

Natural Disasters



Humans are impacted greatly by nature in many different ways. The most sudden and violent confrontations between humans and nature are when natural disasters occur. The organizer below highlights a few recent notable natural disasters.

Location & Date	Event	Short Term Impacts	Long Term Impacts
Indian Ocean (13 countries) December 2004	Tsunami	350 000 casualties 1.5 million homeless \$billions damages	Rebuilding further inland, warning systems
Ontario, Quebec, & New Brunswick, Can. January 1998	Ice Storm	28 casualties \$5 billion damages 4 million w/o power	Respect for Canadian Forces response, grid improvements
Miami, United States August 1992	Hurricane (Andrew)	26 deaths \$36 billion damages 700 000 insure claims	Hurricane preparedness & building requirement improvements
Izmet, Turkey August 1999	Earthquake	17 200 casualties \$12 billion damages	Emergency response improvements, quality electrical grids work
Soufrière Hills, Montserrat June 1997	Volcano	20 deaths 2/3 population fled island	Better prediction technology, renewed infrastructure