

melting ice a **hot** topic?

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In 2005 the Munich Re Foundation estimated economic losses due to weather-linked disasters, such as tropical storms and forest fires, at more than US\$ 200 billion, with insured losses at more than US\$ 70 billion. This compares with 2004, the previous most costly year, when economic losses totalled around US\$ 145 billion and insured losses reached some US\$ 45 billion.



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