



## Statement on Indonesia forest fires and haze

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Asia Pacific Resources International Limited (APRIL) has had a strict no-burn policy in place for all our concessions in Indonesia since we began operations in 1994. Our third-party suppliers also practice a strict no-burn policy.

Fire prevention and suppression is a major operational priority as part of APRIL's land management practices and the company has invested more than US\$1.5 million in firefighting teams, training and equipment at our operations in Indonesia. Protecting our concessions from fire is also an important commercial imperative.

APRIL conducts regular ongoing land, air and water patrols of its concessions and surrounding areas for fire detection. Rapid-response fire fighting teams deploy land and aerial equipment to deal with any threat of fires from land adjacent to our concession areas.

APRIL supports and has directly trained 22 community-based groups focused on fire prevention, education and fire control, and works closely with these groups.

Our fire fighting manpower and equipment is actively deployed to assist government and communities in fighting fires outside the concession areas of the company.

APRIL also collaborates closely with local forestry and law enforcement officers on fire prevention education and knowledge transfer on land management methods that do not involve slash-and-burn practices.