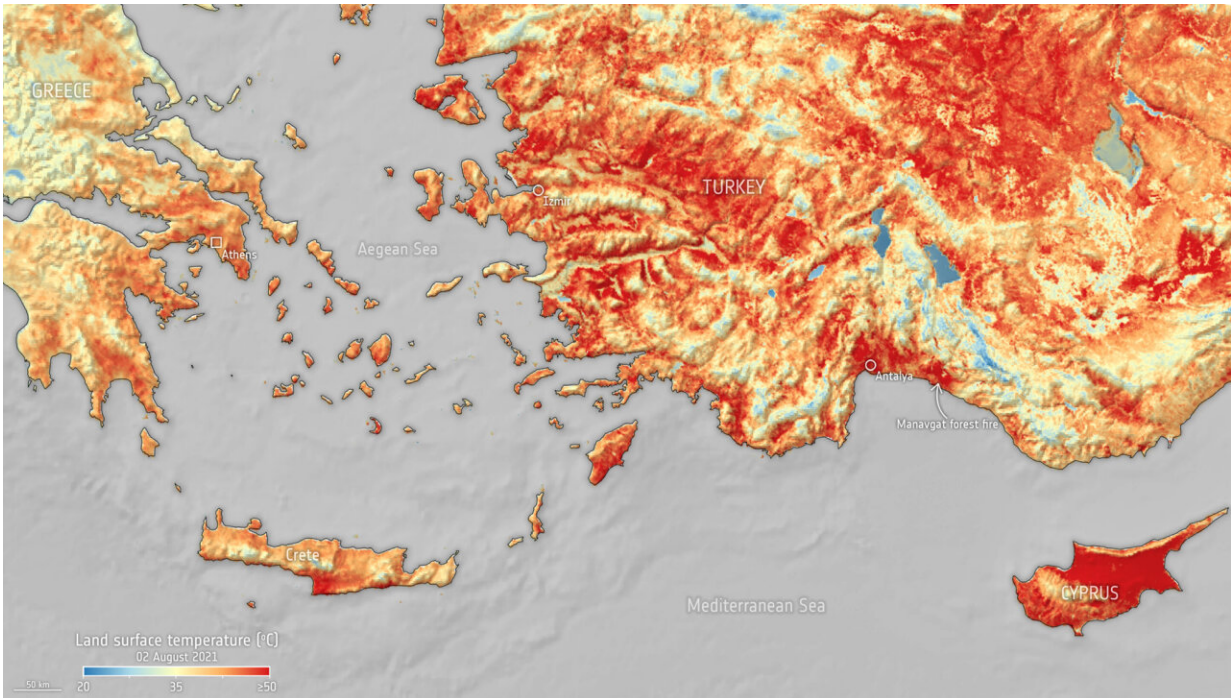


Image: Mediterranean continues to bake

August 4 2021



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This map shows the temperature of the land surface on 2 August 2021. It is clear to see that surface temperatures in Turkey and Cyprus have reached over 50°C, again. A map we published on 2 July shows pretty much the same situation. The Mediterranean has been suffering a heatwave for some weeks, leading to numerous wildfires. Turkey, for example, is reported to be amid the country's worst blazes in at least a

decade.

The map here was generated using data from Copernicus Sentinel-3's Sea and Land Surface Temperature Radiometer. While [weather forecasts](#) use predicted air temperatures, this [satellite instrument](#) measures the real amount of energy radiating from Earth—and depicts the real temperature of the land surface.

The Copernicus Sentinel-3 satellites also carry camera-like instruments, which captured smoke billowing from the fires in Turkey on 30 July.

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