

Fires surge in Amazon rainforest

The number of fires in Brazil's Amazon region increased 28 percent in July from a year ago, according to official figures, threatening a repeat of 2019's surging destruction of the world's largest rainforest

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Brazil's *National Institute for Space Research (INPE)*

recorded 6,803 fires in Amazon rainforest, compared to 5,318 in same month of 2019

🔴 Fires detected
(data retrieved Aug 4, 2020)

1,000km
625 miles

ACCUMULATED AMAZON DEFORESTATION

Aug 1 to Apr 30

2007-08 5,544 sq km

2008-09 2,836

2009-10 1,457

2010-11 1,874

2011-12 1,631

2012-13 1,873

2013-14 1,501

2014-15 2,766

2015-16 3,019

2016-17 2,773

2017-18 2,983

2018-19 2,816

2019-20 5,606

■ Environmentalists fear Brazil could repeat last year's peak of 30,900 fires in August – 12-year high for that month

2019: Deforestation hit 11-year high, with further 25 percent increase in first half of 2020