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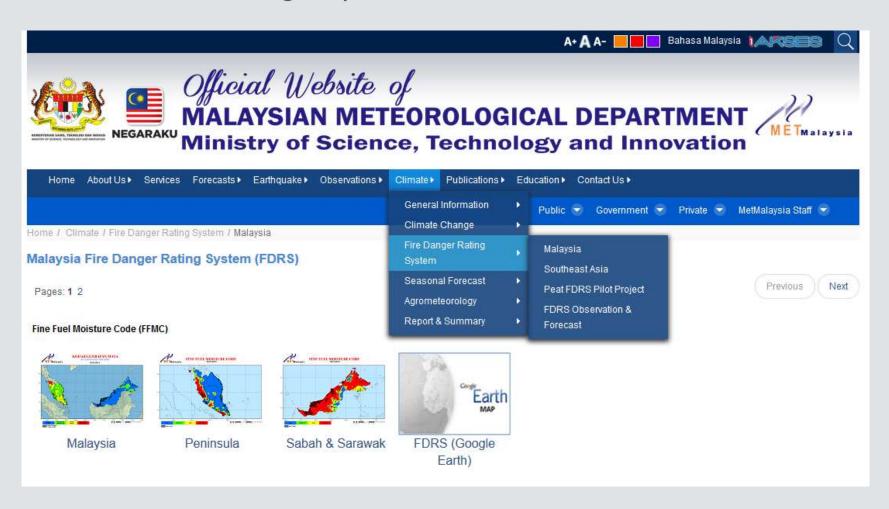
INTRODUCTION

FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM (FDRS)

- Fire danger rating is the evaluation of meteorological factors that influence fire danger (Fire Danger is the ability of a fire to start, spread and do damage)
- A system that monitors forest/vegetation fires risk and supplies information that assists in fire prevention and management
- To predict possible fire occurrence and behavior
- A guide to policy-makers in developing mitigation actions to protect life, property and the environment

PRODUCTS

Available at www.met.gov.my



BACKGROUND

HISTORY

- In 1997/98, extensive forest fire in ASEAN countries caused widespread haze including transboundary haze
- Affected the socio-economic activities, including tourism, health and well being of people
- Total loss estimated US\$9 billion
- Environment Ministers initiated a Regional Haze Action Plan, including ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze
- Developed and implemented Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System for monitoring and warning system for forest/vegetation fuels fires

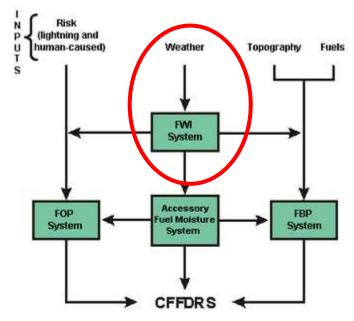
ADAPTATION FLOW

Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System Adaptation Research by Canadian Forest Service and SEA Partners **Southeast Asia** Fire Danger Rating System

- 1999: initiated with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Canadian Forest Service (Northern Forestry Centre, Edmonton) to Southeast Asian Countries
- 2000 2002 : training, experiments and adaptation
- 2003: Implementation of FDRS

SYSTEM STRUCTURE

THE SUB SYSTEM



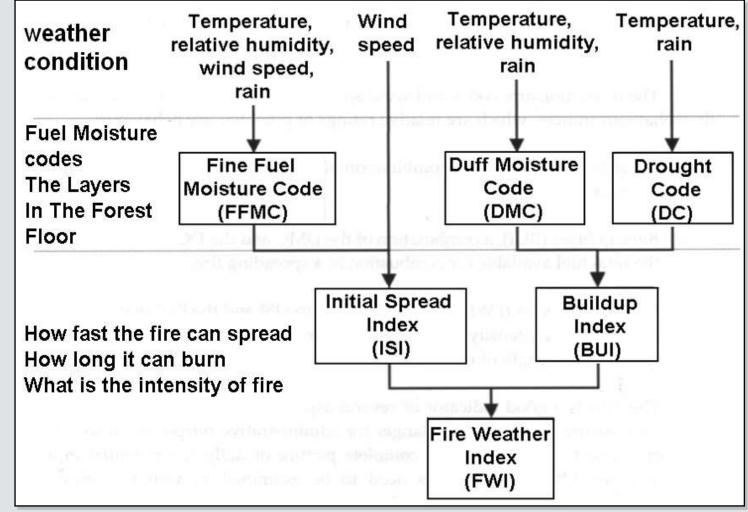
| CFFDRS subsystems | Status |
|---|---|
| Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index (FWI) System | 4th edition published in 1984 |
| Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction (FBP) System | 1st edition published in 1992 |
| Canadian Forest Fire Occurrence Prediction (FOP) System | Under consideration (several regional schemes in place) |
| Accessory Fuel Moisture System | In development |

- FDRS is part of Canadian
 Forest Fire Danger Rating
 System (CFFDRS)
- MMD runs a sub system of CFFDRS which is called Fire Weather Index (FWI) System
- The FWI provides two information:
- i) Fuel Moisture Concept
- ii) Fire Behavior Concept

SYSTEM STRUCTURE

Fuel Moisture Concept

Fire Behavior Concept

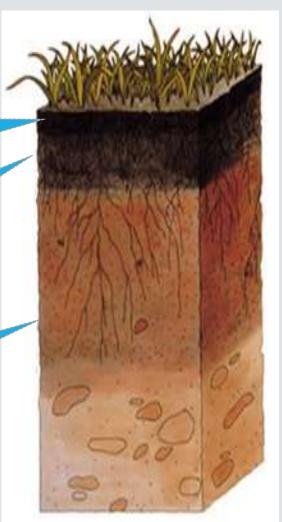


FUEL MOISTURE CONCEPT AND FUEL

FFMC- Represents the moisture content of surface litter and other cured fine fuels in a forest stand to depth 1-5 cm, weighing 0.5kg/m² when dry

DMC- Represents the moisture content of loosely compacted, decomposing forest floor organic matter to depth of 5-10cm, weighing about 5kg/m² when dry

DC- Represents the moisture content of deep, compact organic soil layers to a depth of 10-20cm, weighing about 45kg/m² when dry





FIRE BEHAVIOR CONCEPT

The second part of FWI system, reflect current fire potential in relation with fire environment that consist of the surrounding condition, influences and modifying forces of forest/vegetation fuels and weather that determine fire behavior.

Three indices which represent this concept are:-

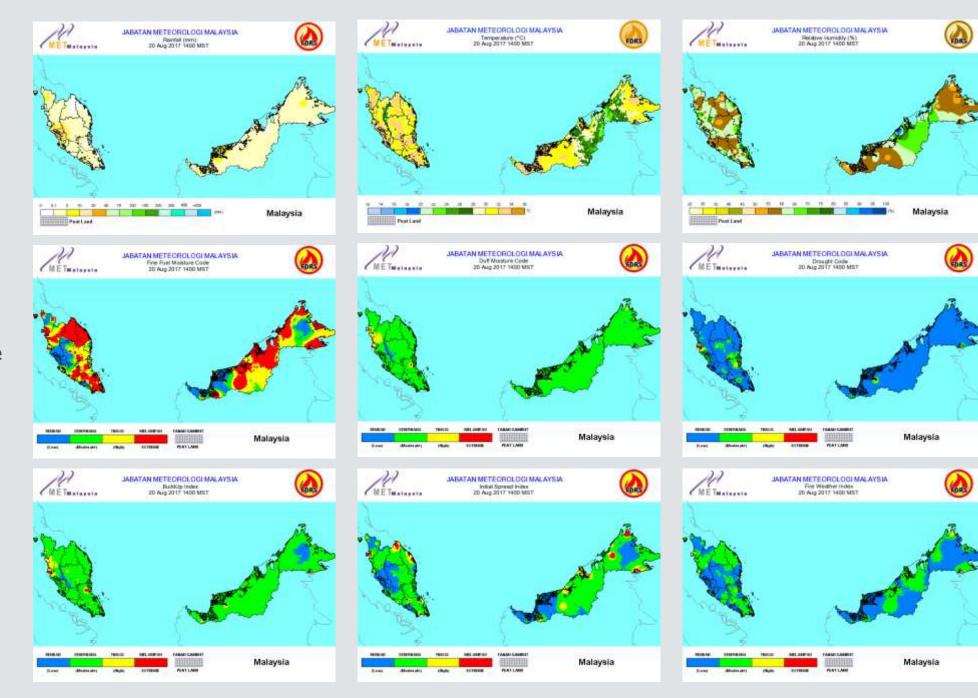
- **Initial Spread Index (ISI)** is a numerical rating of relative fire spread without the effect of fuel consumption.
- **Build Up Index (BUI)** provides numerical rating of the amount of fuel available for combustion.
- **Fire Weather Index (FWI)** is a numerical rating of fire intensity. It is suitable as a general **index of fire danger** throughout the forested area in the region. **Fire Danger** is the ability of a fire to start, spread and do damage

FDRS CODES AND INDICES

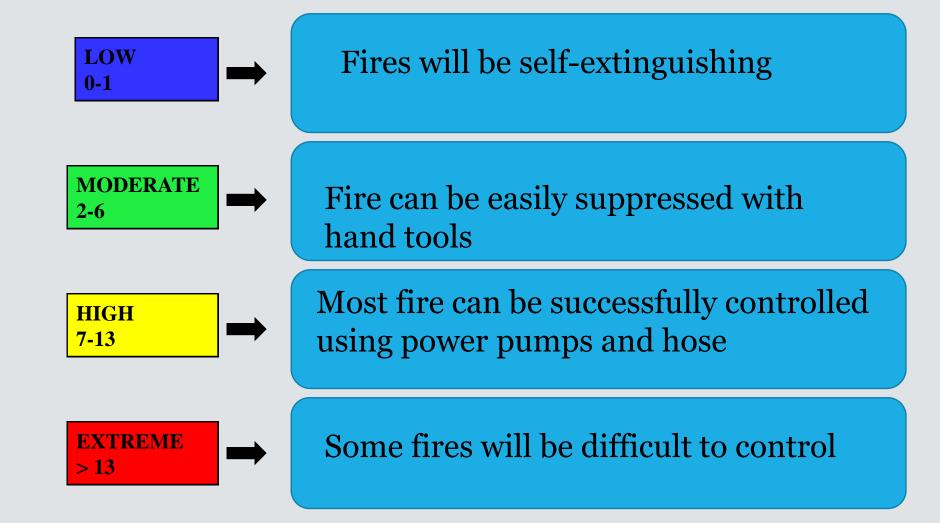


Fuel Moisture Concept

Fire Behavior Concept



FIRE WEATHER INDEX (FWI)



COLLABORATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND USERS

LIST OF AGENCIES

- JPSM
- GEC
- JAS
- NREB
- Sime DARBY
- DoE
- Sahabat Hutan Gambut Selangor Utara
- ASMC
- NRE
- ASEAN Secreteriat

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* Citre: Saluntay & Sunday and Public Holiday

 FWI is used as monitoring index to issue ban for open burning

FWI SIGN BOARD AT PEAT LAND



Sahabat HutanGambut SelangorUtara

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING