Brazilian Amazon rainforest sees decline in fire damage

The Amazon recorded its smallest burned area on record in 2025 – a sharp turnaround from the peak of 15.8 million hectares scorched in 2024 – according to environmental monitoring group *MapBiomas*

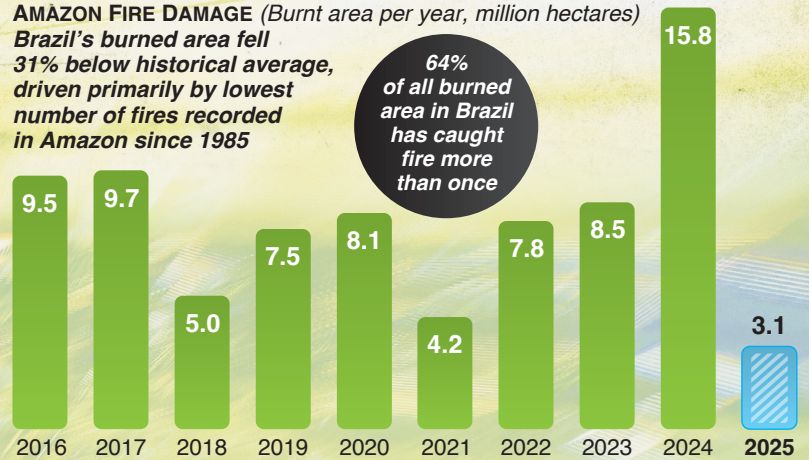


Tropical rainforests such as the Amazon are home to millions of species and, when healthy, absorb vast amounts of planet-warming carbon dioxide, helping to regulate the Earth's climate

AMAZON FIRE DAMAGE *(Burnt area per year, million hectares)*

Brazil's burned area fell 31% below historical average, driven primarily by lowest number of fires recorded in Amazon since 1985

64% of all burned area in Brazil has caught fire more than once



*Decline driven partly by cooler **La Niña** conditions instead of warmer **El Niño***

Source: Annual Fire Report 2026, MapBiomas

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