

# NATURAL HAZARDS

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# Natural Hazards

## A. Geophysical:

1. Volcanoes,
2. Earthquakes
3. Tsunamis
4. Hill slopes failure and Landslides

## B. Hydrological:

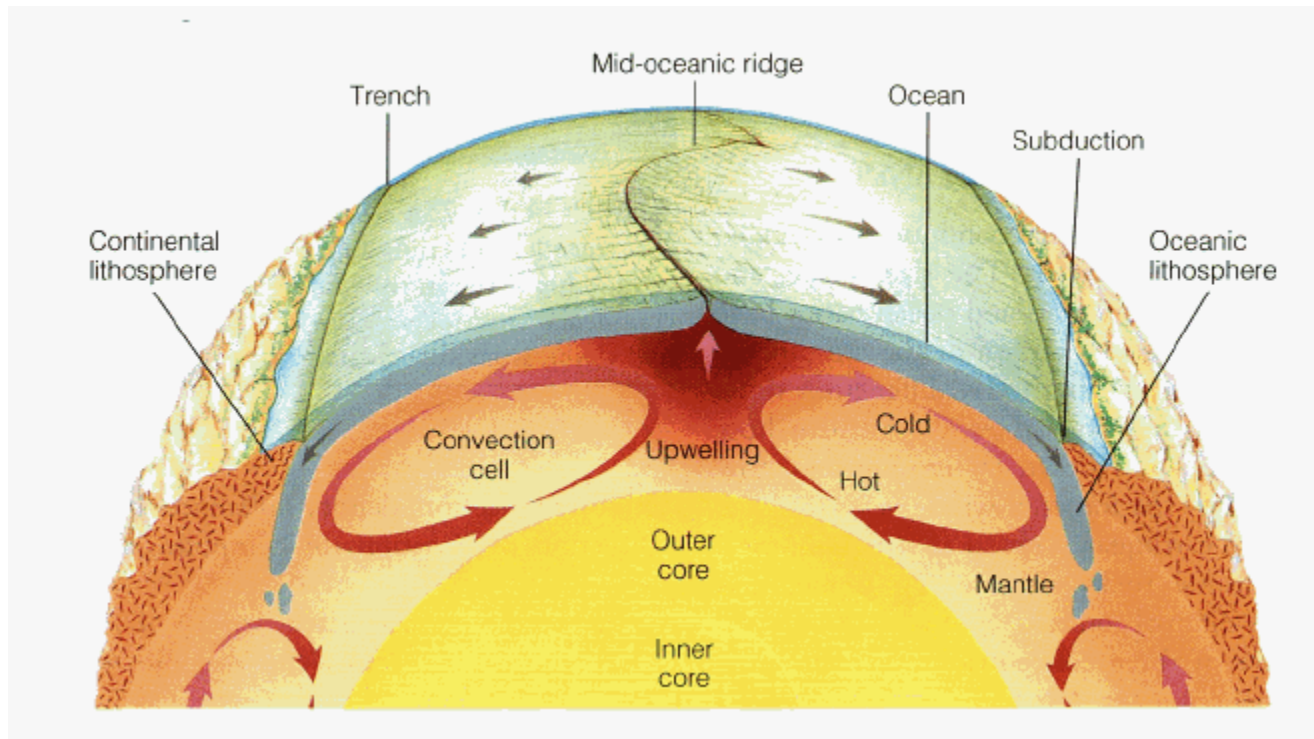
1. Snowy avalanches,
2. Floods,

## C: Meteorological

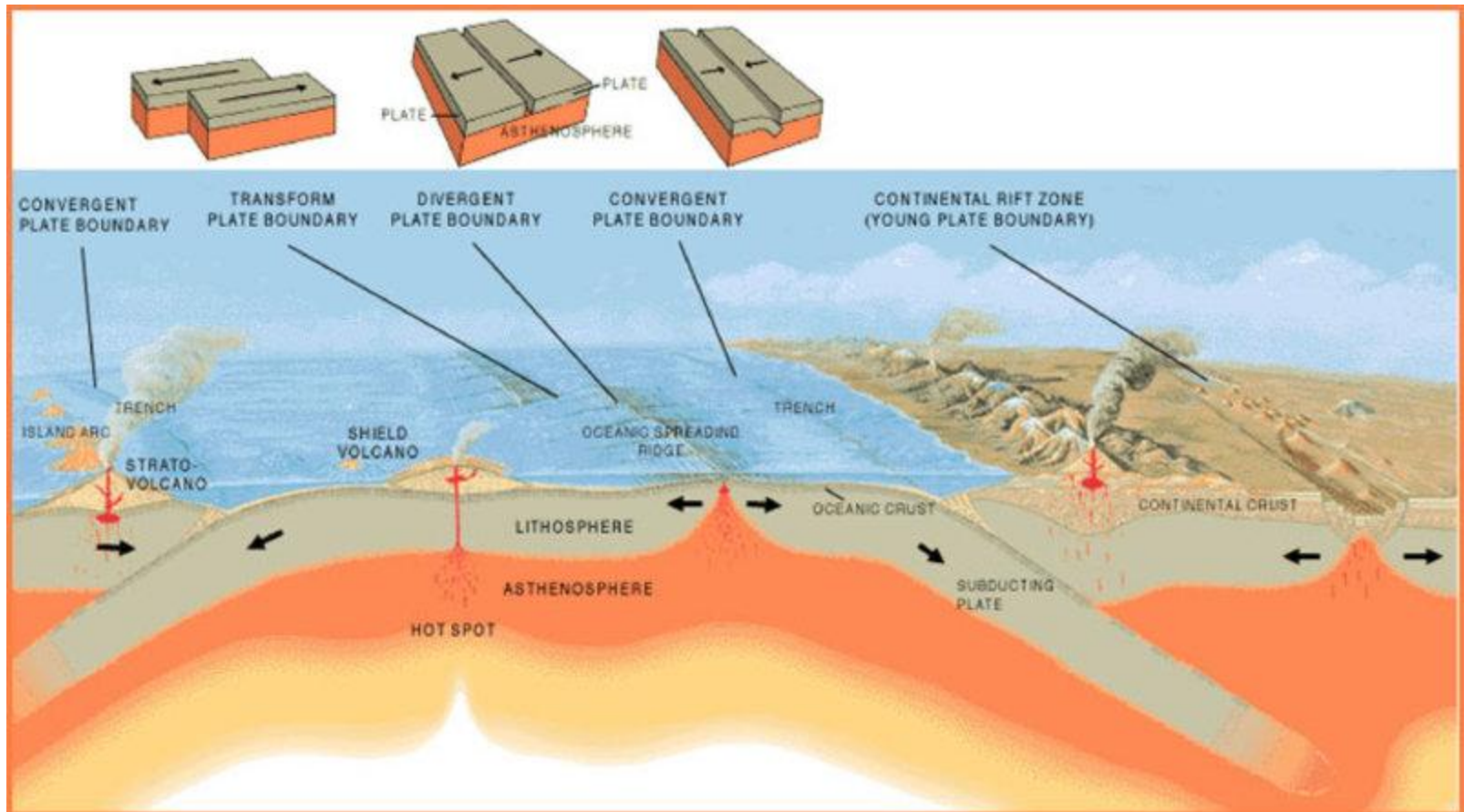
4. Cyclones,
5. Droughts

# Causes of Geophysical hazards

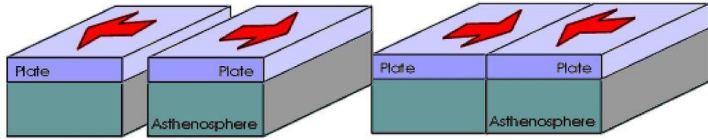
**Convection currents** are the result of differential heating. Lighter (less dense), warm material rises while heavier (more dense) cool material sinks. It is this movement that creates circulation patterns known as convection currents in the atmosphere, in water, and in the mantle of Earth.



# Causes of Geophysical hazards

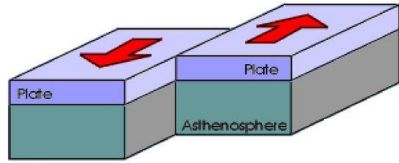


# The 3 main types of plate boundaries/margins

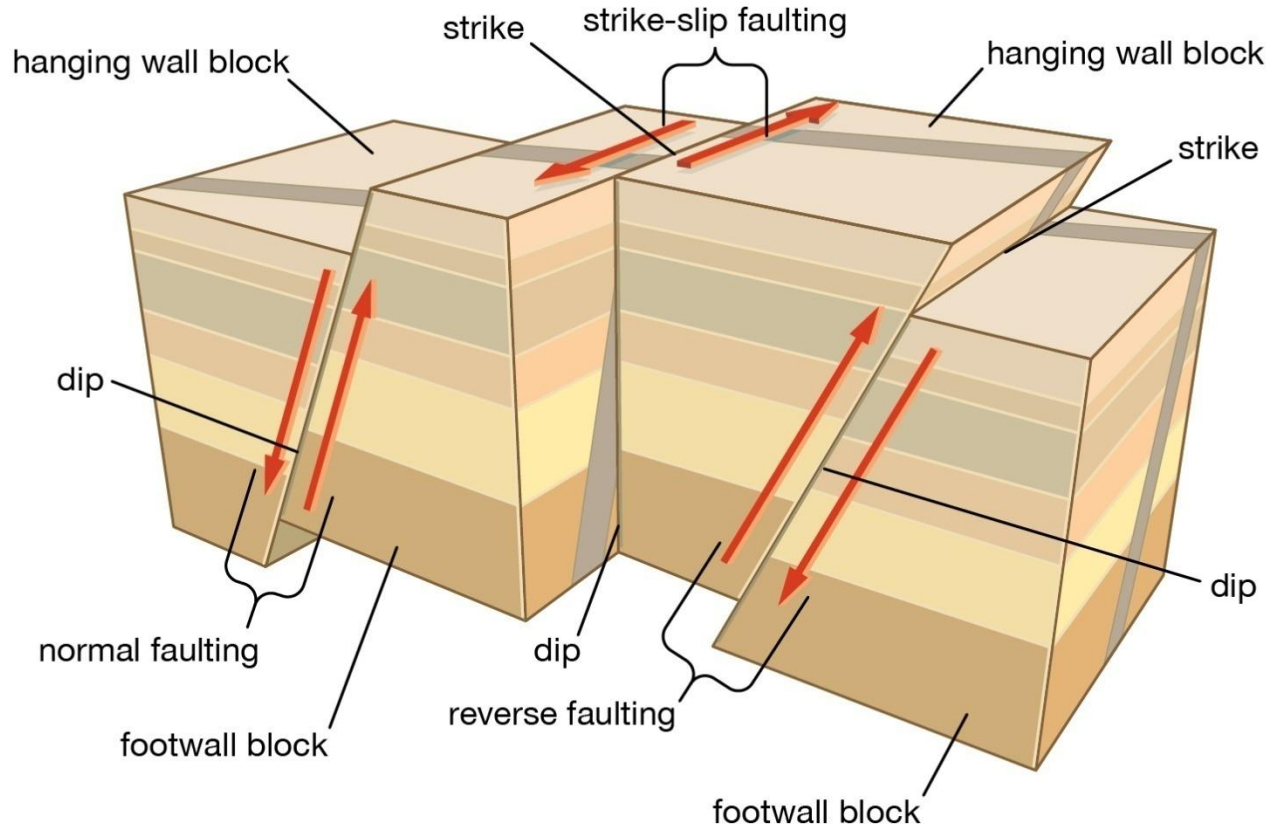


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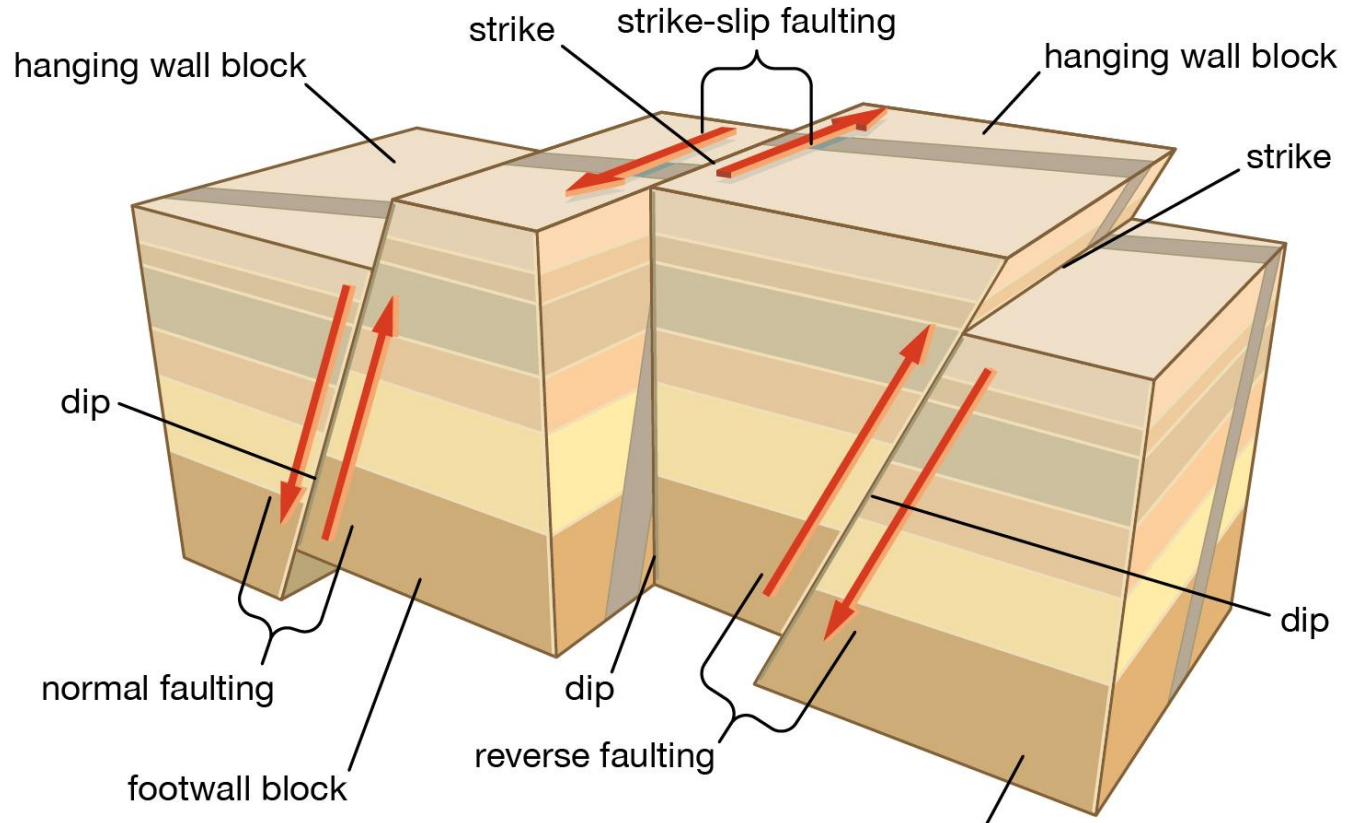
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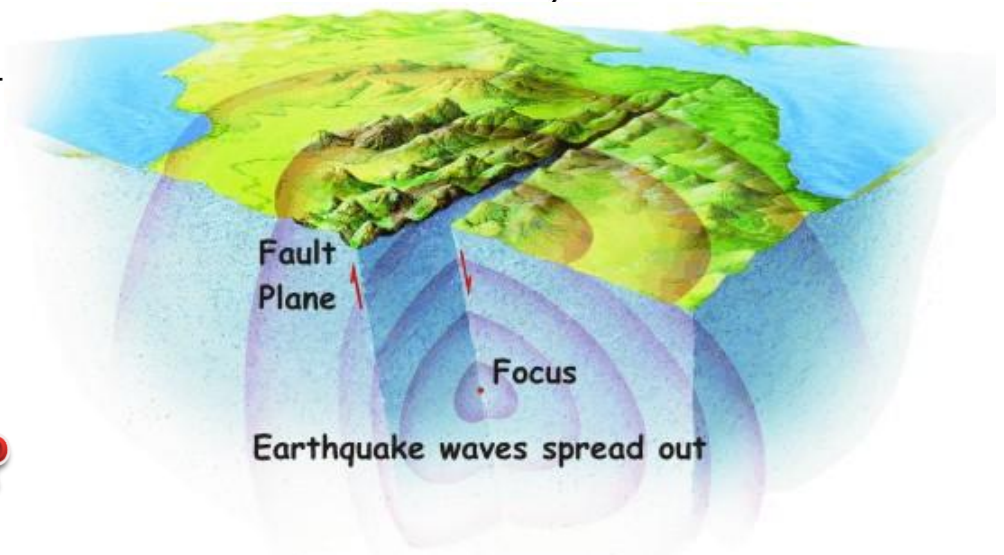
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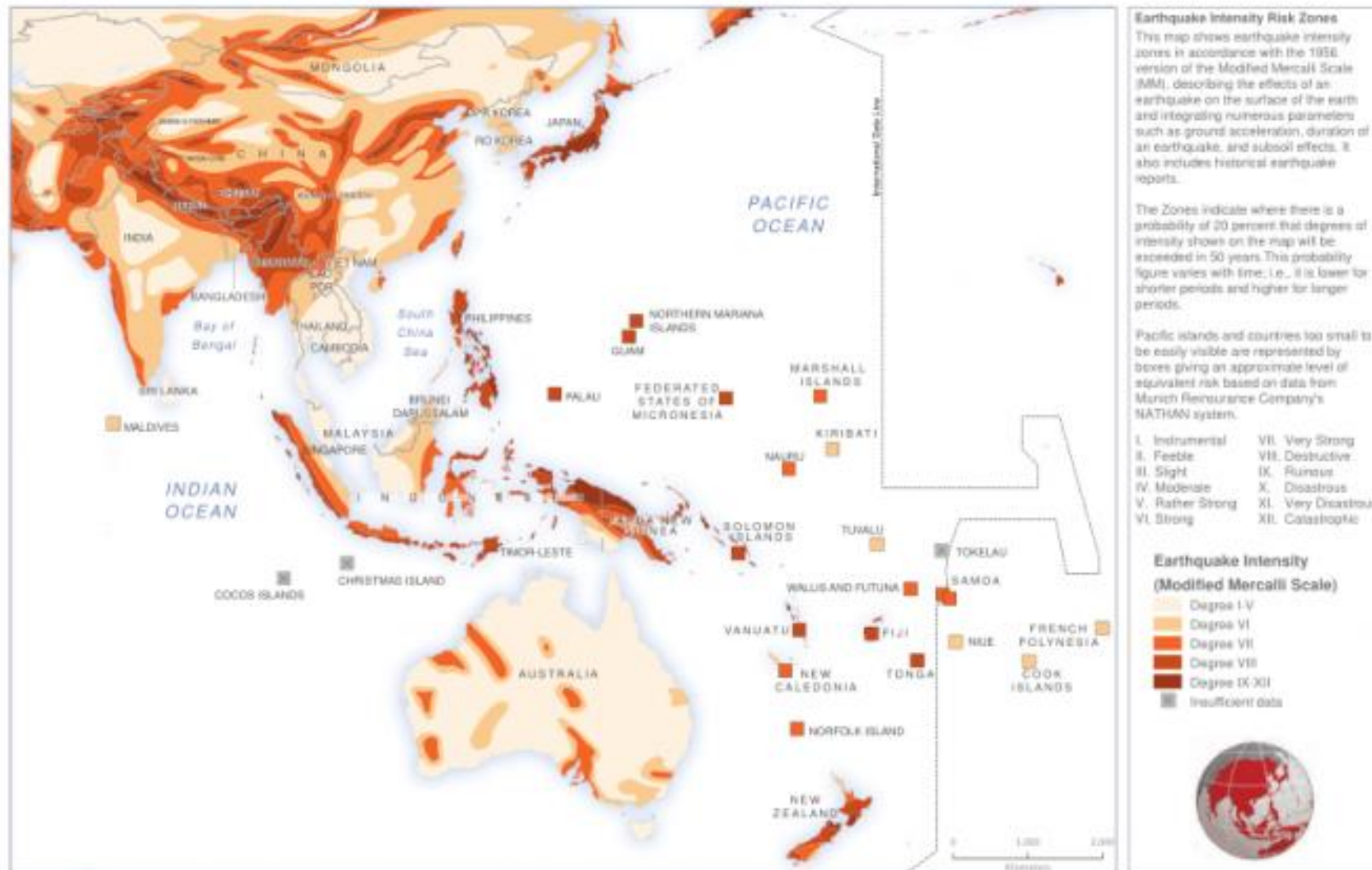




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**How a earthquake occurs ?**



## Understanding the Richter Scale:

Richter Magnitude	Feels like KG of TNT	Extra Information
0-1	0.6-20 kilograms of dynamite	We can not feel these
2	600 kilograms of dynamite	Smallest Quake people can normally feel
3	20,000 kilograms of dynamite	People near the epicenter feel this quake
4	60,000 kilograms of dynamite	This will cause damage around the epicenter. It is the same as a small fission bomb
5	20,000,000 kilograms of dynamite	Damage done to weak buildings in the area of the epicenter
6	60,000,000 kilograms of dynamite	Can cause great damage around the epicenter
7	20 billion kilograms of dynamite	Creates enough energy to heat New York city for one year. Can be detected all over the world. Causes serious damage
8	60 billion kilograms of dynamite	Causes death and major destruction. Destroyed San Francisco in 1906
9	20 trillion kilograms of dynamite	Rare, but would causes unbelievable damage!



# Richter Scale of Earthquake Energy:

Each level is 10 time stronger than the previous level

	Description	Occurrence	In Population	Movement
1	Small	Daily	Every minute	Small
2	Small	Daily	Every hour	Small
3	Small	Daily	Every day	Small
4	Small	Daily	Every week	Moderate sudden
5	Moderate	Monthly	Every 10 years	Strong Sudden
6	Moderate	Monthly	Every 30 years	Strong Sudden
7	Major	Monthly	Every 50 years	Severe Sudden
8	Great	Yearly	Every 100 years	Very Severe
9	Great	Yearly	Every 300 years	Very Severe
10	Super	Rarely	Every 1,000 years	Extreme

# The Richter scale

Measures energy waves emitted by earthquake

0 - 1.9

Can be detected only by seismograph

2 - 2.9

Hanging objects may swing



3 - 3.9

Comparable to the vibrations of a passing truck

4 - 4.9

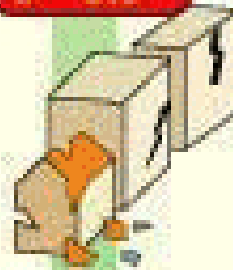
May break windows, cause small or unstable objects to fall



5 - 5.9

Furniture moves, chunks of plaster may fall from walls

6 - 6.9



Damage to well-built structures, severe damage to poorly built ones

7 - 7.9



Buildings displaced from foundations; cracks in the earth; underground pipes broken

8 - 8.9

Bridges destroyed, Few structures left standing

9 and over



Near-total destruction, waves moving through the earth visible with naked eye

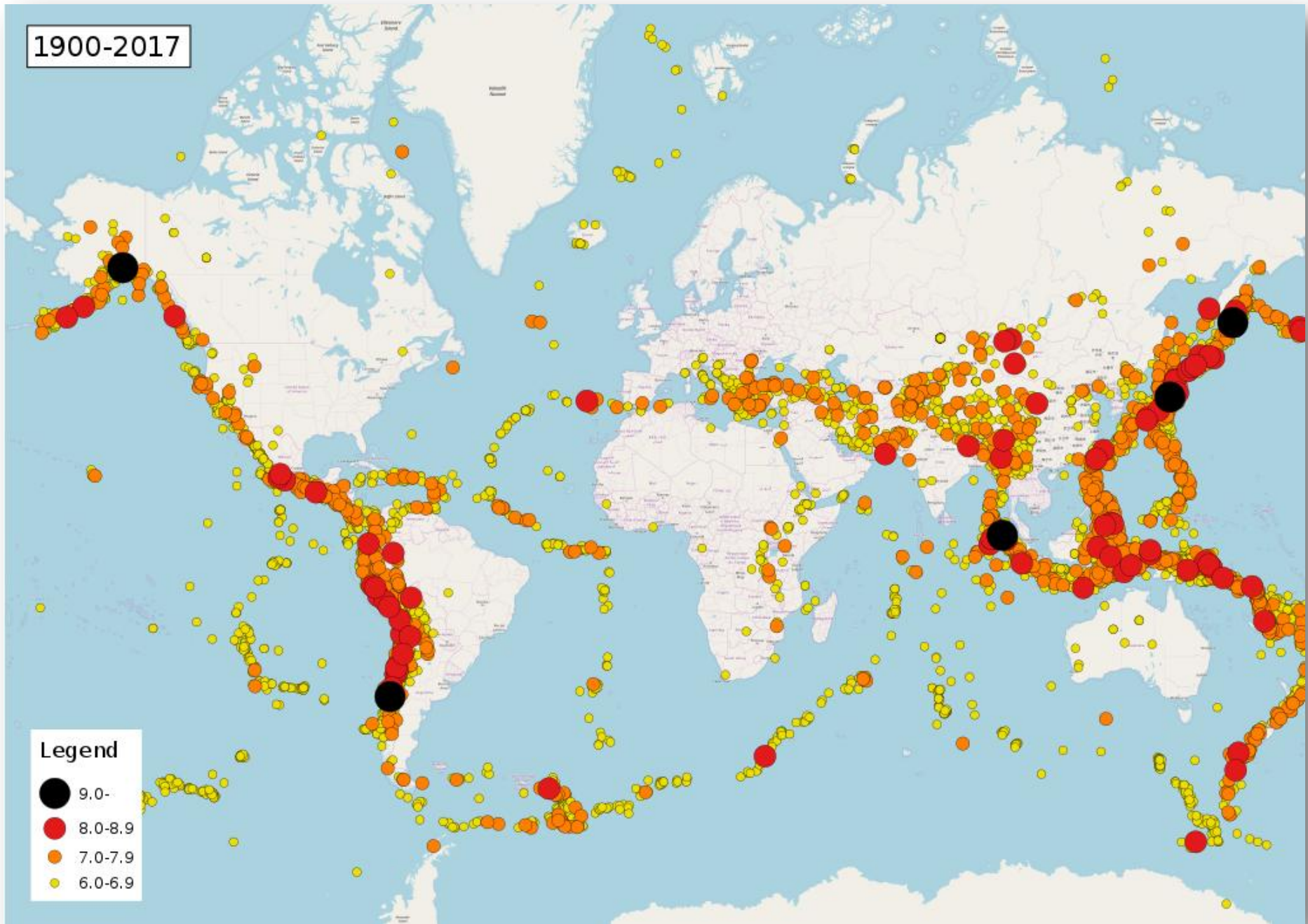
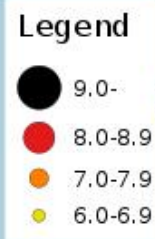
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# The Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale

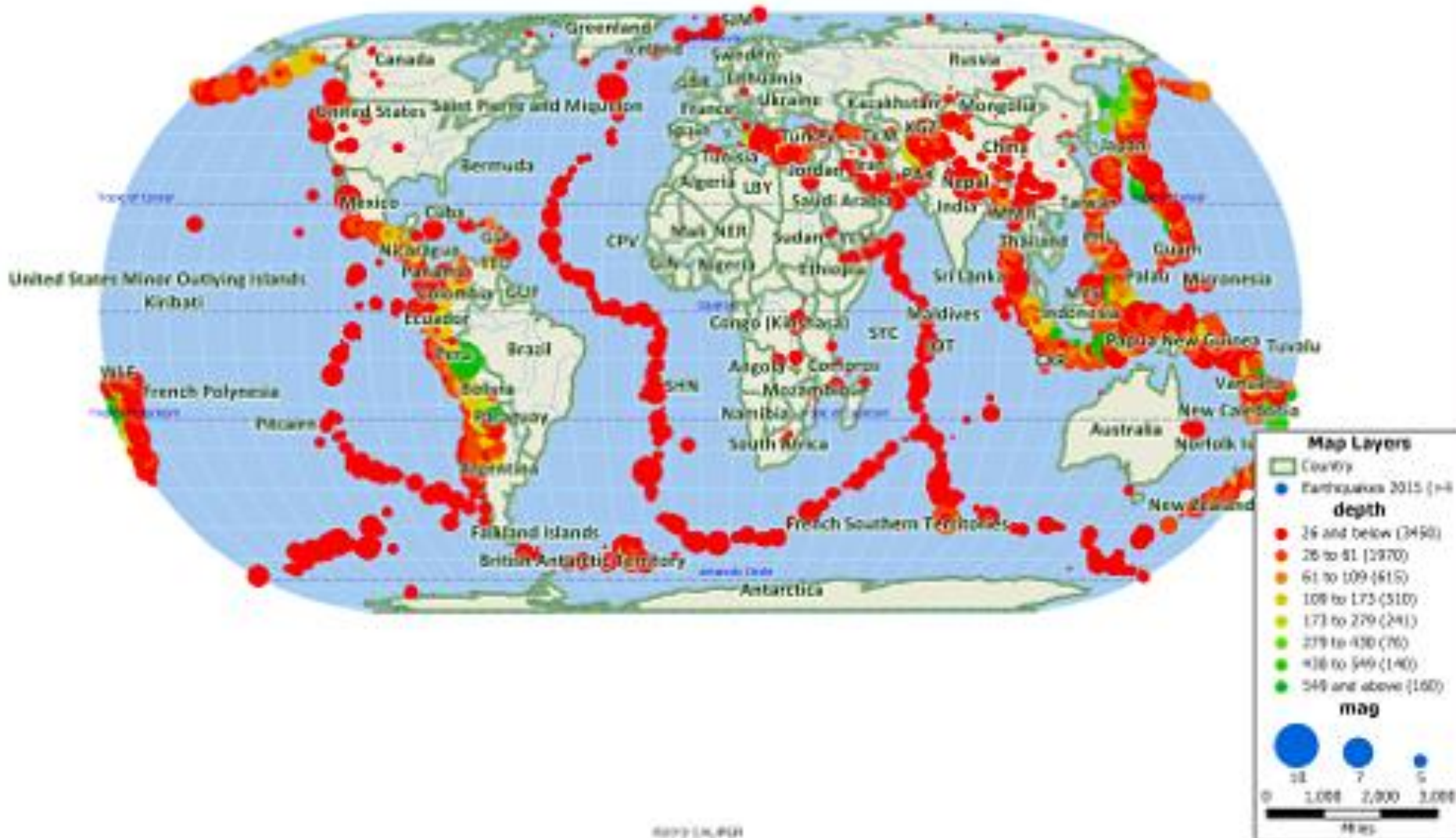
Intensity	Shaking	Description/Damage
I	Not felt	Not felt except by a very few under especially favorable conditions.
II	Weak	Felt only by a few persons at rest, especially on upper floors of buildings.
III	Weak	Felt quite noticeably by persons indoors, especially on upper floors of buildings. Many people do not recognize it as an earthquake. Standing motor cars may rock slightly. Vibrations similar to the passing of a truck. Duration estimated.
IV	Light	Felt indoors by many, outdoors by few during the day. At night, some awakened. Dishes, windows, doors disturbed; walls make cracking sound. Sensation like heavy truck striking building. Standing motor cars rocked noticeably.
V	Moderate	Felt by nearly everyone; many awakened. Some dishes, windows broken. Unstable objects overturned. Pendulum clocks may stop.
VI	Strong	Felt by all, many frightened. Some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster. Damage slight.
VII	Very strong	Damage negligible in buildings of good design and construction; slight to moderate in well-built ordinary structures; considerable damage in poorly built or badly designed structures; some chimneys broken.
VIII	Severe	Damage slight in specially designed structures; considerable damage in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collapse. Damage great in poorly built structures. Fall of chimneys, factory stacks, columns, monuments, walls. Heavy furniture overturned.
IX	Violent	Damage considerable in specially designed structures; well-designed frame structures thrown out of plumb. Damage great in substantial buildings, with partial collapse. Buildings shifted off foundations.
X	Extreme	Some well-built wooden structures destroyed; most masonry and frame structures destroyed with foundations. Rails bent.

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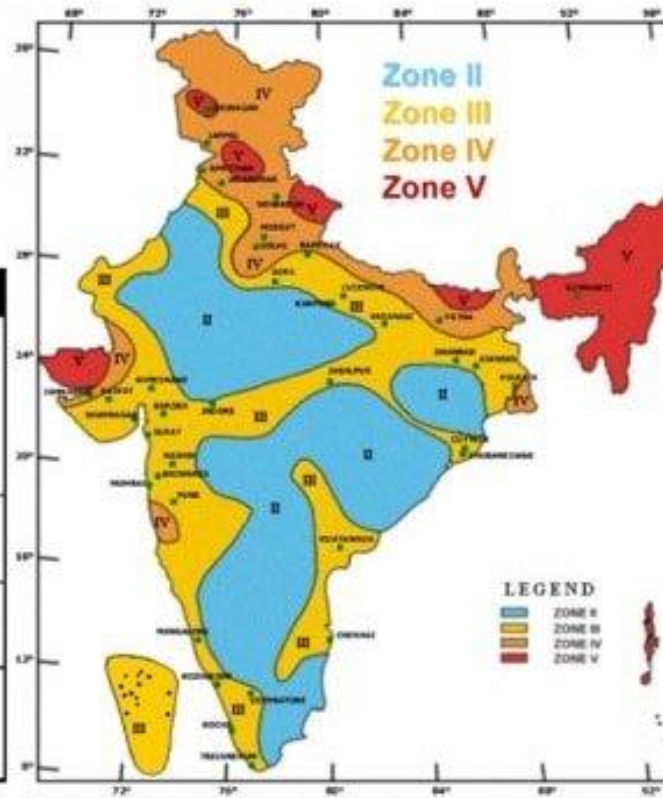
Map of earthquakes for 2015. Size denotes magnitude (a modern scale that replaces 'Richter Scale') and the color denotes depth (in km). Click for larger view.



## Seismic Zone Map of India: -2002

About 59 percent of the land area of India is liable to seismic hazard damage

Zone	Intensity
Zone V	<b>Very High Risk Zone</b> Area liable to shaking Intensity IX (and above)
Zone IV	<b>High Risk Zone</b> Intensity VIII
Zone III	<b>Moderate Risk Zone</b> Intensity VII
Zone II	<b>Low Risk Zone</b> VI (and lower)



# Seismic Zones in India

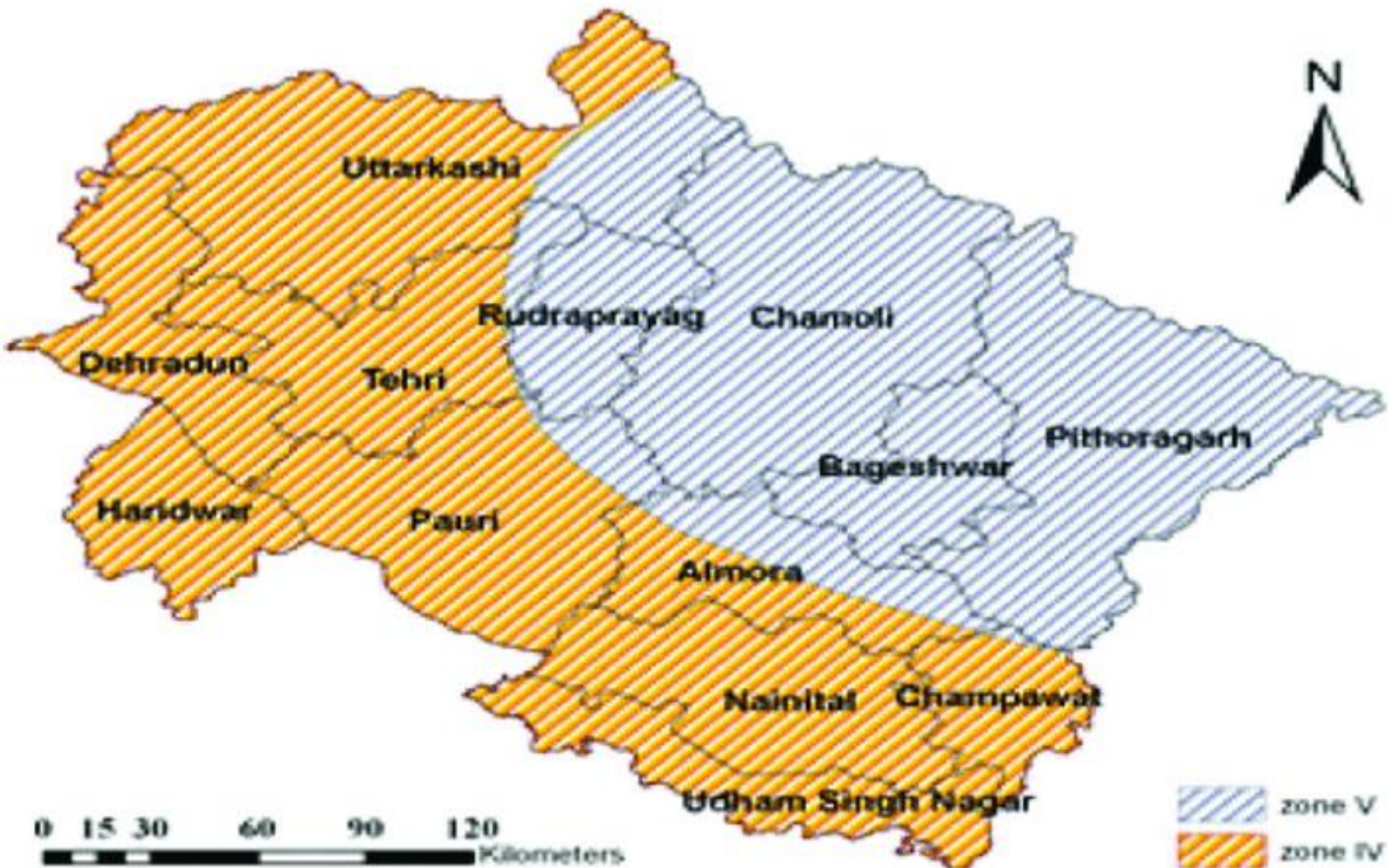


## EARTHQUAKE MAGNITUDE SCALE

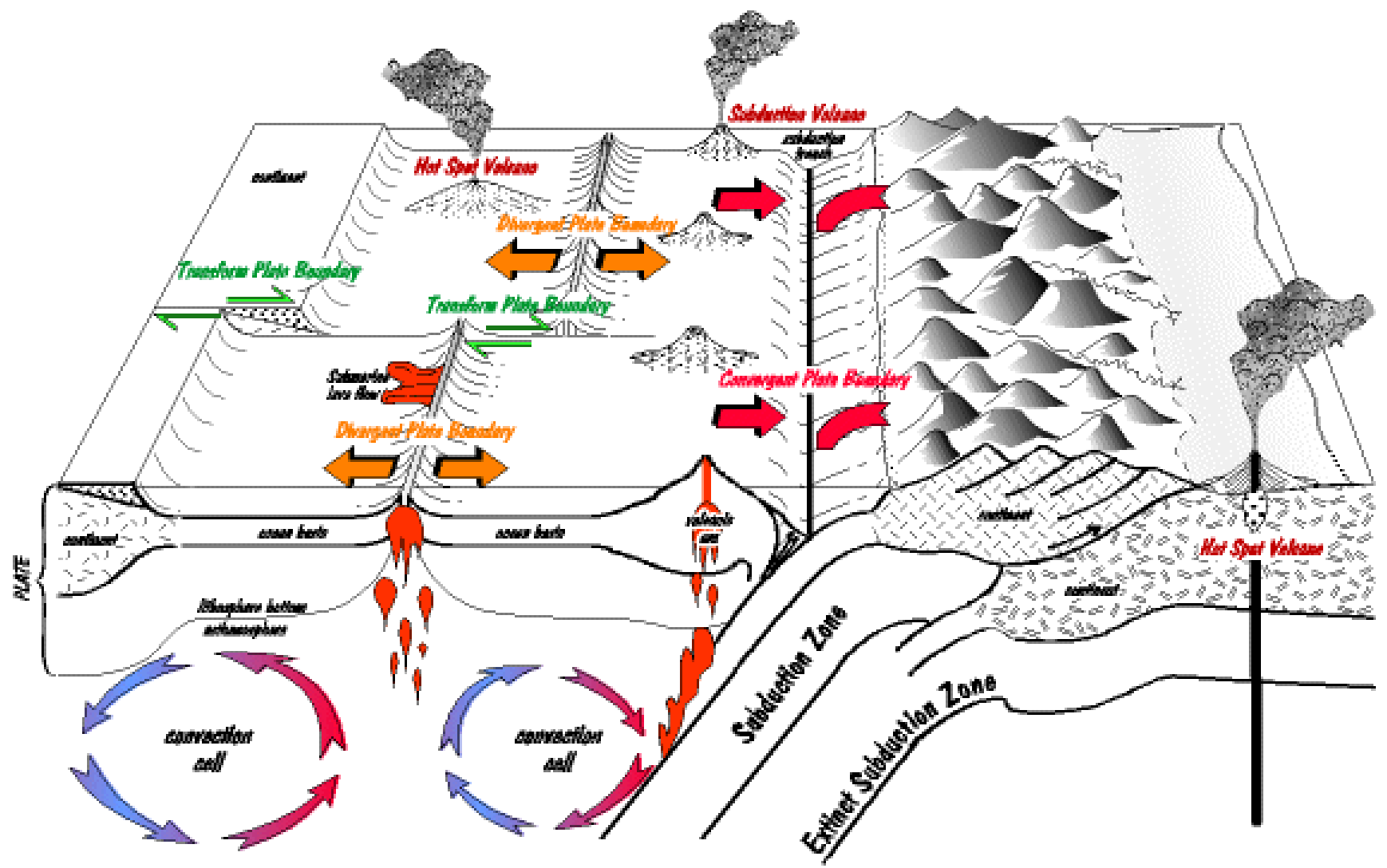




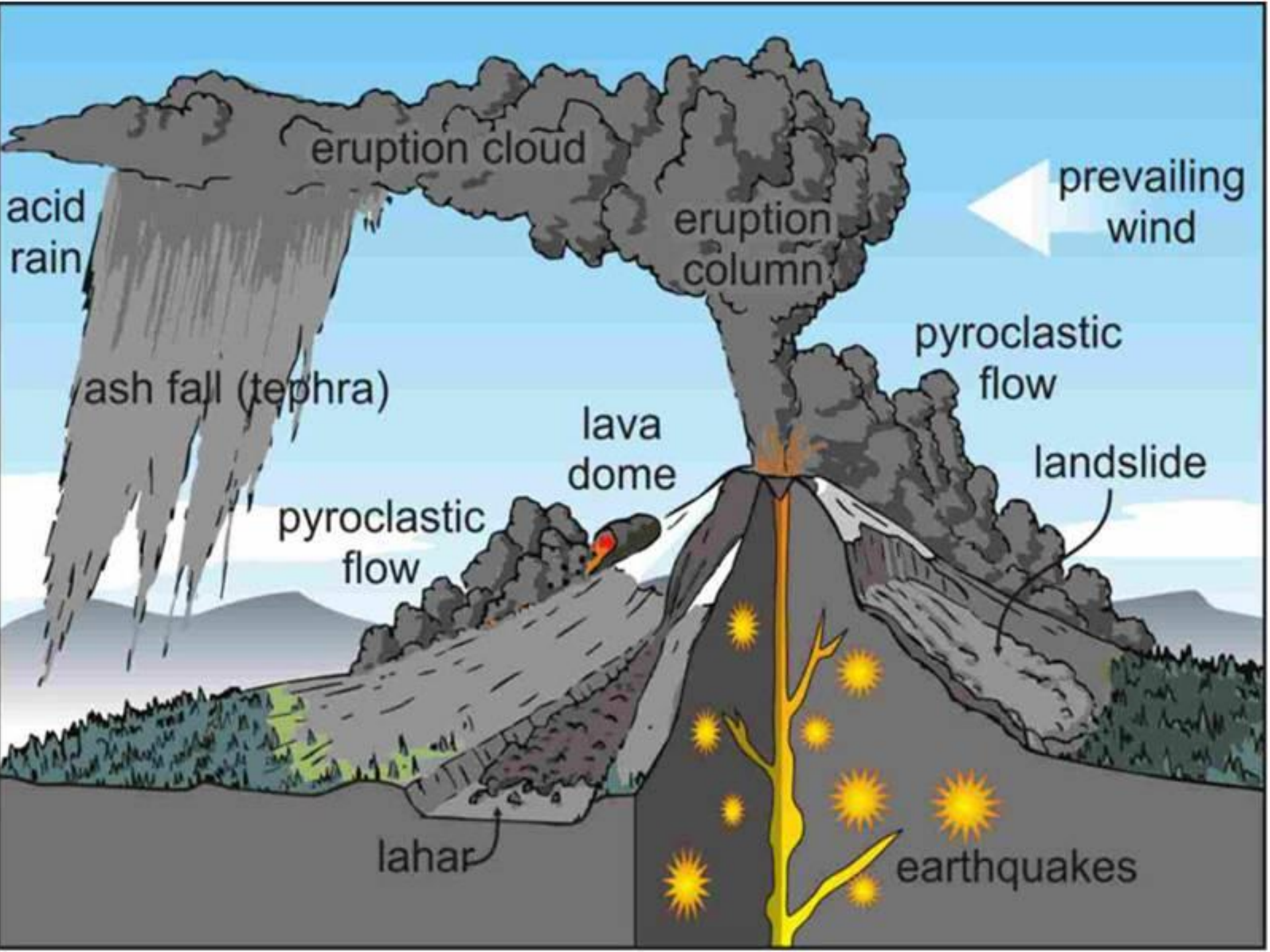
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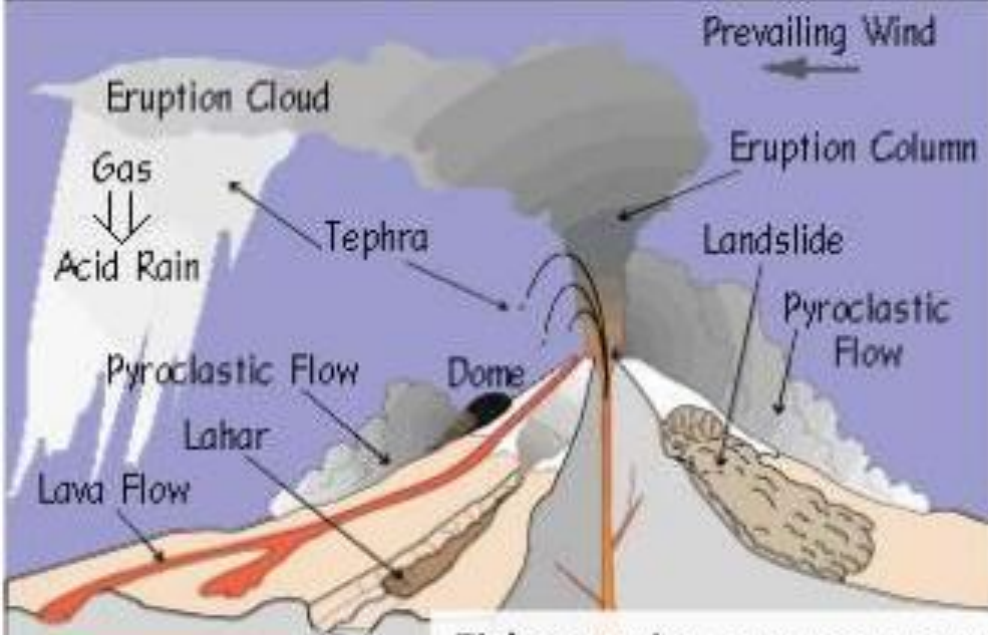


# How a volcano occurs ?









## Task 2: Primary hazards of volcanoes

Either write out your own summaries of each or match these brief definitions with the correct term (use page 13 to help you):

1. Gases released in violent eruptions, typically water vapour, sulphur dioxide, hydrogen and carbon monoxide (CO<sub>2</sub> most dangerous as undetected)
2. Rock fragments ejected into the atmosphere, range from bombs (>32mm) to dust (<4mm)
3. A dense, destructive cloud of very hot ash, glass, pumice, crystals and gases
4. Lava (includes basaltic, andesitic and rhyolitic)- viscosity changes according to silicon content

Pyroclastic flow

Tephra

Lava Flows

Volcanic gases

# Volcanic Eruptions

10450 BCE - 2019 CE



Digital map of known volcanic eruptions in the past 10,000 years by the company ESRI

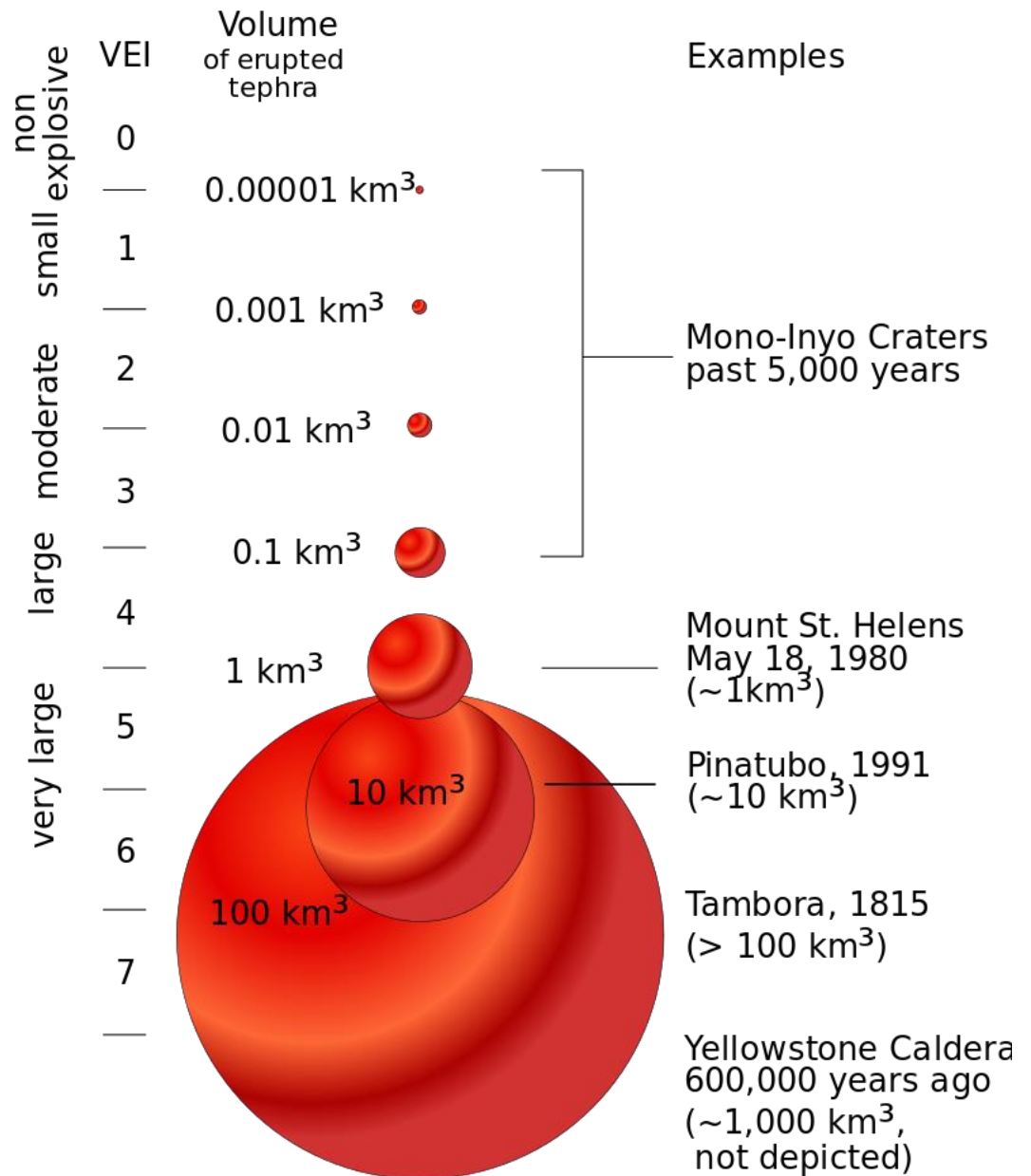
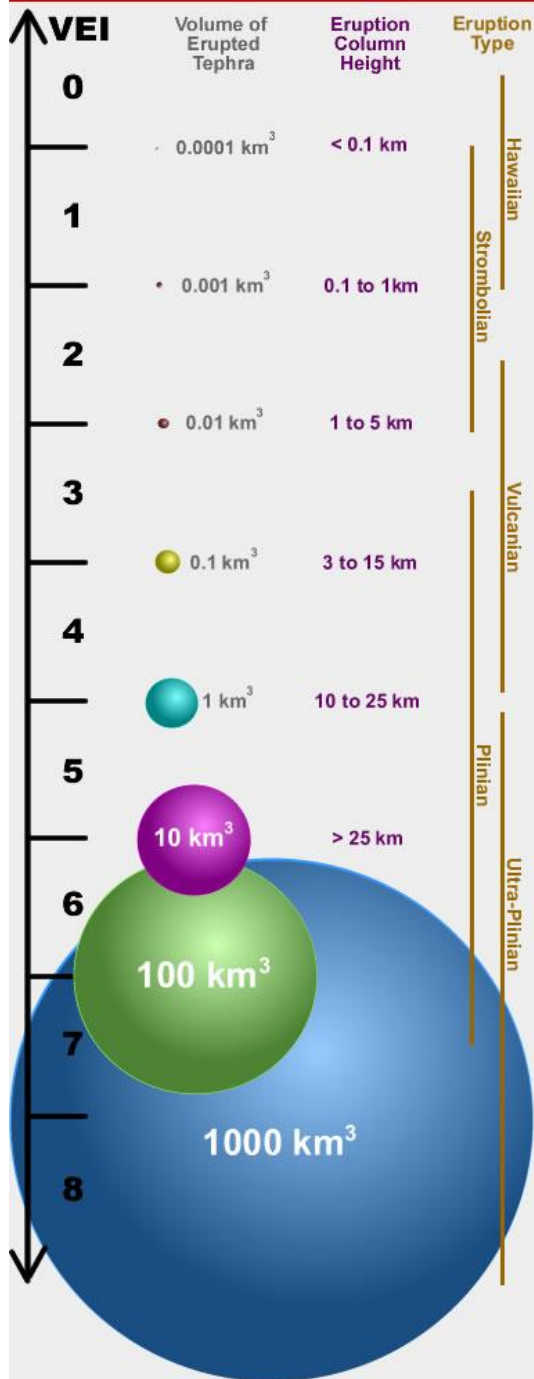


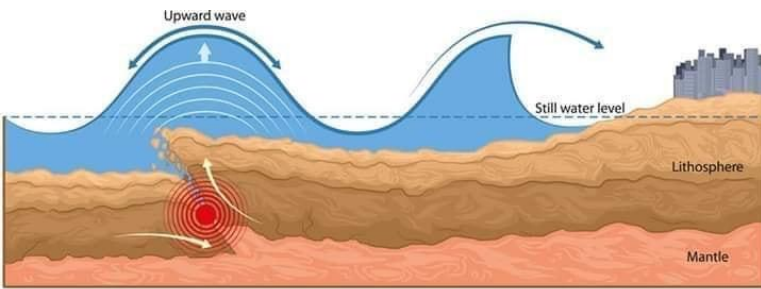
# Volcanic Threats in India



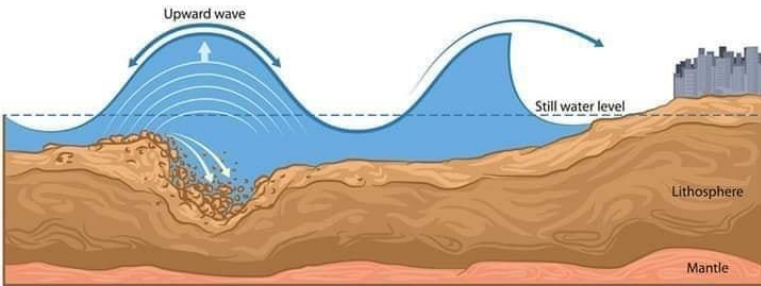


# Volcanic Explosivity Index

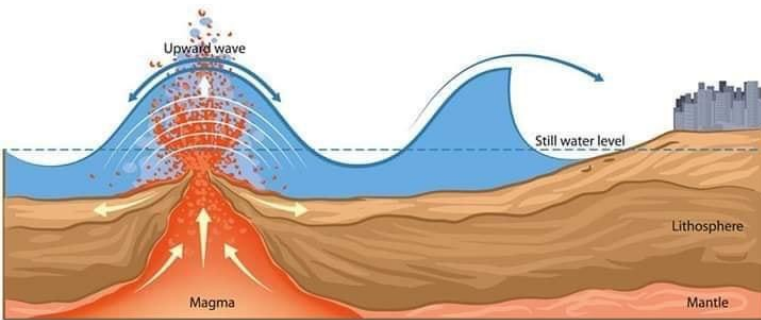




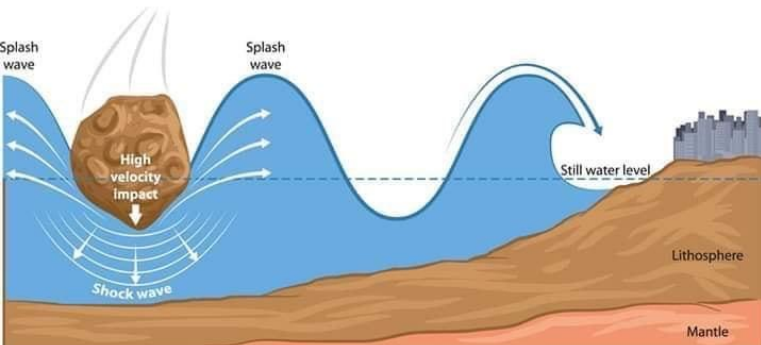
Tsunami caused by an earthquake



Tsunami caused by erosion



Tsunami caused by the volcano

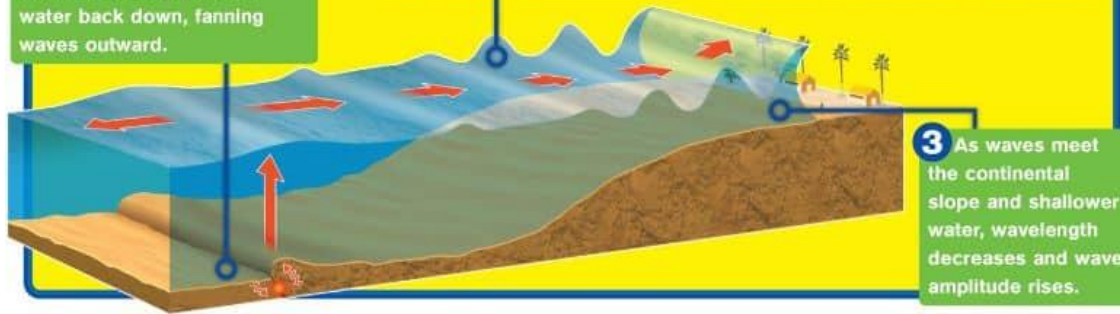


Tsunami (Mega tsunami) caused by falling meteoroid

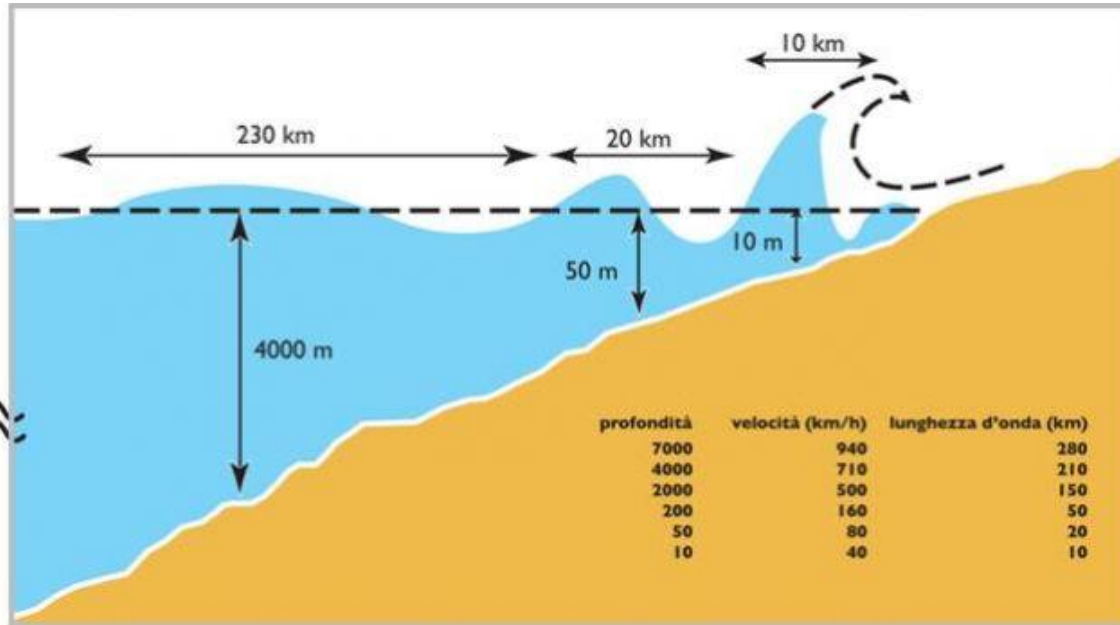
# HOW A TSUNAMI FORMS

**1** An underwater earthquake occurs; the seafloor snaps up, lifting a column of water above it. Gravity pulls the water back down, fanning waves outward.

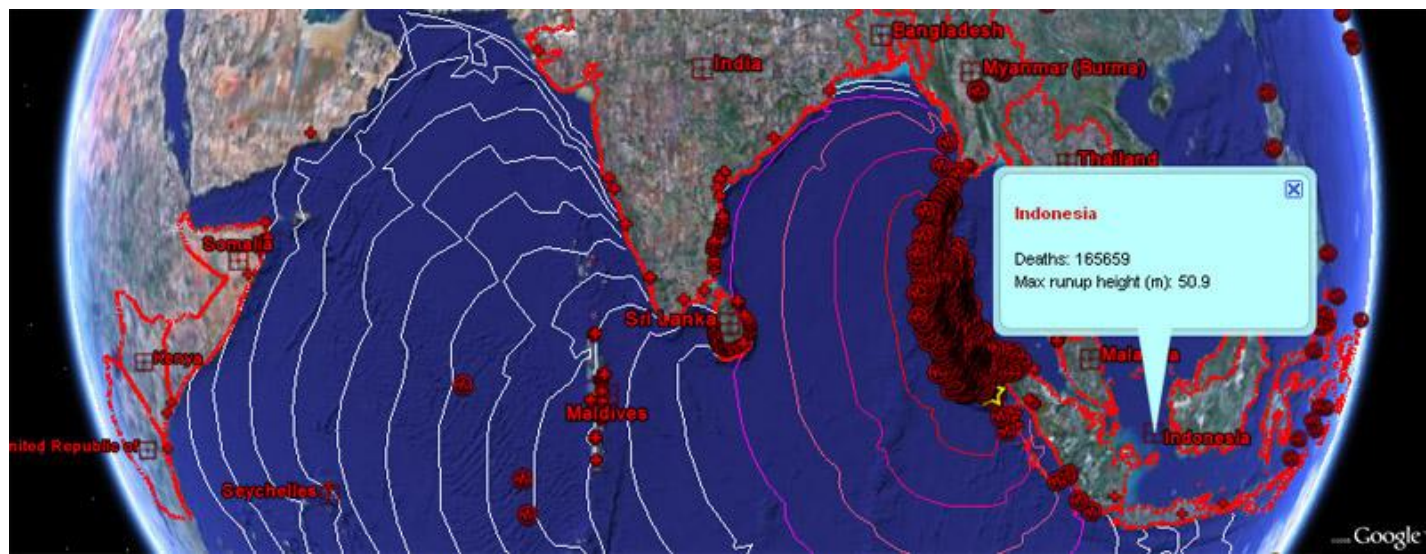
**2** Individual waves in a tsunami are spread out: The distance between two wave peaks, called the *wavelength*, can be hundreds of kilometers long. Each wave's *amplitude*, or height, is rarely more than 0.9 meters (3 feet) at first.



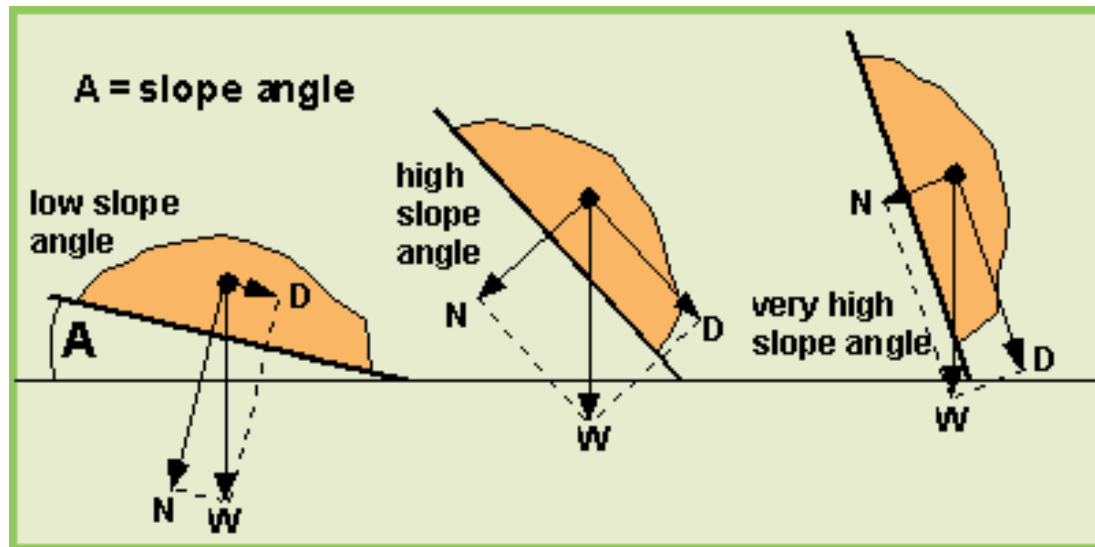
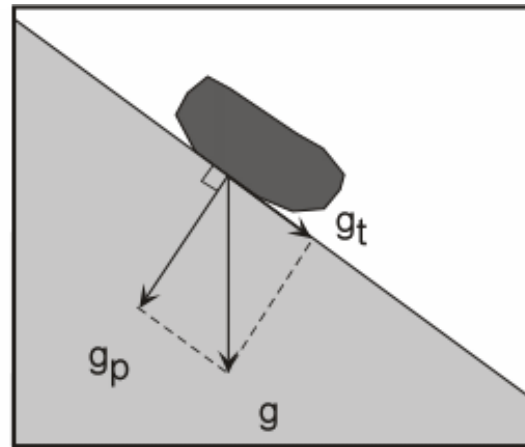
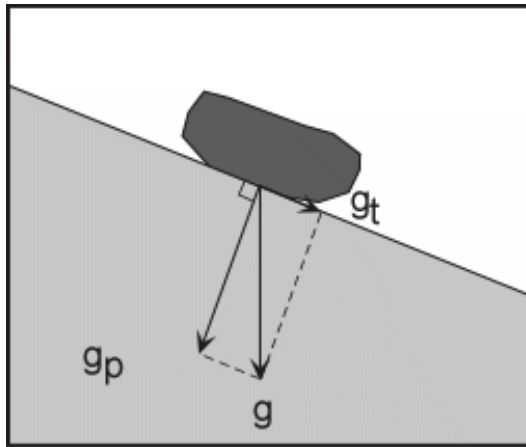
**3** As waves meet the continental slope and shallower water, wavelength decreases and wave amplitude rises.







# ■ Hill slopes failure: Landslides







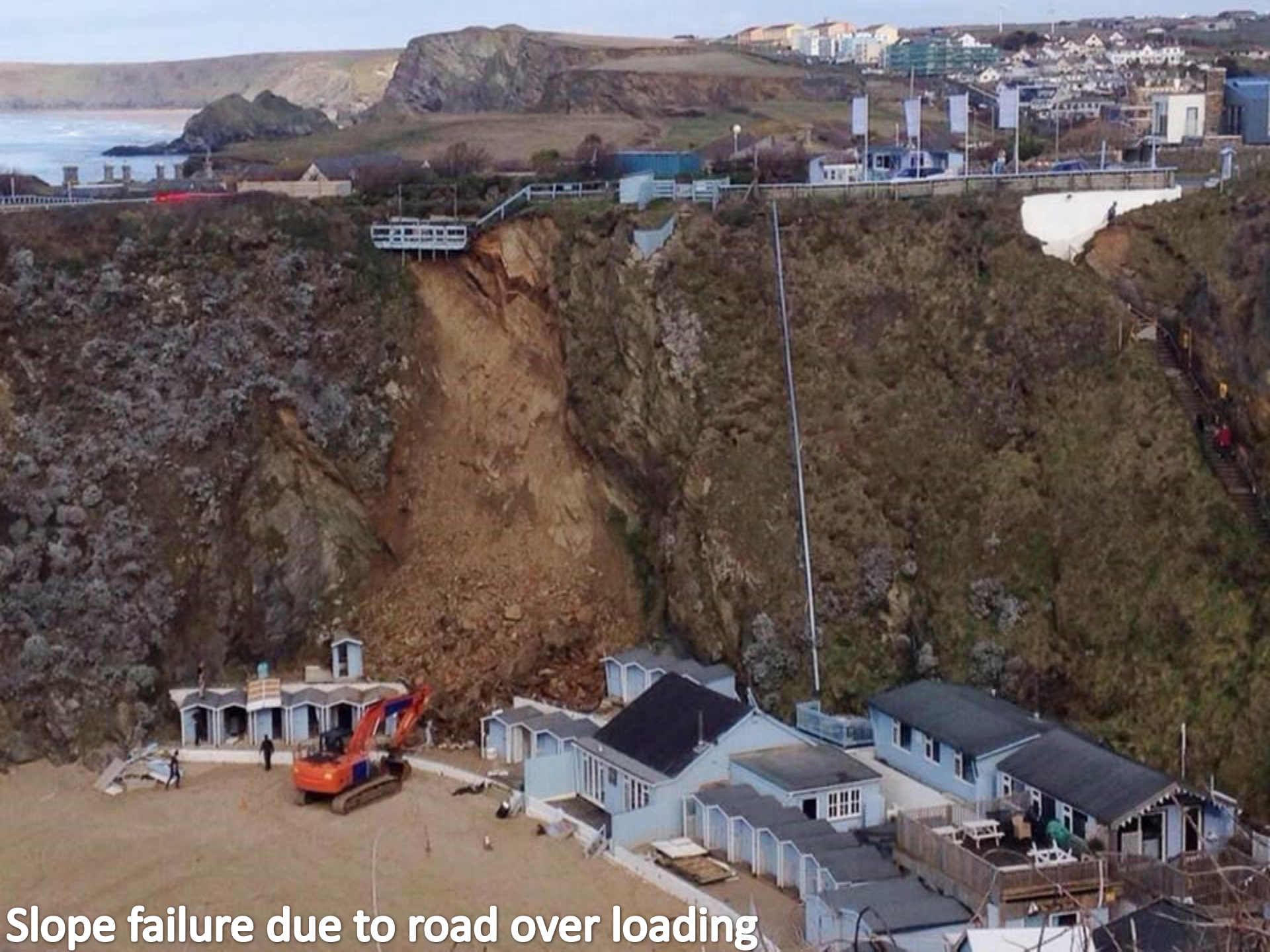
**Slope failure due to road cutting**





**Slope failure due to seepage**





**Slope failure due to road over loading**



# Khadra Dhang Landslide Slope failure due to toe cutting





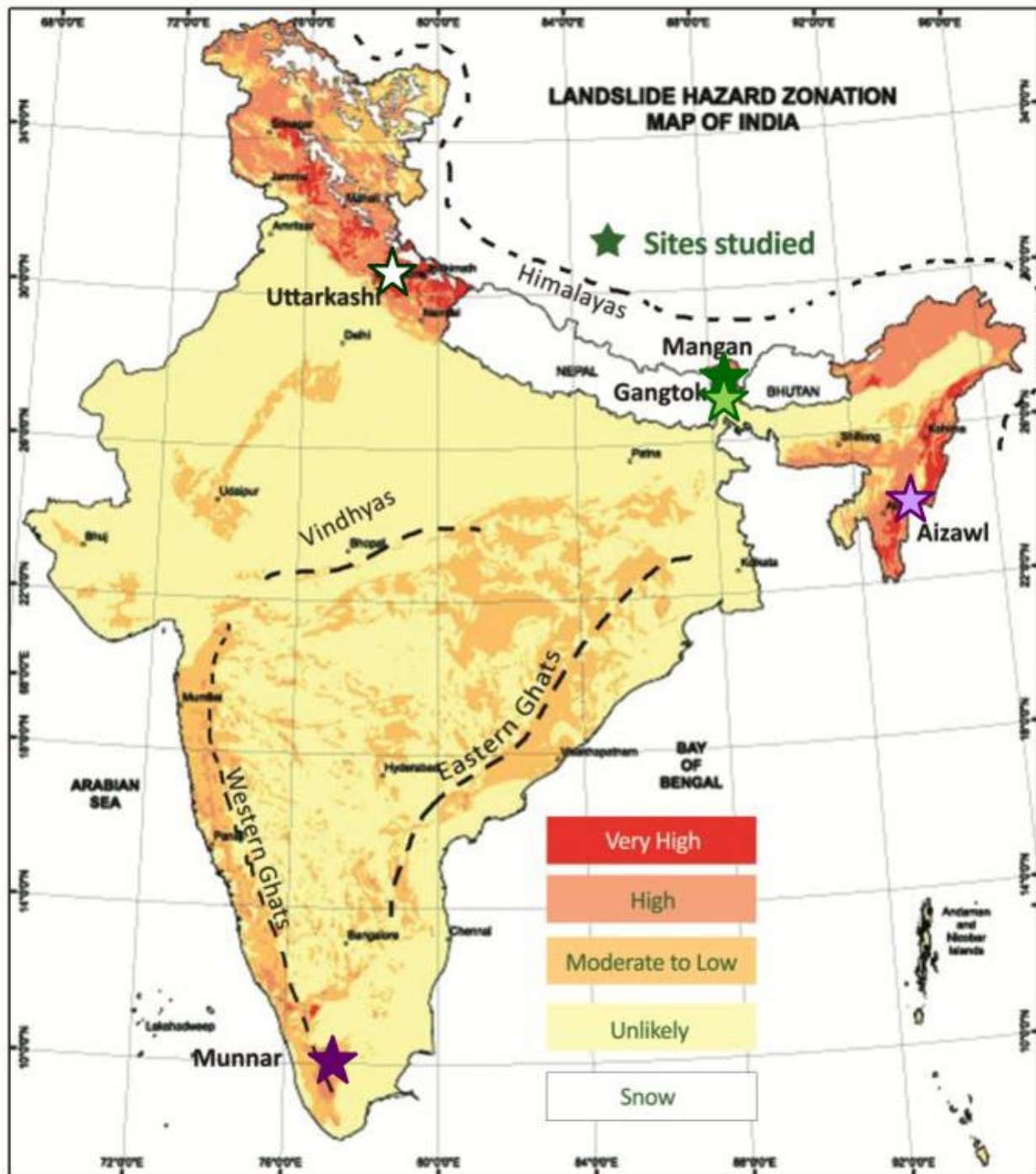


रुद्रप्रयाग-केदारनाथ मार्ग पर तिलवाड़ा के पास तबाही: सारी सड़कें इसी तरह बह गयीं।

Slope failure due to toe cut

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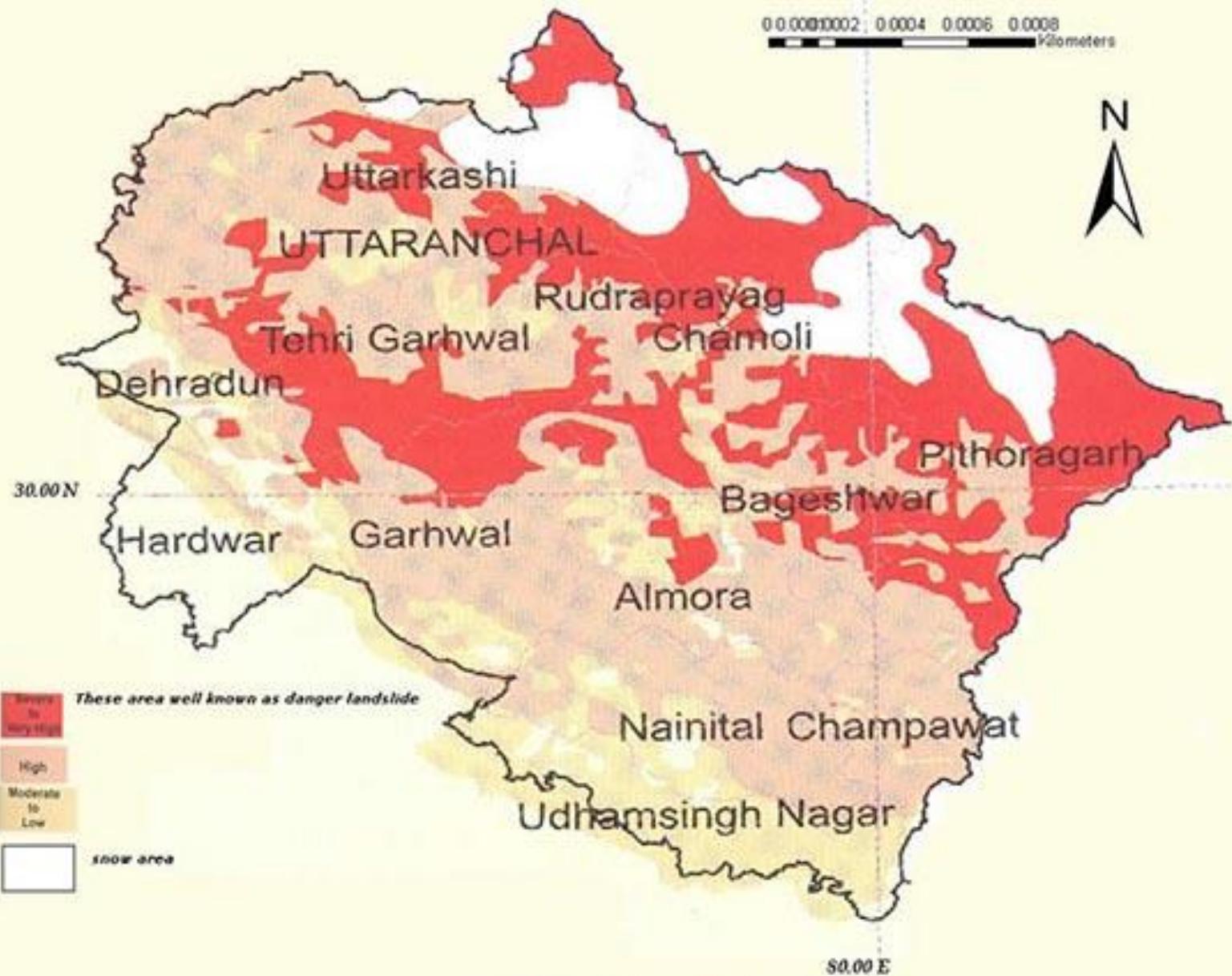


- ☆ Uttarkashi
- ☆ Gangtok
- ☆ Mangan
- ☆ Aizawl
- ☆ Munnar

Figure 1. Landslide hazard zonation map of India.

The towns/cities – Uttarkashi, Gangtok, Mangan, Aizawl and Munnar – are also indicated.





- Very High** *These area well known as danger landslide*
- High**
- Moderate to Low**
- snow area**

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# Effects of Geophysical hazards

<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Urban infrastructure &amp; Built Environment</b>	<b>Human Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>Vulnerable Communities</b>
Earthquakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage &amp; collapse of buildings, bridges &amp; lifelines</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Death &amp; injuries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Displacement of seismic-prone communities</li></ul>
Landslides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage of infrastructures near cliffs &amp; slopes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Death &amp; injuries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Displacement of landslide-prone communities</li></ul>
Tsunamis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Losses to coastal infrastructures, ports and piers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flood, debris and drowning deaths</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Displacement of coastal communities</li></ul>
Volcanic eruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Damage to infrastructures near volcanoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Death &amp; injuries</li><li>• Air quality: skin &amp; respiratory illnesses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Displacement of communities near volcanoes</li></ul>

# Natural Hazards-Disaster Management Phases



- ▣ Disaster Impact
- ▣ Mitigation
- ▣ Preparedness
- ▣ Reconstruction
- ▣ Rehabilitation
- ▣ Emergency Disaster Response
- ▣ Assessing Damage
- ▣ Vulnerability Analysis
- ▣ Ongoing Development Activities
- ▣ Economic/Social Recovery



# HYDROLOGICAL HAZARDS:

- Snowy Mountains: Avalanches
- Floods

# Snowy Mountains: Avalanche

An avalanche (also called a snowslide) is an event that occurs when a cohesive slab of snow lying upon a weaker layer of snow fractures and slides down a steep slope.

Avalanches are typically triggered in a starting zone from a mechanical failure in the snowpack (**slab avalanche**) when the forces of the snow exceed its strength but sometimes only with gradual widening (**loose snow avalanche**).

# TYPES OF AVALANCHES

- 1 Slab avalanches
- 2 Powder snow avalanches
- 3 Wet snow avalanches
- 4 Ice avalanche
- 5 Avalanche pathway



# Slab avalanches





# Powder snow avalanches





# Wet snow avalanches





# Ice avalanche

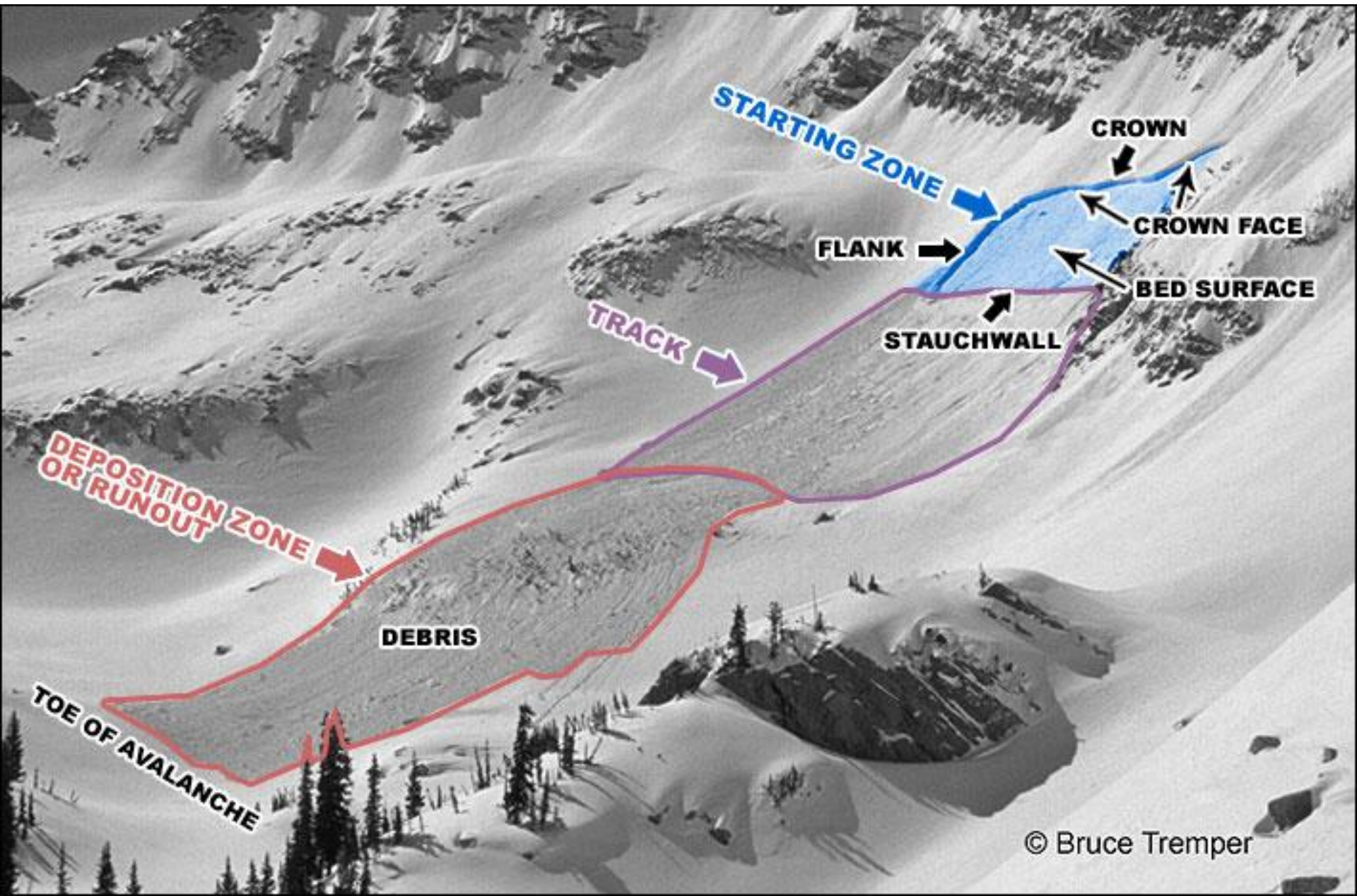


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# Avalanche pathway



## How can Avalanches be managed?

So, ski patrols and other organizations usually take steps to prevent major **avalanches**. One technique is to deliberately trigger small, **controlled avalanches** when no one is on the slope. ... Other techniques involve preventing the conditions that lead to **avalanches** or interrupting the flow of snow.





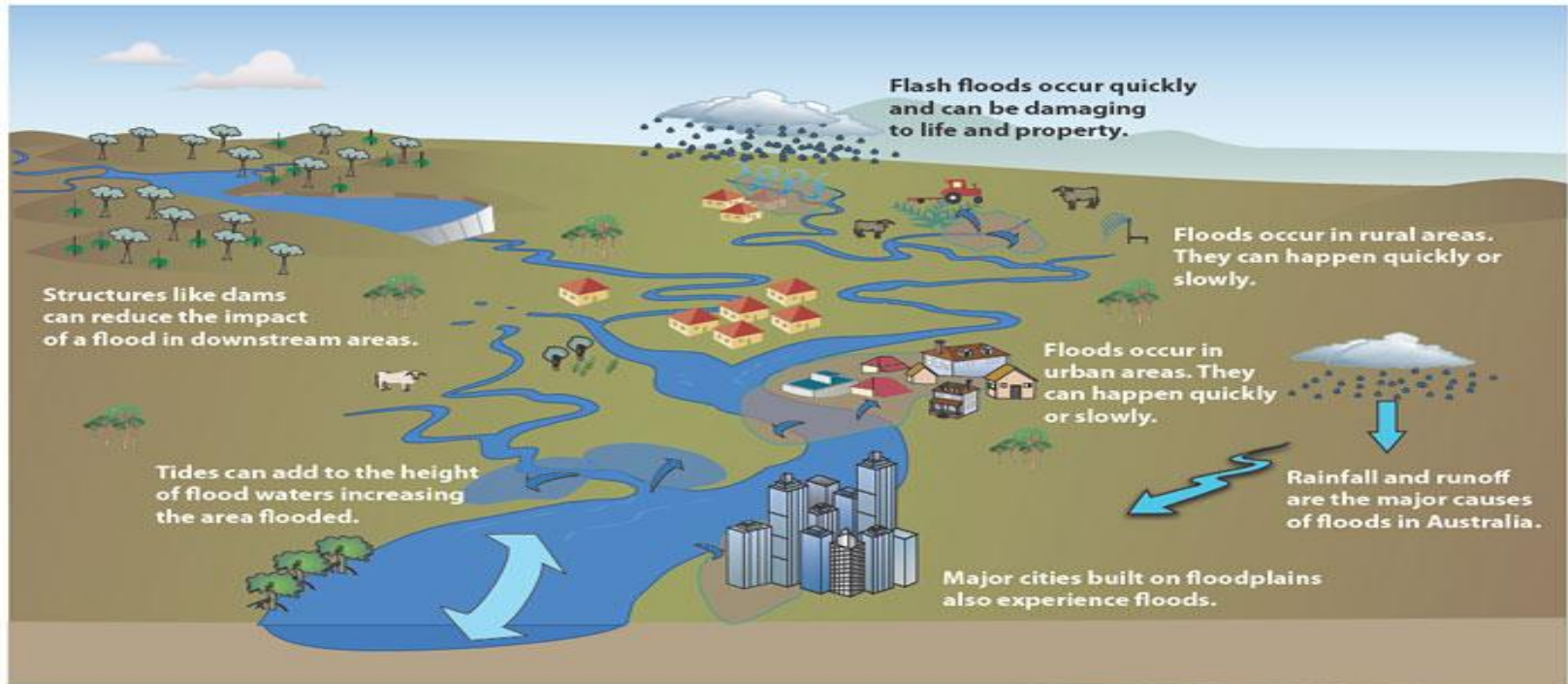
# ■ What is a Flood ?

**Floods** are the most frequent type of natural disaster and occur when an overflow of water submerges land that is usually dry. **Floods** are often caused by heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt or a storm surge from a tropical cyclone or tsunami in coastal areas.



## How do floods happen?

How **floods** form. A **flood** occurs when water inundates land that's normally dry, which can **happen** in a multitude of ways. Excessive rain, a ruptured dam or levee, rapid melting of snow or ice, or even an unfortunately placed beaver dam can overwhelm a river, spreading over the adjacent land, called a **floodplain**.





## What are effects of flood?

The primary **effects of flooding** include loss of life and damage to buildings and other structures, including bridges, sewerage systems, roadways, and canals. **Floods** also frequently damage power transmission and sometimes power generation, which then has knock-on **effects** caused by the loss of power.

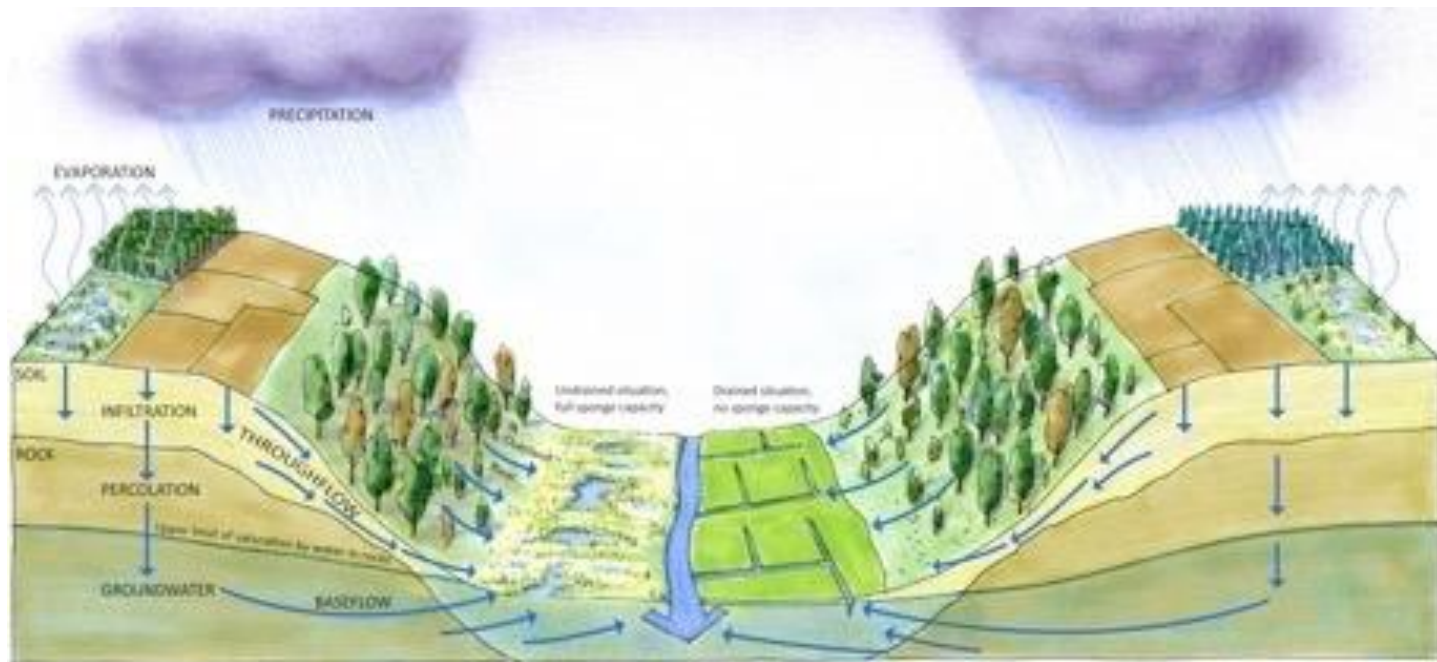


# India Flood Zone Map



# What is the solution of flood?

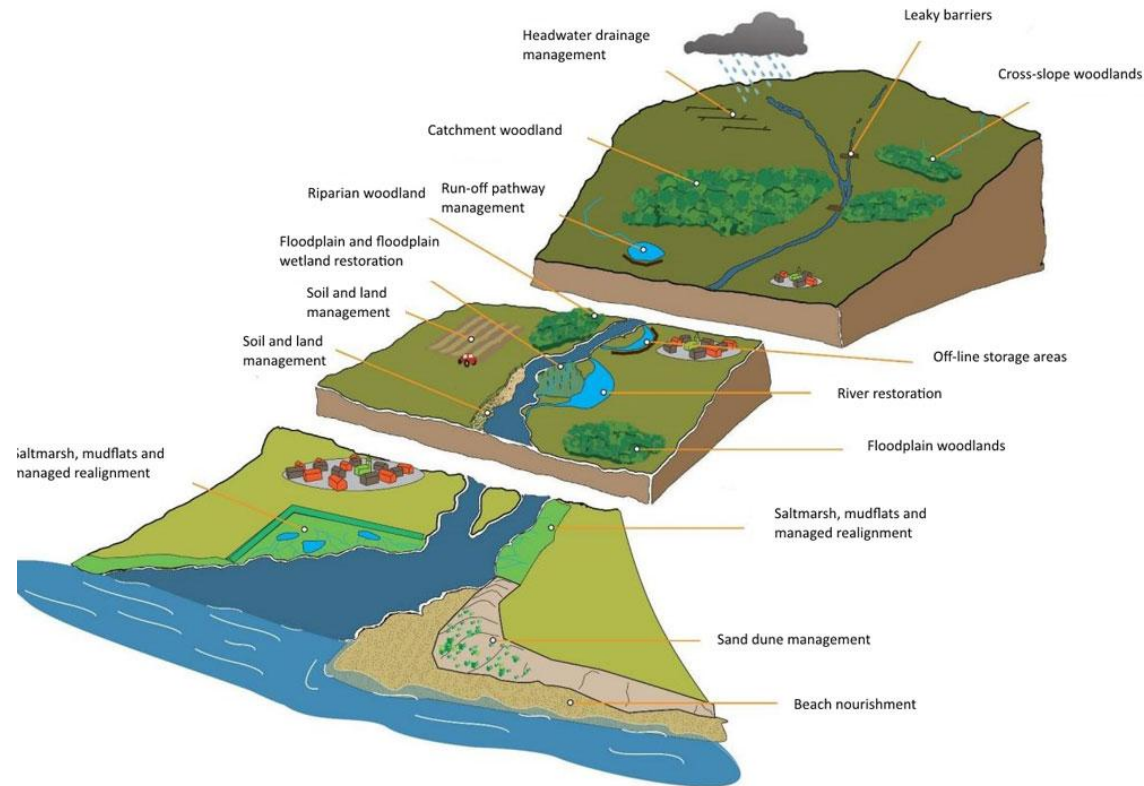
Some methods of flood control have been practiced since ancient times. These methods include planting vegetation to retain extra **water**, terracing hillsides to slow flow downhill, and the construction of floodways (man-made channels to divert floodwater).





# Ways to Prevent flood

Warning systems must be set up so people get sufficient time to save themselves. In addition, areas that are more likely to have **floods** must have tall buildings above the **flood** level. Further, there should be an efficient system for storing excessive water due to rain.



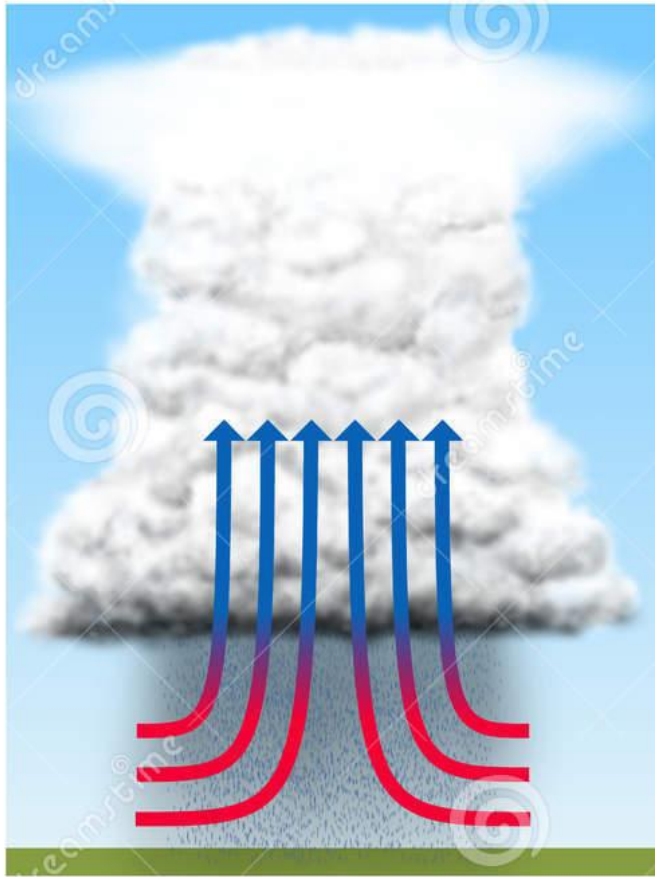
# What are Cyclones and anticyclones

Cyclones and anticyclones are both wind systems indicating distinctive weather patterns, but they have opposite characteristics.

A cyclone is a storm or system of winds that rotates around a center of low atmospheric pressure.

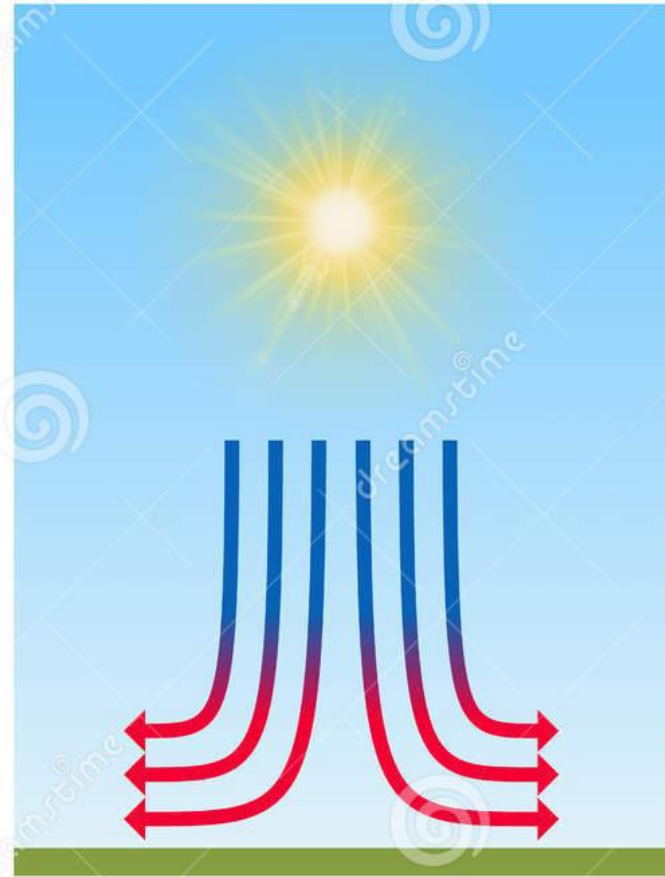
An anticyclone is a system of winds that rotates around a center of high atmospheric pressure

## CYCLONE



Low pressure  
Rising warm, moist air  
Cloudy weather

## ANTICYCLONE



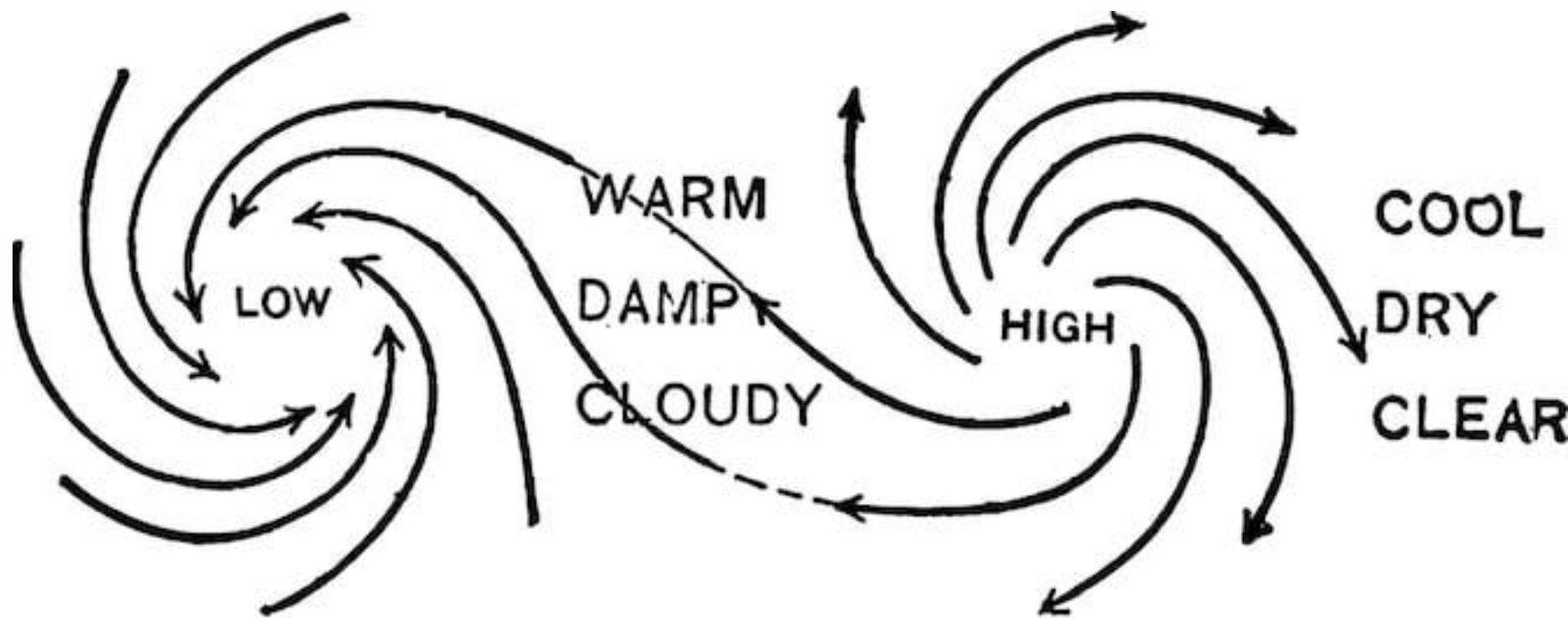
High pressure  
Descending cool, dry air  
Clear weather





# How cyclones and anticyclones are formed?

The development of **anticyclones** aloft occurs in warm core **cyclones** such as tropical **cyclones** when latent heat caused by the **formation** of clouds is released aloft increasing the air temperature; the resultant thickness of the atmospheric layer increases high pressure aloft which evacuates their outflow.



# Why are cyclones followed by anticyclones?

This is because the Coriolis effect directs winds away from their original path due to the rotation of the Earth and deflects winds to the right in the Northern Hemisphere and to the left in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Anticyclones** are spinning storms around high-pressure systems



What are types of cyclones?

There are two types of cyclones: middle latitude (mid-latitude) cyclones and **tropical cyclones**.

Mid-latitude cyclones are the main cause of winter storms in the middle latitudes.

**Tropical cyclones** are also known as **hurricanes**.

## What weather do cyclones and anticyclones bring?

Areas of high pressure are called **anticyclones**, whilst low pressure areas are known as **cyclones** or depressions. Each **brings** with it different **weather** patterns.

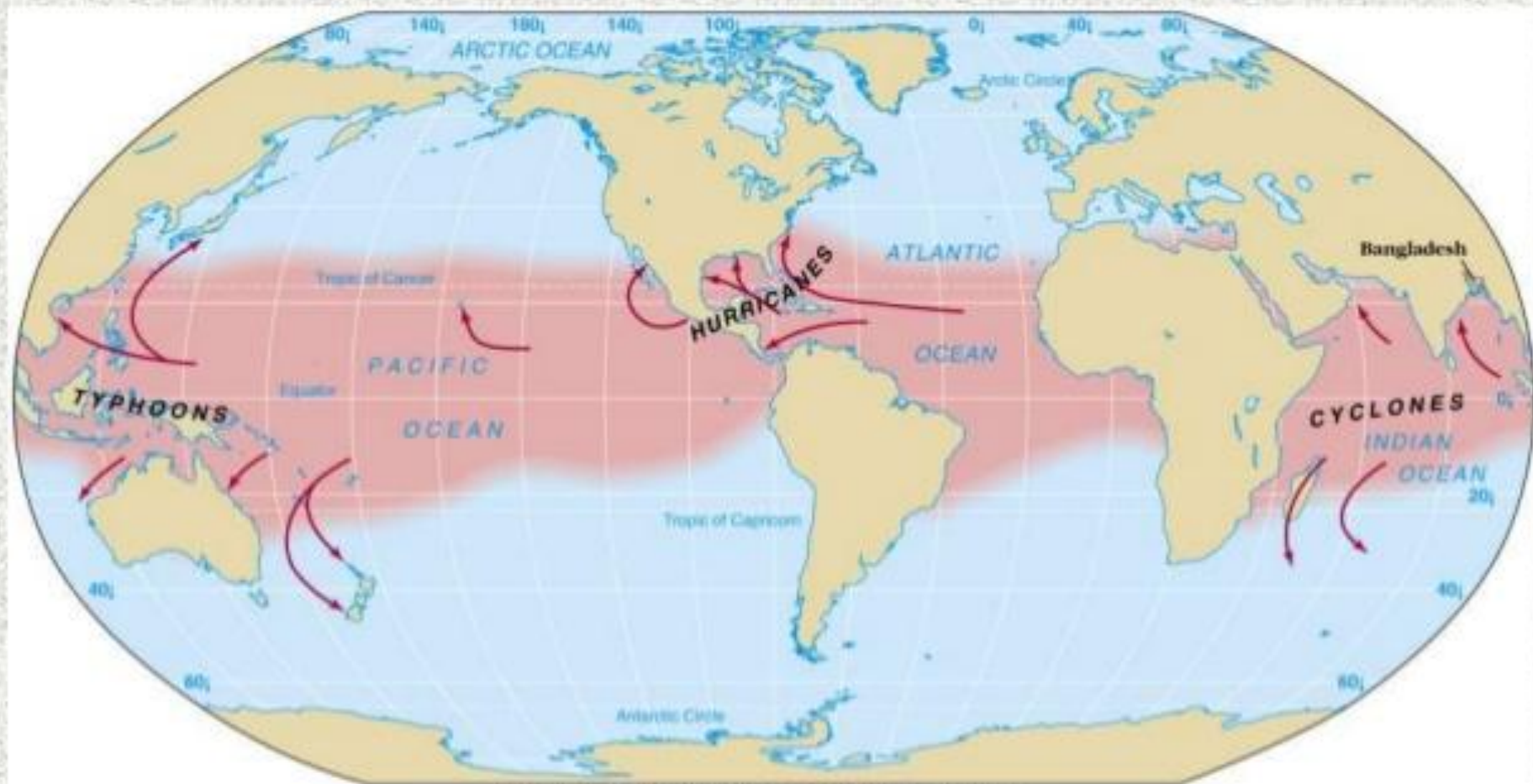
Anticyclones typically result in stable, fine weather, with clear skies whilst depressions are associated with cloudier, wetter, windier conditions

What are the 3 types of cyclones?

1. They are called hurricanes in the North Atlantic and eastern Pacific oceans,
2. typhoons in the western Pacific Ocean,
3. tropical **cyclones** in the Indian Ocean,



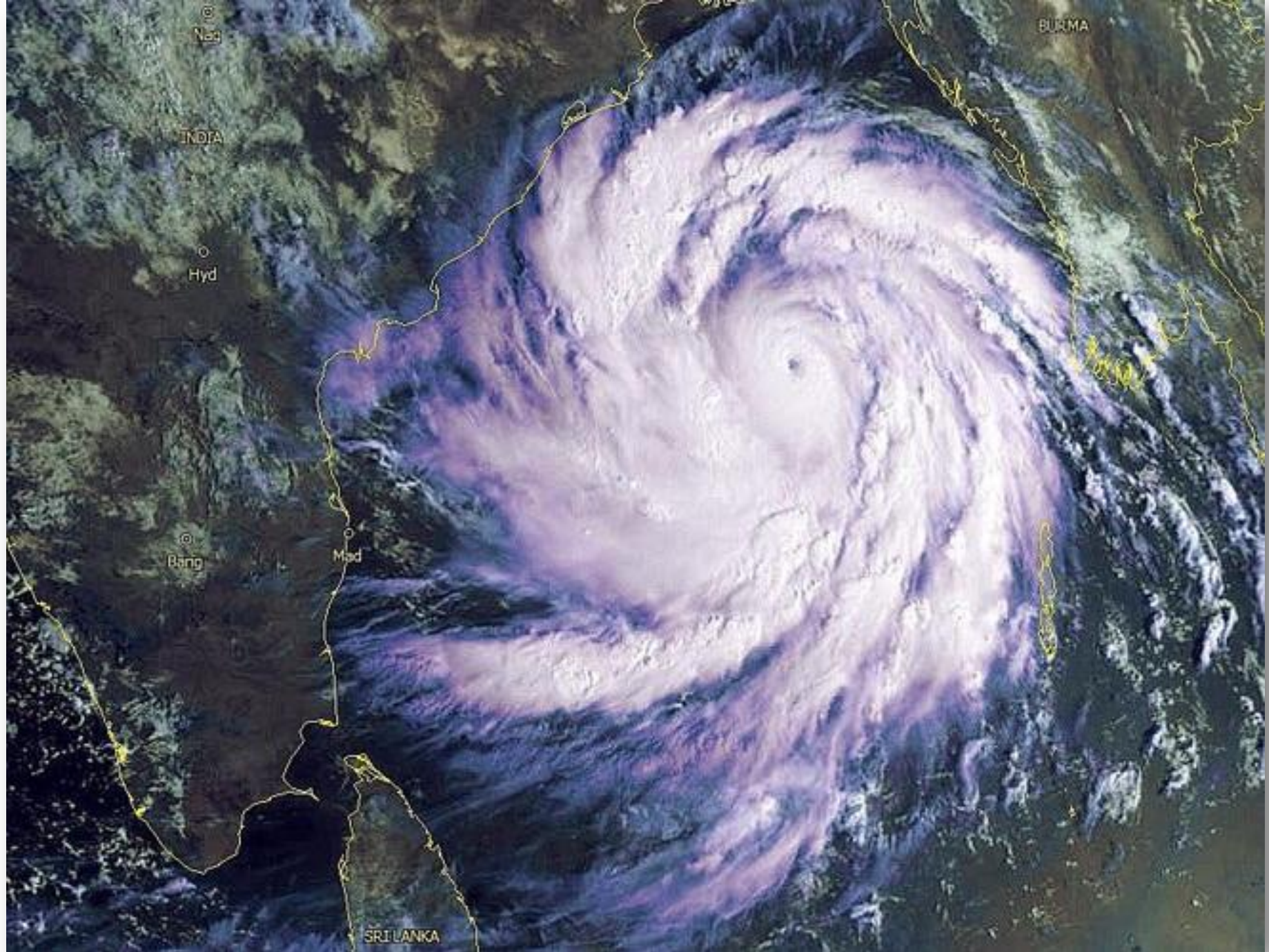
# *Types of Cyclones*



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Cyclones have regional names, such as hurricane and typhoon, conforming to local traditions.



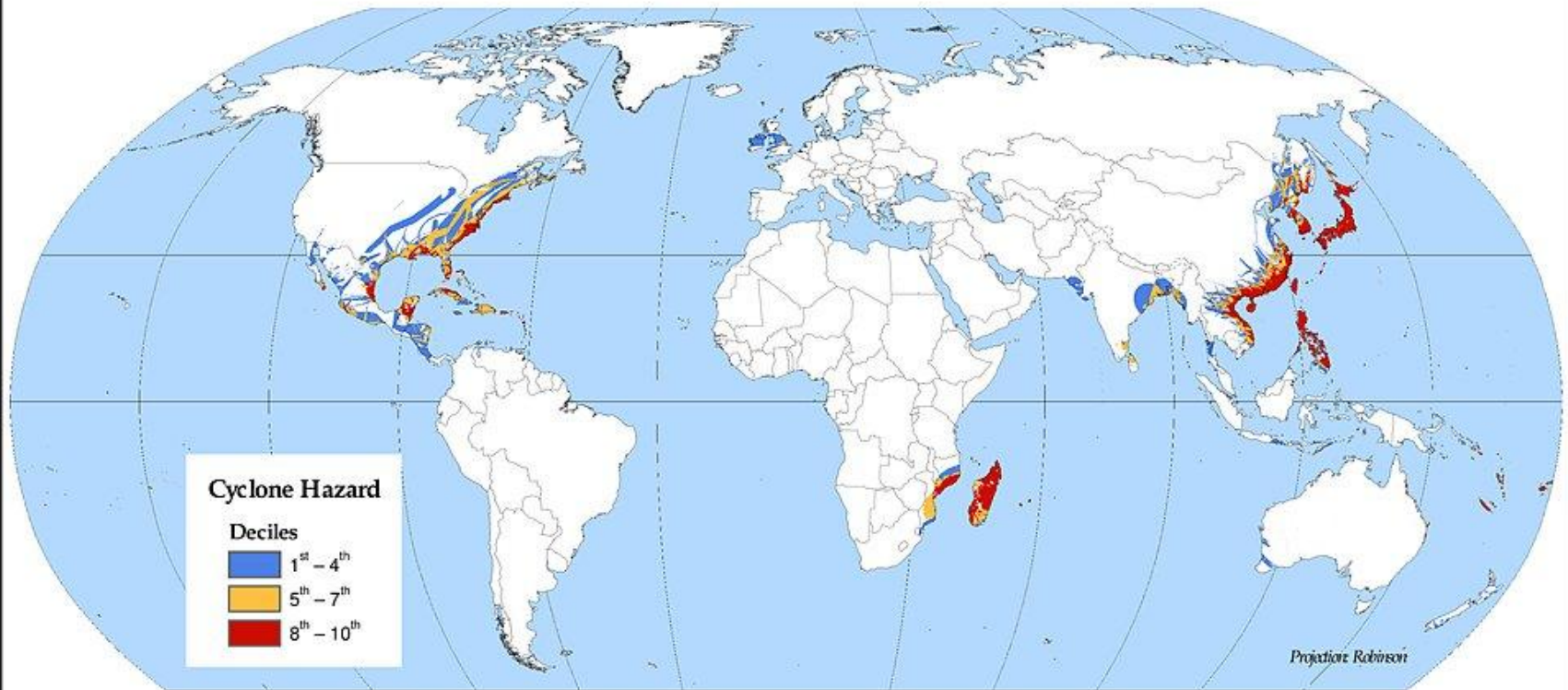


## **What are the effects /Hazard of cyclone?**

**Tropical cyclones are among the most destructive natural phenomena. The impact from cyclones extends over a wide area, with strong winds and heavy rains. However, the greatest damage to life and property is not from the wind, but from secondary events such as storm surges, flooding, landslides and tornadoes**



# Global Cyclone Hazard Distribution



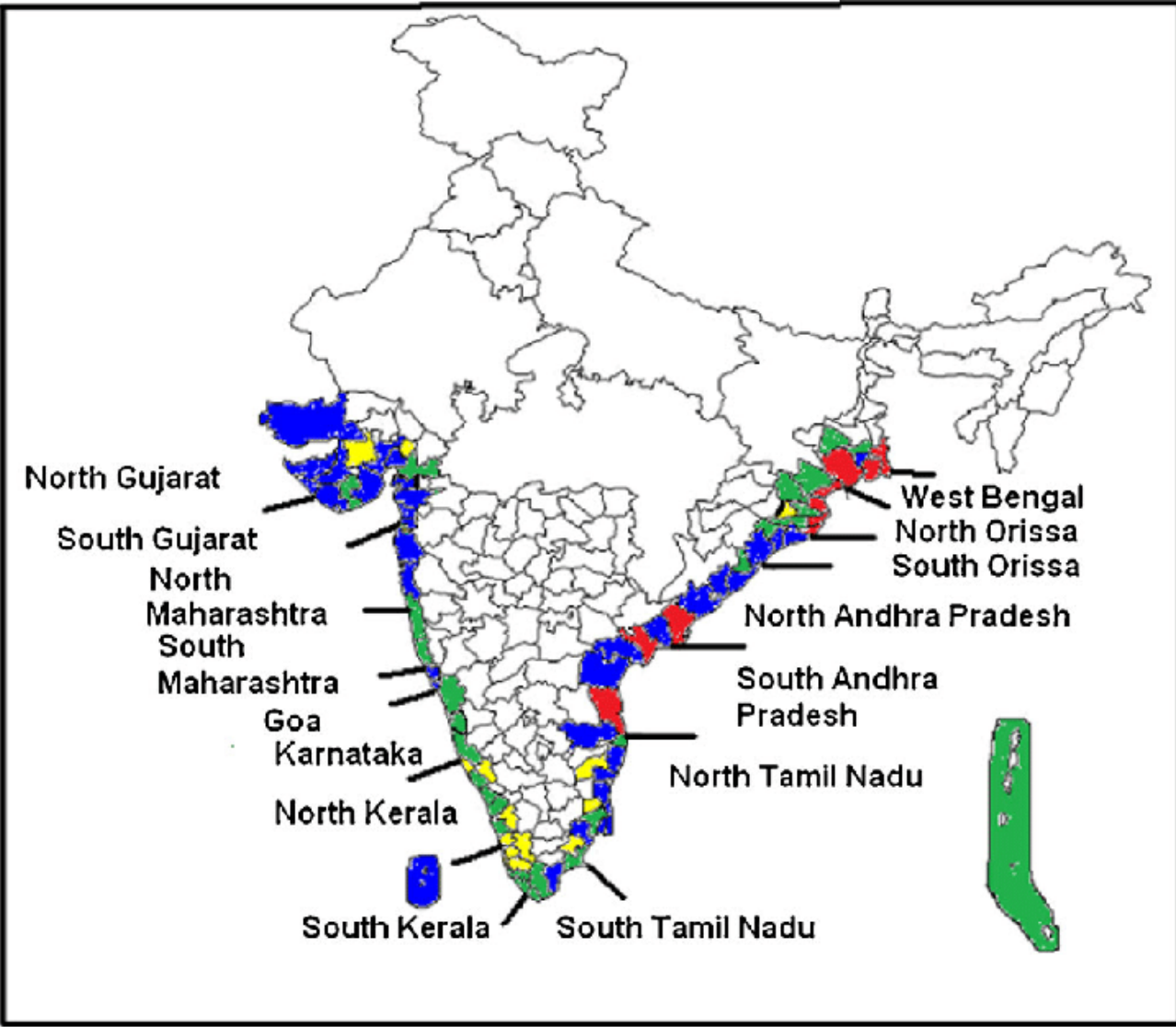
The cyclone data set is comprised of data collected from more than 1,600 storm tracks during the 21-year period from 1980 – 2000 for the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. At least 6.7% of the world's land area was subject to at least one instance of tropical storm or hurricane-type conditions.

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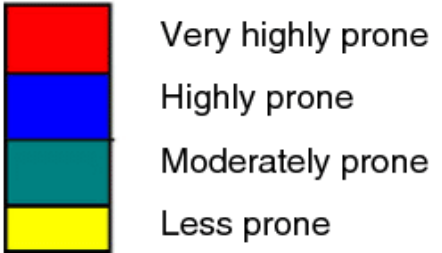
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**Cyclone hazard prone districts of India** based on frequency of total cyclones, total severe cyclones, actual/estimated maximum wind strength with ratings of 2, 4, 7 and 10; PMSS associated with the cyclones and PMP for all districts.





A billboard with the text "Food Grows Where Water Flows" is mounted on a structure in a dry, cracked landscape. The ground is parched and cracked into large, irregular polygons. Sparse, dry bushes are scattered around the billboard. The sky is clear and blue.

**Food Grows Where Water Flows**

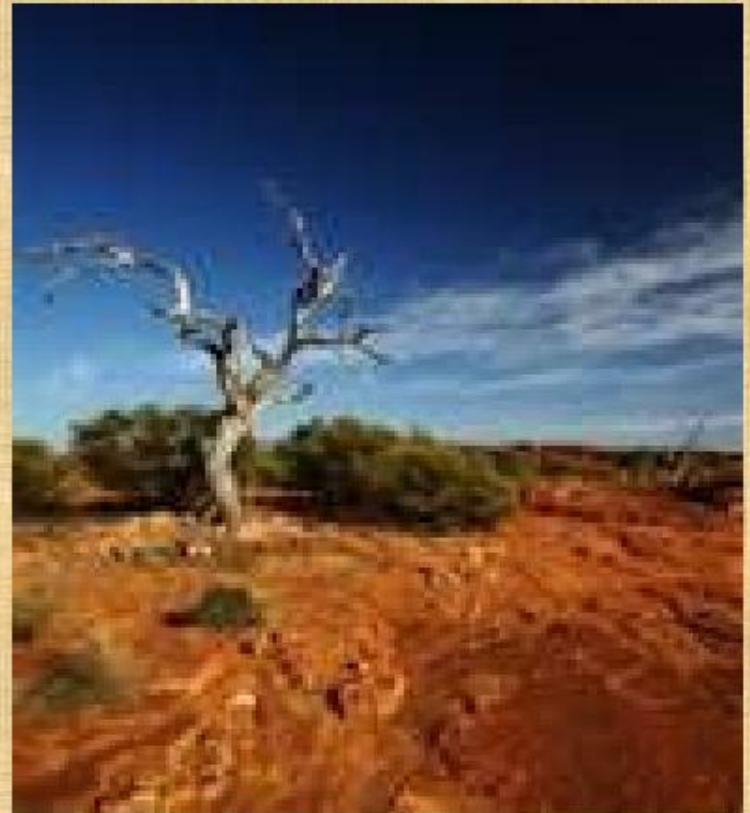
## What are Droughts

A **drought** or drouth is an event of prolonged shortages in the water supply, whether atmospheric (below-average precipitation), surface water or ground water.



# What are Droughts?

A drought is a period of time when there is a lack of water on land. Plants and crops do not grow properly, plants and animals die and streams and rivers shrivel up. Because farm crops and animals die due to lack of water, there is less food for people to eat, and the price of food goes up. If a drought lasts a long time, people may also die of starvation and the land might turn into a desert.



A **drought** is **caused** by drier than normal conditions that can eventually lead to water supply problems. Really hot temperatures can make a **drought** worse by evaporating moisture from the soil. ... A **drought** is a prolonged period with less-than-average amounts of rain or snow in a particular region.



# CONSEQUENCES OF DROUGHT

- Effects of droughts can be divided into three groups:
  - ❖ Environmental
  - ❖ Economic
  - ❖ Social consequences
- **In environmental effects:** lower surface , lower flow levels, increased pollution of surface water, the drying out of wetlands, more and larger fires, losing biodiversity, worse health of trees and the appearance of pests.





# TYPES OF DROUGHT

There are 3 types of drought. They are as follows:



Meteorological  
Drought



Hydrological  
Drought



Agricultural  
Drought

# FIVE TYPES OF DROUGHT

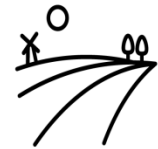
**1 METEOROLOGICAL** drought refers to an extended period of dry weather patterns.



**2 HYDROLOGICAL** drought refers to low water supply in our rivers, lakes, aquifers, and other reservoirs that often follows meteorological drought.



**3 AGRICULTURAL** drought occurs when a water shortage significantly damages or destroys agricultural crops.



**4 ECOLOGICAL** drought is the most recently defined type of drought and refers to ecological damage caused by the lack of soil moisture.



**5 SOCIOECONOMIC** drought refers to when a water shortage affects the supply and demand of drought commodities, such as water, food grains, and fish.



# How to Fight Drought, Make Every Drop of Water Count, and Keep Your Plants Alive—and Thriving

- Assess your priorities. ...
- Identify root zones. ...
- Try a root irrigator. ...
- Check soil moisture. ...
- Irrigate slowly. ...
- Build watering basins. ...
- Use soaker hoses. ...
- Apply mulch.

## Avoiding Overuse

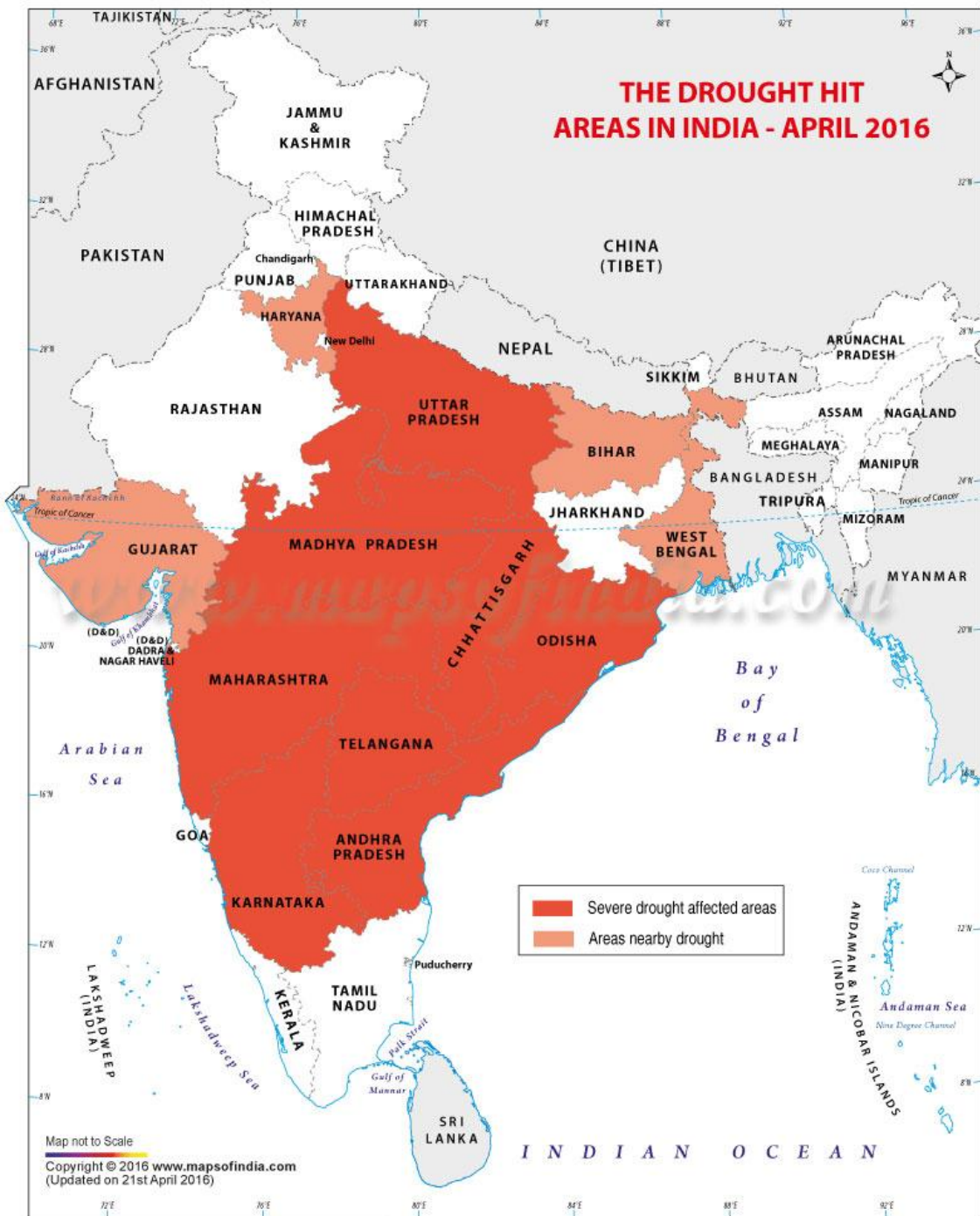
Being mindful of the amount of water you use each day **can** be a powerful **way to prevent droughts**. Turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth, watering your garden early in the morning so less water evaporates, and installing low-flow plumbing fixtures all are good **ways to prevent** wasted water



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- Replace dripping faucets by replacing washers.
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