

# ESA Fire CCI Burned Area Product Updates

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## Objectives of Phase 2

- Improve User requirement analysis.
- Extend long term time series of global BA.
- Create a small-fire database for Africa.
- Improve uncertainty characterization.
- Extend validation to include spatio-temporal patterns.
- Extend climate assessment and intercomparison.



### BA product specifications

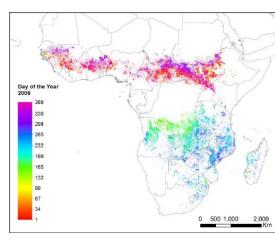
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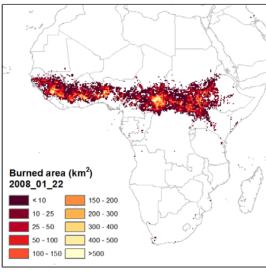
### Pixel product:

- Monthly files, continental tiles, GeoTiff format:
- 4 Variables: Day of detection (1-366), Confidence level (0-100), Burned land cover (derived from LC\_cci), Sensor detecting.

### Grid product:

- 15-day global files at 0.25 x 0.25 degree.
  NetCDF format.
- 23 variables: total burned area, standard error, fraction of burnable area, fraction of observed area, number of patches and burned area of each land cover.





### **Global Products**

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- Fire\_cci v4.1:
  - Based on MERIS FRS (300m) data.
  - Time series from 2005-2011.
- Fire\_cci v5.0:
  - Based on MODIS RNIR channels (250 m).
  - Time series from 2001-2016.
- Future products (in progress):
  - LTDR: Extend backwards to 1982
  - Sentinel-3: OLCI and SLSTR.

#### Both algorithms:

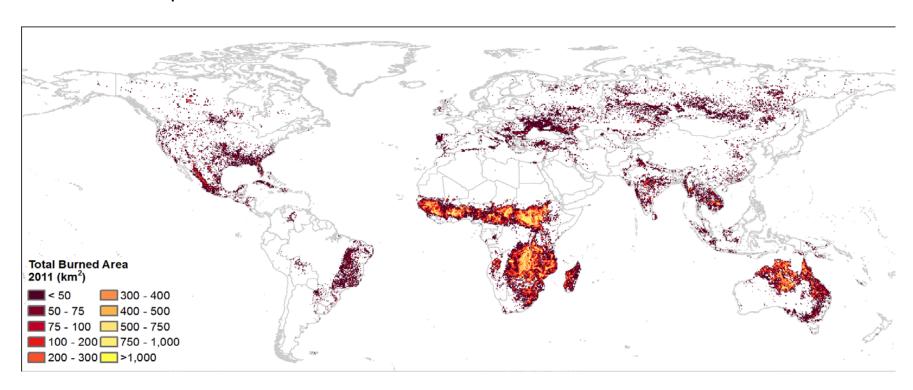
- Hybrid: HS + reflectance changes.
- Two phases: seed + growing.
- Tile based.
- Auxiliary data:
  - MCD14ML HS.
  - LC\_cci.



# Fire\_cci BA product v4.1 (based on MERIS FRS data)

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#### **Annual composites**



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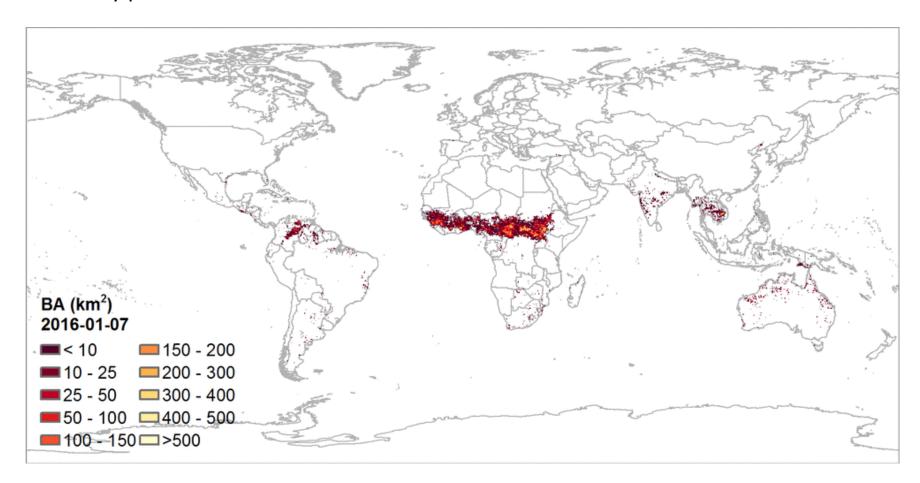
Chuvieco et al., 2016, GCB



# Fire\_cci BA product v5.0 (based on MODIS RNIR data)

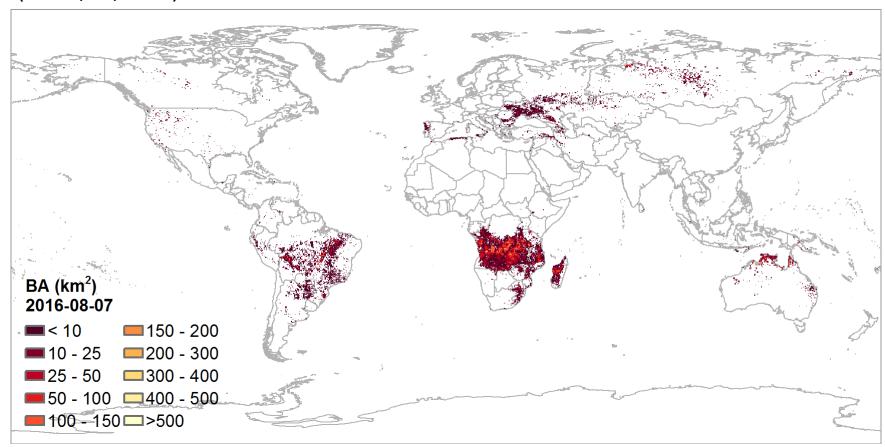
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15 day periods



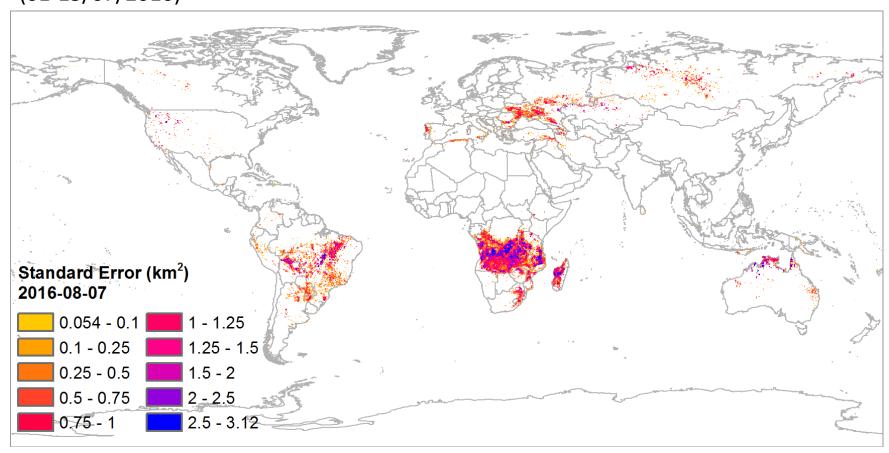
## Fire\_cci BA product v5.0: Total BA

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## Fire\_cci BA product v5.0: Standard error

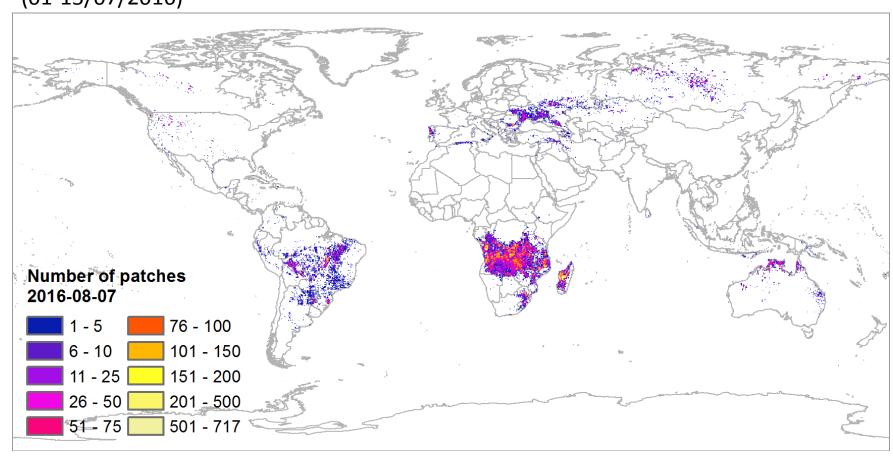
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## Fire\_cci BA product v5.0: Number of burned patches

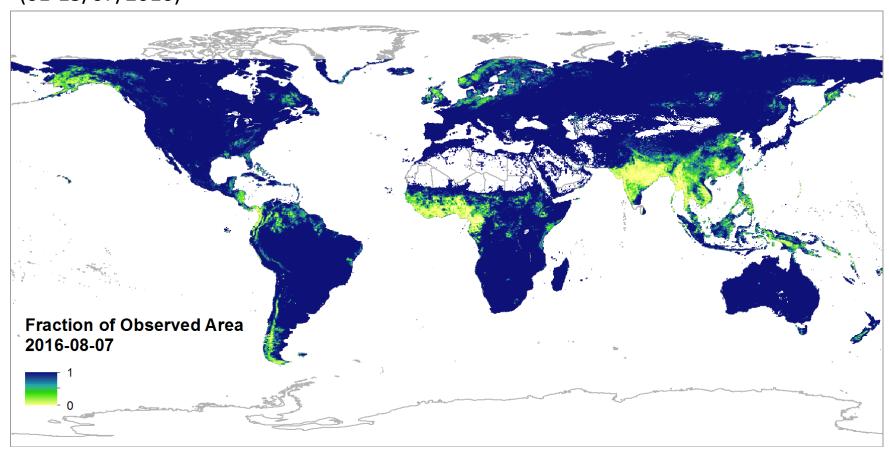
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## Fire\_cci BA product v5.0: Fraction of observed area

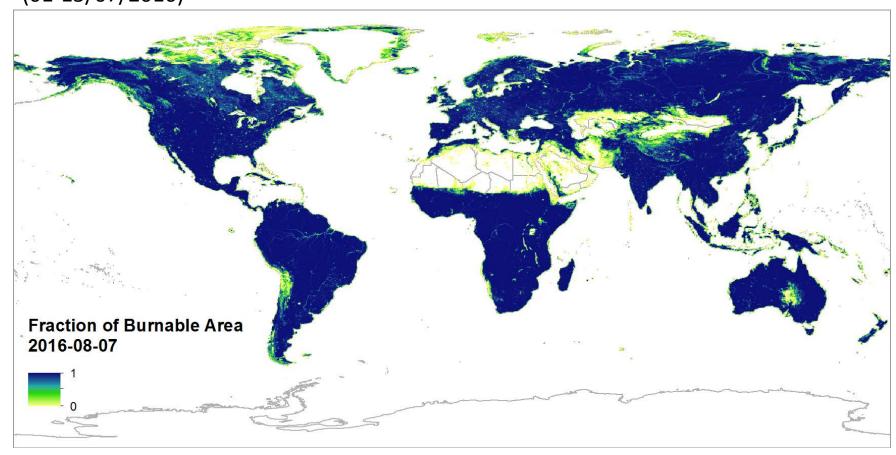
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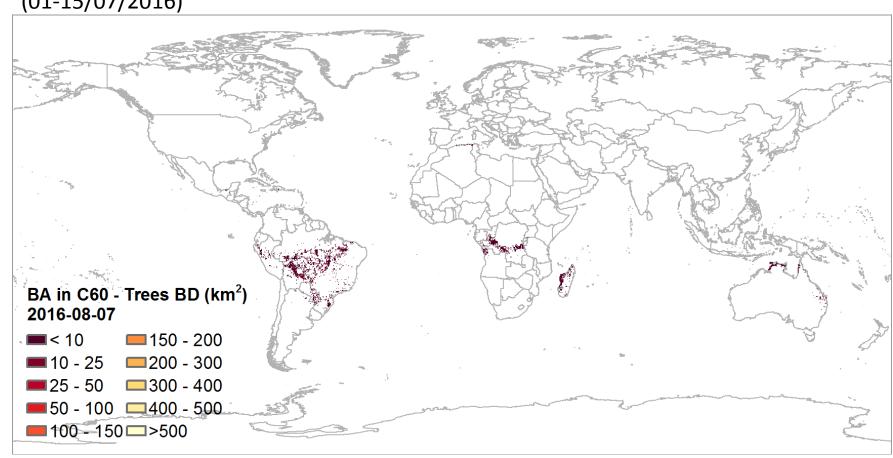
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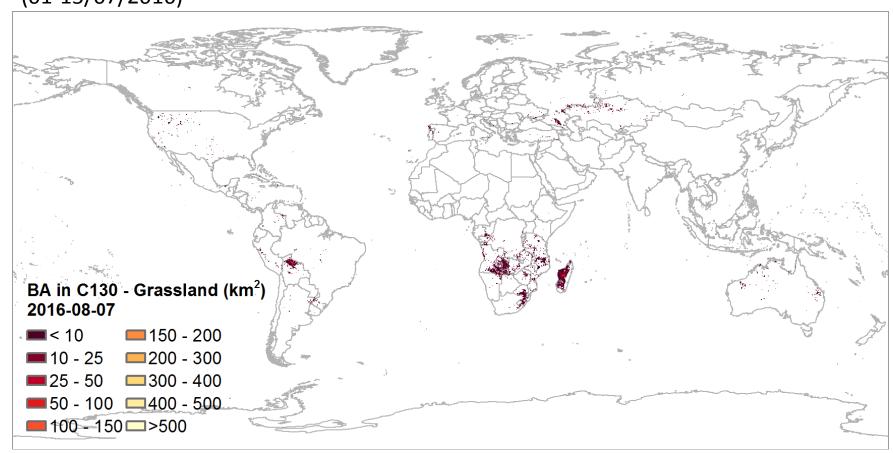
## Fire\_cci BA product v5.0: BA in Tree cover

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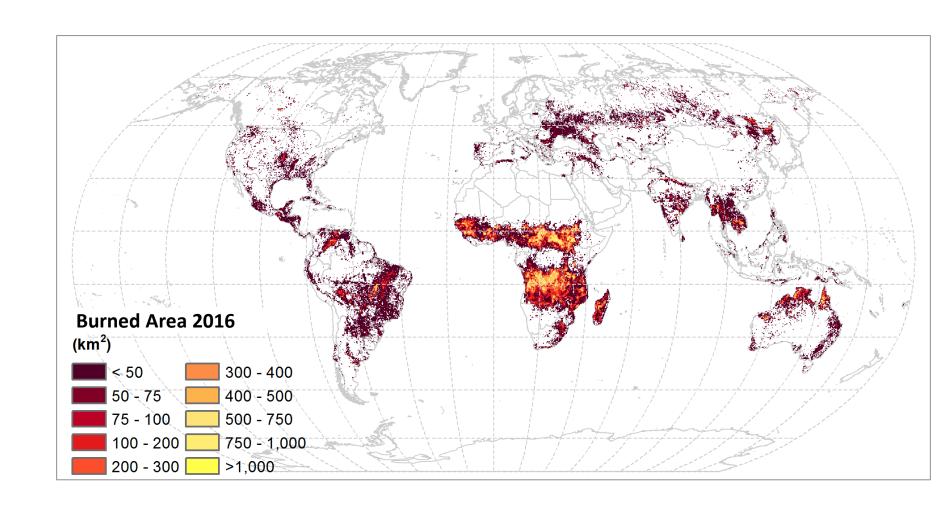


## Fire\_cci BA product v5.0: BA in Grasslands

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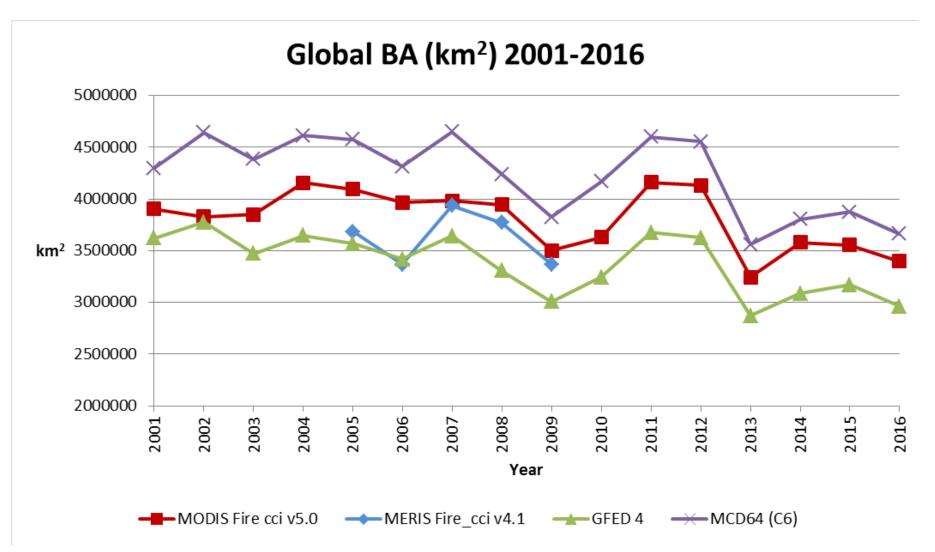






### Time trends

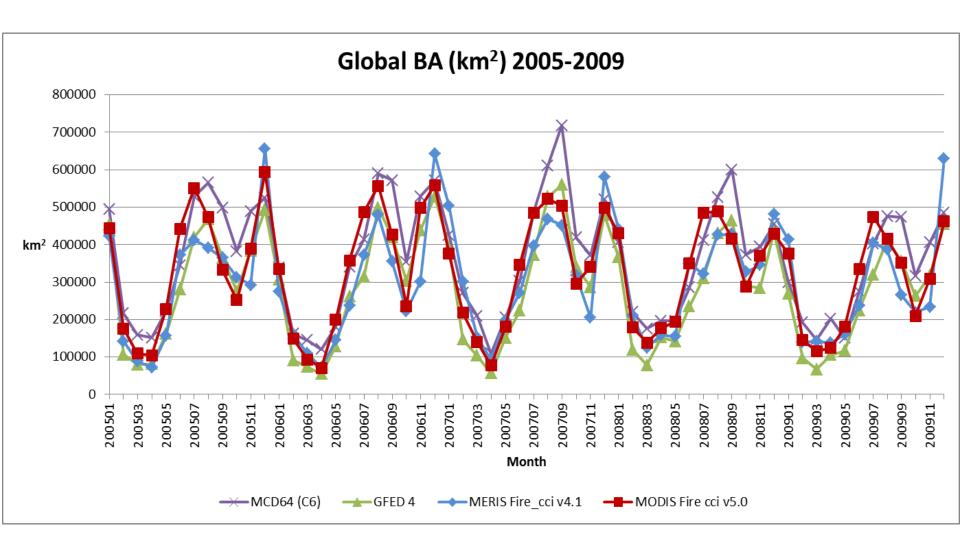
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### Seasonal trends

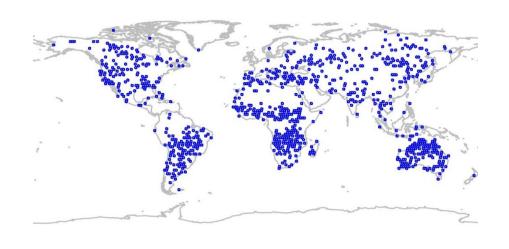




### Validation sample

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- 1200 sampling units, 100 each year over 2003-2014
- Sampling intensity in each stratum proportional to BA extent
- Minimum 2 units in each stratum

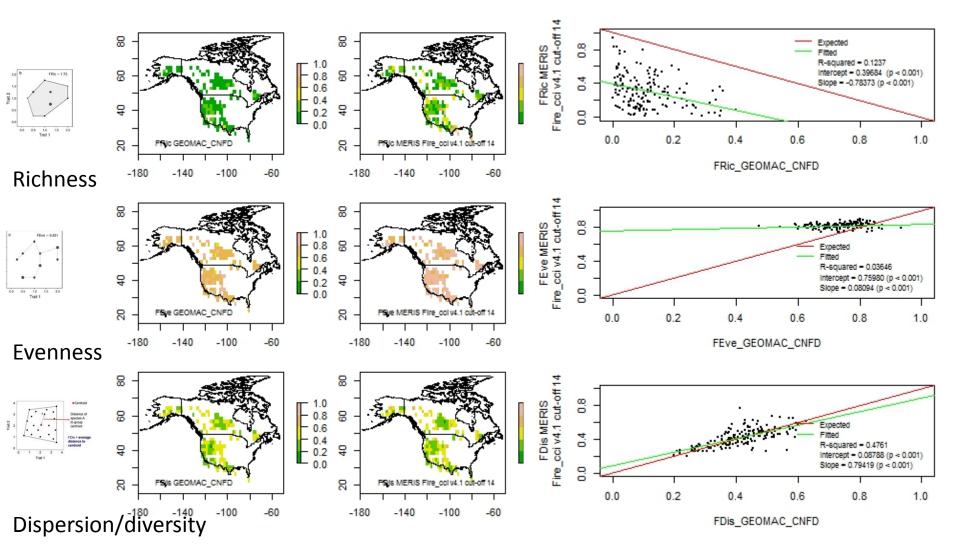


n.	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
$n_h$ Others	2+2	4+2	2+2	6+2	4+2	2+2	2+2	3+2	13+2	9+2	2+2	4+2
Tropical Forest	5+2	5+2	5+2	4+2	5+2	3+2	4+2	6+2	3+2	4+2	4+2	4+2
Temperate Forest	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2
Boreal Forest	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2
Tropical and Subtropical savanna	60+10	60+10	59+12	58+10	58+11	58+13	60+11	59+11	52+11	54+11	63+10	59+10
Temperate grassland and savanna	5+2	3+2	4+2	4+2	4+2	6+2	5+2	3+2	3+2	4+2	3+2	5+2
Mediterranean Forest	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2	2+2

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# Climate assessment: patch shape analysis (Fire\_cci v4.1)



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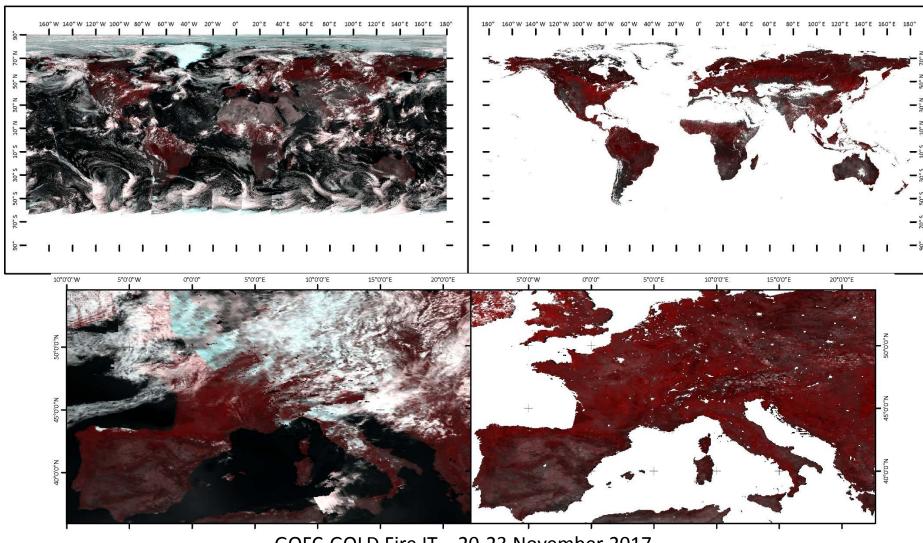


## LTDR BA product

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AVH09C1 Year: 2008 Day: 200

Compositing AVH09C1 + Land Cover, Year: 2008, Day: 198 - 213



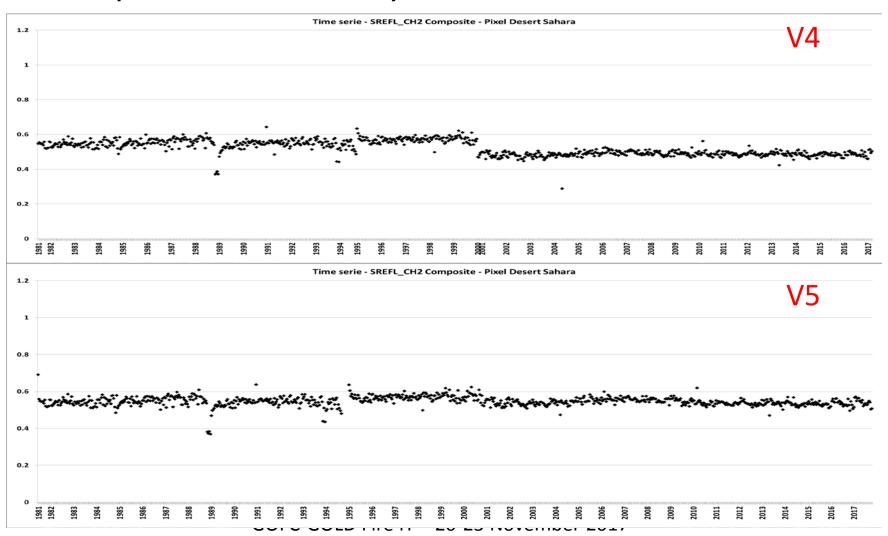
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## LTDR product – Time series

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### Temporal inconsistency of the NIR reflectance

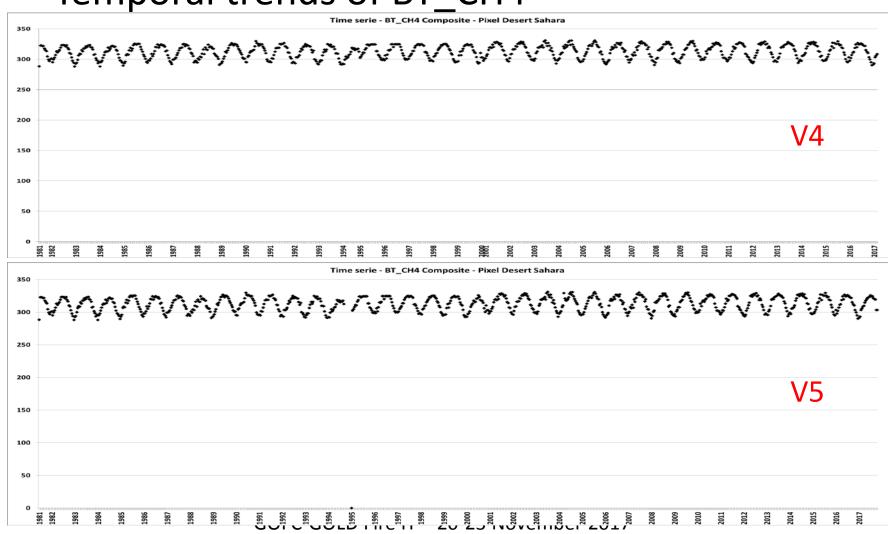


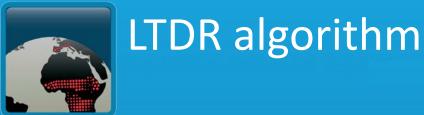


### LTDR product – Time series

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Temporal trends of BT\_CH4

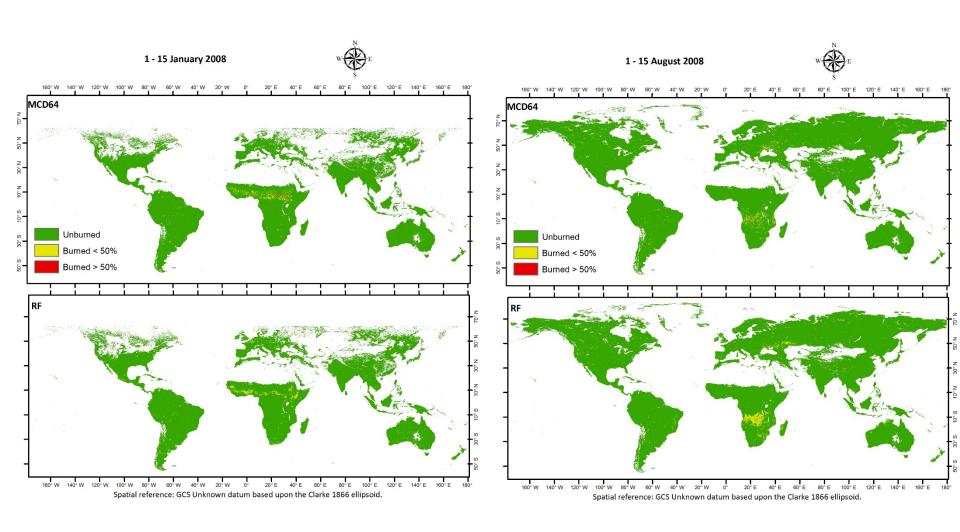




- Based on Random Forest.
- Trained with global datasets:
  - Landsat validation sample at 0.05 d.
  - MCD64 C6 at 0.05 d.
- Classification:
  - Discrete and regression trees.



# Preliminary results: RF 3 classes (2008)





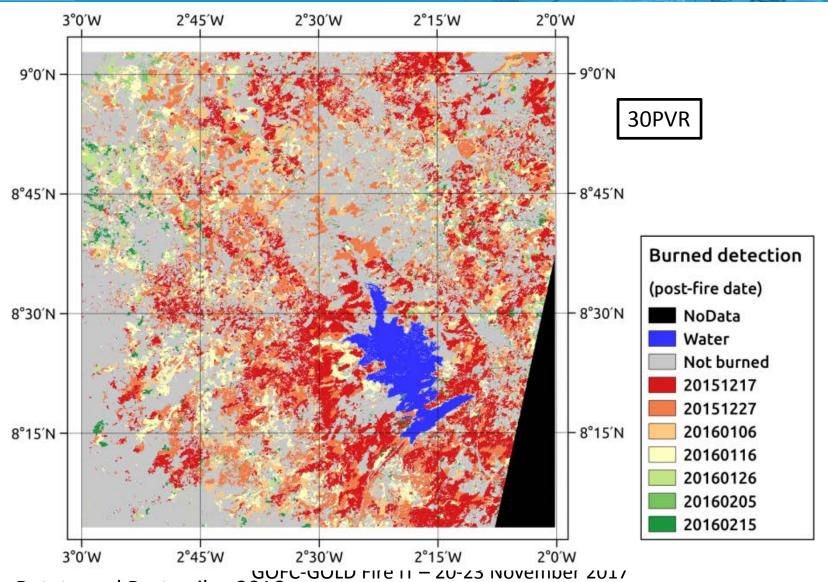
## Small Fire Database (2016)

- Inputs:
  - S2 MSI + MCD14DL C6 HS
  - S1: BA Interpherometry. Potential merging for persistent cloudy areas.
- Algorithm approach:
  - Multitemporal analysis of NIR, MIRBI and NBR2
  - Two phase: seed + growing



### S2 Results

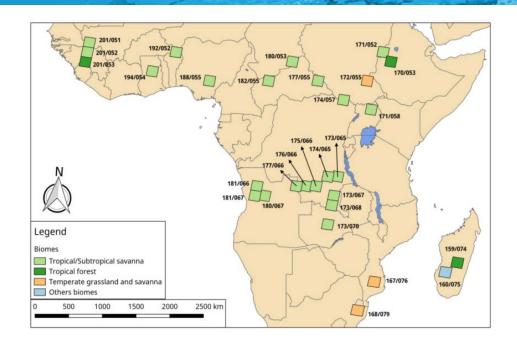
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Roteta and Bastarrika, 2016

### S-2 assessment

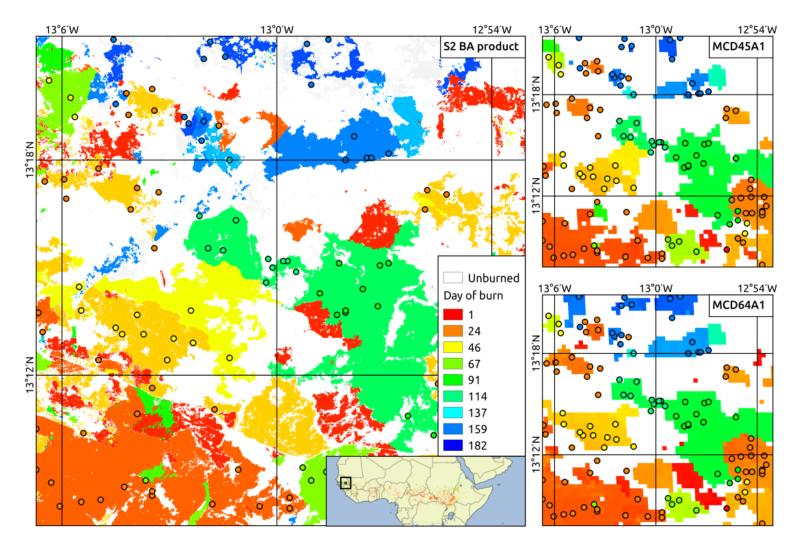
- Landsat-8
  - 29 study areas
  - OE: 8.3%
  - CE: 8.0%
  - Kappa: 0.914



Roteta and Bastarrika, 2016



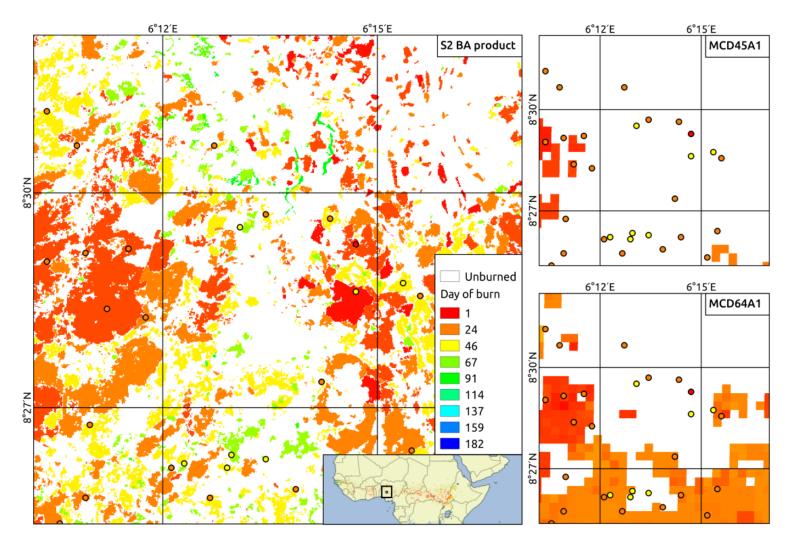
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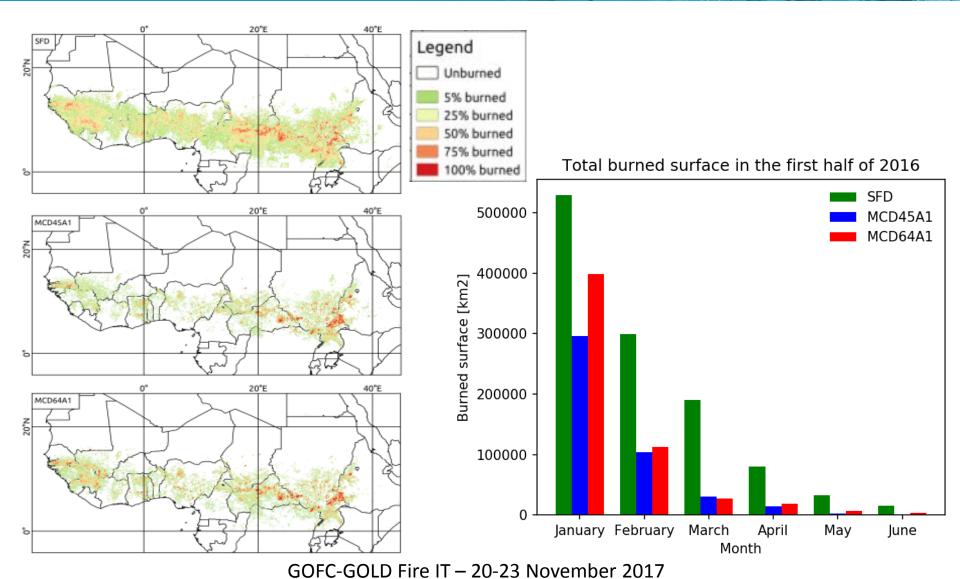
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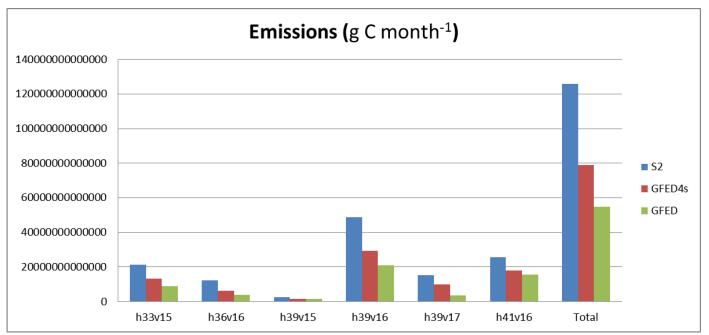


# SFD: Comparison of emissions with global products

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 S2 shows 37% more emissions than GFED4s and 56% more than GFED4.



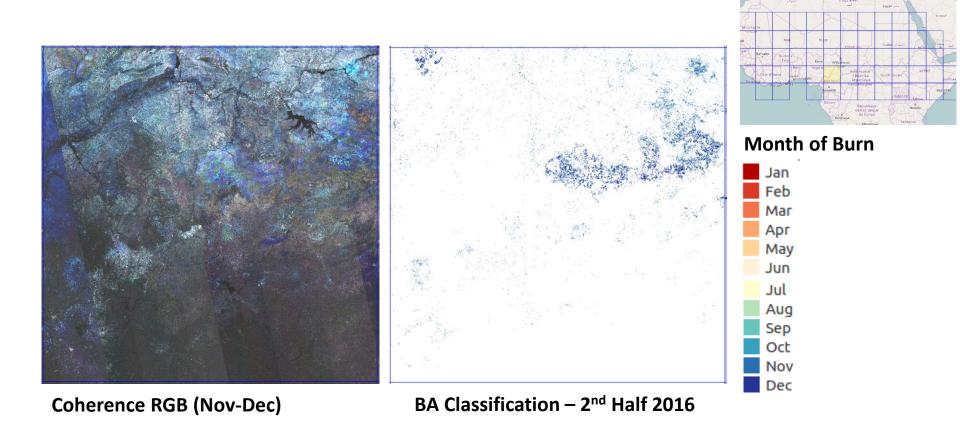
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## SFD: Preliminary results from S-1

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Wheeler and Tansey, 2017

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#### Fire



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#### Questionnaire for users

Users of the BA Products are kindly requested to fill this questionnaire.

#### Participation of the Fire\_cci project in the 11th EARSeL Forest Fires SIG Workshop

The 11th EARSeL Forest Fires SIG Workshop, was held at Chania, Crete (Greece), on 25-27 September 2017, at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (CIHEAM-MAICh). The head of ESA's Climate Office and CCI Programme Manager, Pascal Lecomte, presented in a keynote session the Climate Change Initiative Programme. The meeting also included a wide representation of the Fire\_cci team.

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#### Upcoming Fire cci User Workshop

The Fire\_cci Climate Research Group is organizing a half-day user workshop as part of the 4th FireMIP workshop that will take place on 17-19 October at IMK-IFU, Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany.

#### Spatial evaluation of Indonesia's 2015 fire-affected area and estimated carbon emissions using Sentinel-1

A new article by the Fire cci team has been published in Global Change Biology (DOI 10.1111/qcb.13841)

Fires raged once again across Indonesia in the latter half of 2015, creating a state of emergency due to poisonous smoke and haze across Southeast Asia as well as incurring great financial costs to the...

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#### Stratification and sample allocation for reference burned area data

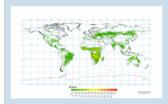
The Fire\_cci team has published a new article in Remote Sensing of Environment (DOI 10.1016/j.rse.2017.06.041).

Statistical estimation protocols are one of the key means to ensure that independent and objective information on product accuracy is communicated to end-users. Methods for...

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