

Wild Fire Hotspots

Amazing Fact

In 1950, the Chinchaga forest fire in Canada burnt an area of 3 500 000 acres, an area equivalent to nearly a quarter of Ireland. The fire was allowed to burn freely and smoke from it was visible from the UK.

Challenge

There are some countries in the world which have experienced the worst wild fires in history:

- Australia
- United States of America
- Canada
- Greece

With a partner, use an atlas or globe to find these countries on this map and colour them in orange.

Can you find any familiar countries on the map?



You could also try to find out:

- whether there were any casualties in the fires;
- which country suffers the most wild fires;
- which cities have been destroyed by fire;
- which country has the best ratio of fire officers per head of population.

