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#### **GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES:**

Towards an International Framework

Porto - Portugal | May 16-19th, 2023

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#### "Fire Management Assessment in Brazil: status of Integrated Fire Management and Wildfires in Brazil"







May 16-19th, 2023, Porto - Portugal





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## The 2021 assessment objective

Identify possible future cooperation actions between USAID/USDA Forest Service, Brazilian institutions and key local partners.







## Assessment Methodology: a process for better decision making



More than 50 surveys answered by Federal, State and Local institutions, including NGO's and Universities



And others





### Understanding wildfires, fire ecology and fire management in Brazil



Source: Vânia R. Pivello et al., Understanding Brazil's catastrophic fires: Causes, consequences and policy needed to prevent future tragedies, Perspectives in Ecology and Conservation, Volume 19, Issue 3, 2021, Pages 233-255, ISSN 2530-0644, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pecon.2021.06.005">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pecon.2021.06.005</a>. (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2530064421000560)





# Main Assessment Findings (2021)



Wildland Fire Training with Indigenous communities in Brazil Foto: USFS, 2010

- Great socio-ecological diversity. Support needed at different levels (both federal, state and local).
- Federal fire management institutions have a really good understanding about integrated fire management.
- Each federal fire management institution have a clear vision about what they need to do to improve. But they need more resources and support to do it.
- A bill has already been proposed with a (Federal) Integrated Fire Management Policy.





# Main Assessment Findings (2021)



What can we (USAID/USDA Forest Service) support?

- Governance: i.e. Federal Wildland Fire Coordinating/Working Group.
- Federal Standards (Federal Qualification System i.e.).
- Federal ICS / NIMS.
- Wildfire origin and cause investigation.
- Fire education, prevention and burned areas recovery.
- Interoperability (communication systems, information management, SOP's, i.e.).
- More training for everyone
- Support Indigenous and local communities, NGO's and volunteer organizations.
- Support fire management gender equity and inclusion
- (...)

7th International Wildfire Conference in Brazil. Photo: USFS, 2019





## Post-Assessment / Implementation (2022 and 2023):

Brazilian Wildland Firefighters spent 2 months in a technical exchange with U.S. HOTSHOT crews



#### On-Line training (both sincronic and asincronic)



"No Fogo" Podcast – Experience sharing



Presential Training, i.e.: Apinajé Indigenous Women Volunteer Fire Brigade



Fire management Studies



Diversity, Inclusion and Gender Equity in the Forest Management and Fire Prevention Program in Brazil

Indigenous Forest Restoration Projects







#### **Post-Assessment / Implementation (2023):**



First presential meeting in PREVFOGO headquarters with IBAMA, ICMBio, FUNAI and USDA Forest Service.

- Experiences and knowledge exchange
- What can we improve as Federal Institutions
- Next steps and timelines

Ongoing work:

- Federal coordinating/working group
- Training courses (SCI-100, S-190, L-280, S-130, FI-110, M-410, etc.)
- Standard Qualification System
- International Wildfire Conference 2023
- Fire Management activities support

Photo: USFS, 2023





# Thank you very much!



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