

NASA image: Fires in Mozambique and Madagascar Sept. 12, 2013

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Sadly, according to reports in the National Geographic, "Some 90% of the once-green isle of Madagascar has been deforested via a combination of slash and burn agriculture for [rice cultivation](#) and doro-tanetry, a less intensive burning used to augment [grass growth](#) for cattle grazing."

The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Aqua satellite detected hundreds of fires burning in Mozambique and Madagascar on September 11, 2013. The fires are outlined in red. Most of the fires burn in grass or cropland, which is tan in this image.

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