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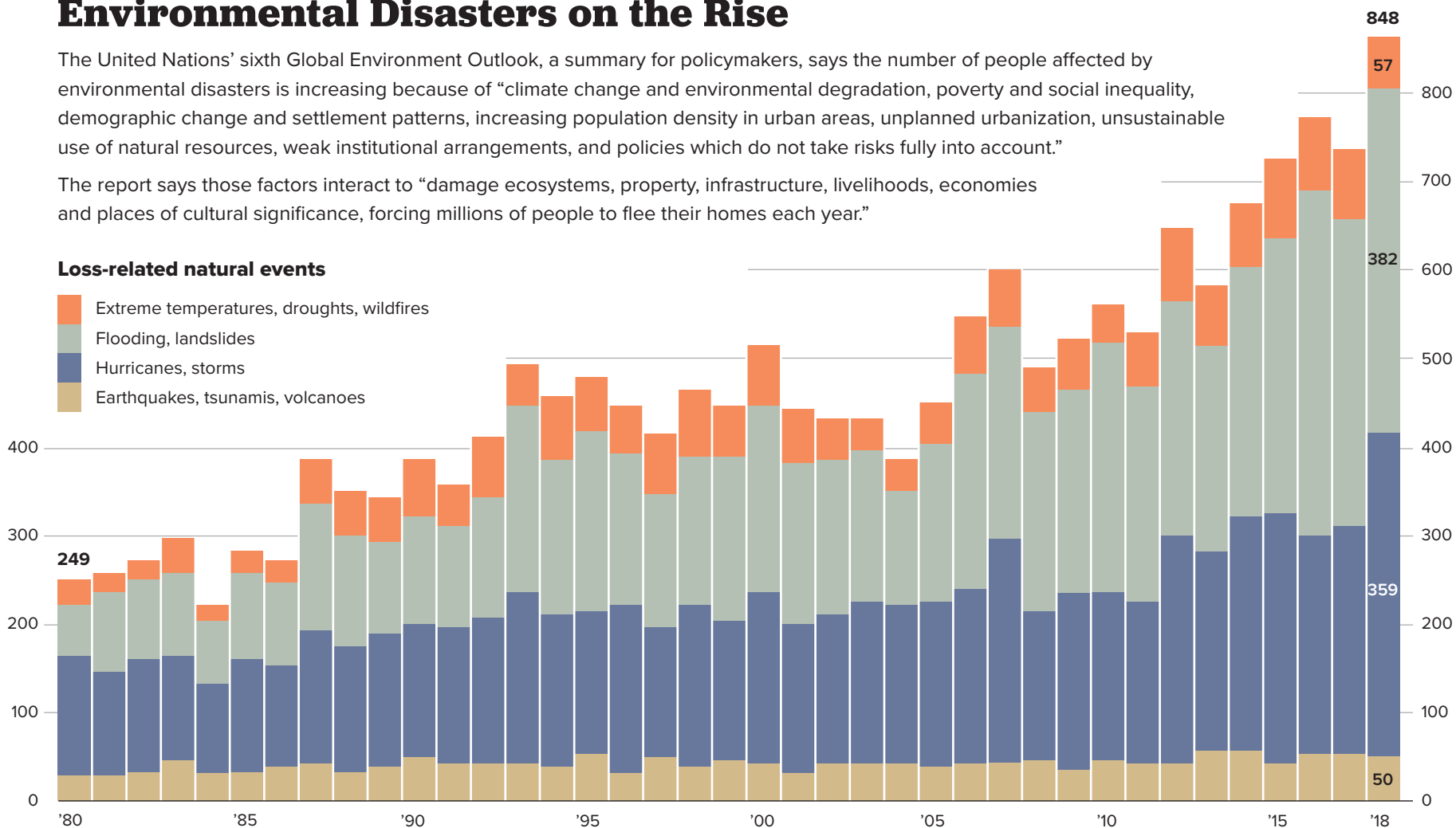
## Environmental Disasters on the Rise

The United Nations' sixth Global Environment Outlook, a summary for policymakers, says the number of people affected by environmental disasters is increasing because of "climate change and environmental degradation, poverty and social inequality, demographic change and settlement patterns, increasing population density in urban areas, unplanned urbanization, unsustainable use of natural resources, weak institutional arrangements, and policies which do not take risks fully into account."

The report says those factors interact to "damage ecosystems, property, infrastructure, livelihoods, economies and places of cultural significance, forcing millions of people to flee their homes each year."

### Loss-related natural events

- Extreme temperatures, droughts, wildfires
- Flooding, landslides
- Hurricanes, storms
- Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes



Sources: United Nations. Environment Programme, Munich RE

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