



## Forest Fire France



### Affected Areas

Southern France

### Duration

August 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 (Status Active)

### Hazard Types

Forest Fire

### Hazard Summary

A catastrophic wildfire—the largest in France since 1949—is still raging in Southern France. The blaze, which began on August 5, 2025, in Ribaute village (Aude department), has devastated over 16,000 hectares, an area larger than Paris. The fire has swept through the Corbières hills, destroying garrigue, pine forests, and threatening historic vineyards and mediaeval villages. Thick black smoke is visible from the Mediterranean coast, and flames several metres high have been reported.