl.). <https://doi.org/10.35540/1818-6254.2023.26.13>
16. Rodkin M.V., Andreeva M.Yu. **2025**. Clarification of the nature of typical precursor anomalies for different-depth earthquakes in the Kuril-Kamchatka region. *Geodynamics & Tectonophysics*, 16(1), 0811. (In Russ.). <https://doi.org/10.5800/GT-2025-16-1-0811>
17. Khanchuk A.I., Safonov D.A., Radziminovich Ya.B., Kovalenko N.S., Konovalov A.V., Shestakov N.V., Bykov V.G., Serov M.A., Sorokin A.A. **2012**. The largest recent earthquake in the Upper Amur Region on October 14, 2011: First results of multidisciplinary study. *Doklady Earth Sciences*, 445(1): 916–919.
18. Prytkov A.S., Safonov D.A., Polets A.Yu. **2018**. Model of the Source of the $M_w = 5.8$ Onor Earthquake, August 14, 2016, Sakhalin. *Russian Journal of Pacific Geology*, 12(5): 443–449. <https://doi.org/10.1134/S1819714018050093>
19. Safonov D.A. **2022**. The earthquake of February 13, 2020, $M = 7.0$ and seismotectonic conditions at intermediate depths of the Southern Kuril Islands. *Pure and Applied Geophysics*, 179(11): 4147–4162. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00024-021-02926-5>
20. Prytkov A.S., Vasilenko N.F. **2022**. The March 25, 2020 $Mw 7.5$ Paramushir earthquake and its impact on recent geodynamics of the adjacent section of the Kuril-Kamchatka subduction zone. *Geodynamics & Tectonophysics*, 13(3), 0641. (In Russ.). <https://doi.org/10.5800/gt-2022-13-3-0641>
21. Safonov D.A. **2020**. Reconstruction of the tectonic stress field in the deep parts of the Southern Kuril-Kamchatka and Northern Japan subduction zones. *Geodynamics & Tectonophysics*, 11(4): 743–755. (In Russ.). <https://doi.org/10.5800/GT-2020-11-4-0504>