

Table 7. Natural disasters, 1975

Country	Nature of disaster	Area affected (ha)	Population affected	Casualties		Houses and buildings destroyed or damaged	Damage to crops and cultivated land	Livestock lost (head)	Damage to private property and public utilities (\$US millions)	Subtotal (\$US millions)	Total estimated damage (\$US millions)
				Dead or missing	Injured						
Australia	Tropical cyclones (maximum gust - 212 km/hr)	Port Hedland (Western Australia)				85 per cent of town damaged; hundreds of buildings lost roofs			26.2	26.2	26.2
Bangladesh	Tornadoes and cyclones	1,245 sq mi	80,251 families	62	288	22,927 destroyed 42,906 damaged	Crops/timber - 17,184 ha	78		3.0 )	11.1
	Floods	1,052 sq mi	64,148 families	15		9,774 destroyed 6,015 damaged	Standing crops - 208,000 ha	510		8.1 )	
Burma	Cyclones	18,662			303		\$US 15.7 million	10,190	100.9	116.6 )	129.3
	Floods	195,514					\$US 12.5 million		0.2 (public utilities)	12.7 )	
Hong Kong	Hill fires	1,318				618 hill fires destroyed or damaged 243,148 trees					2.4
	Floods		3,247 people	6					1.2 ) Relief grants - ) 0.6 )	1.8 )	
	Cyclones		1,889 people	3					0.4 ) Relief grants - ) 0.2 )	0.6 )	
India	Floods	6,154,000	31,346,000 people	685		793,704 buildings (\$US 41 million)	3,845,000 ha (\$US 326 million)	17,345	200		567.0
Japan	Floods			191		Washed away - 1,394 Partly damaged - 42,429	97,007 ha		General property including public works, transportation, telecommunication and electric power systems - 1,986		1,986.0
Malaysia	Floods	13,268					\$US 1.5 million		0.4		1.9
New Zealand	Floods								0.3	0.3 )	27.1
	Wind storms						Forest timber - \$US 14.6 million		12.2	26.8 )	
Pakistan	Floods		2,700,000 people	30		194,047 buildings		8,640			...
Philippines	Floods and cyclones		117,343 people	400	105	11,124 buildings					9.2
Republic of Korea	Cyclones	48,577	3,525 people	78		242 destroyed 835 damaged 1,554 uninundated (\$US 0.5 million)	\$US 10.5 million		4.6		15.6
Sri Lanka	Floods		Several thousands	9			\$US 0.1 million				0.1
Thailand	Floods			314	76	17,891 buildings	308,766 ha				52.4
Total											2,828.3

Source: The meteorological services of the countries concerned. See chapter III below.