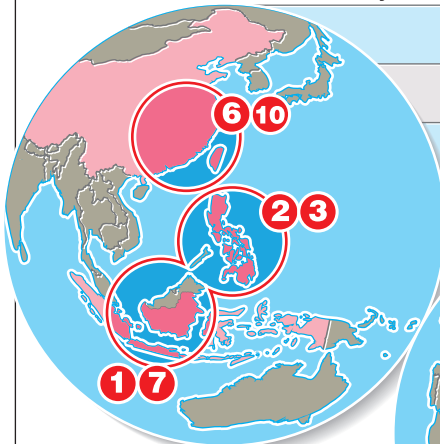


Worst natural disasters in 2006

Floods and storms were the most frequent natural disasters in 2006, while extreme temperatures pushed the death toll in Europe up 5% higher than the average for the past five years. There were 21,796 disaster-related deaths around the world last year, according to the United Nations



1 Indonesia: Earthquake, May
Deaths: **5,778**

2 Philippines: Typhoon Durian,
December **1,399**

3 Philippines: Landslide,
February **1,112**

4 Holland: Heat wave, July **1,000**

5 Belgium: Heat wave, July **940**

6 China: Typhoon Bilis, July **820**

7 Indonesia: Tsunami, July **802**

8 Ukraine: Cold wave, January **801**

9 Ethiopia: Flash flood, August **498**

10 China: Typhoon Samoi, August **373**

