

# Summary of Forestry Commission analysis of IRS for England and Great Britain Wildfire evidence 2009/10 to 2014/15

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- DCLG/Home Office, Scottish Govt and Welsh Assembly Govt provided Forestry Commission England with IRS data for 6 years for England and Great Britain.
- Forestry Commission Scotland and Natural Resource Wales gained agreement for Forestry Commission England to carry out GB analysis from devolved administrations.
- Analysis was undertaken by Forest Services GIS specialist with advice and support from DCLG/Home Office.
- Covers wildfires attended by Fire and Rescue Services during FY2009/10 to 2014/15

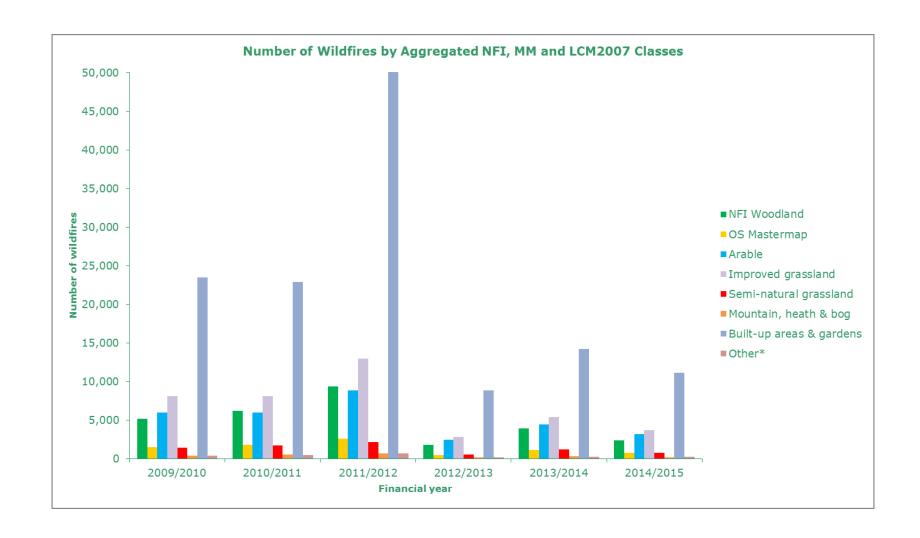
The Forestry Commission England defines wildfire as:

"Any uncontrolled vegetation fire which requires a decision, or action, regarding suppression."

Definition taken from the Scotland Wildfire Operational Guidance: http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/10/6118



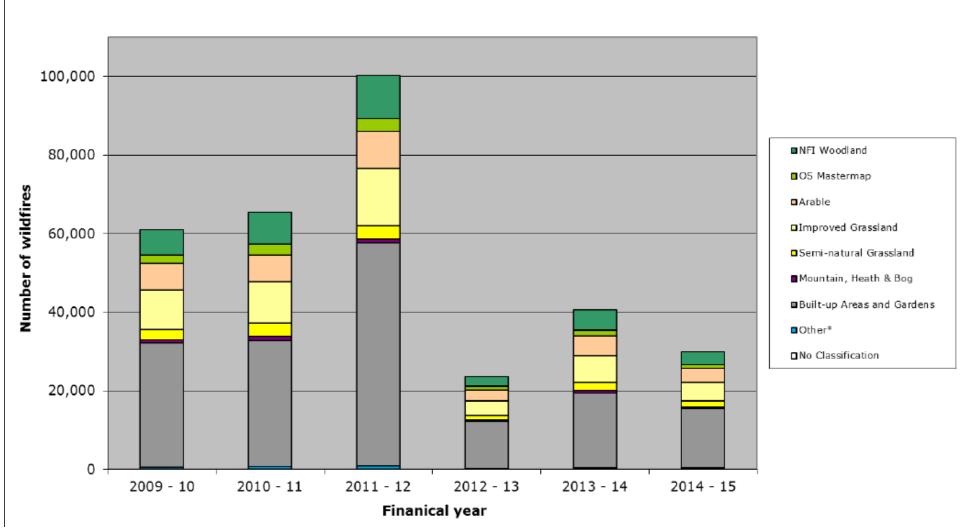
## **Number of Wildfires in England**





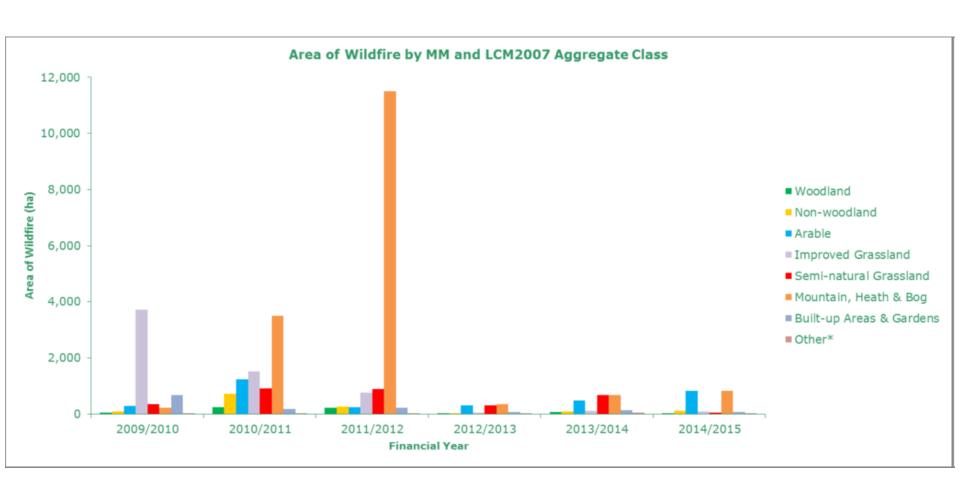
### **Number of Wildfires in GB**

#### Number of Wildfire Incidents by Habitat Between Finanical Years 2009/10 to 2014 /15 in Great Britain Attended by Fire and Rescue Services



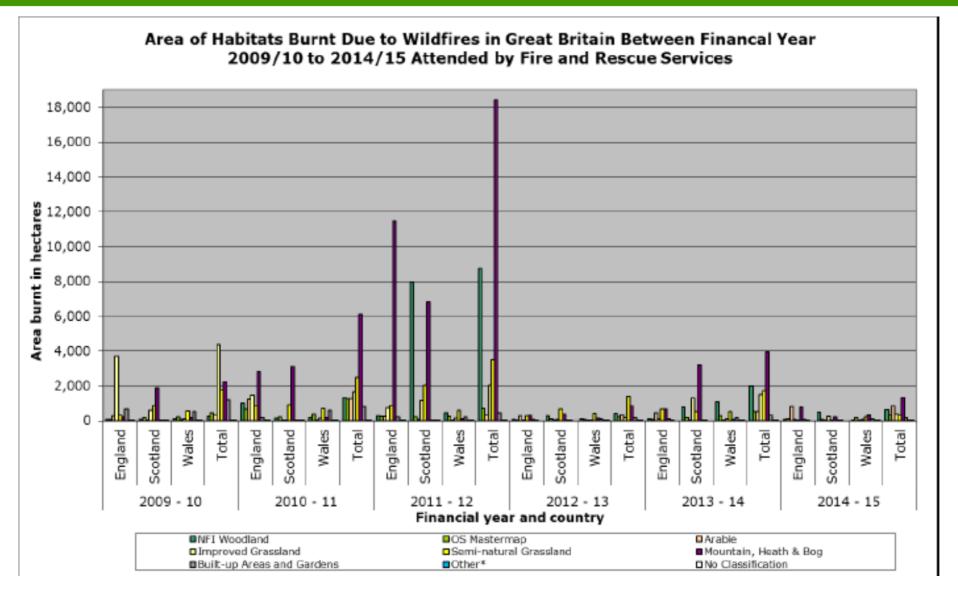


## Area burnt by Wildfires in England



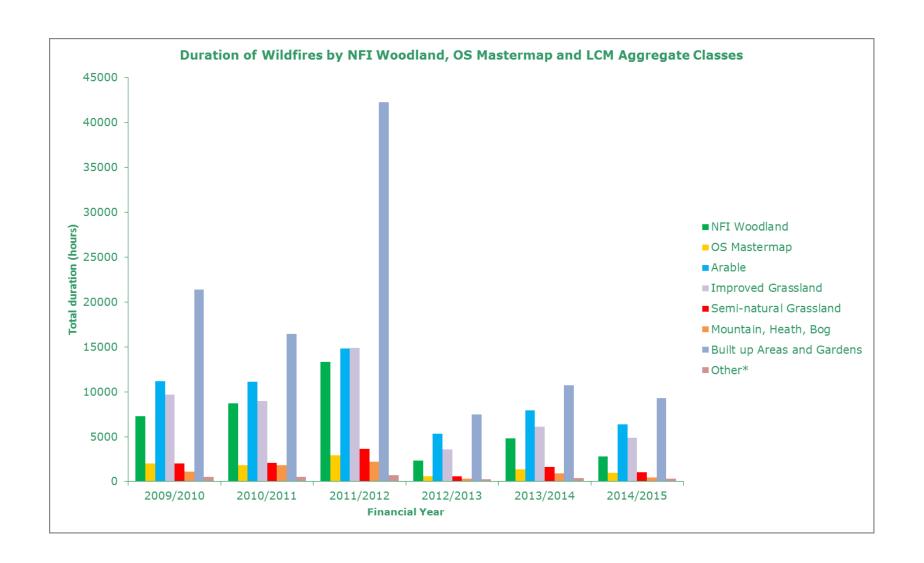


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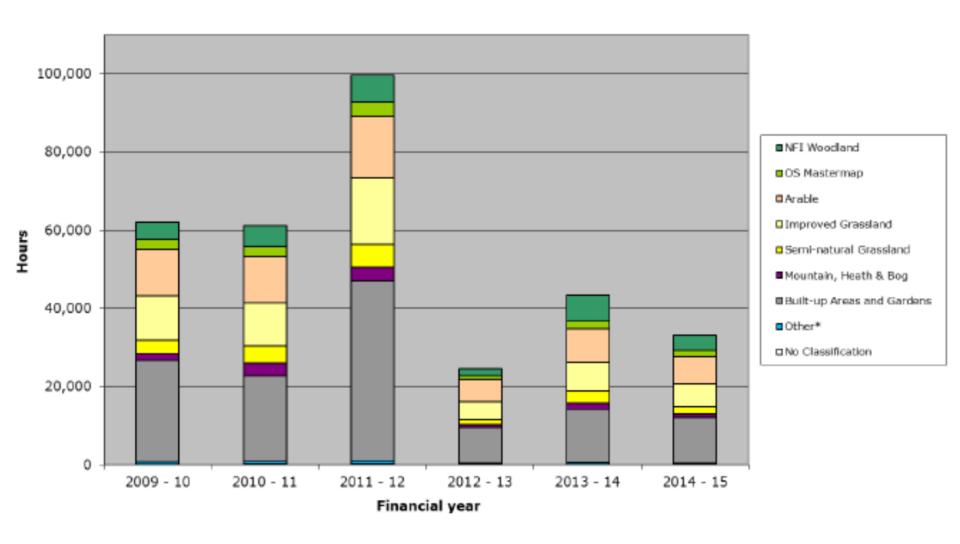
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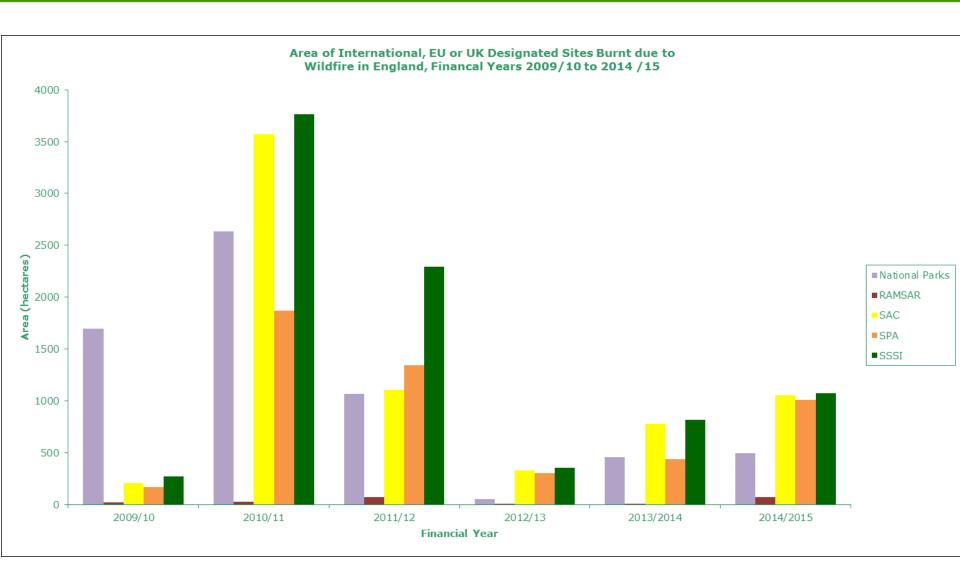
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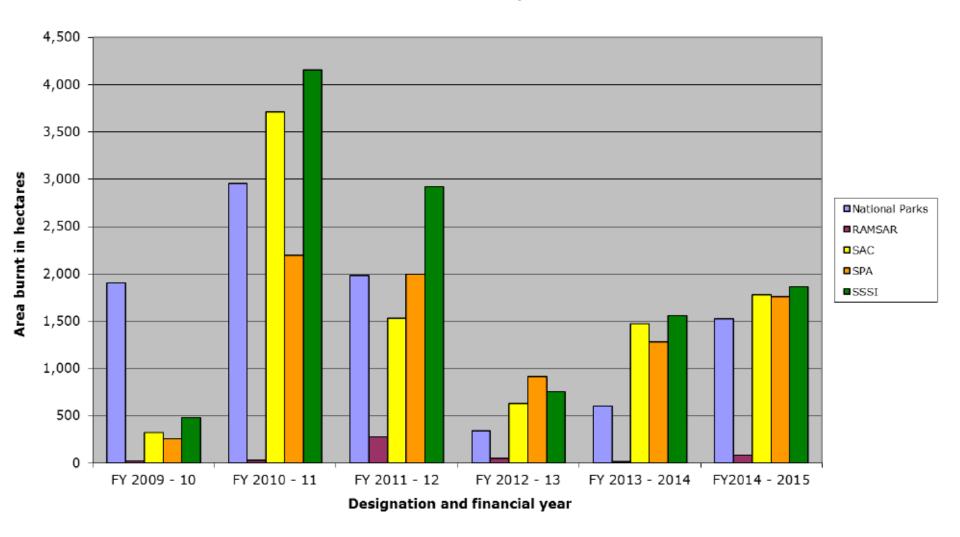


## Wildfires impact in England on EU and UK Nature Conservation and Landscape Designations

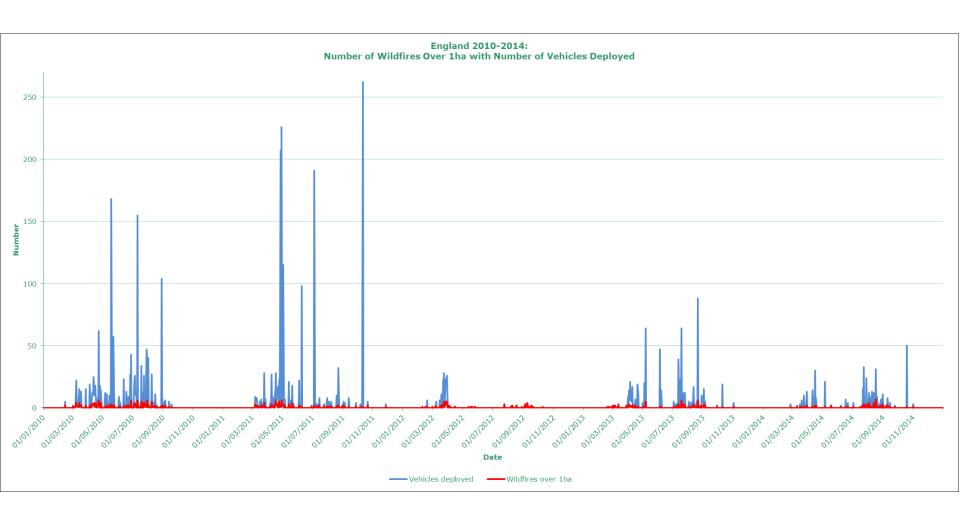




## Area of EU and UK Designated Sites Burnt due to Wildfire in GB in Financial Years 2009/10 to 2014 /15 Attended by Fire and Rescue Service

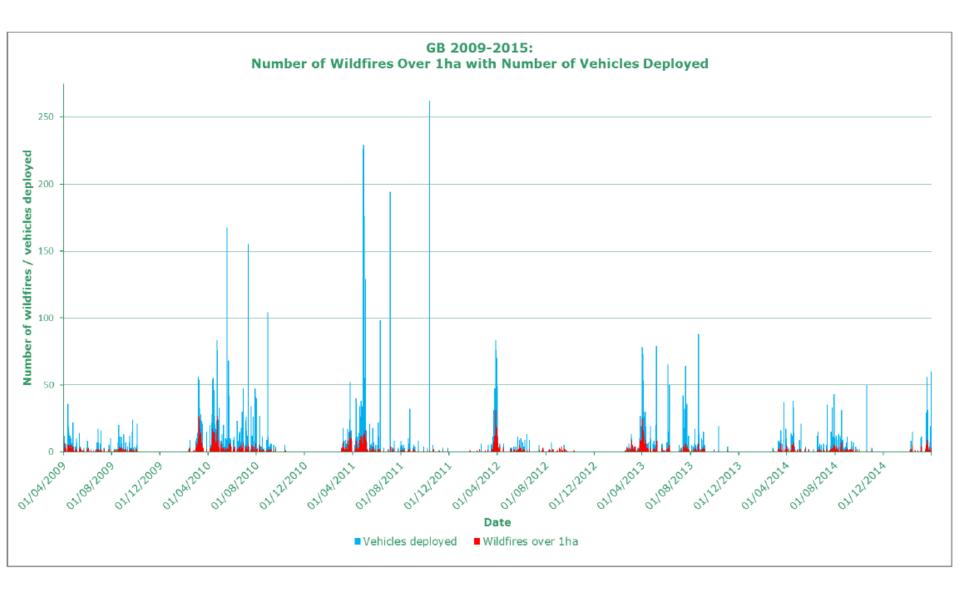


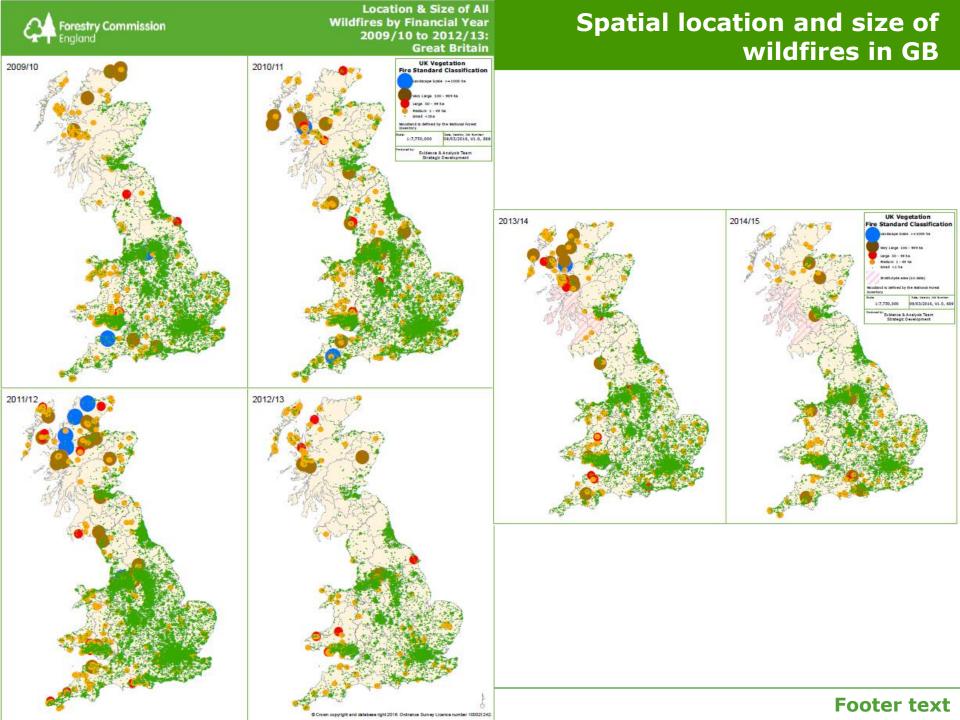
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#### **Great Britain**

	Financial year						
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	
Grand Total wildfire incidents	61,103	65,454	100,367	23,562	40,625	29,978	
Grand Total area burnt (ha)	10,500	14,637	34,569	3,341	9,668	4,079	
Grand Total duration (hours)	66,252	66,929	109,266	25,800	43,113	32,740	

#### **England**

	Financial year						
_	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	
Grand Total wildfire incidents	46,341	47,718	88,738	17,099	30,657	22,178	
Grand Total area burnt (ha)	5,377.3	8,319.1	14,090.3	1,095.2	2,225.9	1,970.0	
Grand Total duration (hours)	55,222.4	51,479.6	94,719.6	20,369.0	33,833.7	26,164.8	



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#### **August 2016 Tottenham Marshes, London**



## Fire at Tottenham grassland 'size of three football pitches'

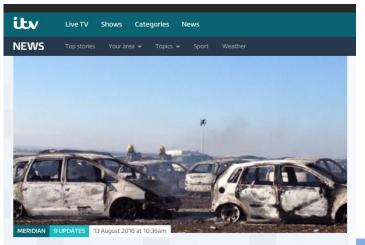








# August 2016 Boom Town Music Festival, Hampshire



## 80 cars burnt out after fire at Boomtown music festival

A large fire has destroyed 80 cars after it broke out in the car park of the Boomtown music festival on Friday.





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## Thank you

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