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**Summary:** For more than two decades, satellites have recorded fires across the planet's surface. The data are unequivocal: Since the early 2000s, when 3% of the world's land caught fire, the area burned annually has trended downward. In 2022, the last year for which there are complete data, the world hit a new record-low of 2.2% burned area. While the complete data aren't in for 2023, global tracking up to July 29 by the Global Wildfire Information System shows that more land has burned in the Americas than usual. But much of the rest of the world has seen lower burning—Africa and especially Europe. Globally, the GWIS shows that burned area is slightly below the average between 2012 and 2022, a period that already saw some of the lowest rates of burned area. Related: [Canada Sees Its Farthest-North 100-Degree Temperature As Wildfires Rage](#)

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