

Table 4. Natural disasters, 1979 (Current prices)

Country or area	Nature of disaster	Area affected (ha)	Population affected (number)	Casualties		Houses or buildings (number)		Damage to crops and cultivated land	Livestock lost (head)	Damage to private property and public utilities (\$US million)	Subtotal (\$US million)	Total estimated damage (\$US million)
				Dead or missing	Injured	Destroyed	Damaged					
Australia	Cyclone			15				Approximately \$US 3 million		33-37.00	38.00	62.61
	Flood									2.24	2.24	
	Storms				23	53	350			22.37	22.37	
Burma	Flood	160,623								1.68	1.68	3.30
	Drought	1,411,996										
	Cyclone									1.62		
Hong Kong	Typhoons		15,709	16	327	53		1,450 ha of veg; 84,500 fruit trees; 50 ha of fish ponds	113,000	3.57		3.57
India	Floods	3,962,000	18,314,000	3,634			1,319,124 houses; \$US 257.56 million	2,111,000 ha; \$US 177.55 million	619,000	299.56		734.67
Indonesia	Floods, etc.	31,000		1,154	1,086		12,000		639			28.53
Japan	Typhoons			125	561	130	51,539	40,588 ha			1,409.12	2,015.48
	Storms			33	75	79	48,039	33,767 ha			606.36	
Malaysia:												
West Malaysia	Flood		53,394; 131 villages	10		8	455	\$US 140,402		0.94	1.09	
	Drought		20,000					\$US 40,512			0.04	
East Malaysia	Storms		538					405 ha		0.46	0.46	1.59
	Drought		2,000									
New Zealand	Flood									1.01		1.01
Philippines	Storms									0.38		56.16
	Typhoons			137	73					55.78		
Republic of Korea	Storms	84,465		237	51	1,323	2,585; \$US 6.76 m	112,673 tons; \$US 73.56 m; 4,470 ha; \$US 11.61 m		61.19	153.12	373.05
	Typhoons	53,621		153	95	1,544	11,579; \$US 4.89 m	107,355 tons; \$US 82.16 m; 3,244 ha; \$US 9.69 m		123.19	219.93	
Thailand	Drought							420,421 ha				
	Flood			42	6	360	3,354	60,351 ha	354	2.55		2.55
Viet Nam	Flood		260,000					64,000 ha				

Source: Meteorological services of the countries concerned. See chapter III.

Note: Exchange rates are 1979 period averages from International Monetary Fund, *International Financial Statistics*, April 1980.