

## Regional Mesoamerica and Caribbean Wildland Fire Network



### Landscape Fire Situation

**The main causes of the wildfires in the Mesoamerican and Caribbean Region are human activities**  
 Burning of agricultural lands, grasslands, stubble and trash burning are the most important cause, followed by arson intentionally. Other causes include forest residue burning, fires used by beekeepers and bonfires.

During the last years a number of wildfires have been started by natural causes (lightning), especially during the transitory period of dry season to rain season (May-June).



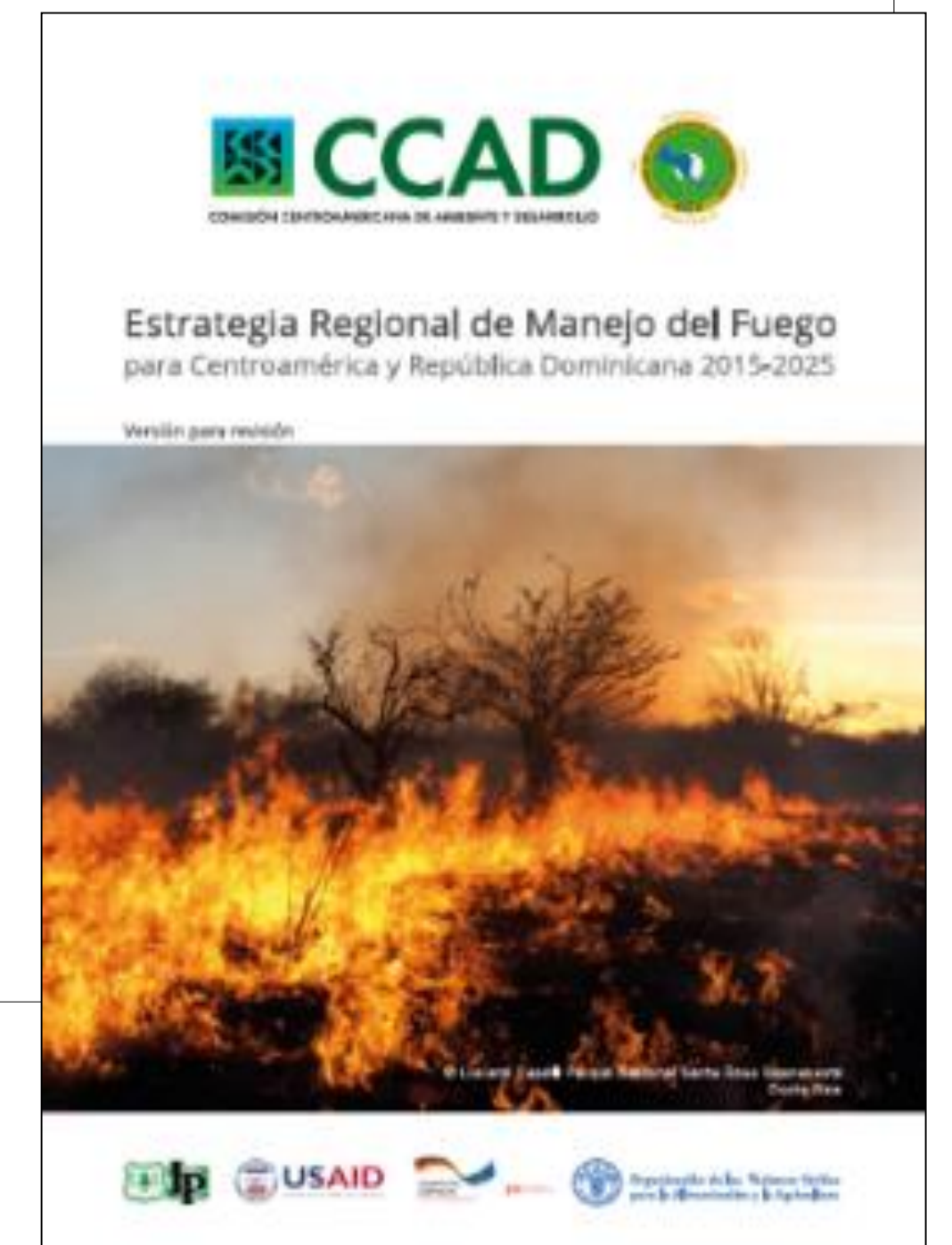
### Regional Fire Management Strategy

**Considering the problem of forest fires in the Central American region and the Dominican Republic, it is necessary to seek new coordination mechanisms in fire management**

The Regional Strategy 2015-2025 has been agreed upon by the Environment Ministers of the countries involved

The Regional Fire Management Strategy has seven strategic lines, which guide towards a series of concrete actions, which the countries will incorporate into their national policies, strategies and plans for efficient and effective fire management:

- 1) Regional and national management
- 2) Social management
- 3) Knowledge management
- 4) Risk management
- 5) Operations
- 6) Rehabilitation of burned areas
- 7) Information management



### Regional Activities 2019 to 2022

After the last conference in Brazil (2019) and due to the global impact for the pandemic, regional activities have decreased in the last four years. When having a decrease in budgets, the countries made adjustments to continue with their internal processes of strengthening institutional capacities, project execution, support between countries that make up the network and with other regions.

#### 53th Annual Meeting North American Fire Management Working Group Jalisco, México, November 2019



#### International Programs of the United States Forest Service supporting training actions in Guatemala and Honduras



#### Memorandum of understanding and Operating Plan for the exchange of wildland fire management resources between Canadian and Costa Rican participants



#### Support from SINAC Costa Rica to Strengthen Technical Capacities for Comprehensive Fire Management in the Republic of Ecuador



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