

Additional file 2

Specialised bodies

World

Nine **Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres** around the world are responsible for advising international aviation of the location and movement of clouds of volcanic ash. They are part of an international system set up by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) called the International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW). By way of example, the London VAAC is responsible for monitoring and forecasting the movement of volcanic ash over the United Kingdom, Iceland and the north-eastern part of the North Atlantic Ocean (Alemanno 2010)

Montserrat

The Montserrat Volcano Observatory Act 1999 (MVOA 1999) established the **Montserrat Volcano Observatory** (MVO) as a body corporate, capable of suing and being sued, and requires it to have a Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for recommending the appointment of a suitable person in the office of Director of the Observatory. The Director is appointed by the Governor in Council.

Indonesia

Article 10 DML 24/2007 mandates the creation of a **National Disaster Management Agency** (BNPB) that reports directly to the President. Article 18 requires regional governments to set up Regional Disaster Management Local Agencies.

Japan

Article 11 DCMB 223/1961 mandates the establishment of the **Central Disaster Prevention Council** in the Office of Prime Minister.

Articles 14 & 16 DCMB 223/1961 mandates the establishment of **prefectural, city, town and town disaster prevention councils**.