

# Fire Management: Voluntary Guidelines & Actions Alliance

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## The Need for Fire Management

Globally vegetation fires ~ 350 million ha/year





People are the main cause of fires




## Fire Management Strategy

Strategy to enhance international cooperation  
in fire management

Global  
assessment  
2006



Review of  
international  
cooperation  
2006



Voluntary  
guidelines:  
principles  
and strategic  
actions



Implementation:  
Actions  
Alliance

## Multi-Stakeholder Process

- Ministerial Meeting & COFO 2005
- Fire specialists and expert consultations 2006
- 6 Regional Forestry Commissions incl. 21<sup>st</sup> APFC, 2006
- Draft voluntary guidelines
- Formal process for stakeholder feedback
- Voluntary guidelines to COFO 2007




## Objectives

- Transfer international instruments into principles & strategic actions for fire management
- Contribute to establishment & implementation of national & subnational policies & planning for more integrated fire-management approaches
- Enhance international cooperation in fire management
- Encourage and publicize effective community-based fire management
- Promote sustainable land- and resource-management programmes

## Potential Users

- Policy level & senior managers of subregional, regional & global fire management organizations
- Owners & managers of forest, woodlands, range, grassland & other ecosystems
- All stakeholders concerned with effect of unwanted, damaging fires & with the use of fire to enhance ecosystems & economic benefits

## Key partners

- UNISDR
- US Forest Service
- Global Fire Monitoring Center
- The World Bank
- The Nature Conservancy
- Government of Spain
- Australasian Fire Authorities Council
  
- Many Government Fire Authorities & other stakeholder groups



## Voluntary Guidelines

- International-national-sub-national links
- Cross sectoral issues
- Principles
  - Social and cultural
  - Economic
  - Environmental
  - Institutional
  - Enhanced Capacity
- Strategic Actions
- Bibliography
- Annexes



## Towards Implementation (1)

- Purpose: to describe methodology for capacity-building to translate Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines into policy, plans & practices
- Two phases in preparation for implementation:
  - national multi-stakeholder workshops to identify priority needs & actions
  - regional multi-stakeholder workshops to elaborate on implementation plans



## Towards Implementation (2)

- Integration of fire management across the mosaic of land-uses on the landscape
- Integration of fire management policy & regulatory frameworks, plans & practices across sectors
- Integration of fire management management from central, provincial, district, local levels (all stakeholder groups)



## Towards Implementation (3)



### Fire Management Actions Alliance

- An international partnership launched at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Wildland Fire Conference, Seville, Spain, May 2007 to:
  - Implement the Fire Management Voluntary Guidelines
  - Enhance International Cooperation in Fire Management
  - Share experiences, information & data
- 50 member Organizations
- Secretariat in FAO, Rome
- Eligibility - commitment to Charter available on:  
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/41315/en/>



## Useful Web References

- Fire Management Strategy to Enhance International Cooperation:  
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/site/firemanagementstrategy/en/>
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<http://www.fao.org/docrep/009/a0969e/a0969e00.htm>
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