

## Foreword

It is a long tradition at the Munich Re to analyse significant natural hazards and discuss their impact on the insurance industry. We have always endeavoured to publish the results of our investigations in a useful form that can easily be understood by those with a practical interest. Many of these studies were occasioned by a specific natural disaster, and their causes, circumstances and consequences are analysed in publications such as "Managua – A Study of the 1972 Earthquake", "Sturmschäden in Europa", "FIFI – A Study of the Hurricane Damage in Honduras, 1974", "Guatemala '76 – Earthquakes of the Caribbean Plate", "Capella Orkan – Januarstürme 1976 über Europa", "Earthquake Research in China", "Earthquake Mexico '85", "Winter Storms in Europe 1990". Other brochures published by the Munich Re,

