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Sri Aman forest fire doused after 8 days

KUCHING: Forest and peatland fires covering 53ha of land at Kampung STC in Sri Aman have been extinguished at 10.30pm on Monday.

The blaze, which had been raging for eight days, contributed to the severe haze smothering Sri Aman over the past week.

Sarawak Fire and Rescue assistant operations director Tiong Ling Hii said firefighters had tackled the massive fire by dividing it into three sectors.

"A total of 21 men (doused the fire sector by sector). The (fire in

the) last sector (C) was put out last night.

"We will continue to monitor the situation on the ground," he said.

Firemen were assisted in their efforts by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, which conducted a water bombing operations on Sunday and Monday using Bombardier CL-415 aircraft.

Sri Aman's air quality was among the worst in the country throughout the haze crisis and breached the 400 mark on the Air Pollutant Index last week.



The site of the forest fire before it was doused at Kampung STC in Sri Aman on Monday. PIC COURTESY OF FIRE AND RESCUE DEPT