



The UNISDR Regional South America Wildland Fire Network Network Activities 2015-2019

The South America Wildland Fire Network has been established in 2004 as a working group aiming to develop agreements on wildfires in the region by implementation of technical cooperation and training programs.

International Cooperation

First Regional Symposium / Consultation on Cooperation in Transboundary Fire Management, supported by the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), with representatives from Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay (Uruguay 2016)



Exchange of information and strengthening cooperation among South American countries

Project Amazon without Fire: Italy, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador
 Reduce wildland fires through the promotion of sustainable techniques as an alternative to fire-use in rural areas, contributing to the improvement of living conditions of rural communities



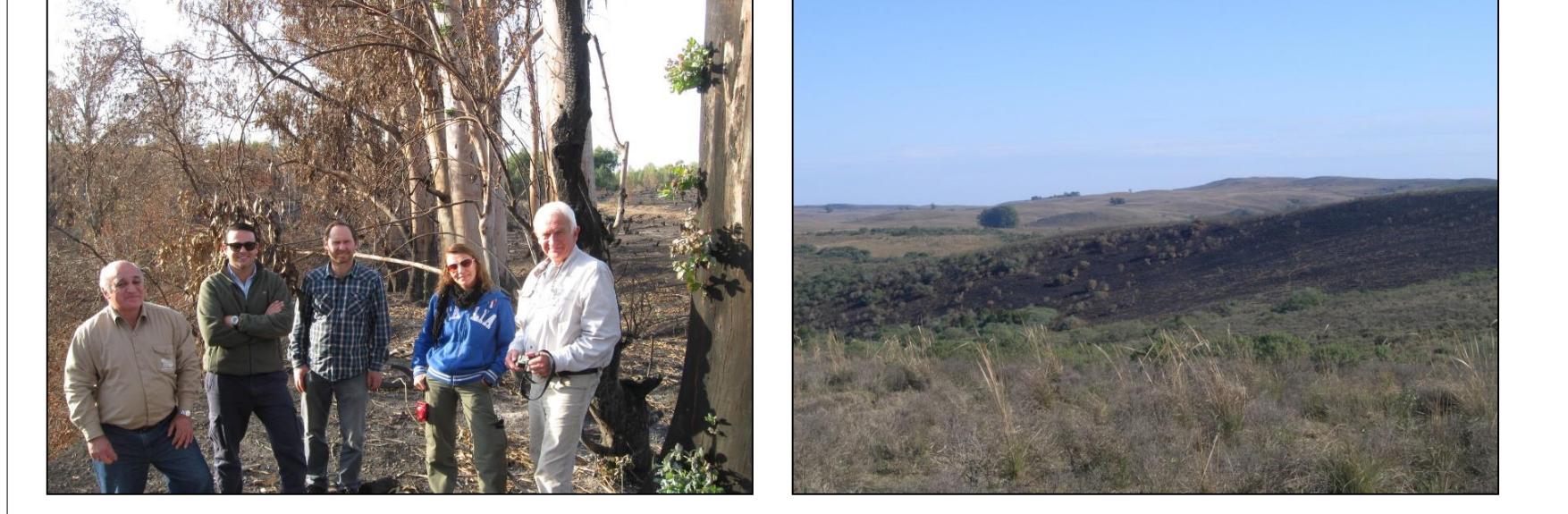
Strategy: Strengthen family farms and avoid itinerant slash-and-burn agriculture; Methodology: Implementation of Demonstration Units, development of Municipal or Community Protocols, Training Program and establishment of Training Centers



Cooperation among the eight countries of the Amazon Basin, under the auspices of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization a framework agreement was developed in 2013 and 2014. It includes Operating Regulations and a Glossary. In 2015, it was also developed a Memorandum of Understanding.



2017 Support of National and Regional Competency in Integrated Fire Management-MIF of South America (Viña del Mar, Chile, 2018) organized by USAID / OFDA/CONAF/ONEMI, to promote exchange of best practices of the MIF and strengthen alliances in fire prevention/control regional entities with the participation of 45 fire experts from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.



KIZUNA project between the governments of Japan and Chile (2015-2019), allowed CONAF, in conjunction with JICA and CHILE- AGCID, to conduct four courses in Forest Fire Protection Management for a total of 96 participants from Latin America and the Caribbean.



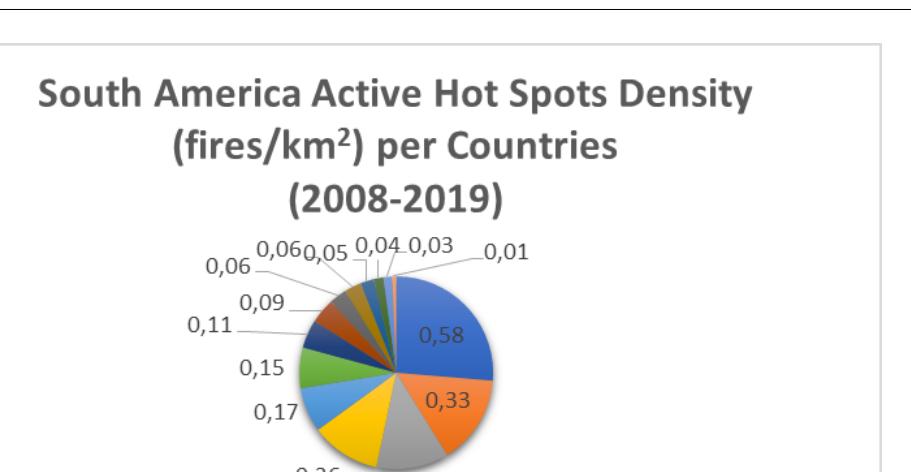
International Activities

Joint Meetings of the UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group (WFAG), International Liaison Committee (ILC) and the Brazilian Conference Organizing Committee for the 7-IWFC (GFMC, Freiburg, Germany)



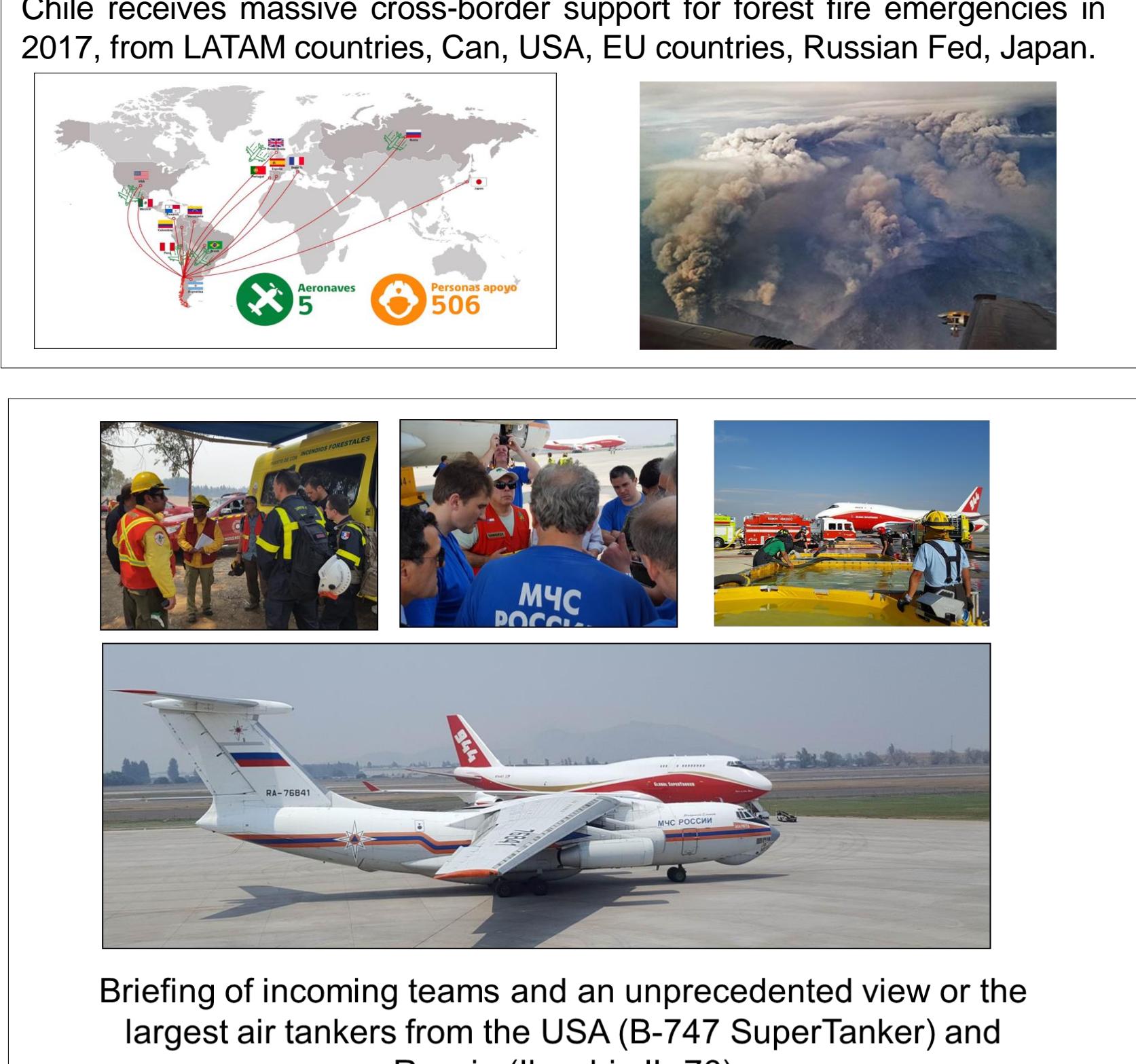
Wildfires and Climate Change, Workshop, Vienna, Austria, July, 2018 organized by IUFRO and World Bank / PROFOR

South America's General Fire Assessment



Cross-boundary Assistance

Chile receives massive cross-border support for forest fire emergencies in 2017, from LATAM countries, Can, USA, EU countries, Russian Fed, Japan.



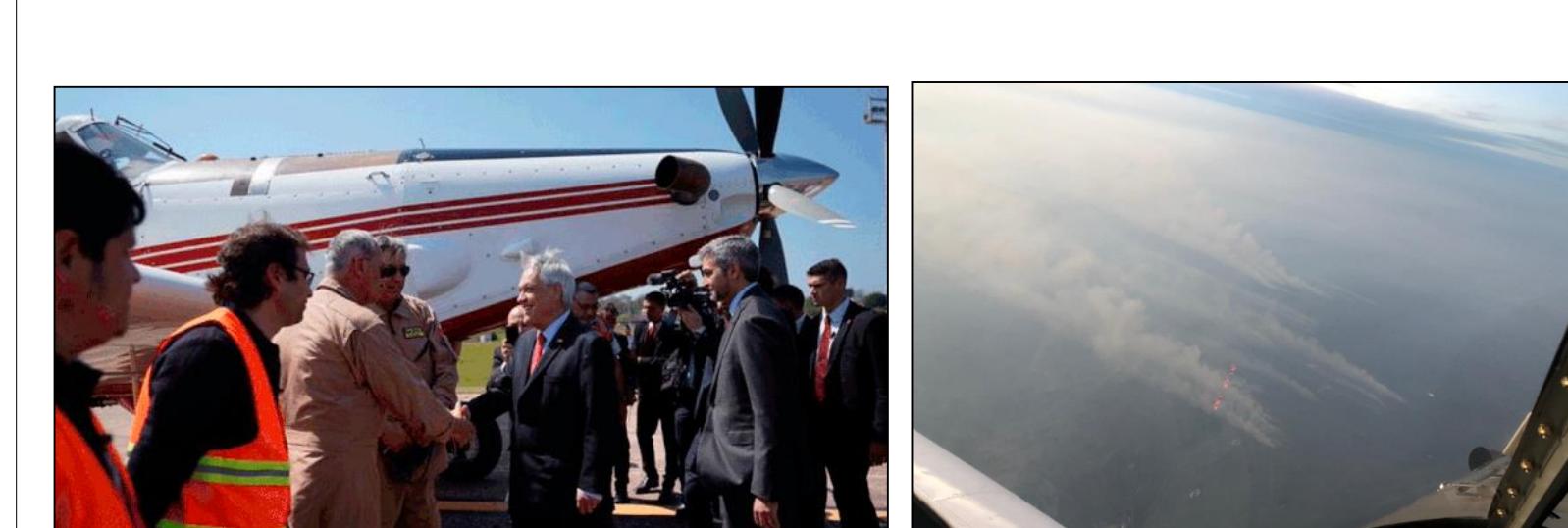
Bolivia received extensive international support to face forest emergencies as a result of increased fire in the "Chiquitanía Region", influenced by population growth, pressures from land use activities and climate change.



Cross-boundary assistance to Brazil as of August 2019 for countless fires of unnatural characteristics, product of human activity in the use of fire, whether accidental or intentional.



Cross-boundary assistance to Paraguay, of August 2019 for fires in Chaco Region, Chilean and Paraguayan presidents shake hands in front of a CONAF SEAT upon arrival in the disaster zone.



Transboundary Forest Fire Prevention Activities in the Chilean / Argentinian Patagonia Region



National Policy

Brazil in face of the huge wildfire problem is developing a integrated fire management program (IFM) considering community/indigenous people involvement, prescribed burning of low intensity for conservation of protected areas, and addressing prevention of wildfires and decreasing of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



Ecuador to implement the Forest Fire Reduction and Alternative Fire Use Program "Amazon Without Fire Ecuador" to reduce the incidence of forest fires



Community-based Fire Management



Work with rural communities in Peru for alternatives of fire use

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