

Affected by Insect Infestation



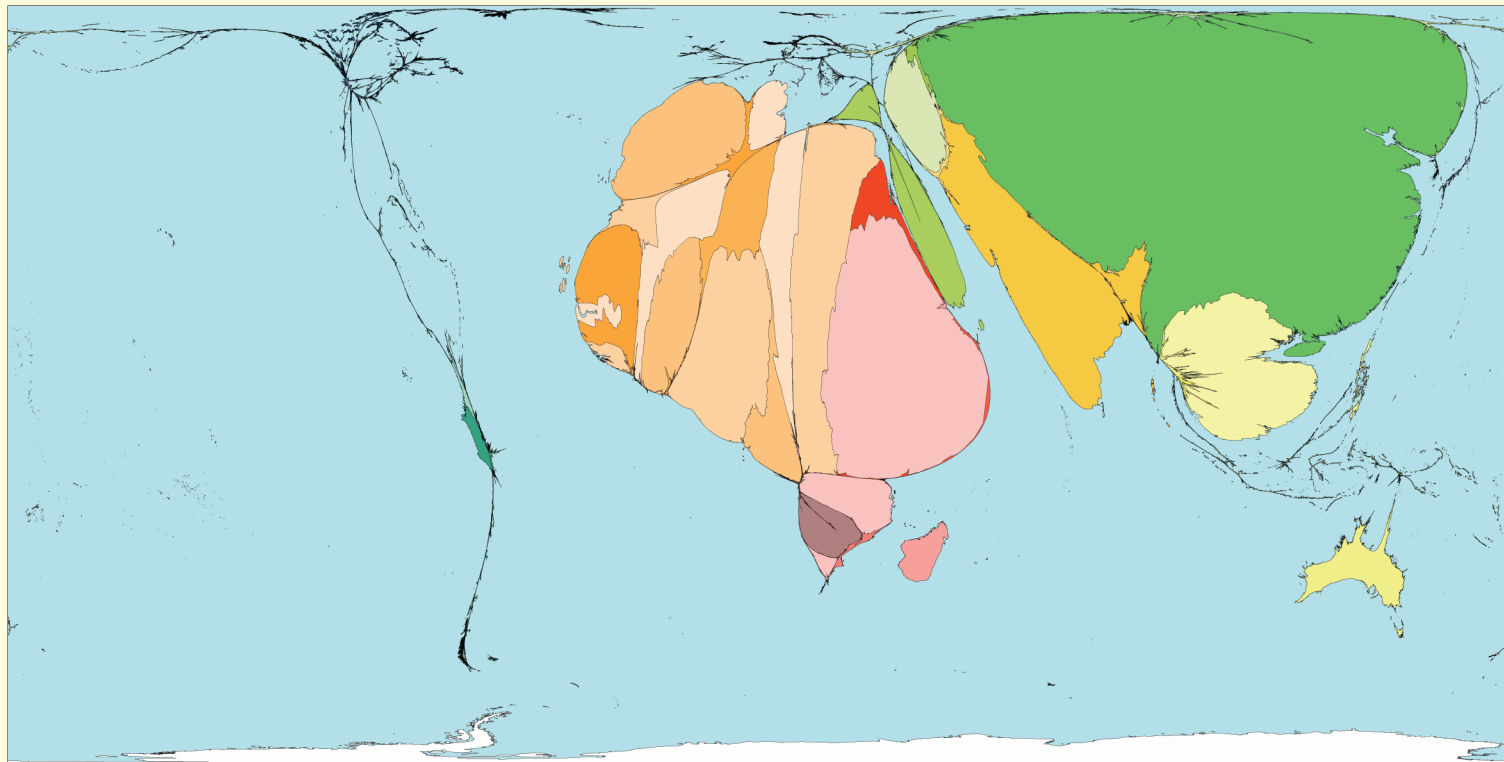
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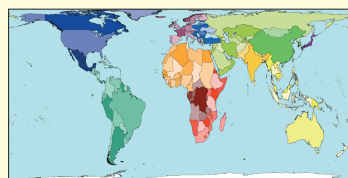
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The disasters mapped here are caused by insects, or in one case, rats. The main insects are various locusts, grasshoppers and army worms (insect larvae). Disasters occur when numbers are so large as to cause widespread devastation. Insect and vermin infestations are shown here only when they were so severe that the local population required external assistance to survive.

The three territories where the largest populations affected by insect infestations live are China, Ethiopia and India. However, the highest proportions of population affected live in Northern African territories.

Territory size shows the proportion of all people worldwide affected by disasters due to infestations, usually by insects, between 1974 and 2004, who lived there. A disaster, here, is an event which overwhelms local resources.



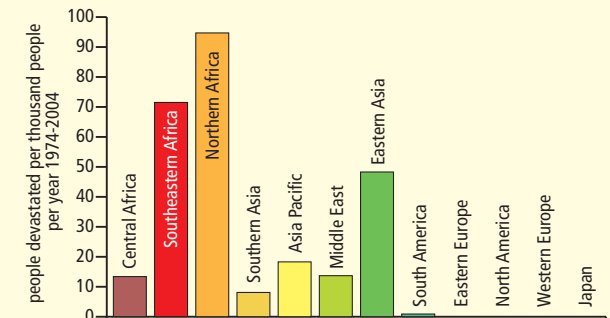
Land area

MOST PEOPLE DEVASTATED BY INSECT INFESTATION

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Chad	129032	27	Tajikistan	8064.5
1	Gambia	129032	28	Algeria	3466.2
3	Senegal	98236	29	India	3294.3
4	Eritrea	89808	30	Peru	3186.4
5	Mauritania	88709	31	Mozambique	1910.9
7	Burkina Faso	80645	32	Colombia	686.2
6	Guinea-Bissau	80645	33	Russian Federation	576.8
8	Sudan	79836	34	Philippines	340.3
9	Ethiopia	74046	35	Pakistan	205.7
10	Mali	73863	36	Brazil	0.3

people devastated by insect and vermin infestations per million people per year 1974-2004*

DEVASTATED BY INSECT INFESTATIONS



Technical notes

- Data are from the Emergency Events Database, 2006.
- *People in only 36 territories were affected by insect infestations between 1974 and 2004.
- See website for further information.

“The locusts went up over all the land of Egypt ... and there remained not any green thing.”

The Bible, undated