

Table 7. Natural Disasters, 1977

Country or area	Nature of disaster	Area affected (ha)	Population affected	Casualties Dead or missing	Injured	Houses and buildings destroyed or damaged	Damage to crops and cultivated land	Livestock lost (head)	Damage to private property and public utilities (\$US million)	Sub-total (\$US million)	Total estimated damage (\$US million)
Australia	Floods			5		50 houses				2.3	3.1
	Storms									0.8	
	Tornado										
Bangladesh	Tornado	318,200	271,000 families	533	650	45,785 houses	10,100 ha	193	0.31	3.25	13.54
	Floods	644,000	542,000 families	200		\$2.15 million 22,893 houses \$0.95 million	\$0.78 million 9,892 ha \$3.12 million	500	6.19	10.29	
Burma	Cyclone and flood	108,020					\$0.2 million		0.83		0.99
	Drought	751,876									
Hong Kong	Hill fires	2,455	189		11	2 houses				0.04	0.04
	Tropical storms										
India	Storms and floods	16.8 million	44.6 million	10,000		1.54 million houses \$107 million	7.9 million ha \$807 million	293,000 cattle	380		1,294.0
Indonesia	Floods and storms		286,150	135	194	37,200 houses	164,700 ha				
Japan	Typhoons		12,150	19	154	24,600 houses 18,400 buildings	5,500 ha				
	Depressions and fronts		22,150	24	43	40,000 houses 694 buildings	41,300 ha				
	Drought						\$2.6 million				
Malaysia	Flood		3,158				192 ha			0.01	
(Peninsular)	Drought		12,000 farmers				21,230 ha		0.37 (govt.)	0.37	0.38
(Sabah and Sarawak)	Flood		1,390	7		347 houses	2,430 ha				
New Zealand	Flood							312,000 lambs	1.65		4.20
Philippines	Floods		60,200 families	54		598 houses					
	Cyclones			112	100	35,400 houses				2.7	269.20
Republic of Korea	Heavy rain		72,365	297	474	23,753 buildings \$5.3 million factories \$75.3 million	2,028 ha \$4.8 million crops 8,900 tons \$4.8 million		19.3 (govt.)	111.7	111.70
Thailand	Floods						50,182 ha				
	Droughts						2,446,000 ha				
Viet-Nam	Typhoons		99,110 homeless			50,520 houses 12,278 warehouses 2,202 public buildings	225,000 tons 69,500 ha	2,420 cattle 8,300 pigs		563.0	563.00
										135.0	135.00

Source: The meteorological services of the countries concerned. See chapter III.
Note: Exchange rates are 1977 period averages from International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics, May 1978.