

Table 1. Damage estimates reported by governments of Asia and the Pacific: tropical cyclones, floods and other natural disasters in 1997

Country/area and source of data	Type of disaster	Period covered and regions affected	Casualties	Material damage (units) ^{a, b}	Total estimated damage (US\$)
China Meteorological Administration	Tropical cyclones, floods and other natural disasters	Jan. - Dec. 1997 Nationwide	347 dead 114 missing 6,845 injured 51.7 million affected	Houses/buildings 578,200 destroyed 2,036,100 damaged 8.3 million ha of farmland affected 90,000 heads of livestock killed 3,560 km roads 1,480 bridges damaged 1,140 ships lost/damaged	6,559 million
Hong Kong, China Hong Kong Observatory	Heavy rain	8 May Territory-wide	1 dead/missing 1 injured 10 affected	Houses/buildings 1 destroyed 9 affected	450,000
	Heavy rain	4 June Territory-wide	1 dead/missing 5 injured 50 affected		N.A.
	Heavy rain	13-17 July Territory-wide	22 injured 120 affected		N.A.
	Heavy rain	1-4 July Territory-wide	1 dead/missing 9 injured 4 made homeless 163 affected	3 houses/buildings destroyed 185 ha of farmland affected 18.6 tons of pond fish destroyed	630,000
	Heavy rain	14-19 July Territory-wide	5 injured		
	Typhoon Victor (9712)	31 July - 3 Aug. Territory-wide	1 dead/missing 58 injured 66 affected	5 houses/buildings affected 140 ha of farmland affected 6.4 tons of pond fish destroyed 7 road sites and 2 irrigation facilities damaged	570,000
	Heavy rain	12 Aug. New territories		1,000 houses/buildings affected 3 ha of farmland affected 23.4 tons of pond fish destroyed	200,000
	Typhoon Zita (9715)	20-23 Aug. Territory-wide	3 injured 10 affected	Houses/buildings 1 destroyed 4 affected 43 ha of farmland affected 1,800 heads of livestock killed 4.8 tons of pond fish destroyed 8 road sites and 2 irrigation facilities damaged	70,000