

Tropical forest peat swamp fire: prevention is better than cure

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Abstract

Forest fire occurring in the tropical peat swamp forest has been a major concern and has been on the increase at an alarming rate during the past decades. This problem is further compounded by the fact that some of the affected areas have burned more than once. If left unabated, peat areas that will be at risk to frequent fire and more areas will be burnt. The burning of peat swamp forest has also caused regional haze occurring annually leading to numerous problems and uneasiness among neighbouring countries. This paper aims to review factors that lead to peat forest fire and discuss its impact on the ecosystem. Possible recommendations and suggestions will be presented on ways to reduce the problems.

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