

Table 7. Natural Disasters, 1978
(current prices)

Country or area	Nature of disaster	Area affected (ha)	Population affected	Casualties Dead or missing	Houses and buildings destroyed or damaged	Damage to crops and cultivated land	Livestock lost (head)	Damage to private property and public utilities (\$US million)	Subtotal damage (\$US million)	Total estimated damage (\$US million)
Afghanistan	Drought		50,000		11,979 houses	1.9 million trees				
	Floods		391,124	137	4 mosques; 54 shops	31,766 ha	11,109			
Australia	Cyclone			5		Apple and potato crops	thousands	57.2	57.2	
	Floods			7				17.2	17.2	74.4
Burma	Cyclone	230,449						0.86	0.86	
	Drought	161,732						0.17	0.17	1.03
Hong Kong	Typhoons		3,563	11	191	207 houses; 16 buildings	1,000 ha	1.9		1.9
	Floods			7			3,000 chickens			
India	Floods	17,438	68 million	2,510	3.8 million houses; \$US 159 million	9,990 ha; \$US 736.4 million	215,812 cattle	433.8	1,331.9	1,331.9
Indonesia	Floods		186,278	59	18,749 houses	25,731 ha				
Japan	Typhoons			30	61,383 houses; 5,741 other buildings	52,648 ha				
Korea, Republic of	Earthquake				\$440,000				0.62	55.58
	Storm	13,995	14,095	97	14	225 ha; \$2.3 million	1	0.8 (public); 1.76 (boats)	19.13	
	Typhoon	25,276	7,760	33	14	921 ha; \$20.2 million	11,650 cattle	11.5 (public); 0.1 (boats)	35.83	
Laos People's Democratic Republic	Floods		399 villages 544,460 people		23 schools and pagodas; 769 houses	88,011 ha; 130,065 tons husked rice	298 buffaloes 979 oxen 4,557 hogs 50,000 chickens			
Malaysia: Peninsular	Drought				Value \$US 11,658	24,240 ha			2.28	2.62
	Flood		17,490			90 ha; \$84,200		0.20	0.34	
New Zealand	Flood					80,000 ha				17.64
Philippines	Typhoons			1,057	834				208.3	208.3
Singapore	Floods		1,000	7			Several thousand			4.40
Sri Lanka	Floods		60,000	1,000					1	101.0
	Cyclones								100	
Thailand	Floods	1.8 million		106	1,391 buildings 4,981 houses	\$US 174 million		31.37 (public)		205.55
Viet Nam	Typhoon			68	32	5,000 houses	50,000 oxen, buffaloes	8 dams		
	Floods	970,000 ha	5 million	322	500,000 houses	270,000 tons rice	168,000 pigs			

Source: The Meteorological Services of the countries concerned. See chapter III.

Note: Exchange rates are 1978 period averages from International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics, April 1979.