

Significant Natural Disasters

January – June 2008

Deadliest disasters

Date	Event	Area	Deaths/Missing
January	Cold wave	Afghanistan, Kyrgistan, Tajikistan	1,000
May	Cyclone Nargis, storm surge	Myanmar	138,000
May	Earthquake	China	69,200

Costliest disasters (overall losses)

			US\$m
January/February	Winter damage	China	10,000
May	Earthquake	China	20,000
June	Floods, severe storms	USA	10,000

Costliest disasters (insured losses)

			US\$m
January/February	Winter damage	China	1,600
February	Severe storms, tornadoes	USA	955
March	Winter storm Emma	Europe	1,500