

What are the effects of a Tsunami on Rice Production?

The December 26 2004 Tsunami tragically affected many rice producing areas in Asia.

Country	Dead*	Missing*	Rice consumption (kg per capita)+
Indonesia:	113,306	?	230.9
Sri Lanka:	29,825	5,806	148.8
India:	10,672	5,711	111.2
Thailand:	5,309	3,396	151.2
Malaysia:	68	6	132.5
Myanmar:	59		315.7

Sources: () CNN.Com 13 January 2005 and (+) FAO

A tsunami or invasion of salt water can affect rice production in terms of

1. **Direct crop losses, food shortages, and storage losses of donated food:**

See:

- [How to Store Grain and Seed More Safely](#)

2. **Losses of seed stocks**

See:

- [How to Store Grain and Seed More Safely](#)

3. **Salinization, soil loss and soil deposits**

See:

- [How Can You Reclaim Affected Soils?](#)
- [Do Rice Varieties Vary In Their Tolerance to Salt?](#)

4. **Shortages of labor and equipment**

See:

- [What Can I Do if Labor is Short?](#)
- [Where Can I Access More Rice Knowledge?](#)

5. **Shortages of information on needed rice and other production practices**

See:

- [Where Can I Access More Rice Knowledge?](#)
- [Useful links](#)
- [Contact Addresses For Local Agricultural Information](#)

The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) seeks to help the many people affected by the December 26 2004 Tsunami.



Dramatic photo of the tsunami waters receding from the shore of Sri Lanka. Photo from