

Appendix 1 – Natural Disasters in Papua New Guinea

NB Some natural disasters and hazards are caused by human error whether deliberate or not.

Location	Natural Hazards	Year
Tolukuma, Papua New Guinea	Cyanide Spill	
Rabaul	Volcano	1937
Mt Lamington	Volcano	1951
Bismarck Sea	Tsunami	1970/1971
Ok Tedi, Western Province	Tailings Dam	1983
Siassi, Morobe	Earthquake	1989
Sepik	Flood	1993
Papua New Guinea	Tropical Cyclone Adel	1993
Finisterre Rang, Morobe and Madang	Earthquake	1993
Rabaul, East New Britain	Volcanic Eruption/Earthquake	1994/2000
Buso, Lae	Flood	1996
Highlands Region	Drought	1997
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Sissano Lagoon, West Sepik	Tsunami	1998
Papua New Guinea	Measles Epidemic	1998
Sepik and Madang	Drought	1998
Madang	Kerosene Explosion	2001
Wantoat, Morobe	Landslide	2002
Mt Hagen	Landslide	2002
Mt Pago, West New Britain	Volcano	2002
East Sepik	Earthquake	2004
Papua New Guinea	Landslides	Numerous