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Inkaterra Calls For Action On Amazon Fires

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Brazil is set to reject aid to fight this year's record fires in the **Amazon** rainforest, multiple media outlets are reporting and sustainable ecotourism operator **Inkaterra** is calling for all concerned to do everything in their power to fight the fires.

According to [CNBC](#), **Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro** is set to reject \$22 million in aid from the G-7 nations – **Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK** and the **United States** – over comments made by **French President Emmanuel Macron** on the need for international action to fight the fires. Bolsonaro said that the idea displayed a “misplaced colonialist mindset,” although he may accept the aid if Macron walks back his “insults.”

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While it is common for the Amazon to witness fires in the dry season, which runs from July to October, this year has been particularly bad: [there have been more than 75,000 forest first in the country since January, an 84 percent year over year increase](#). A representative for Brazil's space agency has said that all of the fires are of human origin, some deliberate and some accidental.

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Inkaterra, a **Peru**-based operator of carbon-neutral ecolodges at **Machu Picchu**, in **Cuzco** and near **Puerto Maldonado** on the **Madre de Dios** tributary of the **Amazon River**, has called for action on the issue.

"As it is often said, the Amazon are the lungs of Planet Earth," said **Jose Koechlin**, chairman of the Inkaterra Association, in a written statement. "And even though Inkaterra's properties on the Amazon's Madre de Dios river in Peru are a thousand miles from the fires in Brazil, as lovers of the earth we are all shocked and saddened by the environmental catastrophe happening in our next-door neighbor."

"Every person in the world is threatened and appalled by what is happening in the Brazilian rainforest; we urge all concerned to do everything in their power to fight and eliminate the fires and to preserve the well-being of the planet we all call our home," Koechlin said.

According to the [BBC](#), the north of Brazil – particularly the states of **Roraima**, **Acre**, **Rondônia** and **Amazonas** – have been the worst hit by this year's fires.

In addition to Brazil, **Bolivia** has seen a 114 percent increase in

fires for the first eight months of this year, while Venezuela has seen a 19 percent rise. **Peru, Guyana, Suriname** and **French Guyana** have recorded a smaller total number of fires, but percentage wise, fires have been up by more than 100 percent this year.

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