



Forest Fires in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Statistics 2003-2007

Forest fire statistics for in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the period from 2003 to 2007 are provided in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. Forest fires in the Republic of Serbska

Year	Number of fires	Burned are (ha)	Burned Timber		Damage (CM)
			Number of Seedlings (in Afforestations)	m ³	
2003	476	21,403		243,336	7,288,186
2004	90	630		146	282,253
2005	105	494		712	196,350
2006	84	1,988,050		73	151,540
2007	567	17,952		27,859	2,880,718
Total	1,322	42,467		272,125	10,799,047

Note: CM – Convertible Marks (1CM = 0.5 Euro)

Table 2. Forest fires in the Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina

Year	Number of fires	Burned are (ha)	Burned Timber		Damage (CM)
			Number of Seedlings (in Afforestations)	m ³	
2003	894	36,383	67,442	14,402	45,623,119
2004	145	688	29,300	5,746	1,349,385
2005	195	793	155,970	2,529	1,433,240
2006	220	1,969	105,519	233	1,722,084
2007	932	13,742	326,440	40,017	9,574,263
Total	2,386	53,575	684,671	62,927	59,702,091

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One of the biggest current and future forest fire problems in Bosnia and Herzegovina are unexploded ordnance (UXO), remnants from the civil war. The total forested territory contaminated by UXO in the country is ca. 220,000 ha. In the Federation Bosnia and Herzegovina alone the area of UXO-contaminated forests is estimated about 127,129 ha, equivalent to 9.9% of the total forest land. Furthermore there are spots in the country that are contaminated by radioactivity resulting from the use of uranium-depleted ammunition by NATO.



Figures 1 and 2. Sites contaminated by UXO and not yet cleared in Bosnia and Herzegovina are marked with warning signs.

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