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What word or words do you associate with "wildfire"

How fires are often seen…


USA TODAY
Savage 'hurricane of fire' lays siege to California
'Hurricane of fire' slams Los Angeles
Migrant caravan heads to US border
The Sun
LOST ANGELES
Liberation
LOS ANGELES CITÉ DES CENDRES
The New York Times
Wind-Whipped Walls of Flame Consume Enclaves of L.A.
San Francisco Chronicle
'Tough decisions, new heights' pledged
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.
Wildfires in Los Angeles Rage On
CHAOS, DISASTER
Los Angeles Times
Bracing for long fight, recovery
'Will things ever be the same?'
CEO: State remains insurable after fires
Svenska Dagbladet
Tusentals brandmän kämpar mot lågorna
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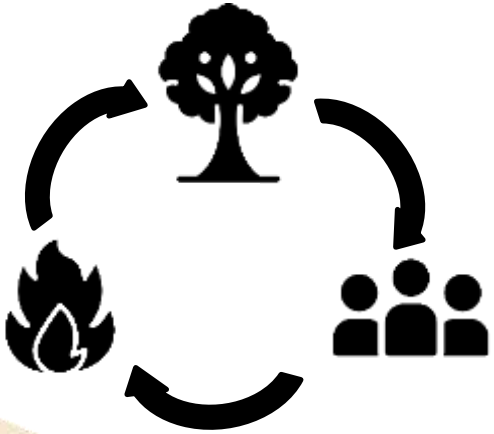

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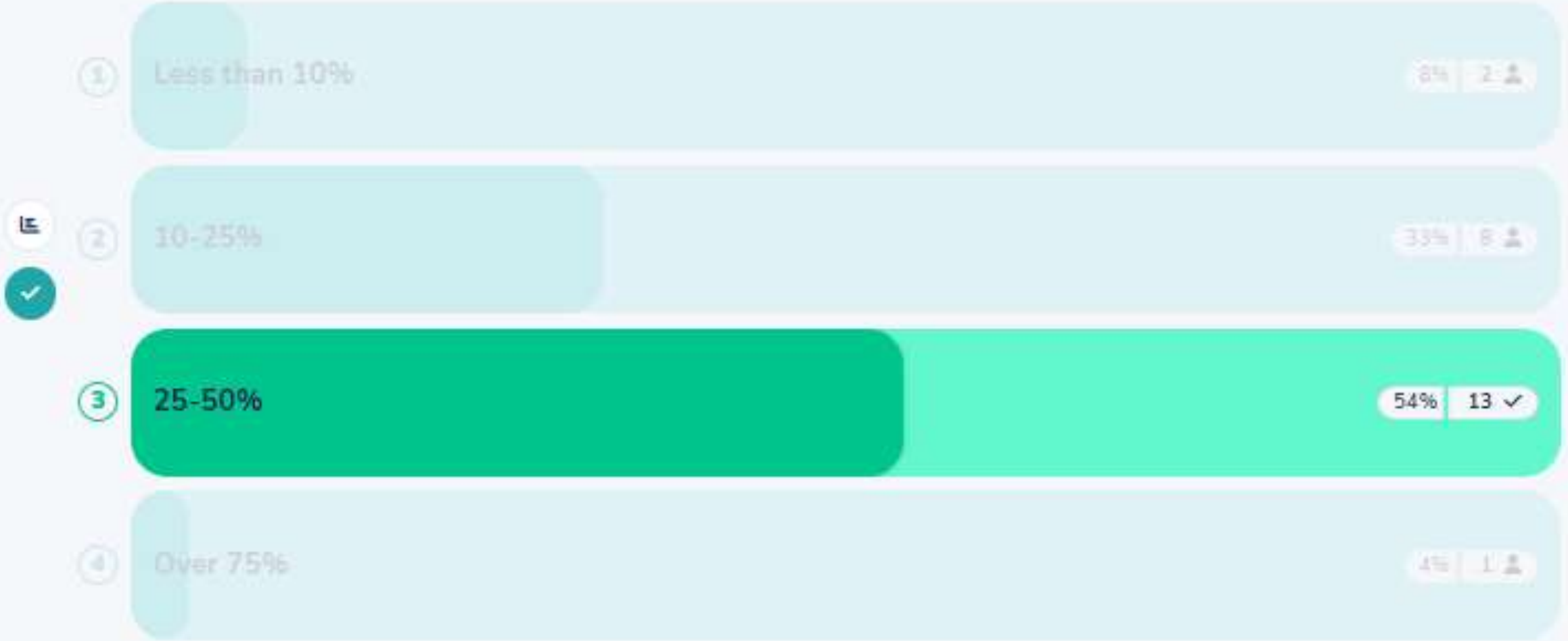
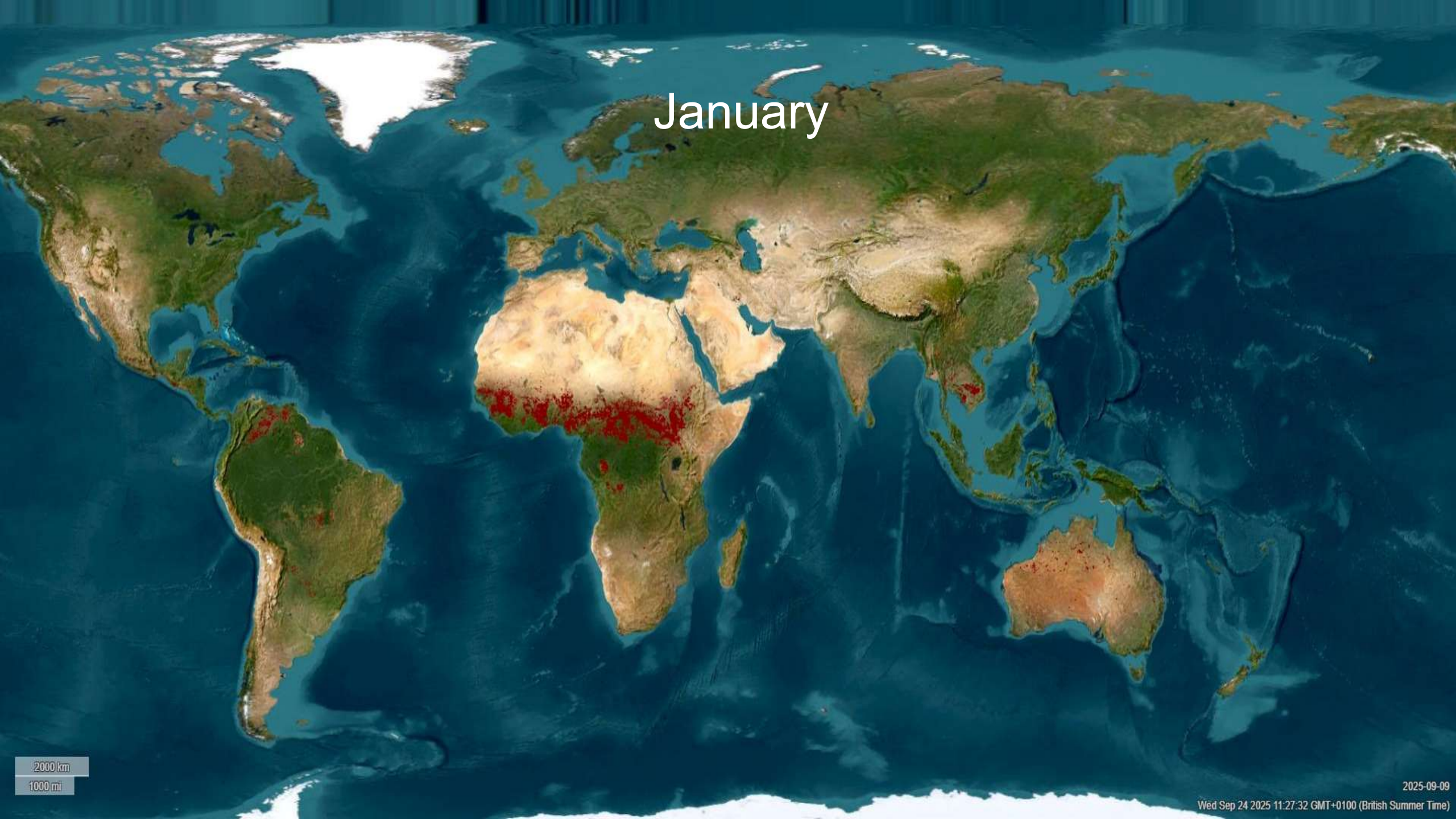


The continent with the most fire is....

1 Place on the continent of your choice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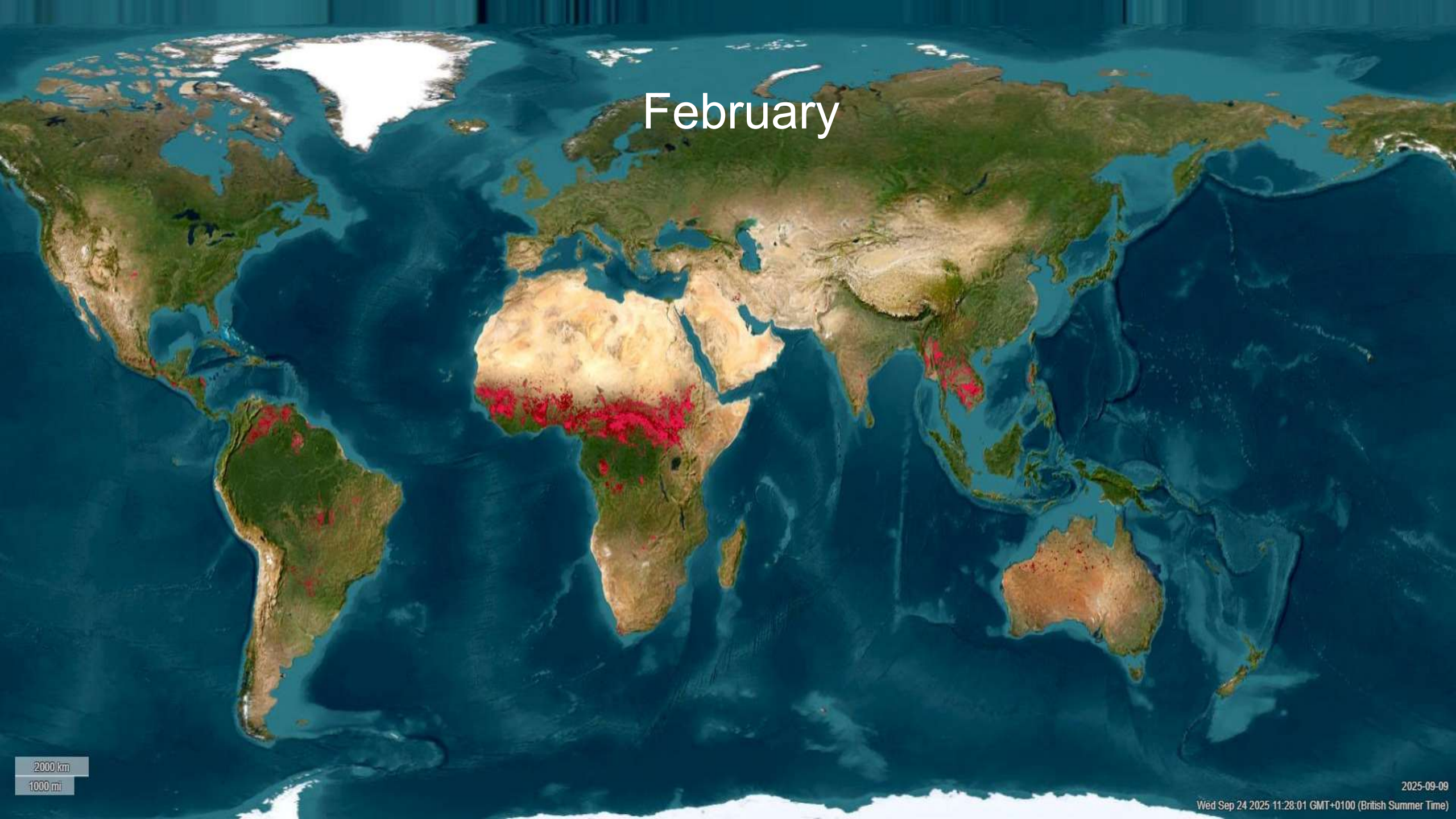
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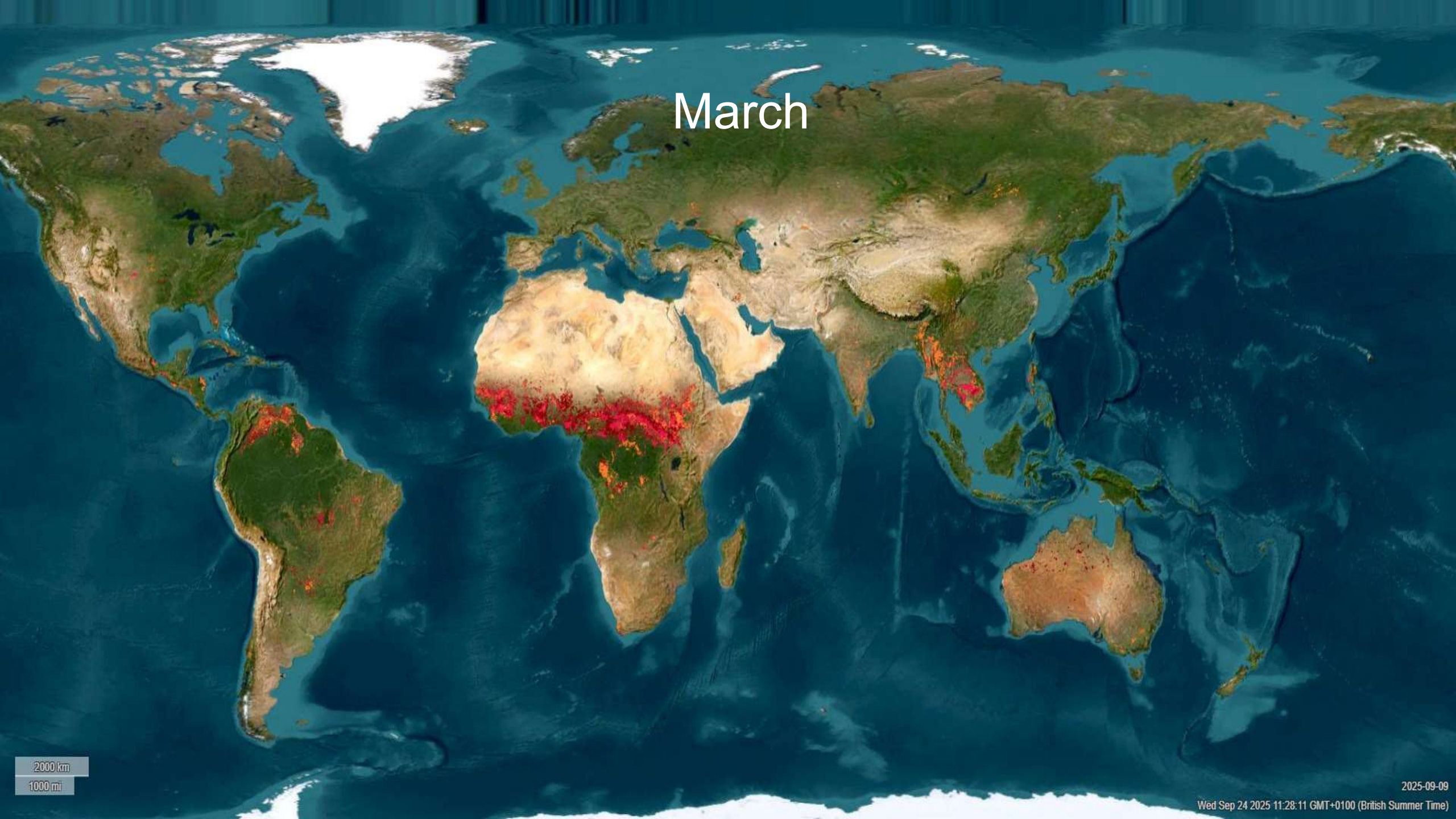
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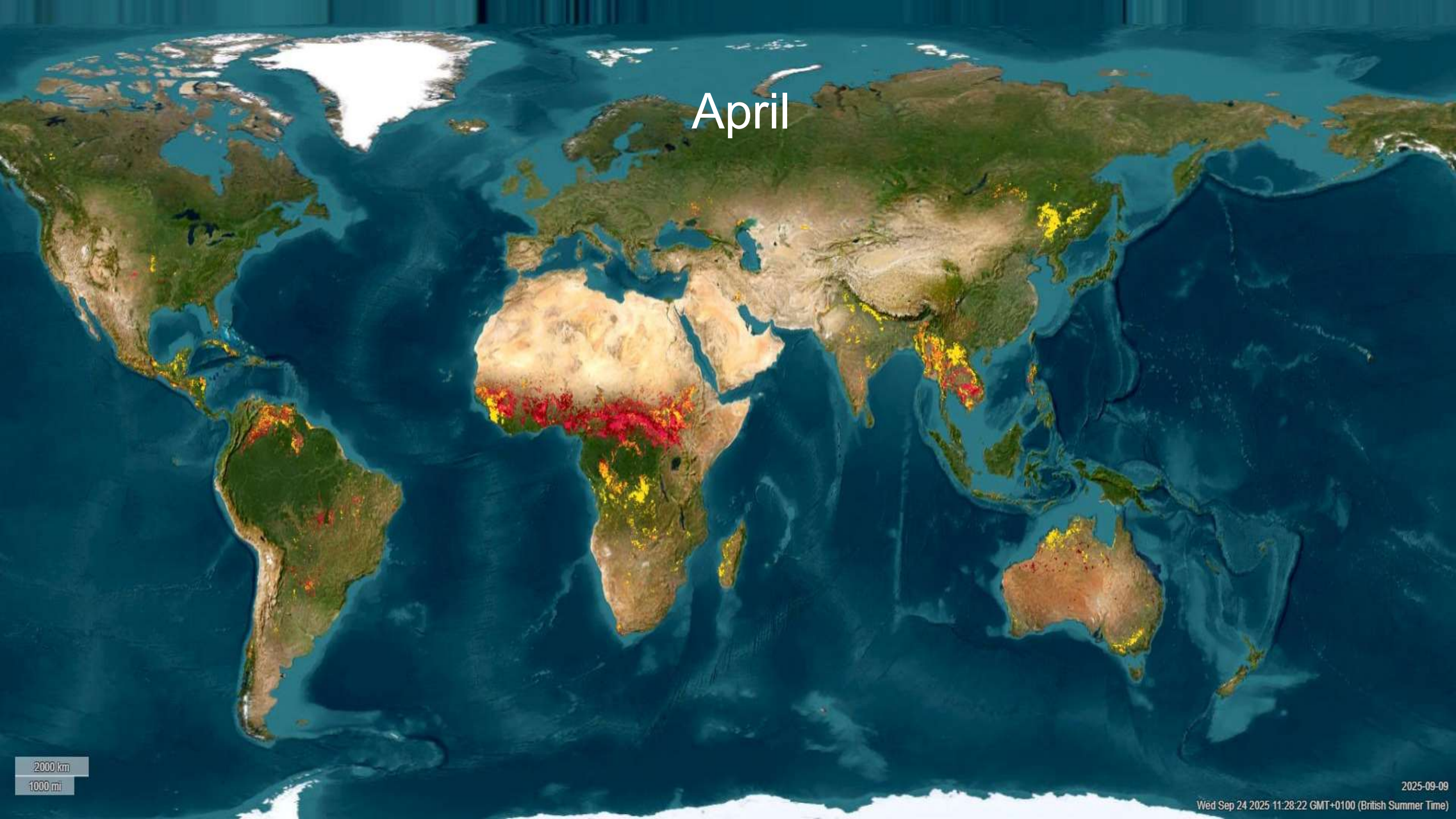
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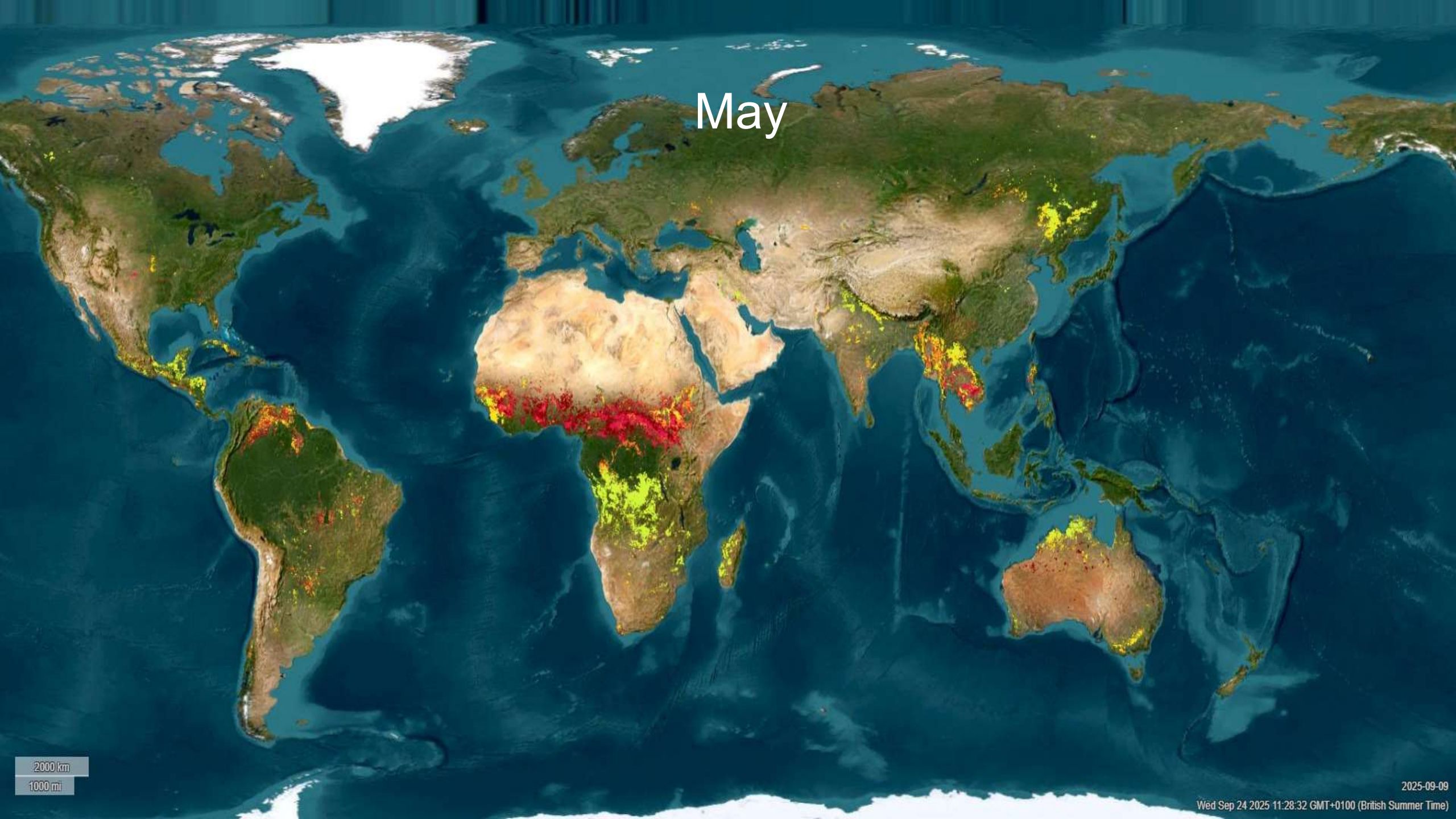
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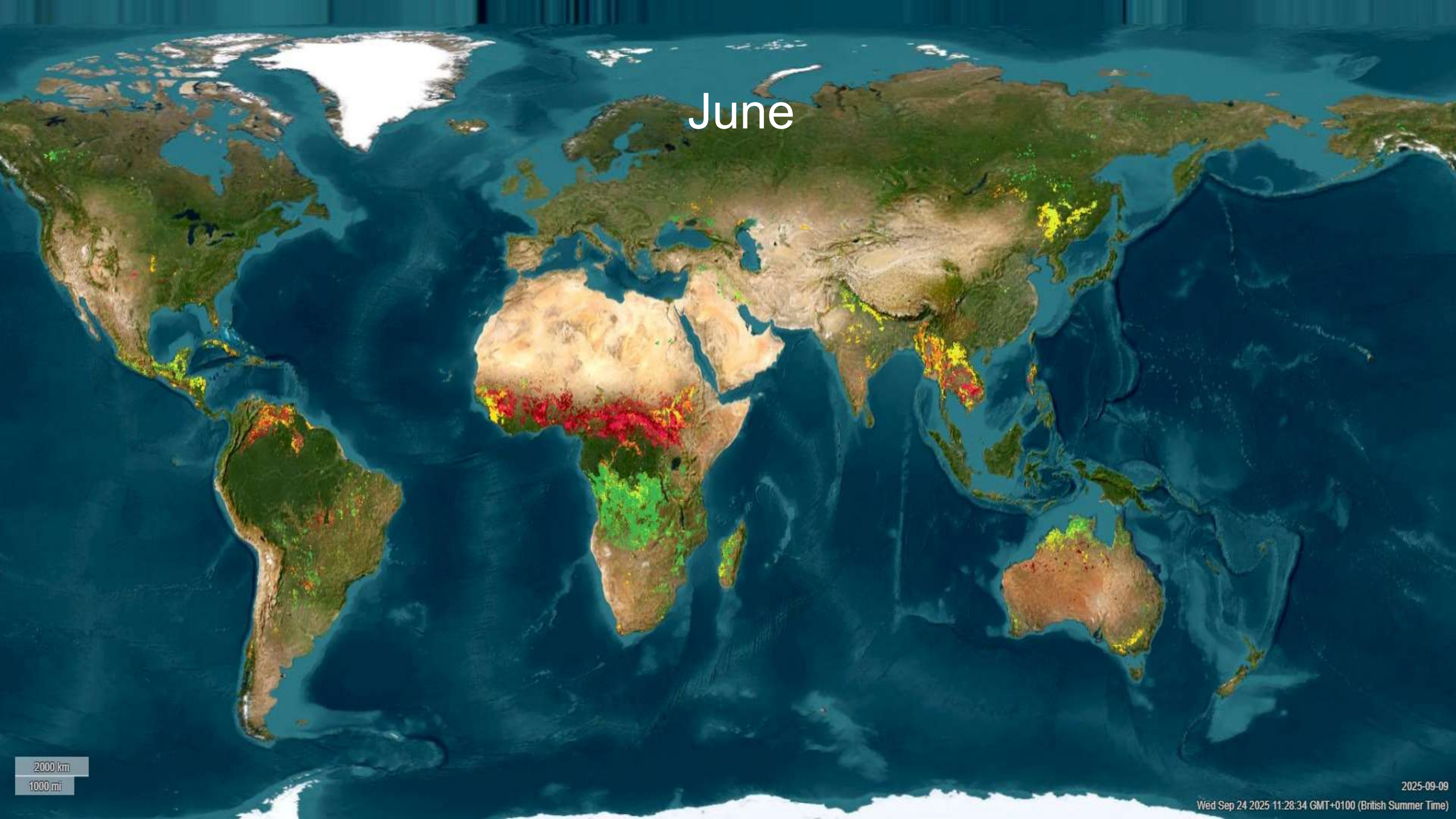
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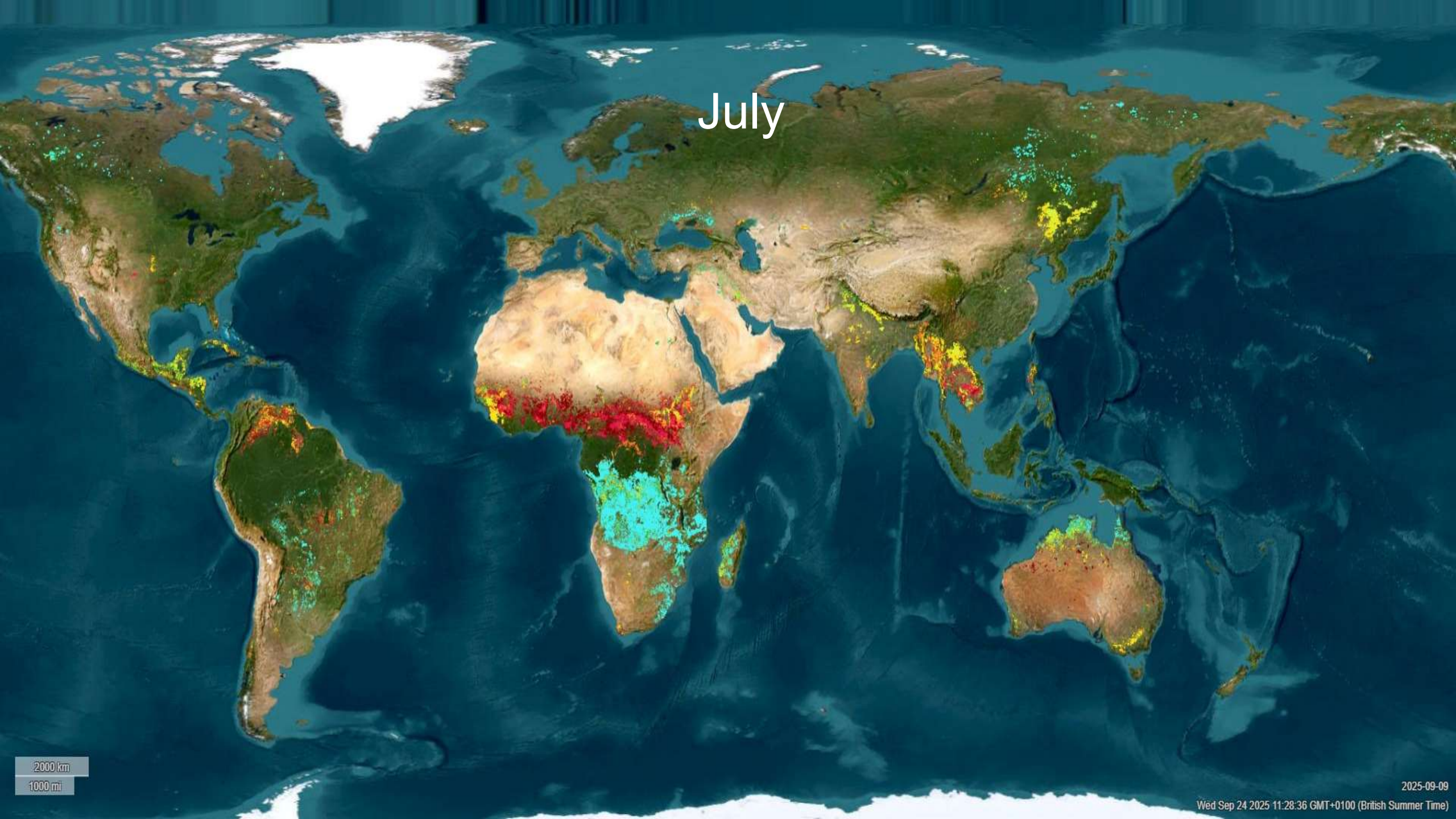
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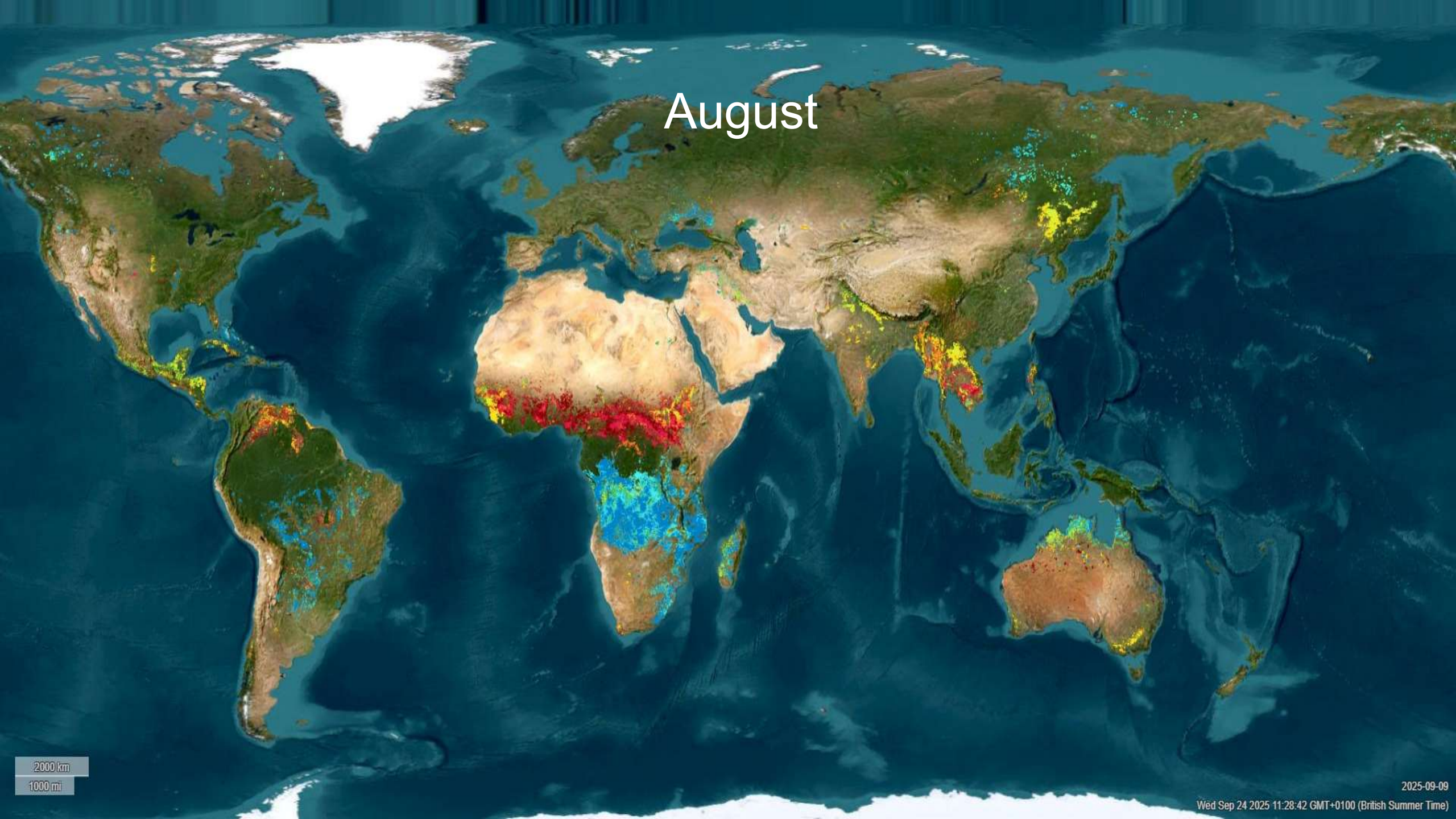
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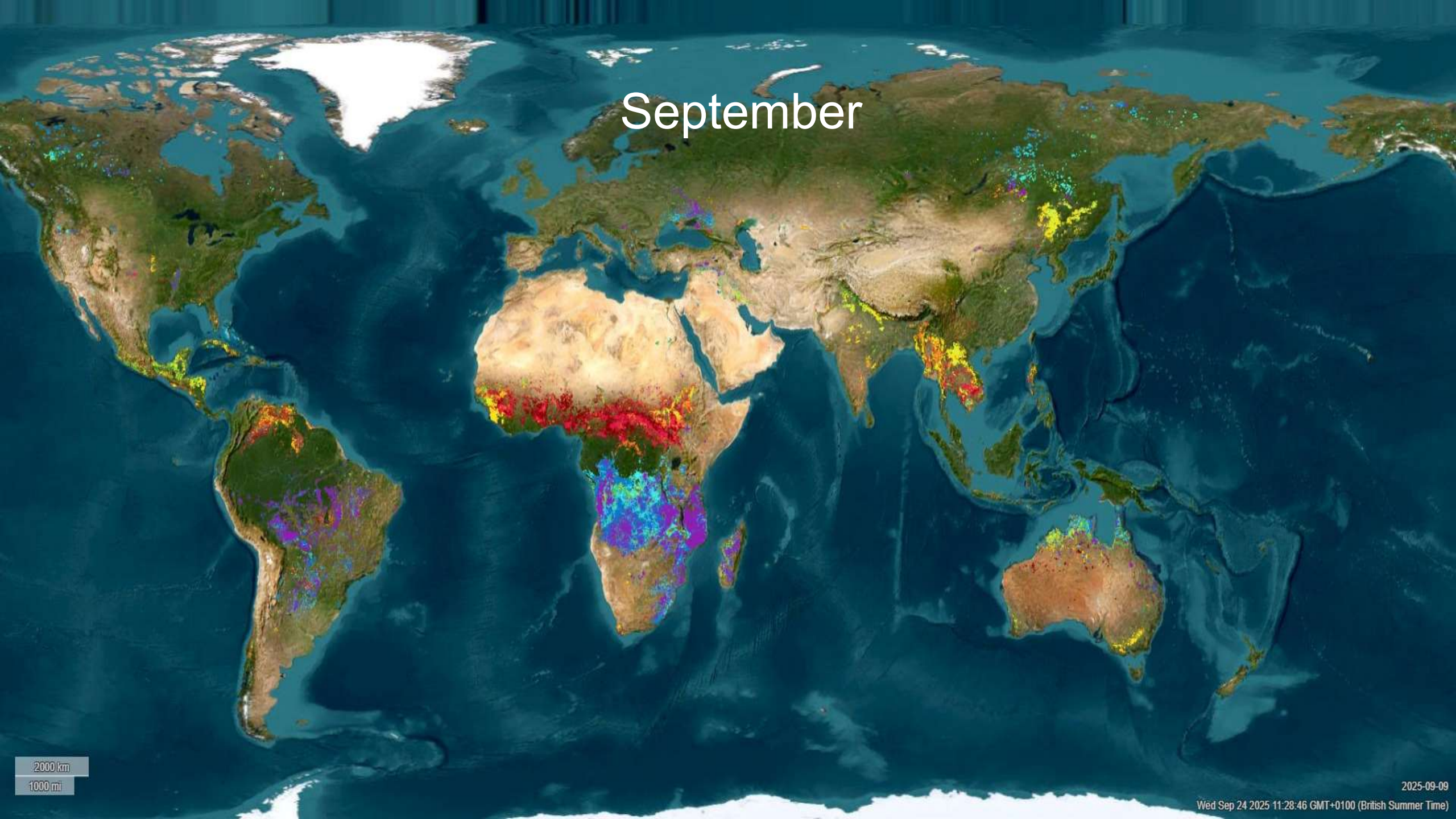
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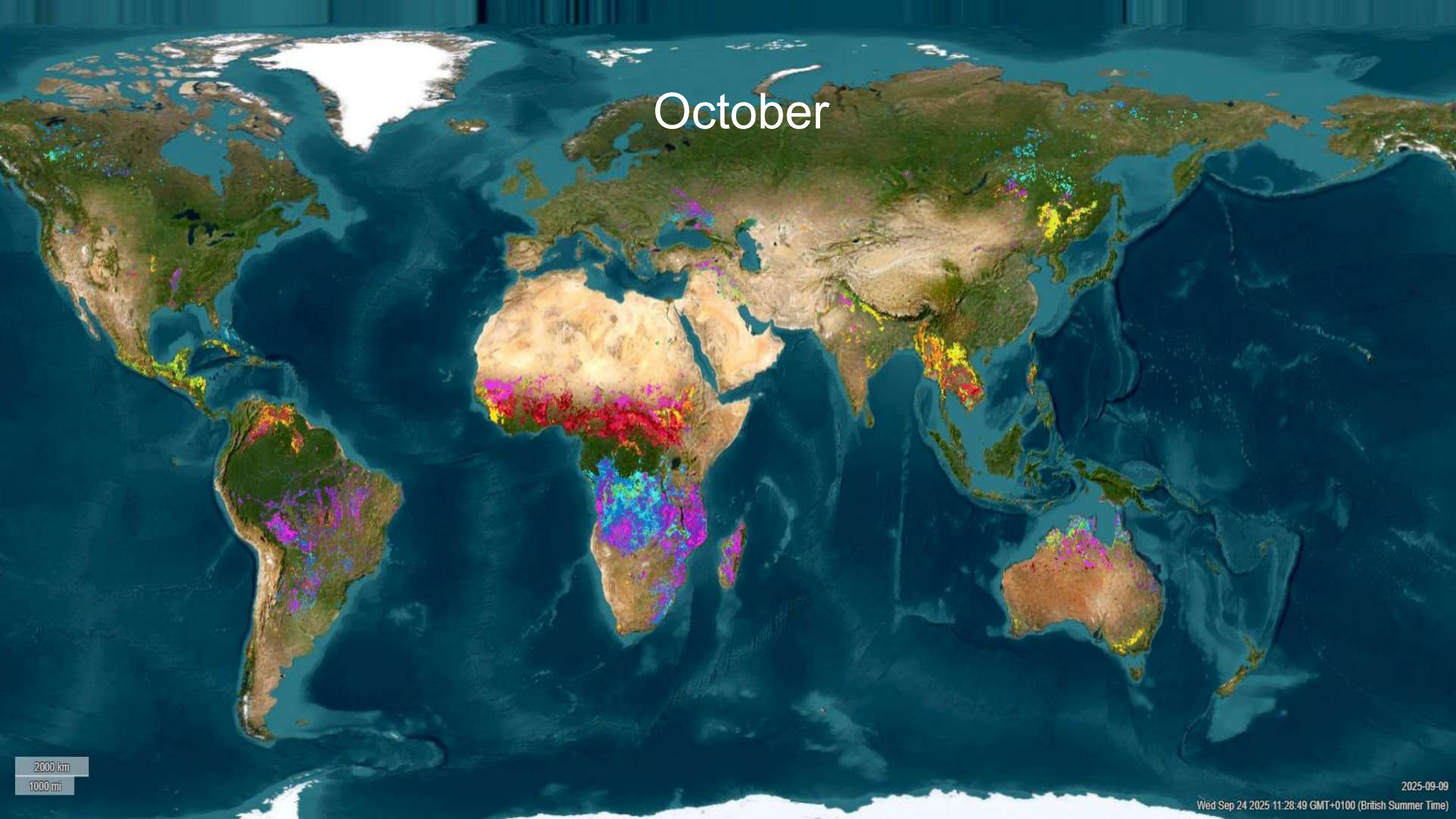
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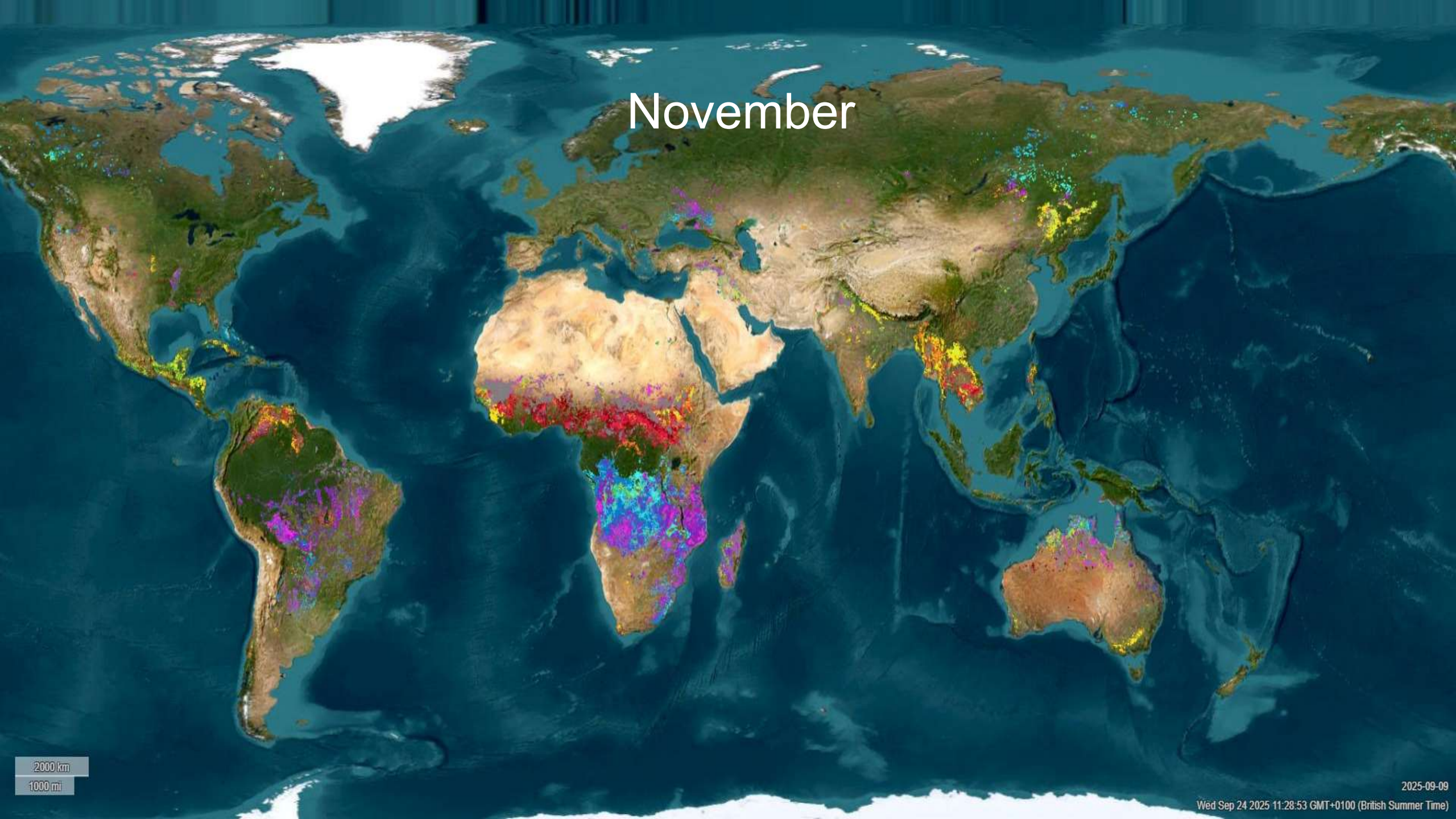
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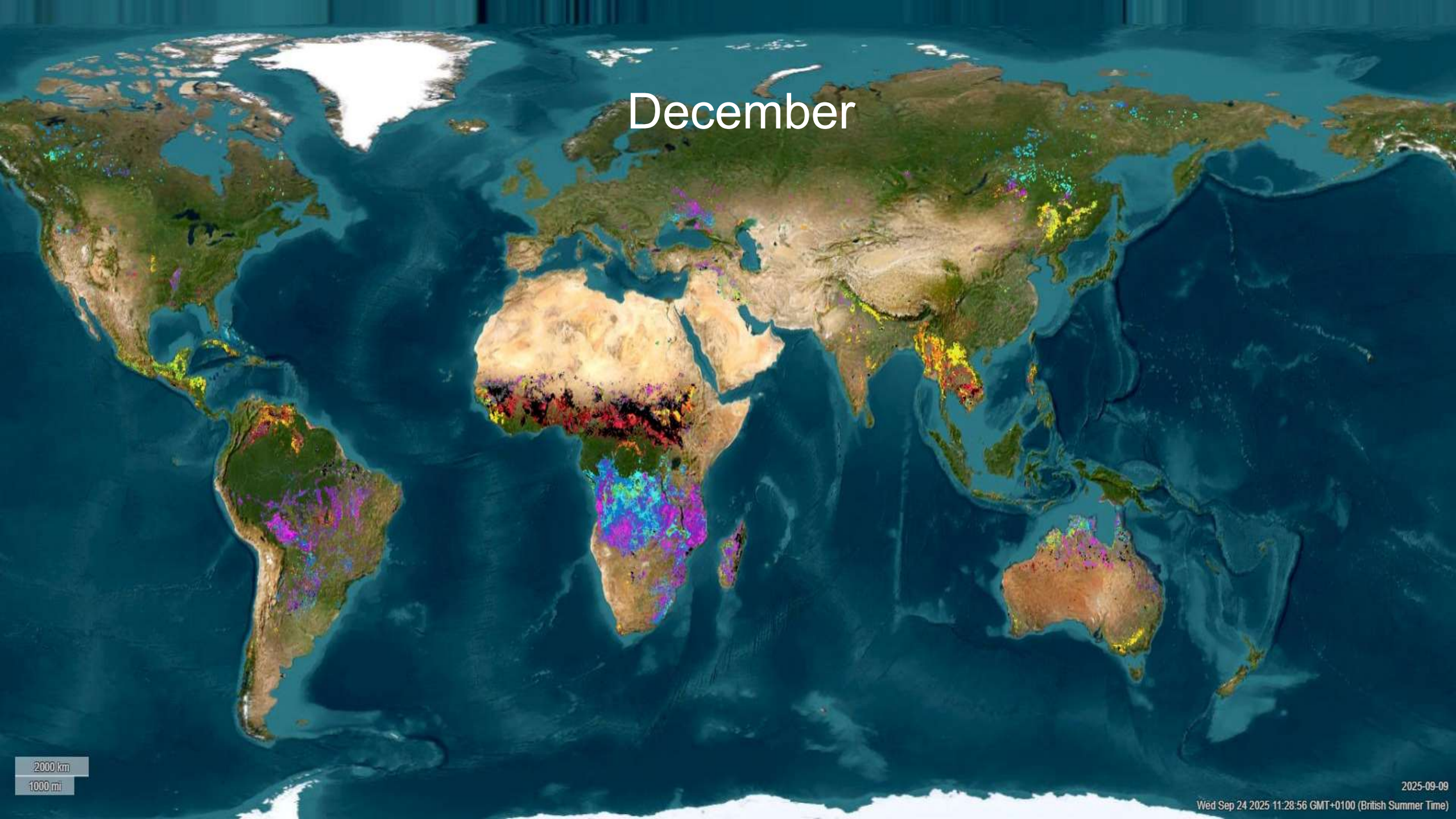
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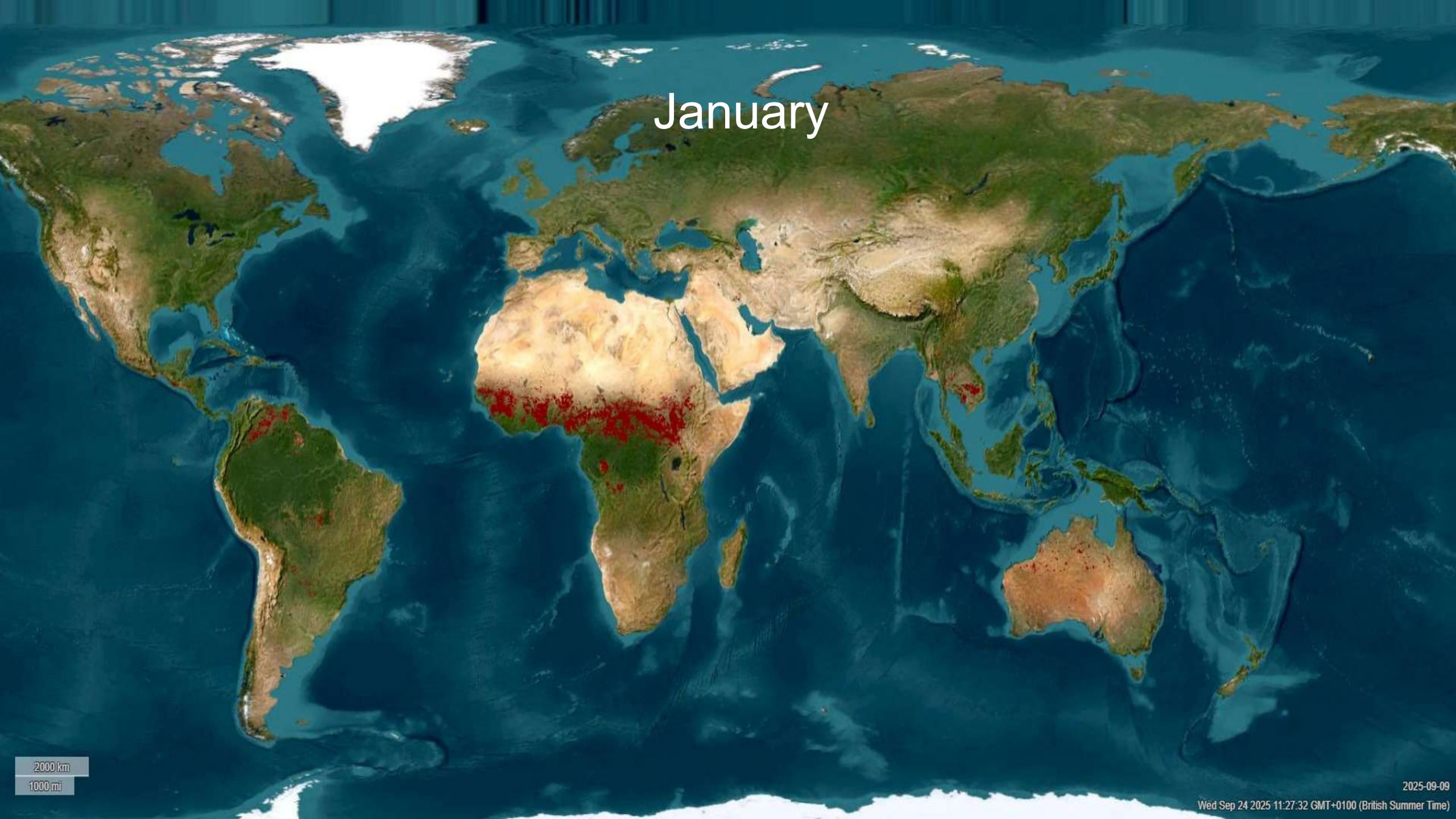
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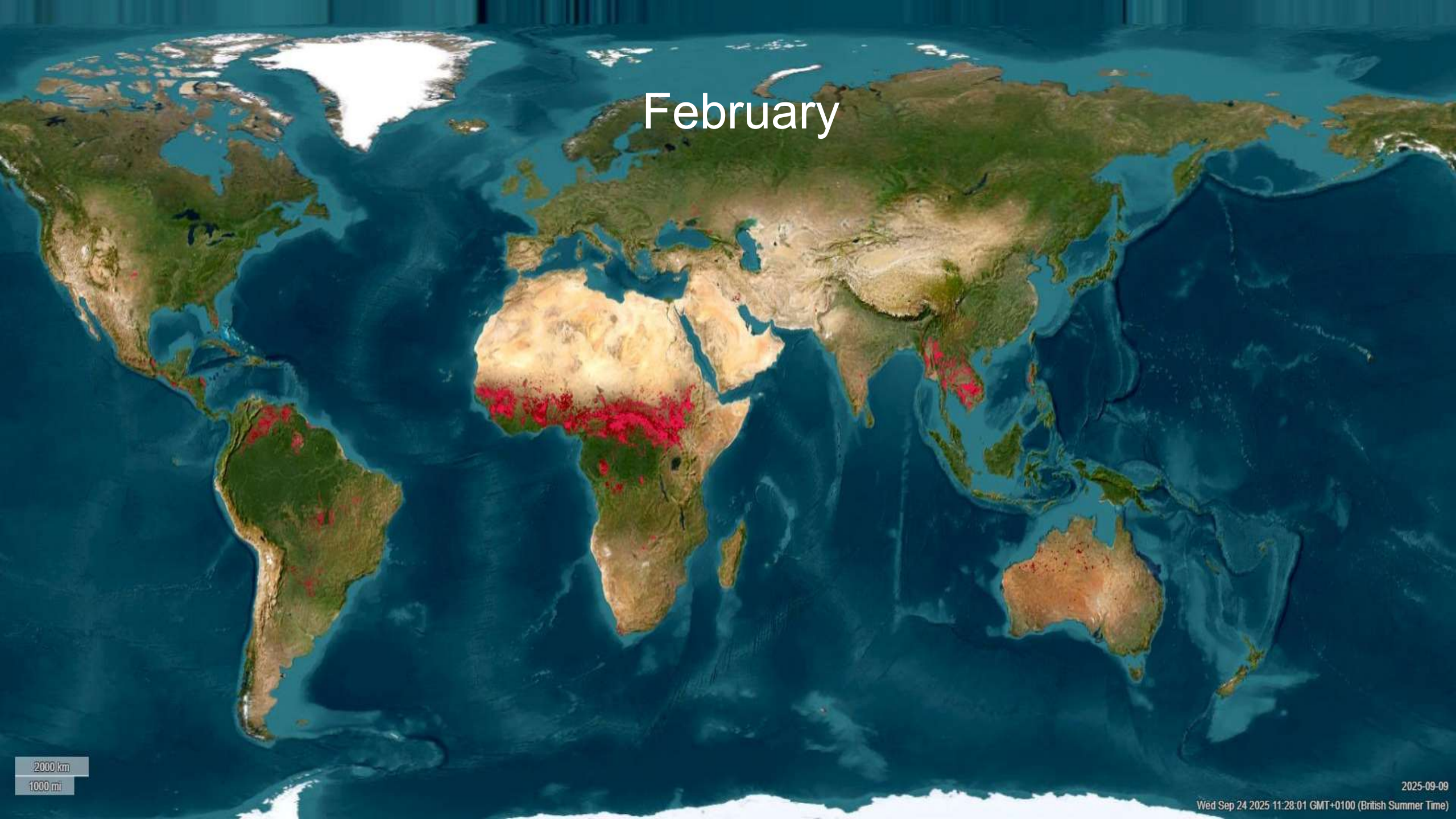
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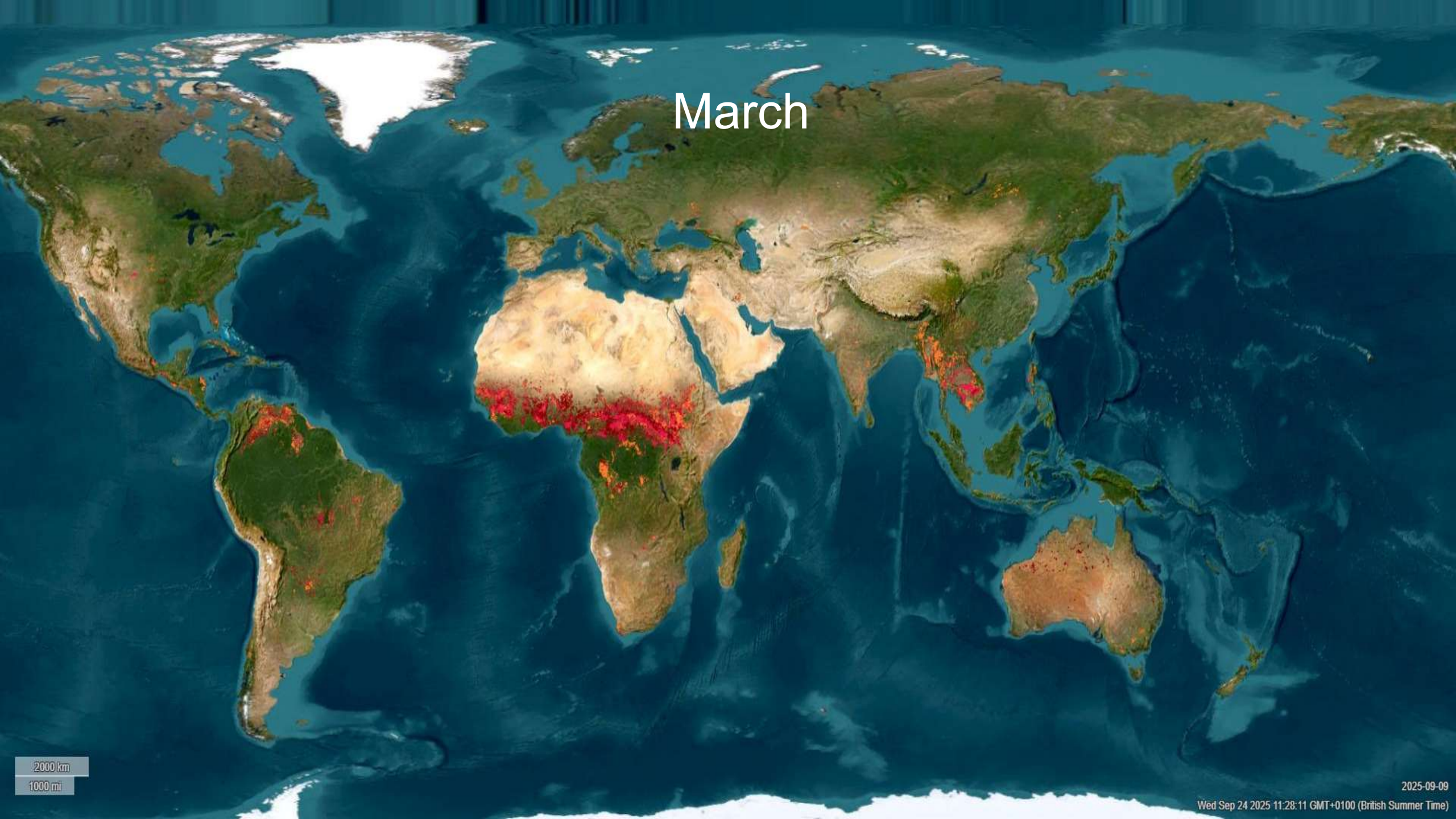
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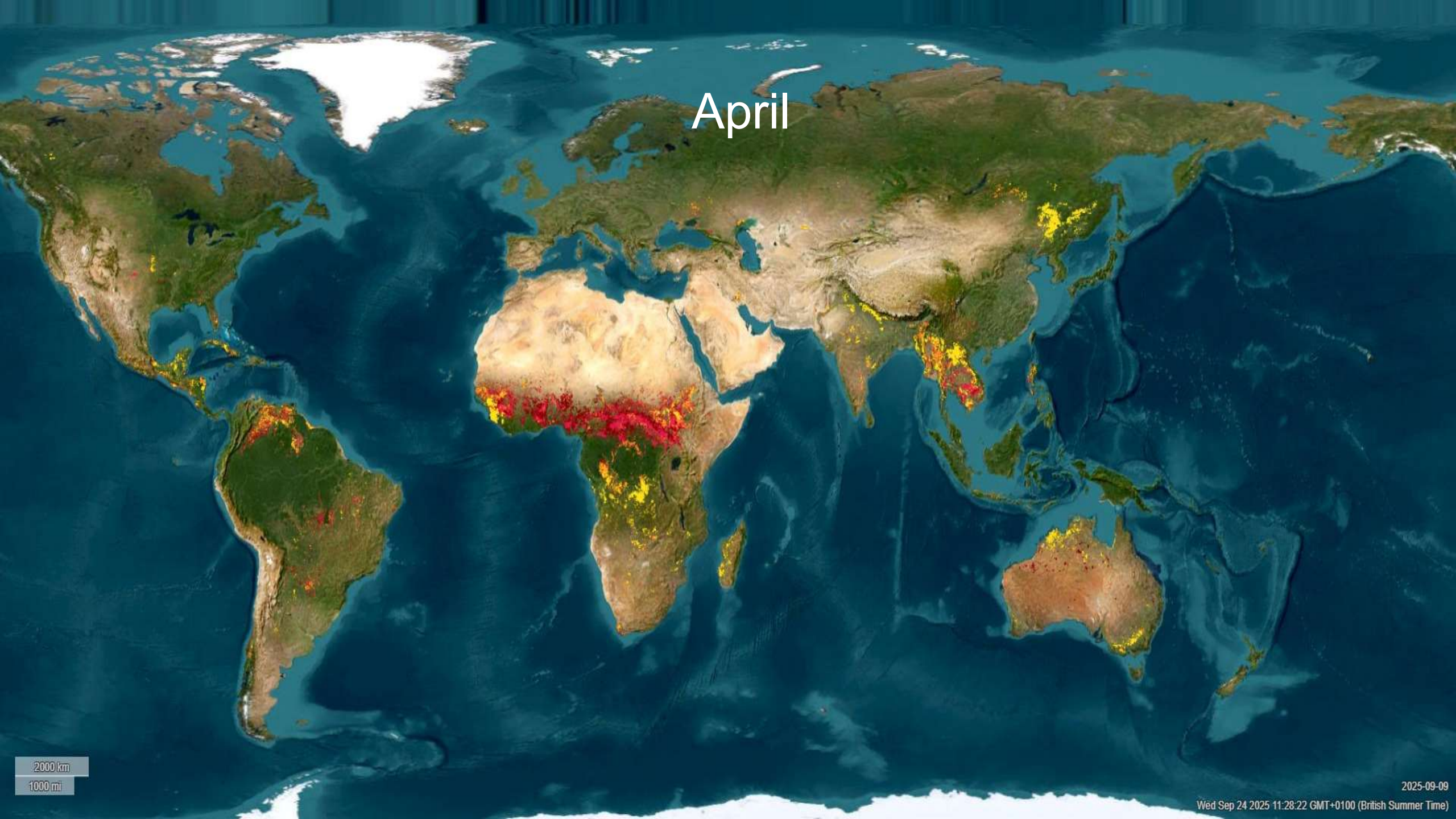
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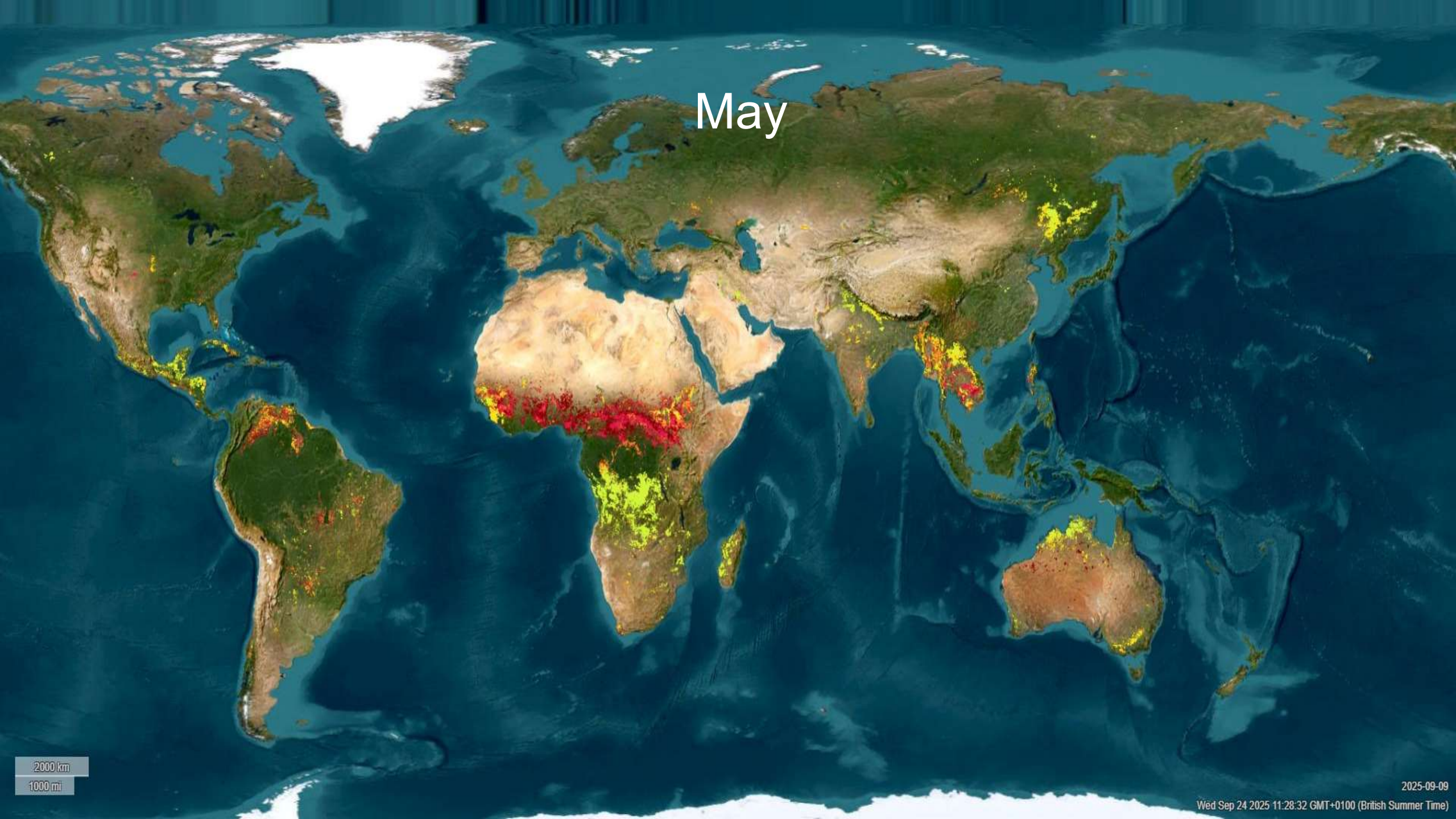
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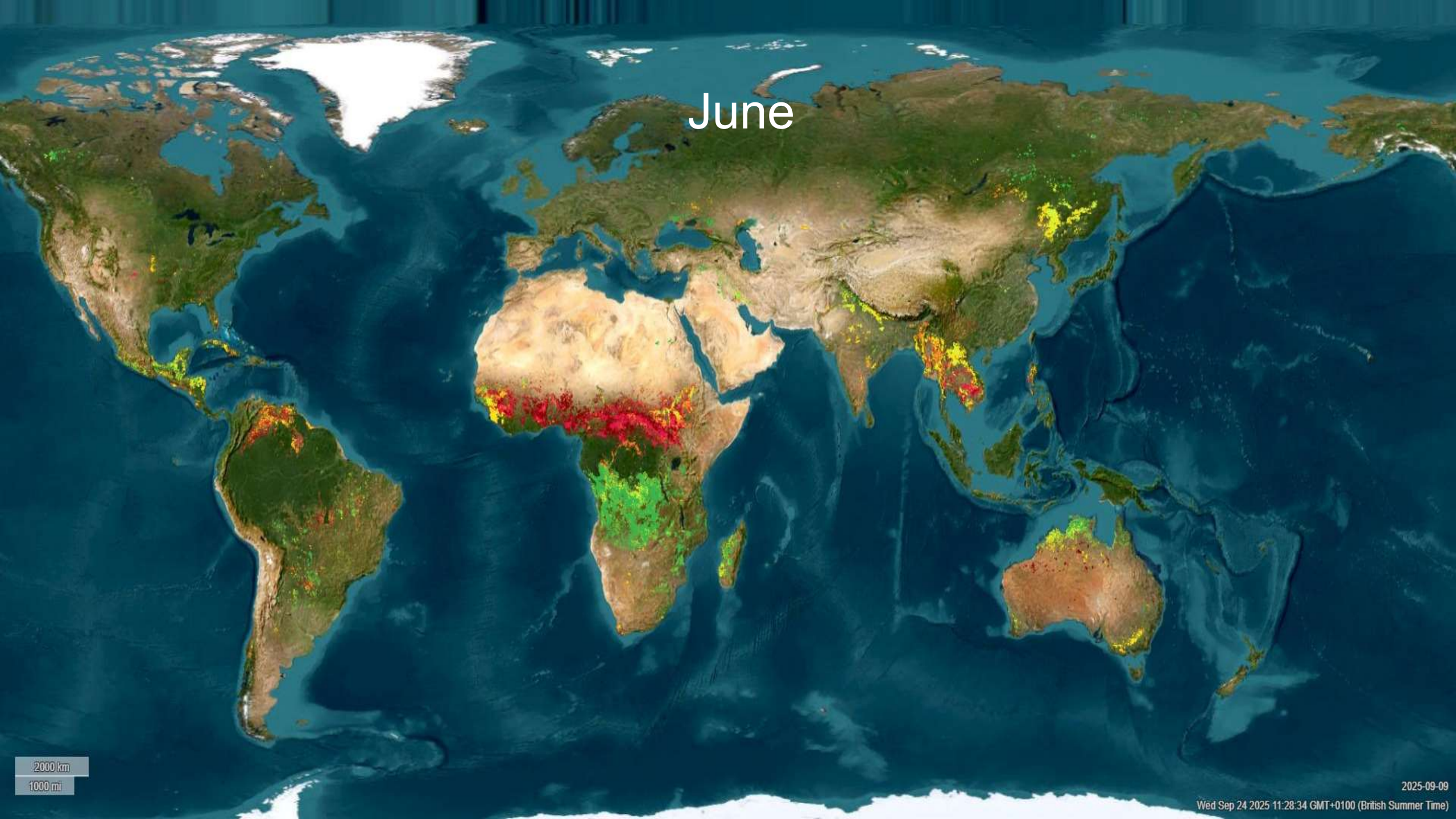
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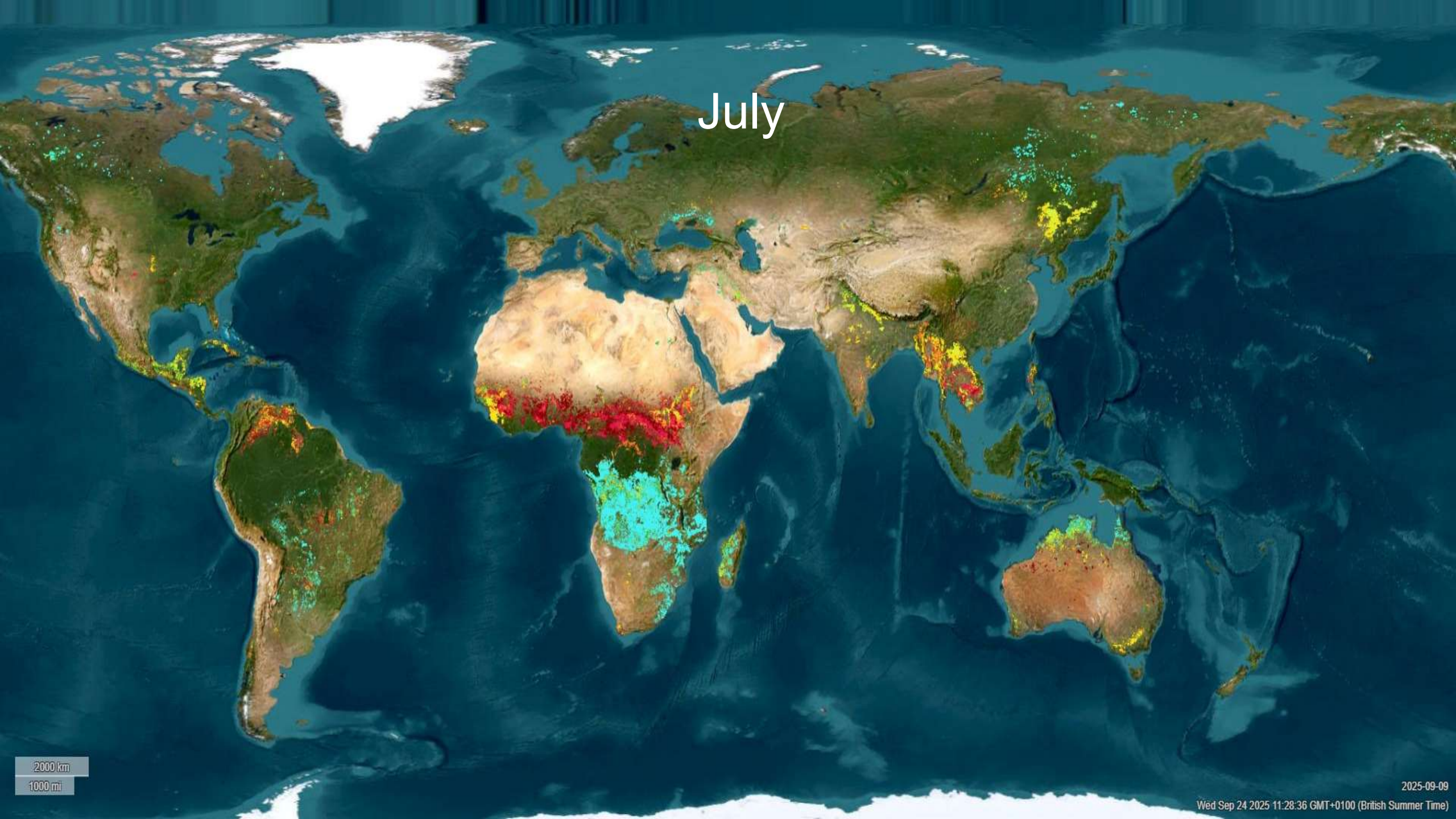
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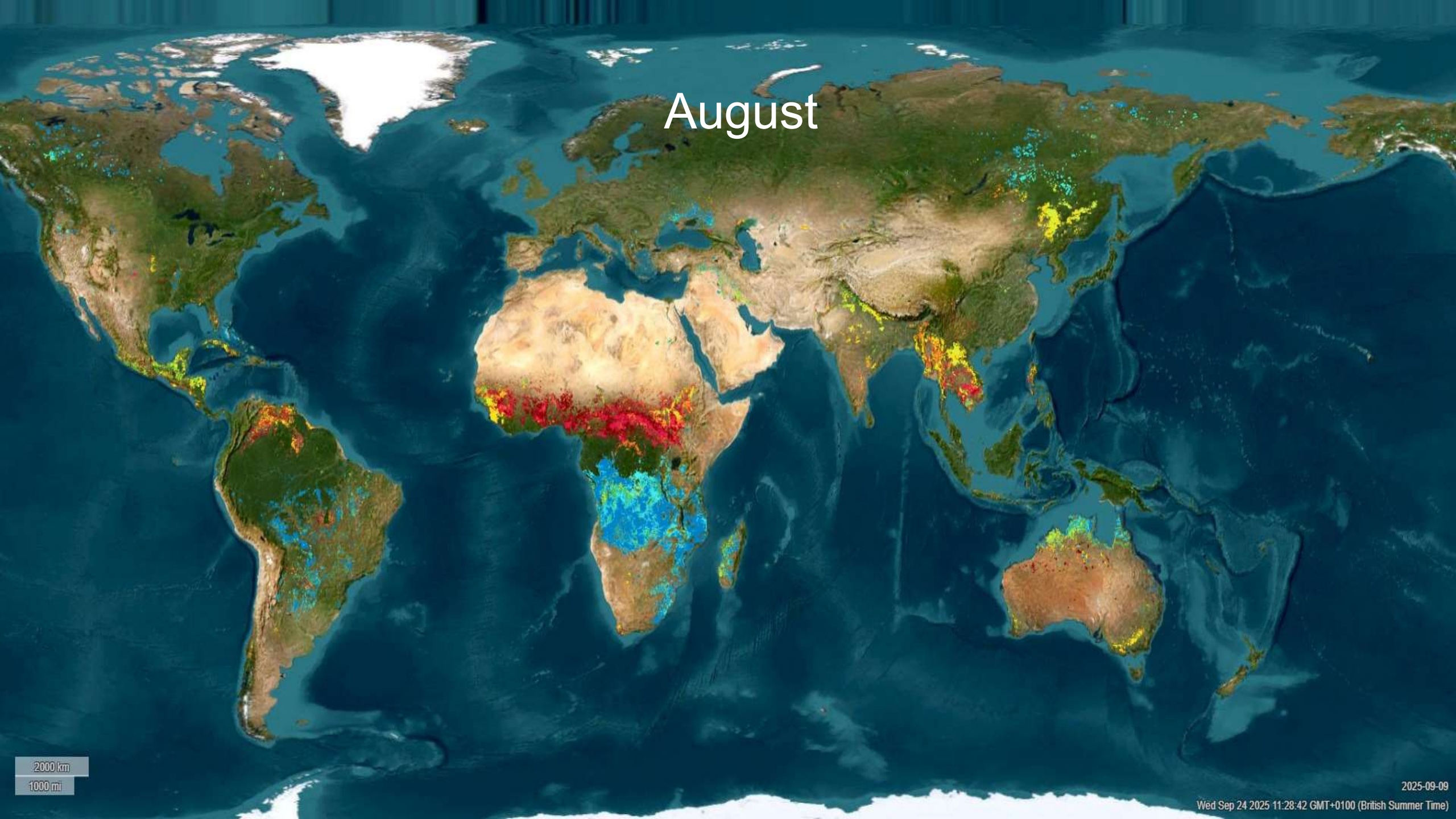
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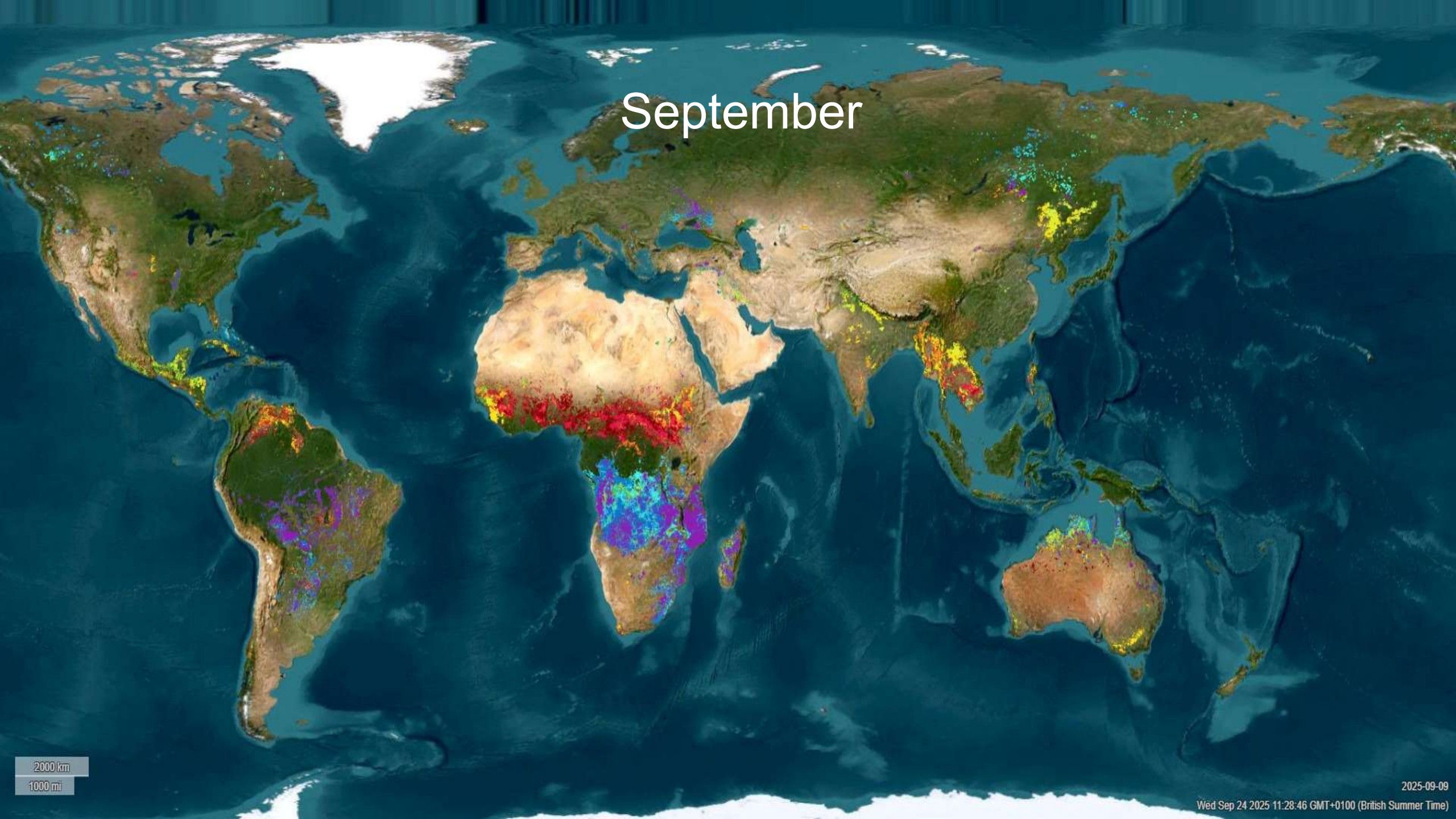
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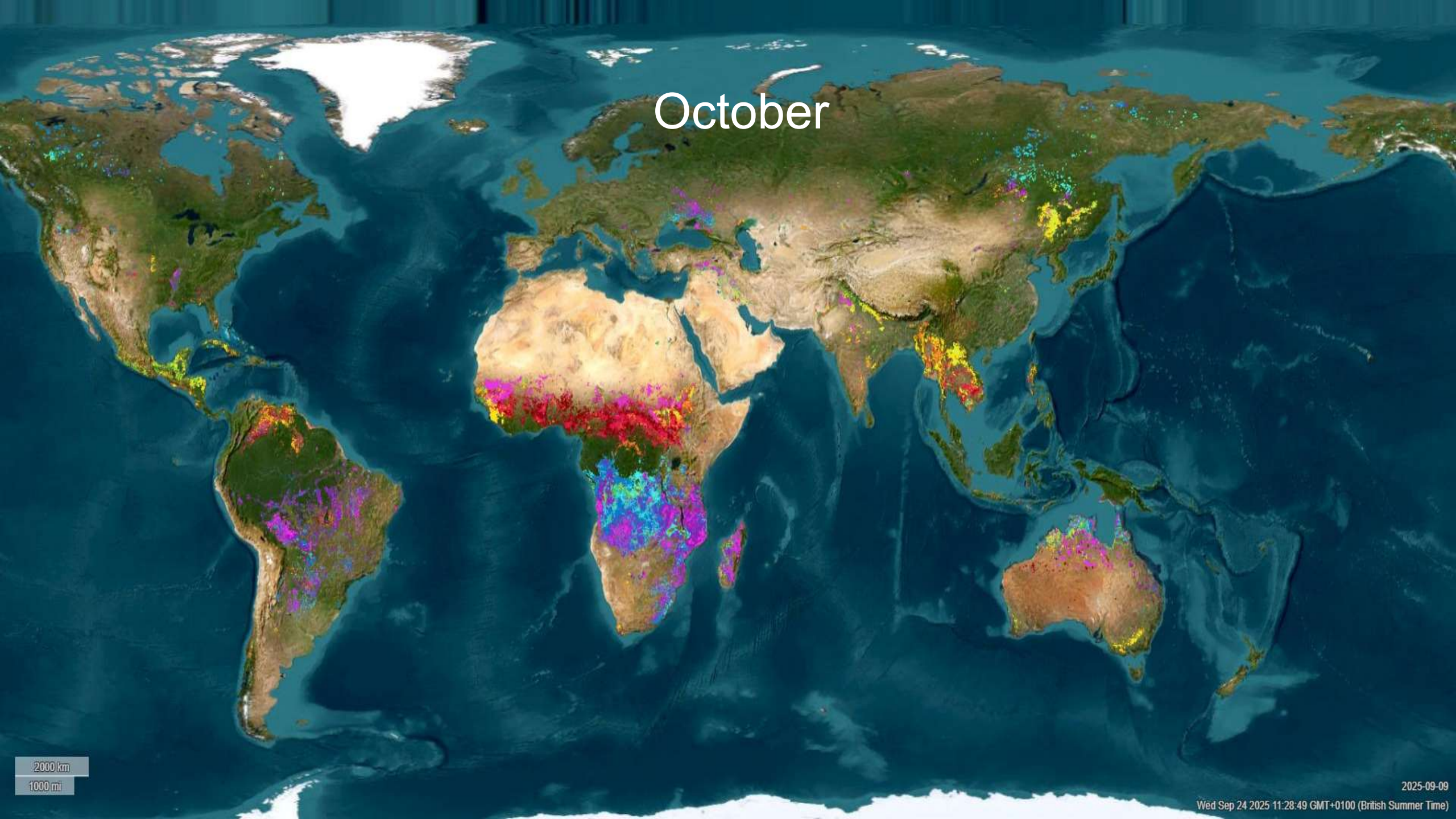
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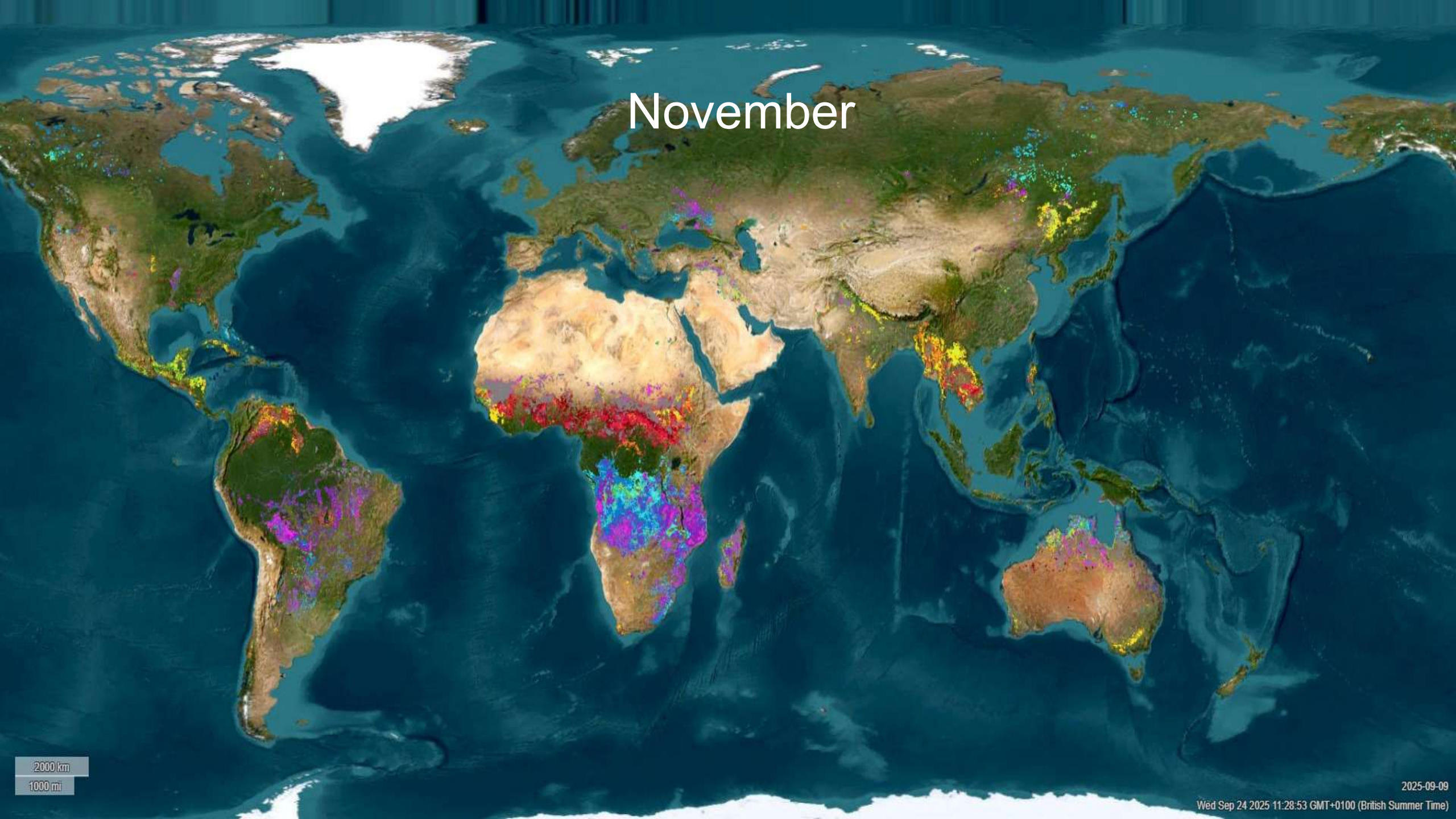
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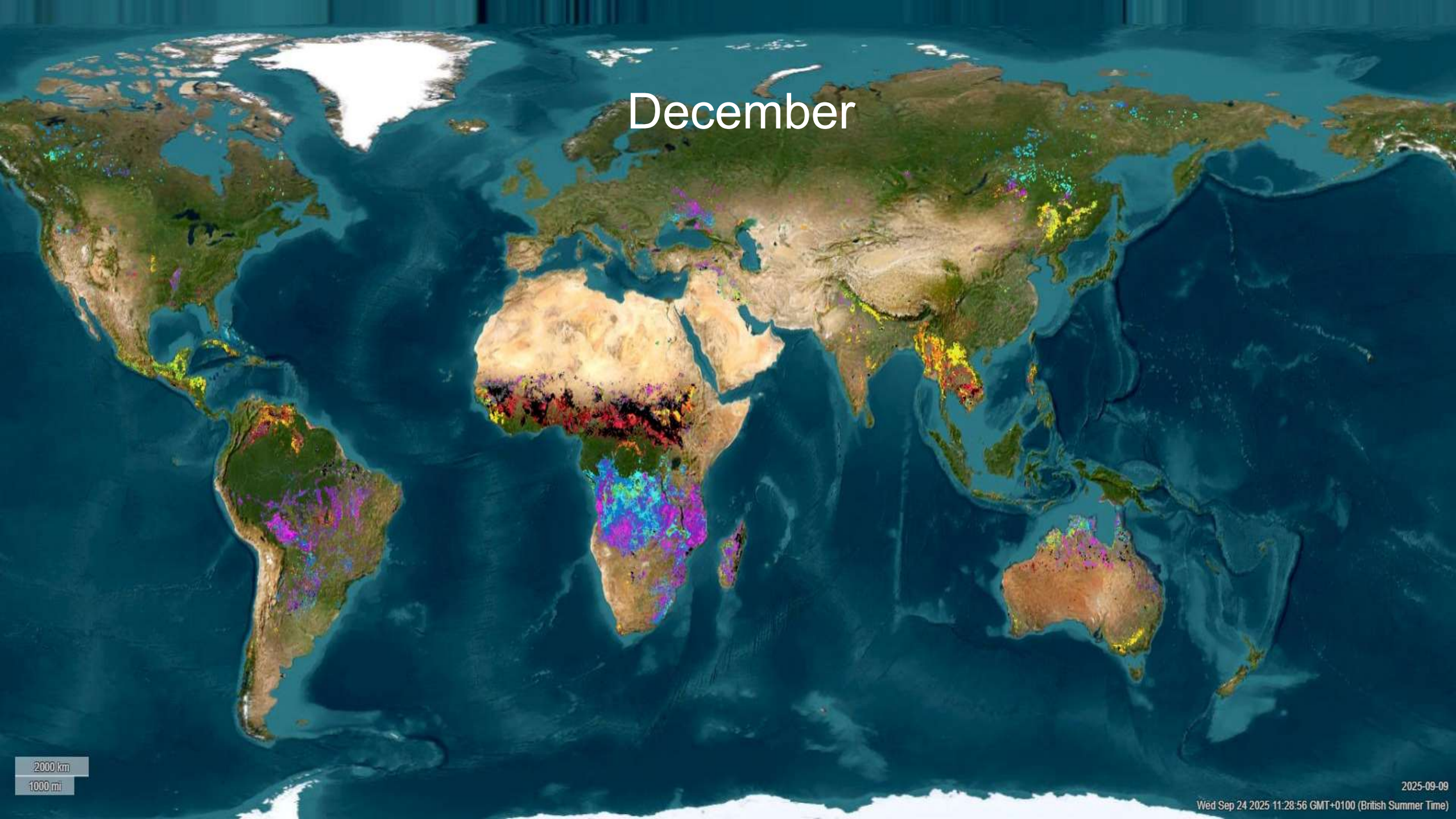
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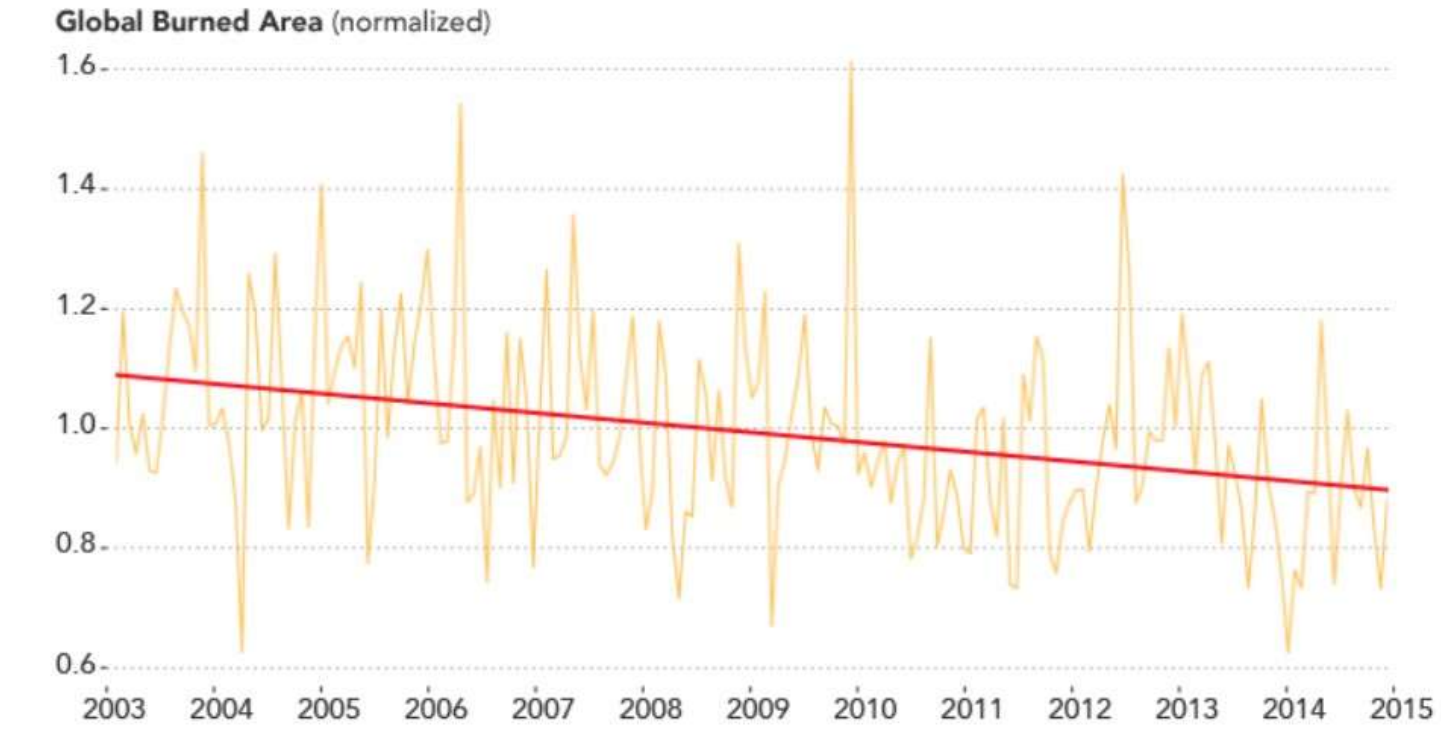
2. **Decreasing over time** — 21% 6 ✓
3. Increasing over time — 69% 29



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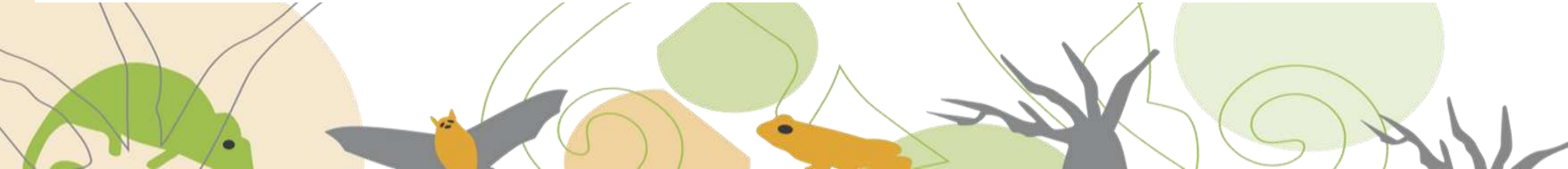

RISING FIRE INTENSITY

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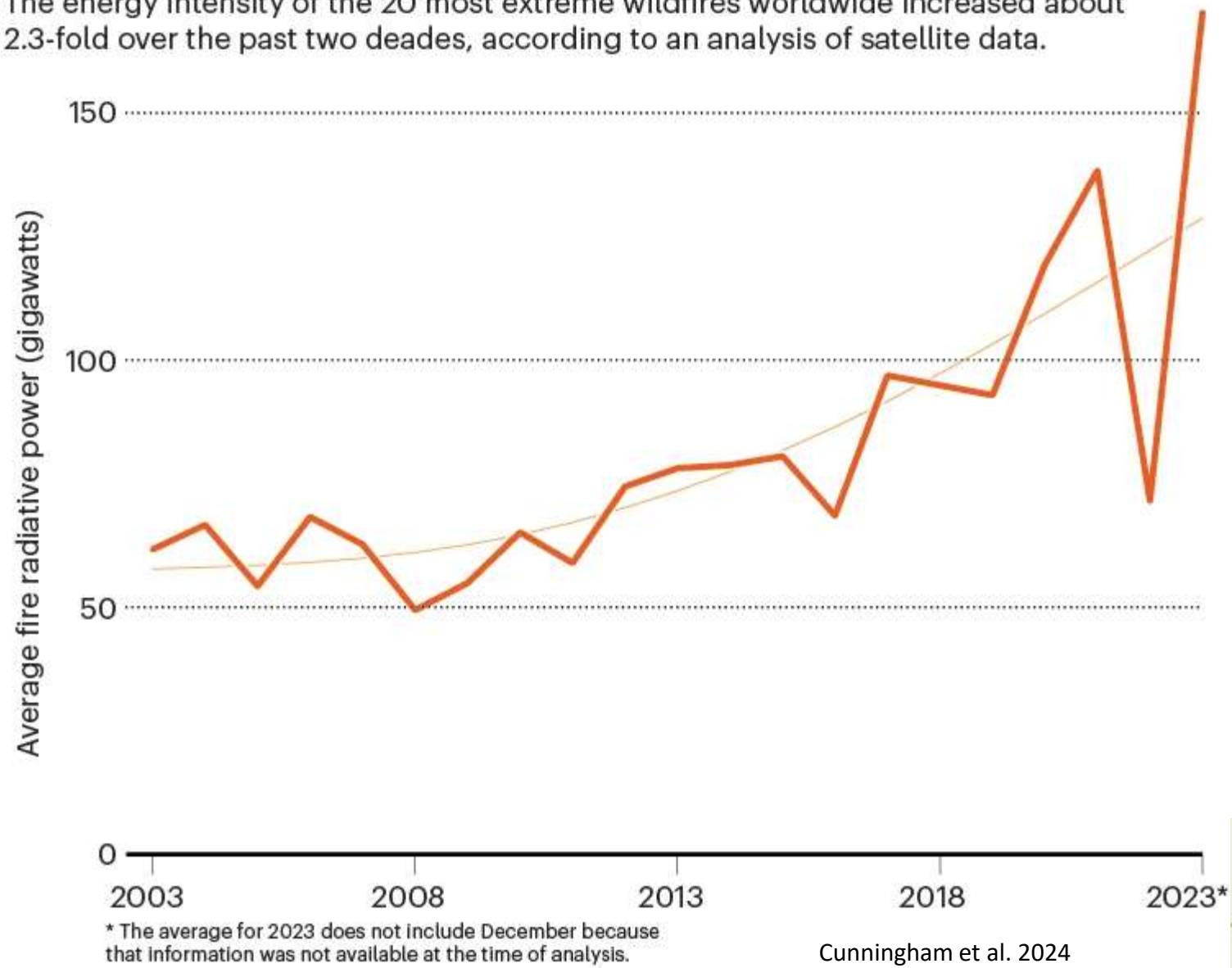

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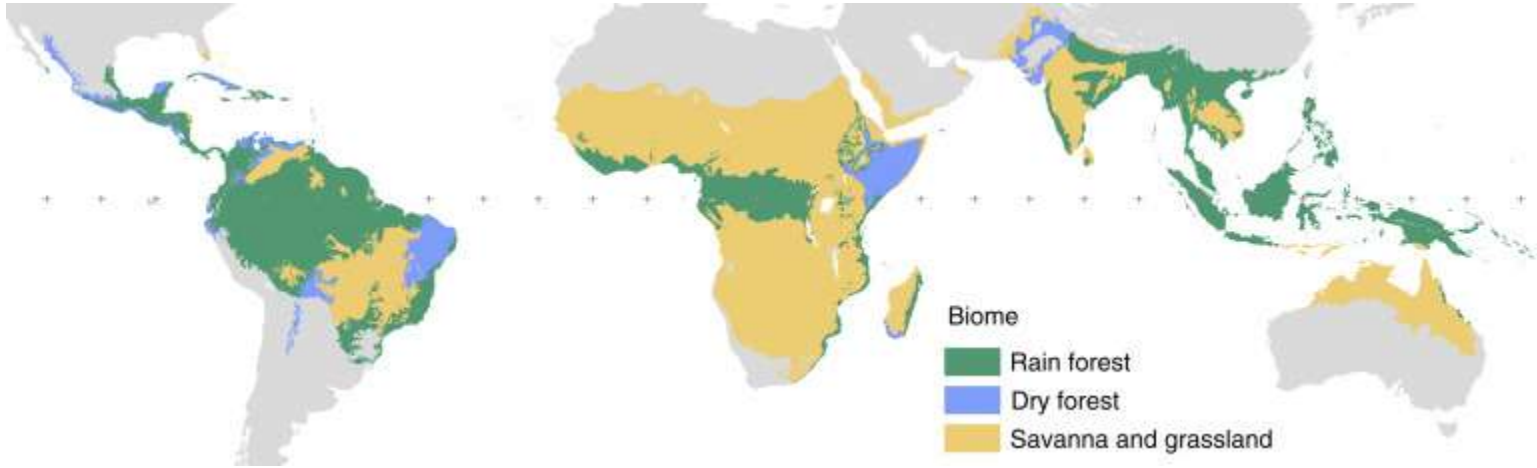

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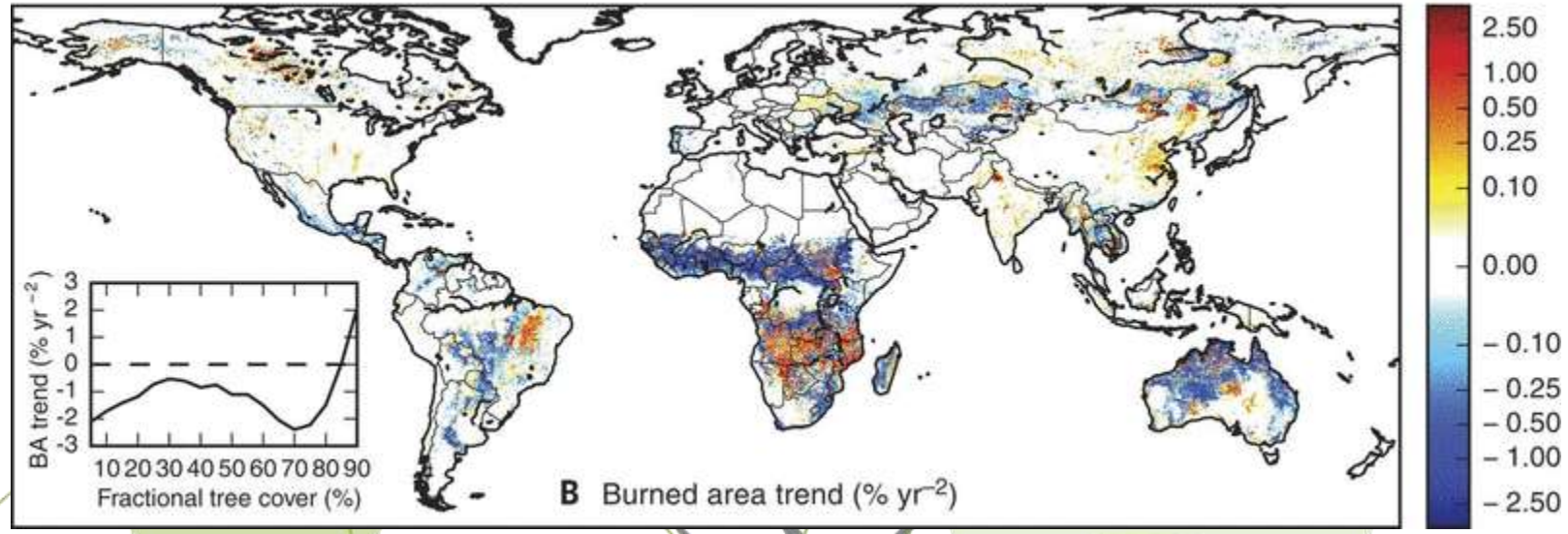

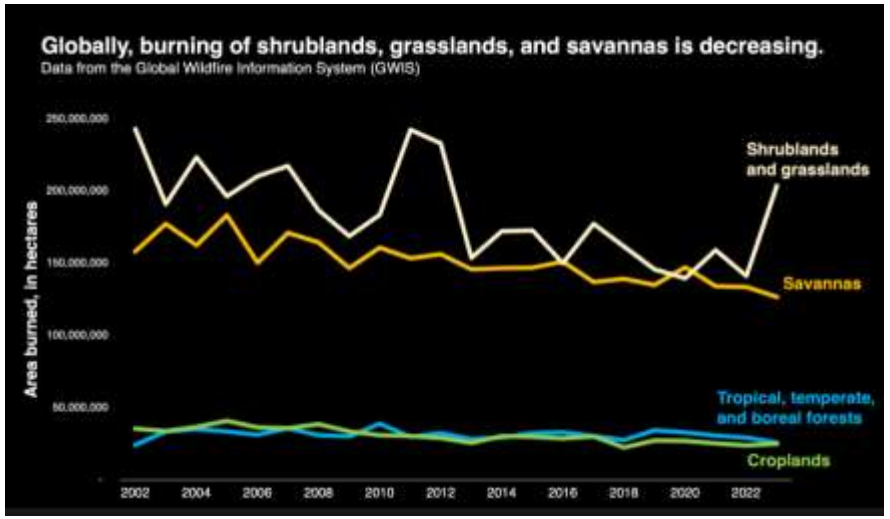

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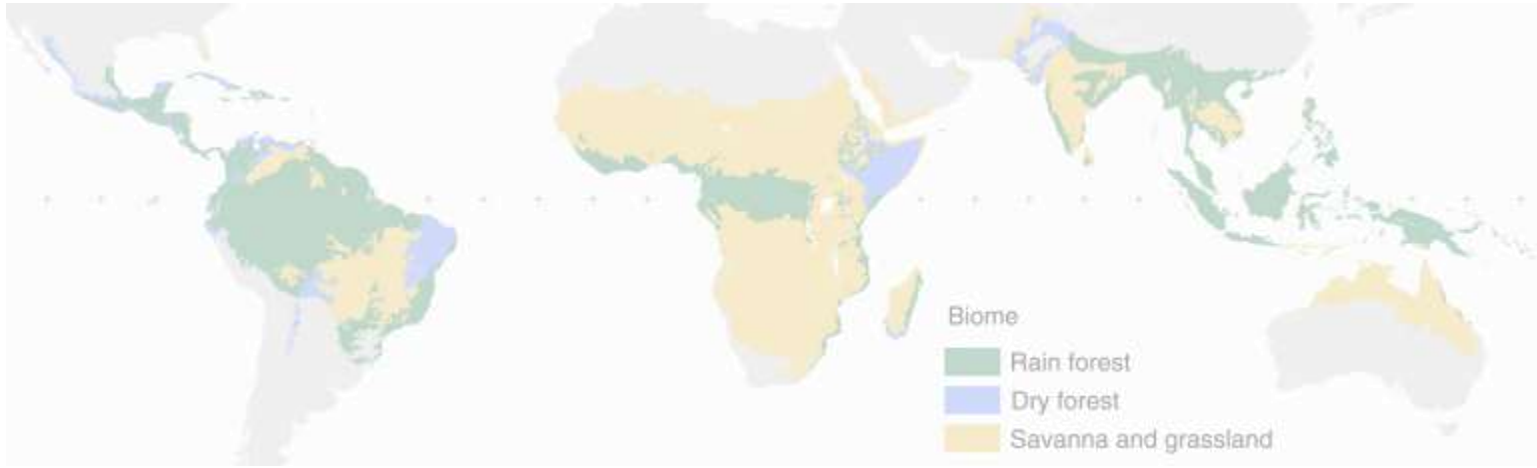

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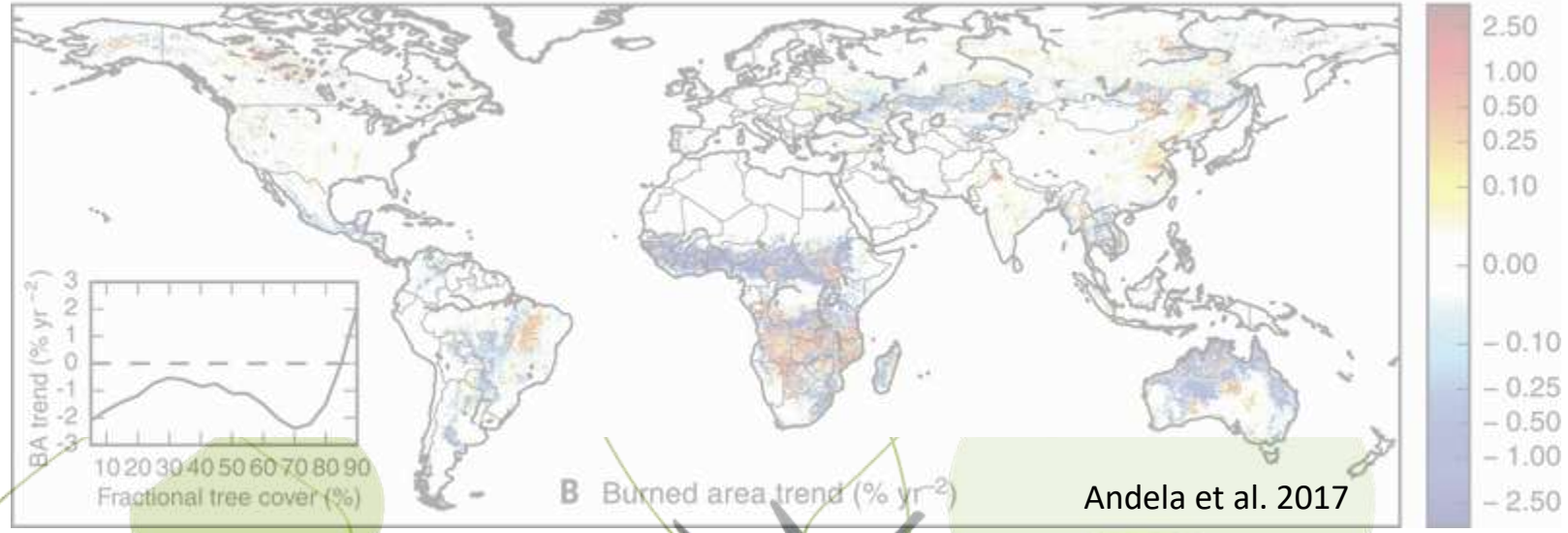

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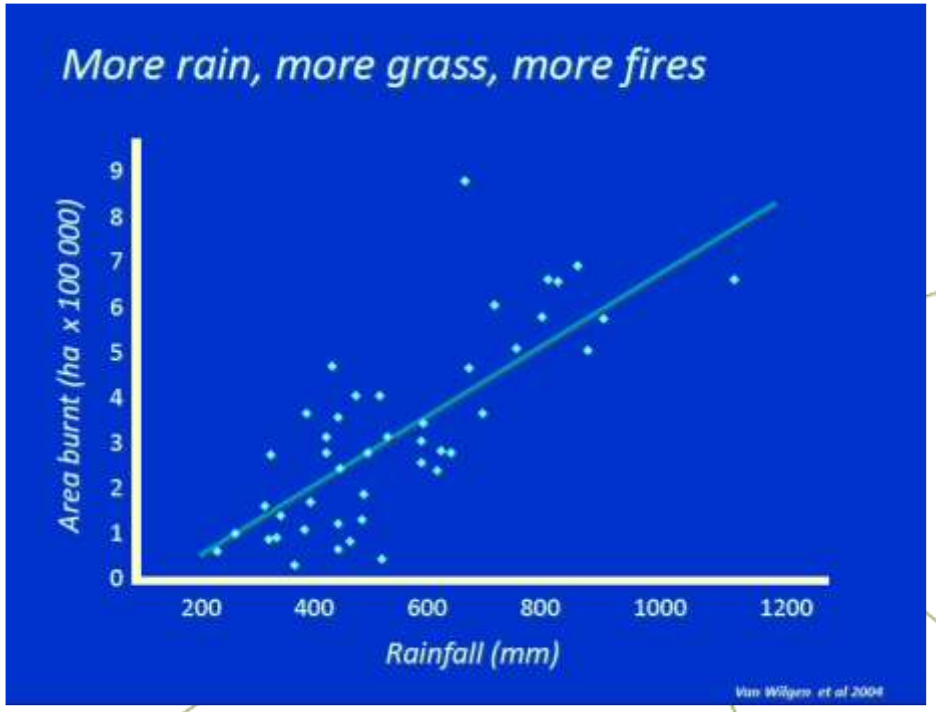

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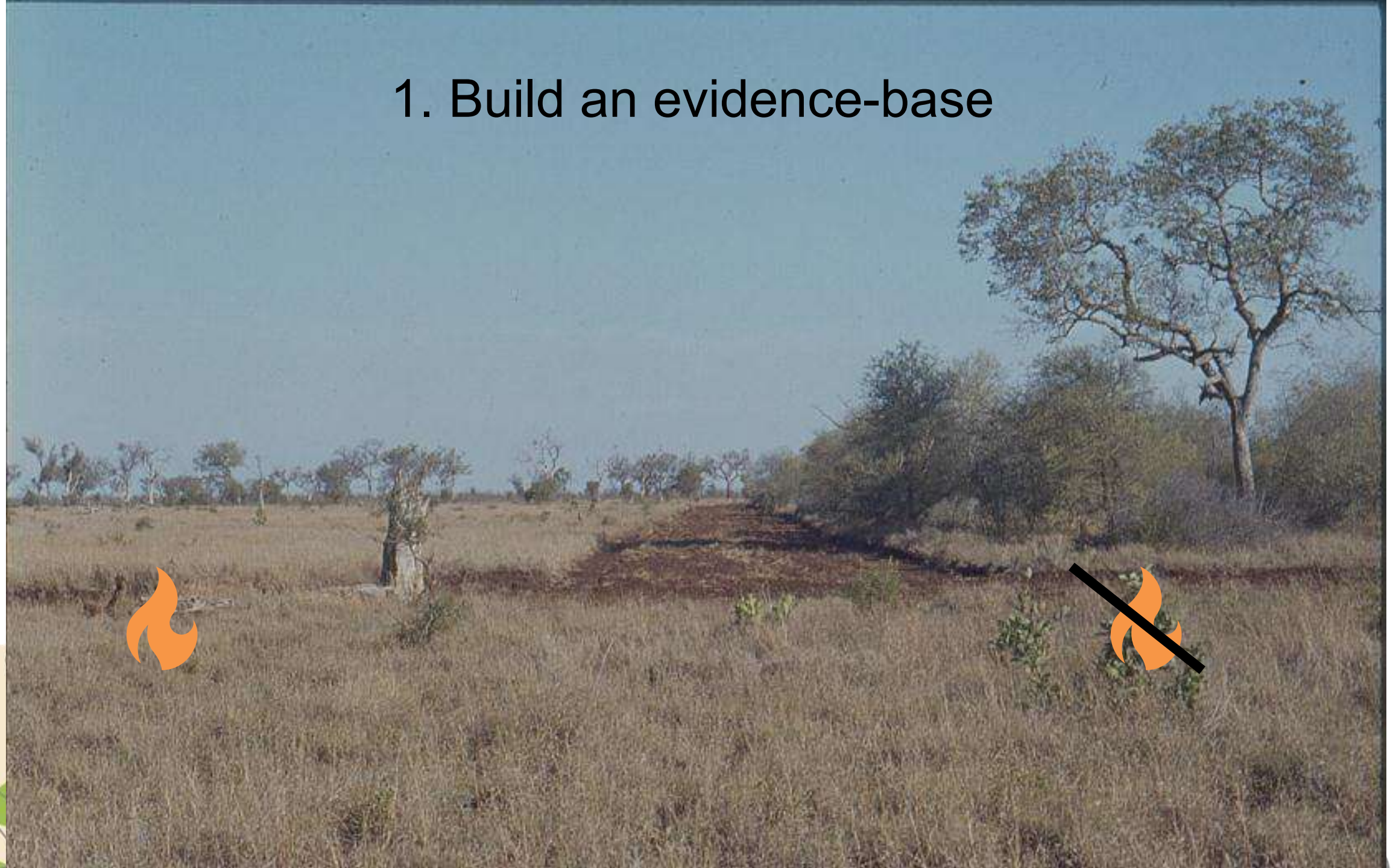

2. Seek diversity in fire patterns

Creation of grazing lawns (patches of long and short grass)

3. Be adaptive and proactive

ERA	POLICY	OBJECTIVE
1926 – 1947	Lassaiz faire	Provision of green grazing for wildlife
1948 – 1956	Fire protection	Concern about the perceived negative effects of fire on grazing
1957 – 1980	Regular (Fixed) prescribed burning	Importance of fire for ecosystem health is recognized
1981 – 1991	Flexible prescribed burning	3yr. Burn with season variation
1992 – 2001	Natural (lightning) fire	Simulation of "natural" conditions under which the biota evolved
2001 – 2012	Integrated fire management policy	Combined ignition source & seasonal variation– Managers, lightning & illegal trans-migrants
2013 – to date	Integrated fire management policy	Burning for ecological and safety

4. Be prepared

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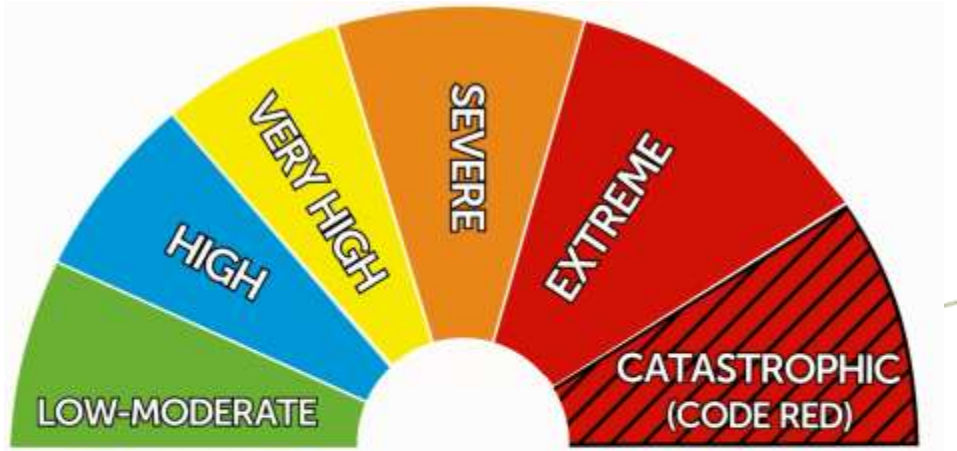

Fire Danger Rating

0-11	12-31	32-49	50-74	75-99	100+

Fire Dange Index

5. Get the governance right

Key Lessons

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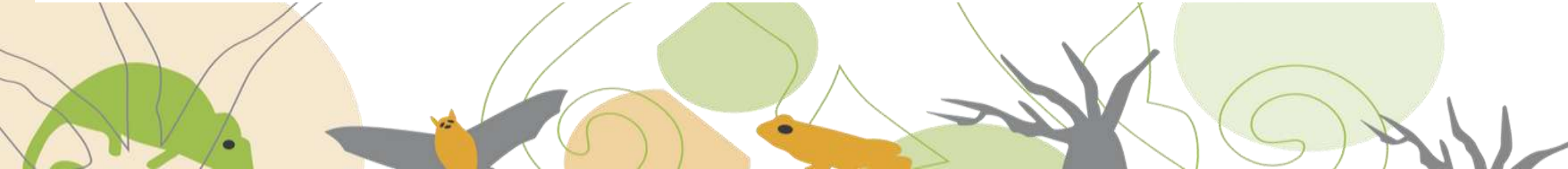
2. Seek diversity in fire patterns
3. Be adaptive and proactive
4. Be prepared
5. Get the governance right



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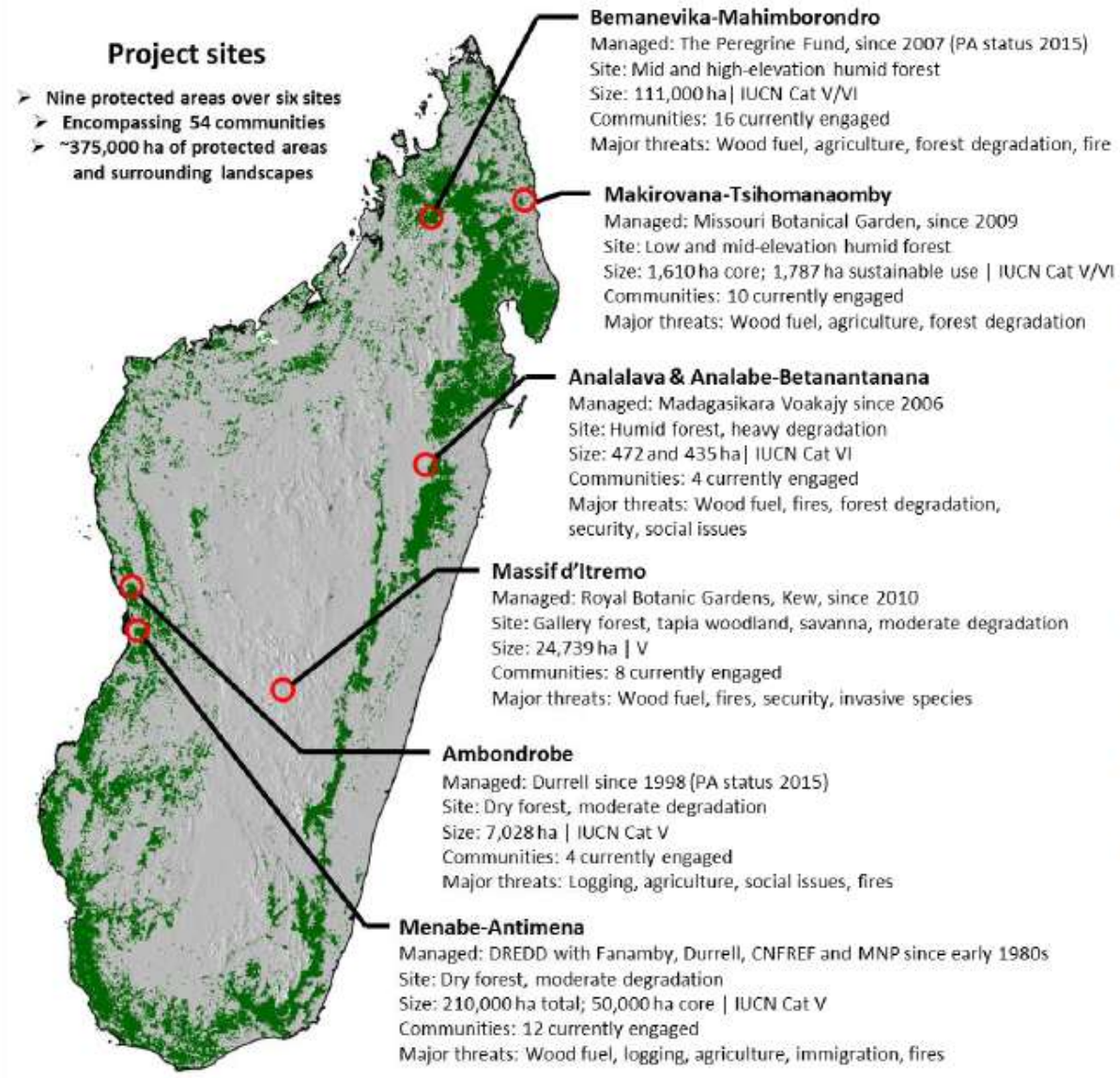

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PA-based partners

- Missouri Botanical Garden
- The Peregrine Fund
- Madagascar Voakajy
- Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
- RBG Kew

Two **overarching** partners

- CARE International (Community development)
- LTS-NIRAS (Internal monitoring, evaluation and learning)

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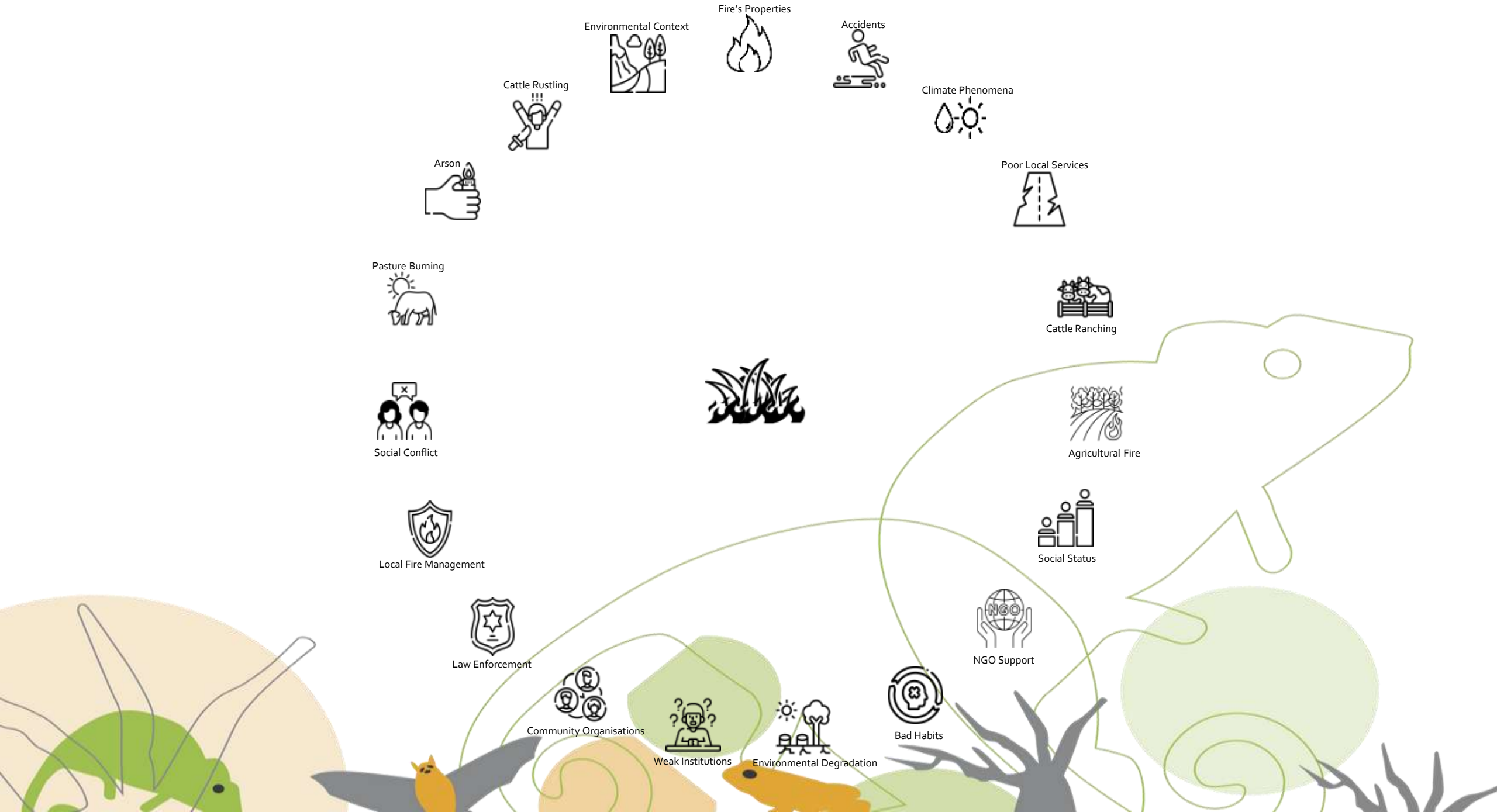
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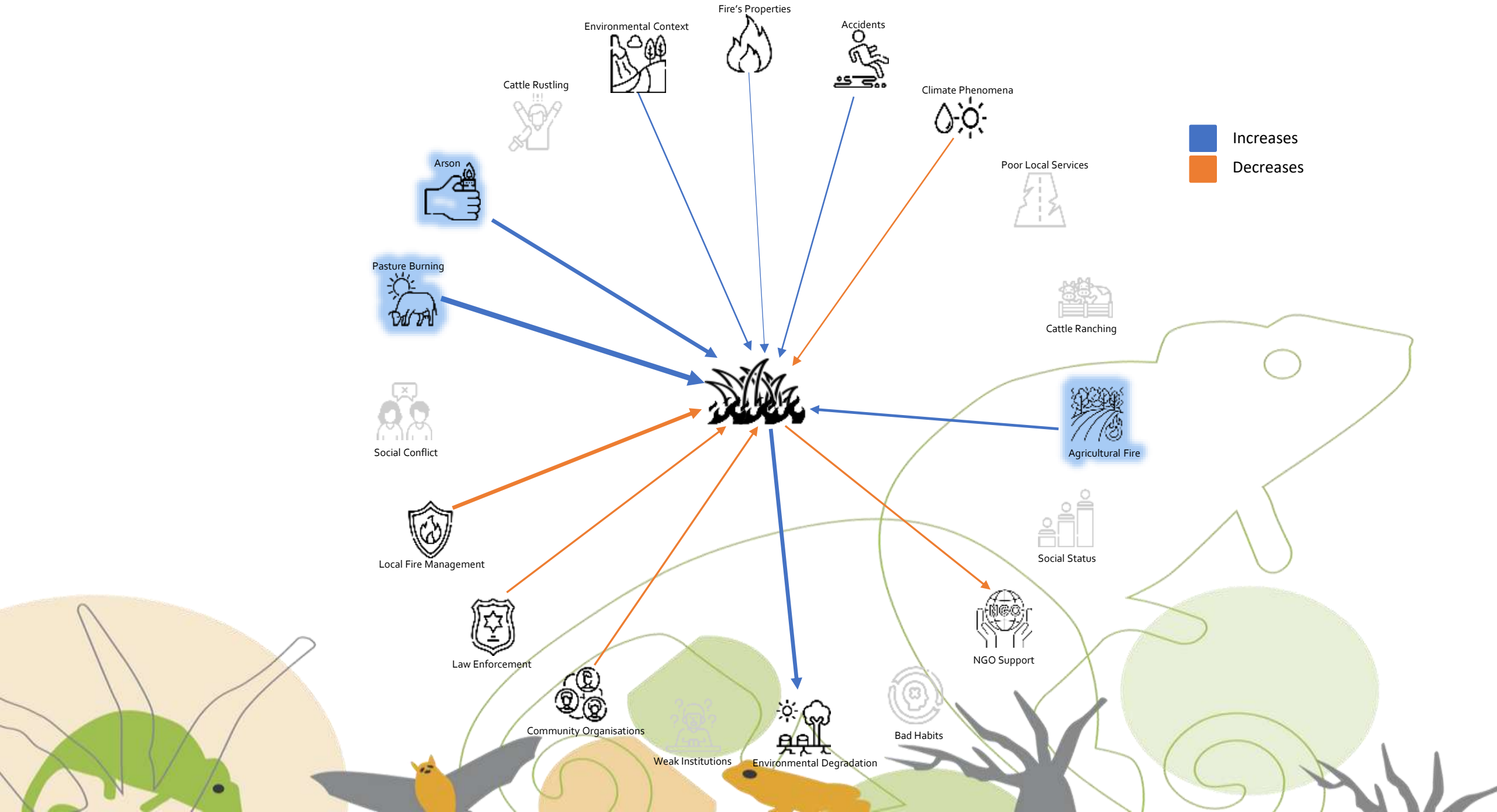
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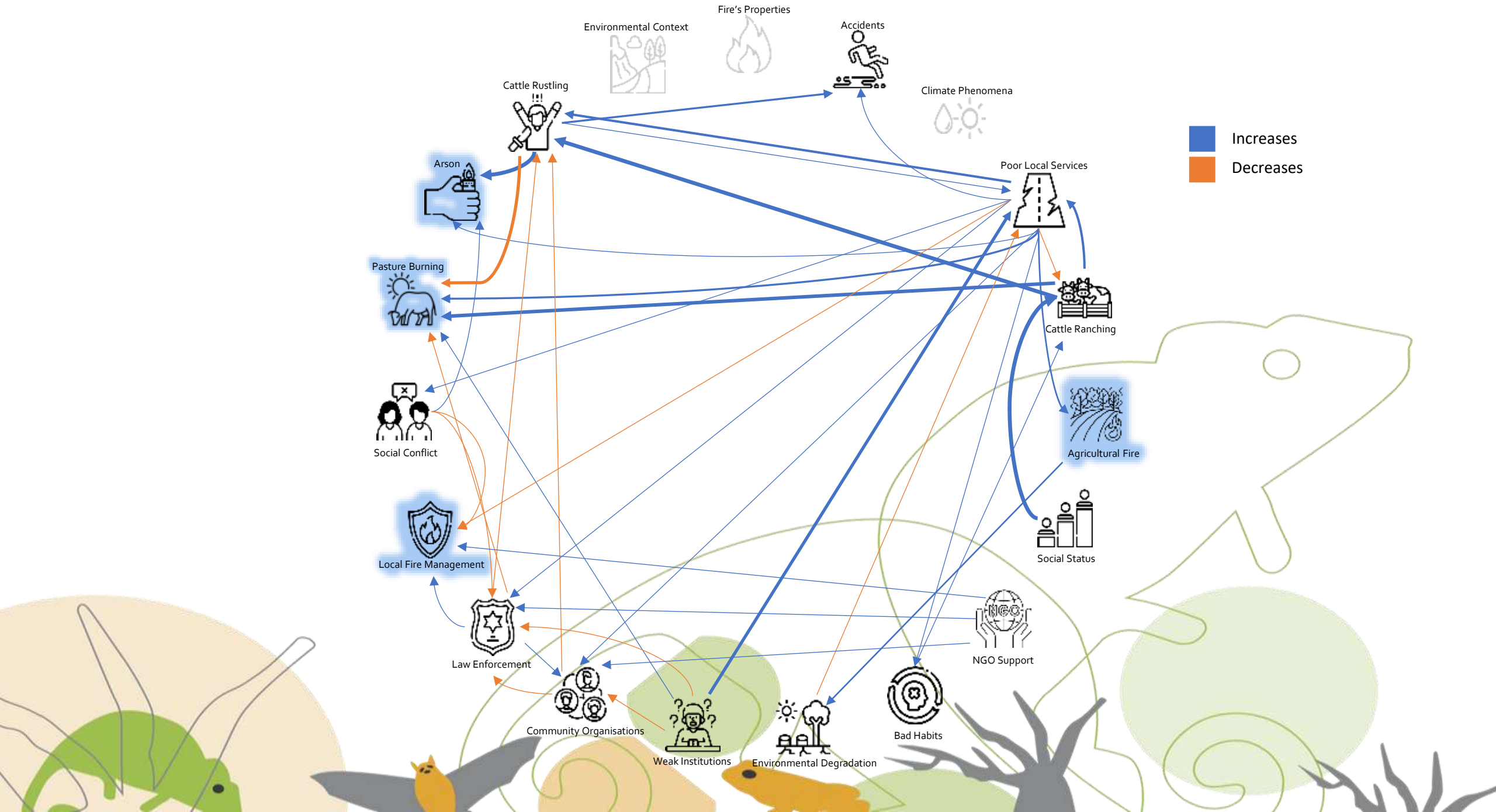
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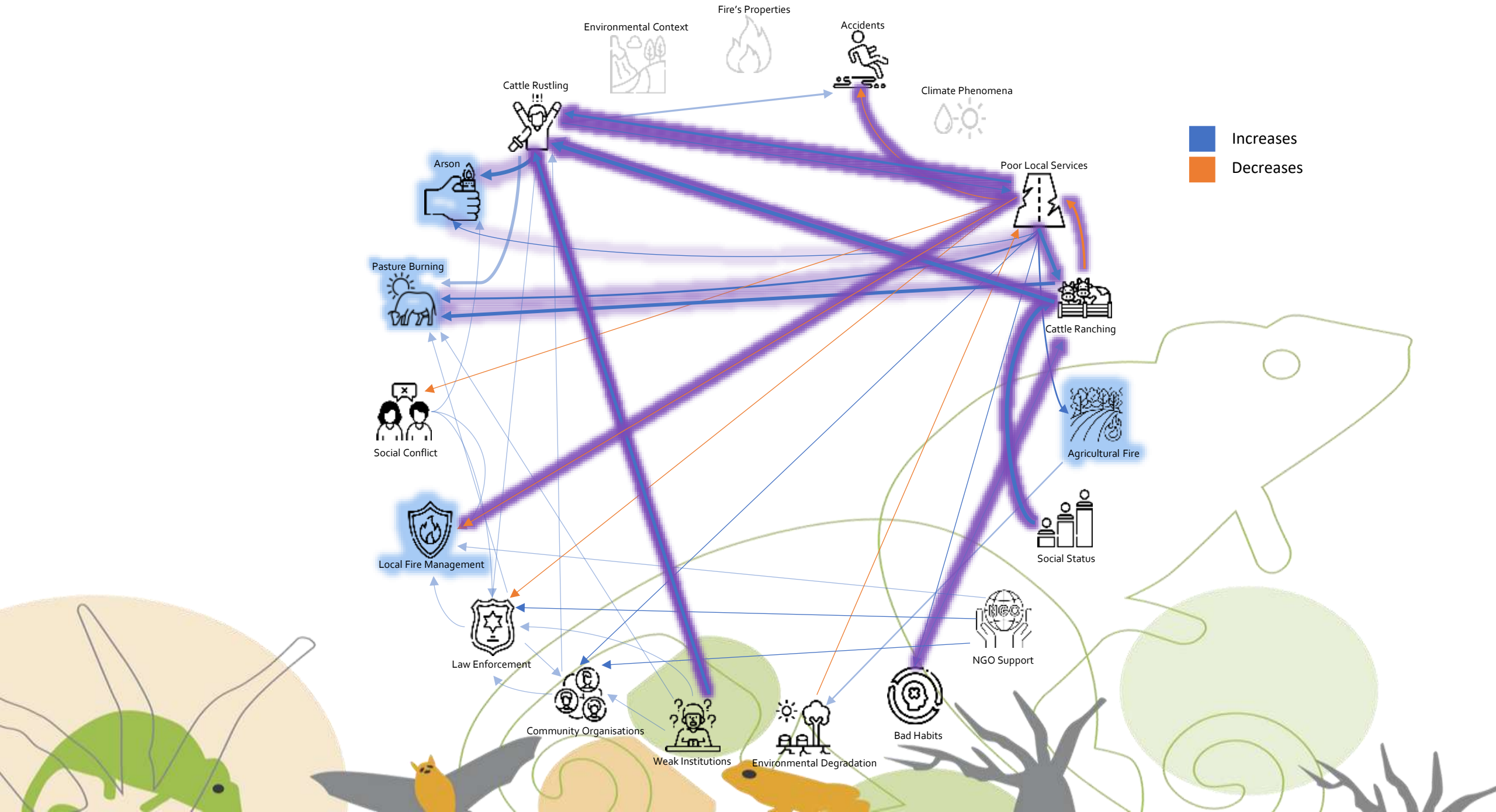
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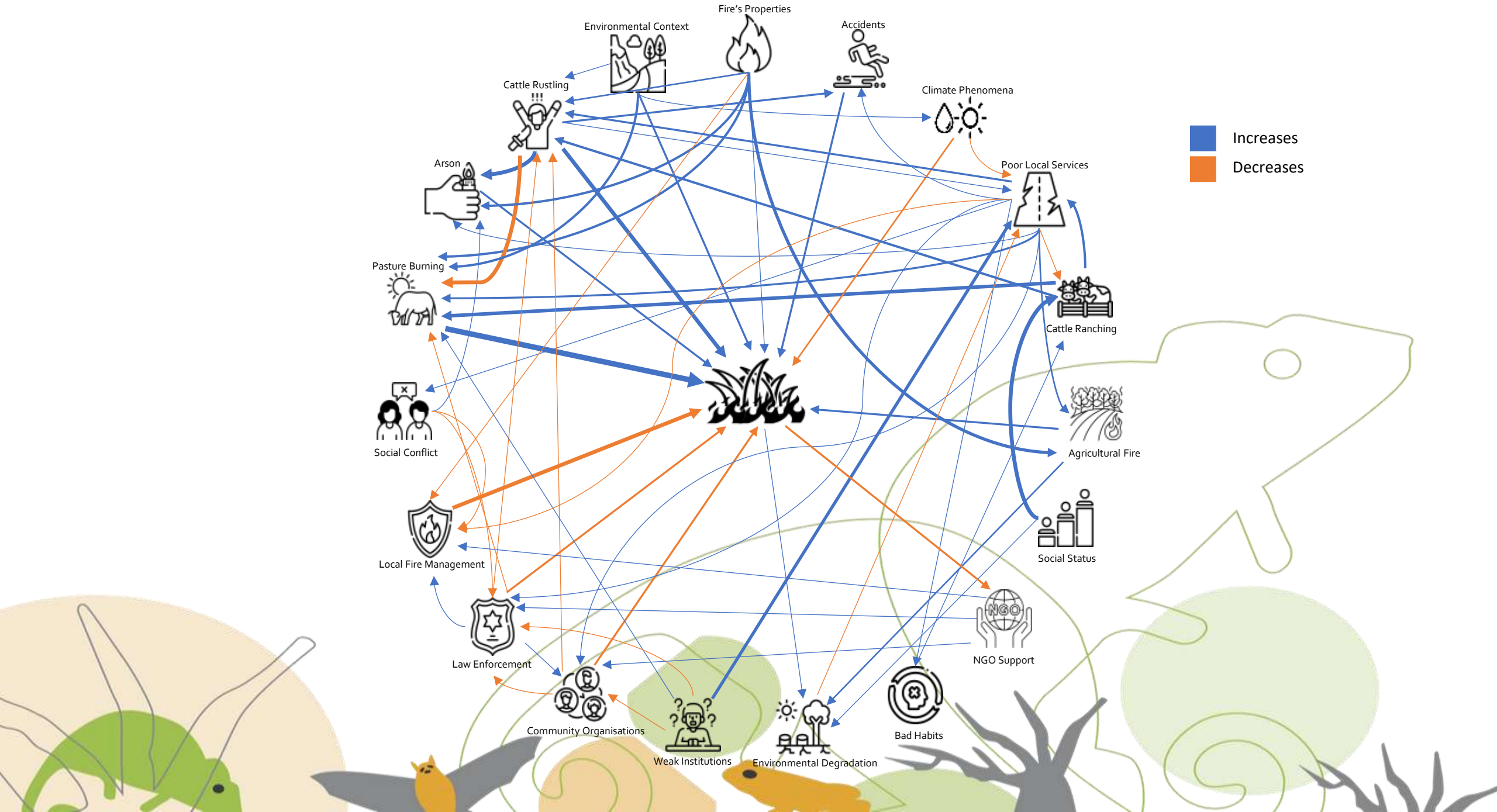
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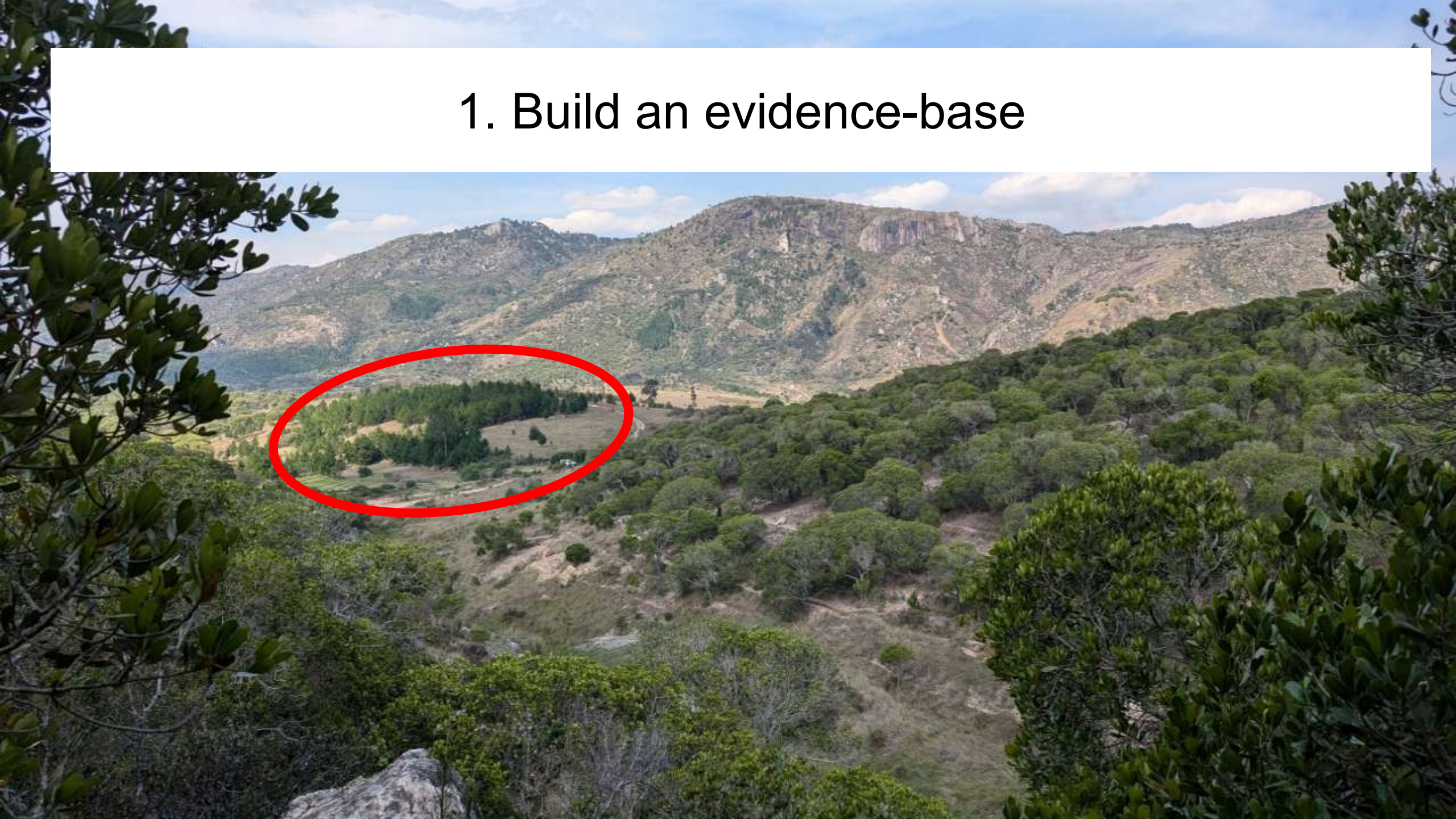

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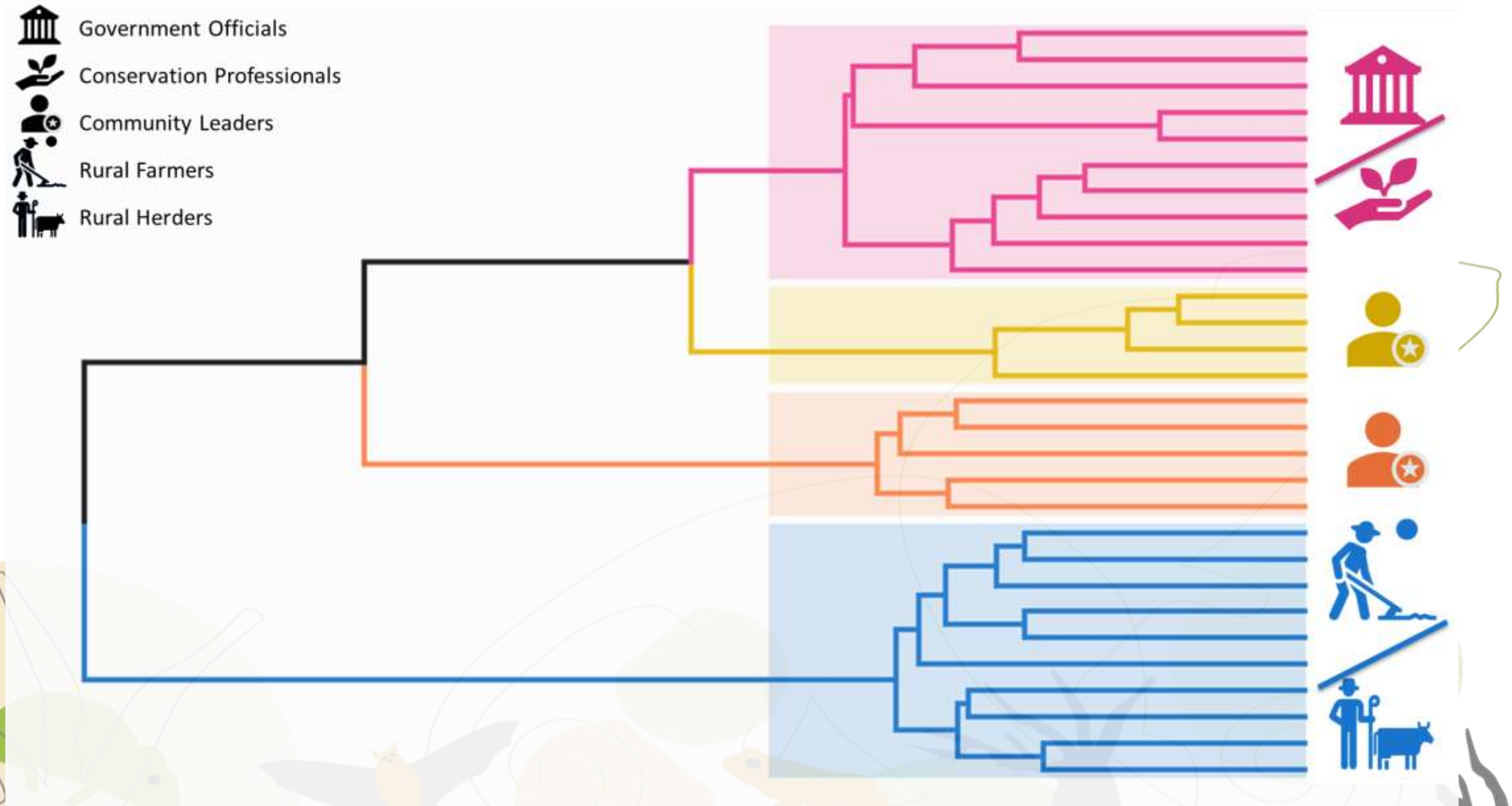

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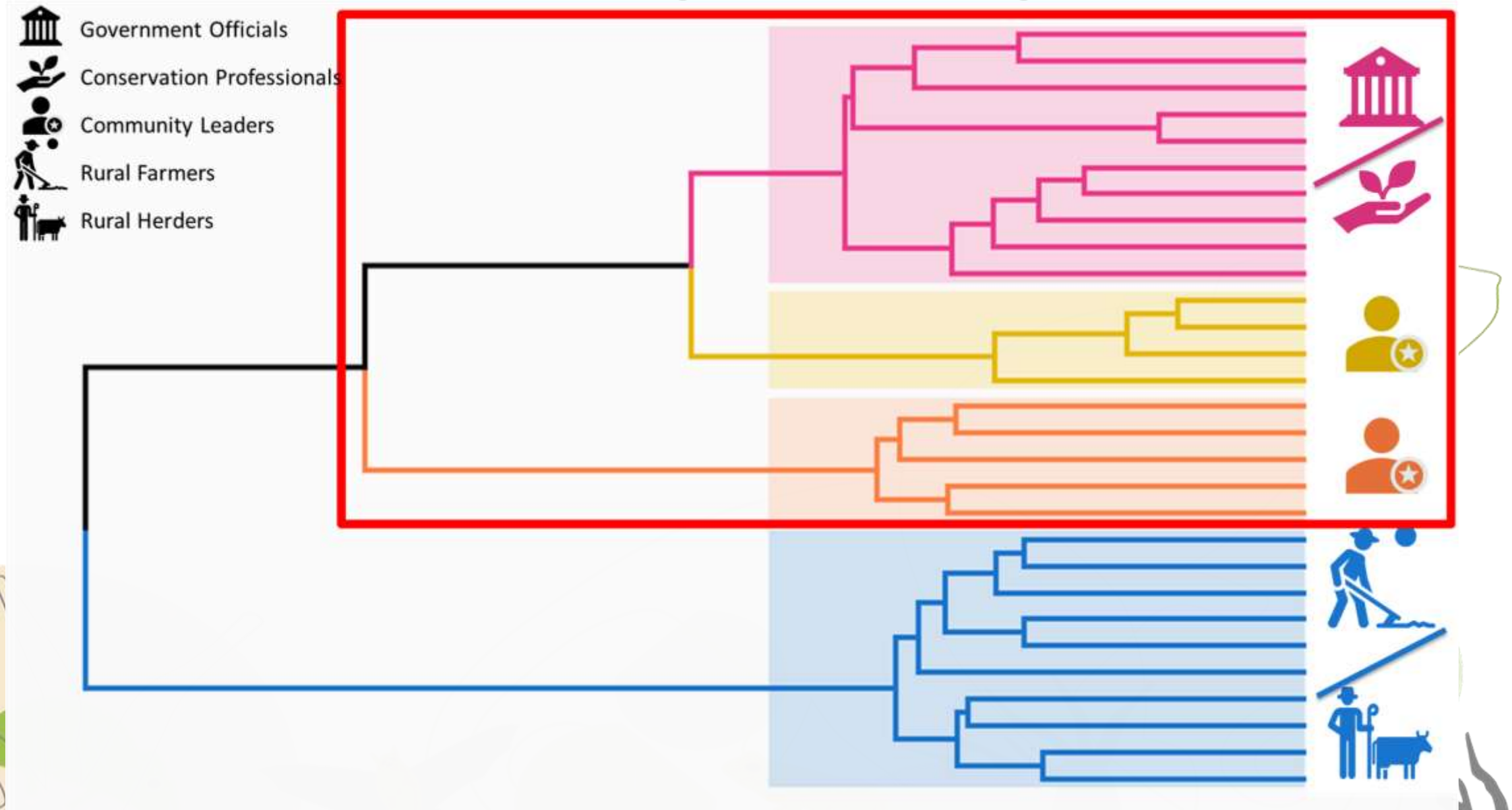

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Dozens of fire crews assisted by rural workers tackled wildfire that burned late last month into July

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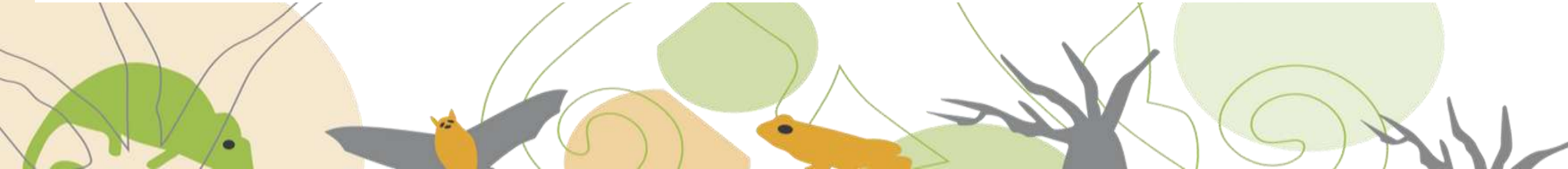

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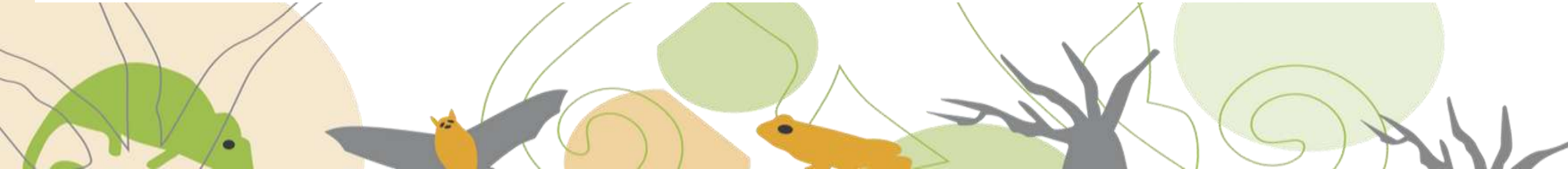

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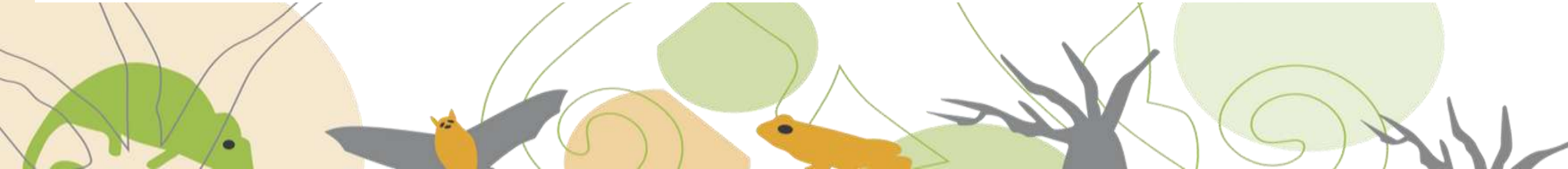

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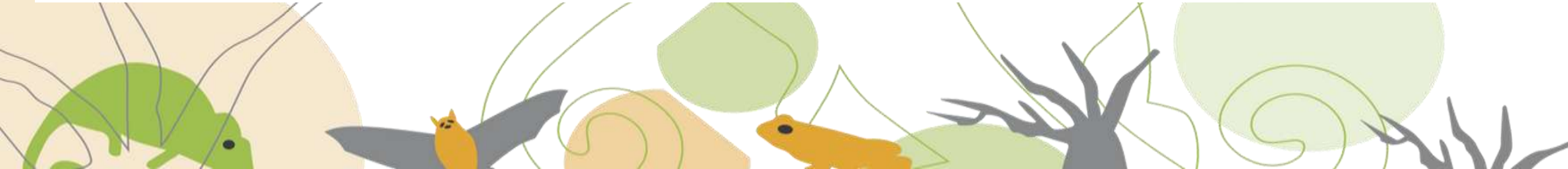

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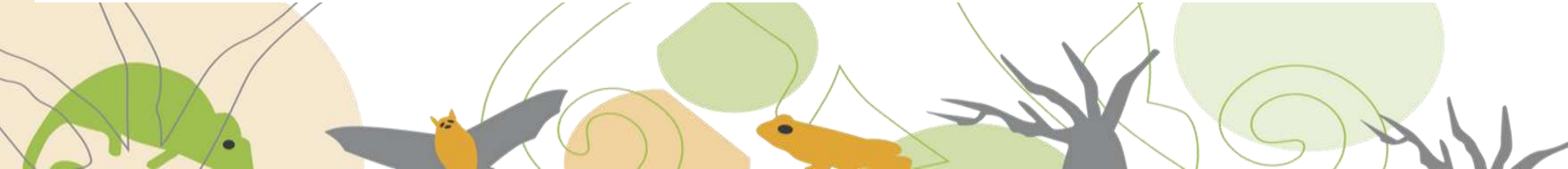

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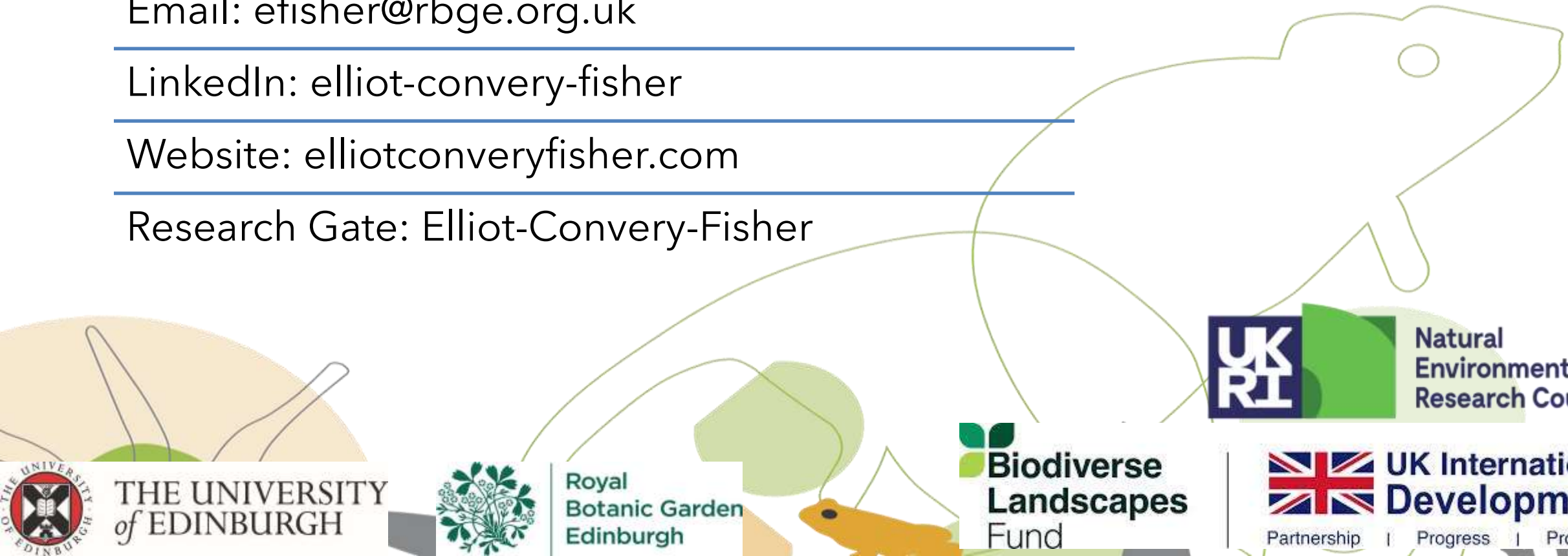

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WET YEAR

Herbivores cannot consume all grass

More fire

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Herbivores consume grass

Less fire