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**Disaster Preparation and Response in the Cayman Islands: A GIS perspective**

**ABSTRACT**

The Cayman Islands GIS is centered on the functions of land records management. However, one of the most important ongoing initiatives at government level requires the GIS architecture to be flexible in order to provide support to the activities of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Leveraging the GIS for disaster preparation, assessment, mitigation and response is crucial in assisting the emergency managers in their work.

The Cayman Islands Government via the Lands & Survey Department has implemented the TAOS storm modeling system. The GIS, its data assets and the model outputs are utilized in association with a comprehensive critical infrastructure database to provide a hazard/loss analysis for given storm scenarios.

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