



Indonesia: Fires

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"Numerous peat conversion fires, slash-and-burn agriculture fires, and wildfires affecting forests and other vegetation on the Indonesian island of Sumatra have been causing serious haze problems."



SITUATION

Wildfires causing serious haze problems in Sumatra since early August 2005. Areas in Malaysia and Thailand also affected.

ACTION

Firefighters in affected area fully mobilised. Heavy rain has helped extinguish some fires. Investigative team mobilised to verify hotspots and determine if fires were set by farmers to clear land. Malaysia, Australia providing assistance; ASEAN has met to discuss crisis.

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