

# *Cuban and U.S. specialists conduct joint expedition to the coasts of South Florida Keys*

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Havana, May 23 (RHC)-- A joint expedition of specialists from Cuba and the United States took place from May 17th to the 22nd, along the coasts of the South Florida keys. The mission was to carry out a geological survey of the coasts, with the objective of identifying displacements of the land in the area produced by tsunamis and hurricanes.

On the Cuban side, three researchers from the National Center for Seismological Research, belonging to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA), participated. The US counterpart was the National Geological Service of the United States.

During this geological expedition ideas, methods and points of view were shared, in order to document tectonic deformations, changes in sea level and coastal floods produced mainly by tsunamis, differentiating them from those produced by storms.

This important expedition allowed the partners to develop a valuable exchange of experiences aimed at obtaining a better preparation for alerting and dealing with natural phenomena, within a framework of mutual collaboration.

The exercise was carried out under the Memorandum of Understanding signed in December 2016 between the CITMA and the United States Department of the Interior for cooperation in the exchange of information on seismic and geological information related records.

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