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Fire Paradox
An innovative and integrated approach to wildland fire management

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 Framework 

6th Framework Programme for R & D
Priority thematic area: Mechanisms of desertification and natural disasters
Sub priority 6.3: Global change and ecosystems
Topic: Integrated forest fire management

Integrated project: research / development / dissemination

Duration: 48 months (March 2006 – February 2010)

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- Learning to live with fire
- The fire paradox
 - a highly destructive disturbance
 - a powerful management tool

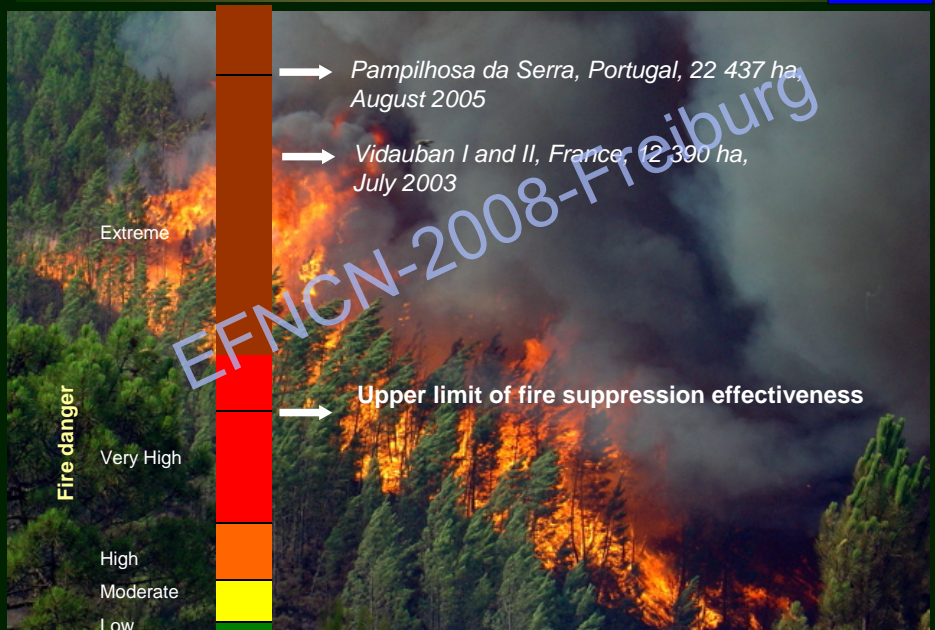
Poor management

Fire exclusion
(Fire suppression)

Fuel build-up →



Frequency of extreme weather events





Wildfire hazard reduction and the sustainable development of natural and managed ecosystems in Europe require:

- fire use (prescribed burning and suppression fire) as a key fire management component
- based on the better understanding of fire ecology and fire behaviour

The main goal of FIRE PARADOX

to set the basis for new fire management policies and practices in Europe



A sequential and comprehensive approach

4
integration
axes





36 partners in 16 countries, including:

- Universities and forestry schools
- Research institutes
- Fire management agencies
- International organisations and networks
- Associations
- SMEs



- ARGENTINA
- FINLAND
- FRANCE
- GREECE
- ITALY
- MONGOLIA
- MOROCCO
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL
- RUSSIA
- SLOVENIA
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SPAIN
- SWITZERLAND
- TUNISIA
- UNITED KINGDOM
- INTERNATIONAL PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



- International research
 - Increased cooperation
- Forest and fire professionals
 - Increased integration
 - Wise use of fire
 - Enhanced exchanges
- Citizens
 - Better awareness and preparation
 - Safer behaviour
- Policy makers
 - New view on the issue
 - Evolution of regulations and policies



<http://www.fireparadox.org>



Fire is unavoidable, but not necessarily a catastrophe



Thank you !