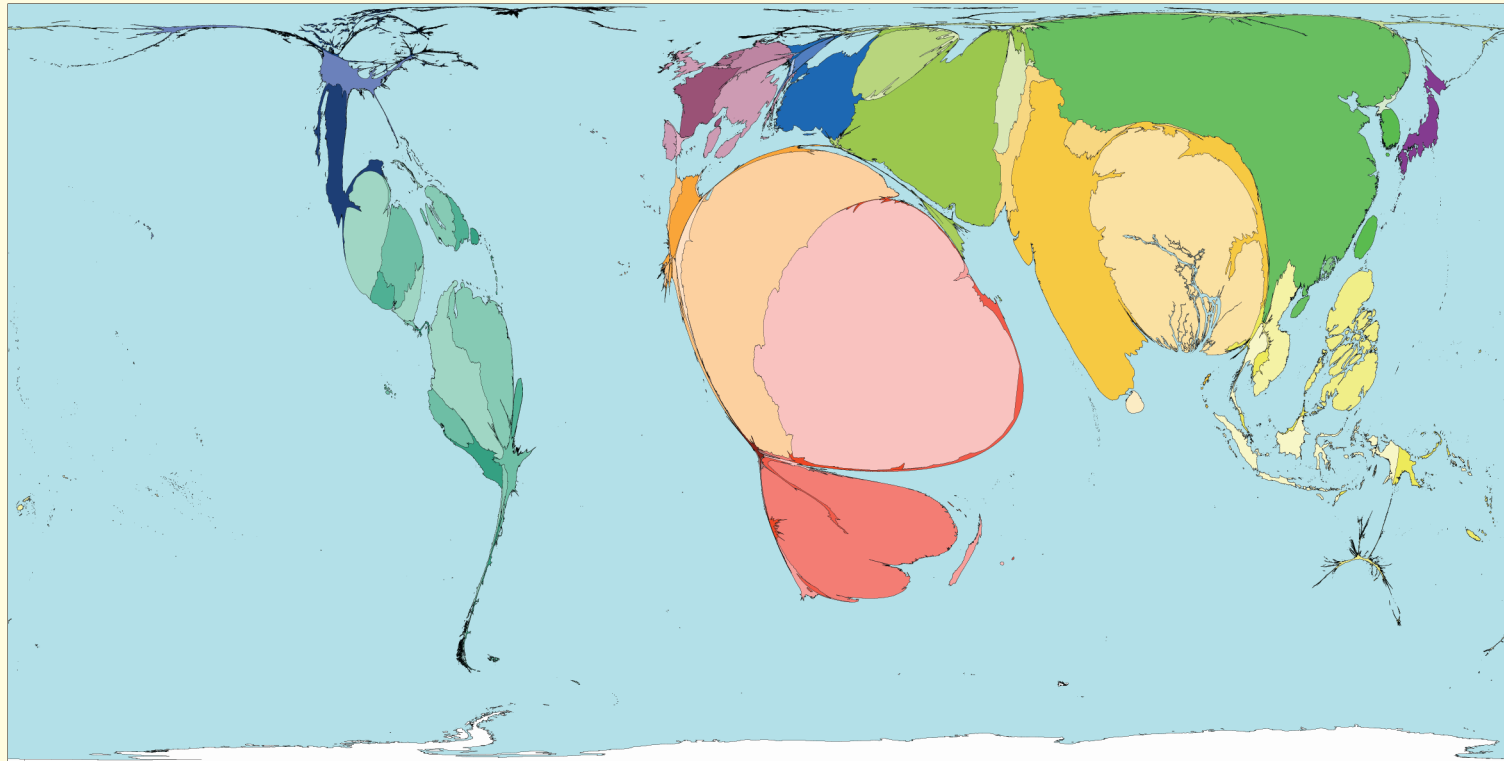


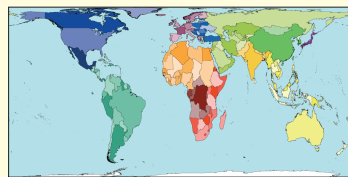
# Killed by Disasters



This is a map of people who are known or presumed to have been killed by disasters which are beyond local capacity. The map covers the period 1975 to 2004, so includes: the 1976 earthquake in China, the 1984 drought in Sudan and Ethiopia, and the 1991 cyclone in Bangladesh.

Death counts from disasters are affected by human factors. The 1984 Ethiopian famine was caused by a lack of rain but aggravated by civil war, and an initial reluctance to give international assistance. Deaths from disasters can be minimised by: warning systems (good communications are needed); durable shelters; political will; and practical support.

Territory size shows the proportion of all deaths caused by disasters, which overwhelm local resources, that died there 1975-2004. It includes outbreaks of infectious diseases not normally found there.



Land area

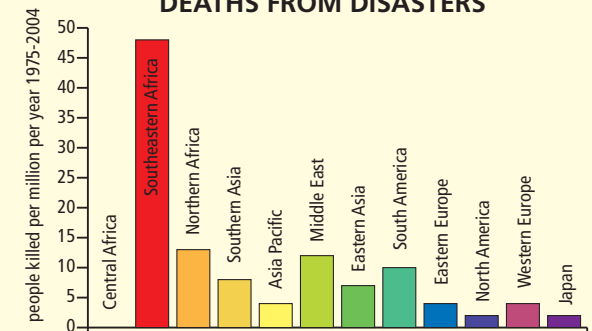
- Technical notes**
- Data and definitions are from the United Nations Environment Programme (2005).
  - \*108 territories had figures / estimates below one death per million.
  - See website for further information.

## MOST AND LESS PEOPLE KILLED BY DISASTERS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Armenia	269	82	Antigua & Barbuda	1.7
2	Mozambique	184	82	Seychelles	1.7
3	Sudan	152	85	Panama	1.5
4	Ethiopia	146	86	Gambia	1.4
5	Honduras	76	87	United Kingdom	1.3
6	Guatemala	68	88	Russian Federation	1.2
7	Islamic Republic of Iran	51	89	Guinea	1.2
8	Cook Islands	46	90	Democratic P Republic Korea	1.2
9	Venezuela	40	91	South Africa	1.2
10	Bangladesh	40	92	United States	1.1

people killed per million persons per year 1975-2004\*

## DEATHS FROM DISASTERS



*“We are preparing ourselves for up to 1,000 dead bodies from this flood alone ...”* Insp Daniel Gezahenge, 2006