

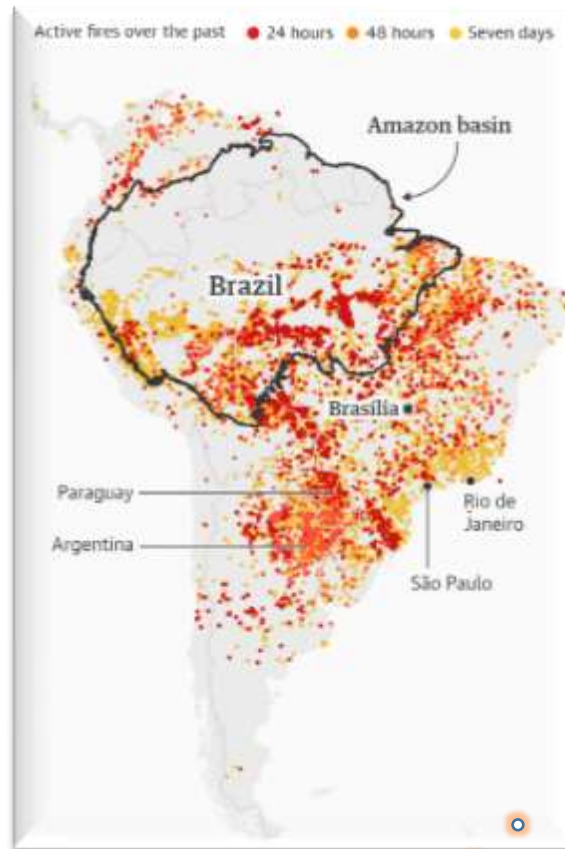
Assembly Resource

Read through some of the details about the Amazon Rainforest fires. Do you think enough is being done to help tackle the problem?

What happens to wildlife in the rainforest during the fires?

Larger animals may be able to escape, such as jaguars, because they are able to run fast enough to get away from the fire in time.

Dr Claudio Sillero, professor of conservation biology at the University of Oxford, has said that he's particularly concerned about the smaller creatures in the rainforest, "Different groups of animals will fare differently," he says. "But we really need to worry about amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates. They live in microhabitats, and if these microhabitats get hit by fire then they will disappear completely."



Source: NASA Date: 23rd August

Does the number of fires in Brazil surprise you?

The fires have been burning for more than a month now, and the dry season means they've spread much faster than normal. They are so huge that some can be seen from space.

How are world leaders responding to the fires?

UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has said Britain will provide £10m towards protecting the rainforest.

After weeks of pressure from around the world saying that Brazilian President Bolsonaro wasn't doing enough, he deployed the army to battle the fires on 24th August, sending 44,000 troops to help.

On August 29th, President Bolsonaro announced a 60-day ban on setting fires to clear land. Some feel this maybe too late, as much of the damage and destruction has already been done.