

***Interactive comment on “Fire, drought and El Niño relationships on Borneo during the pre-MODIS era (1980–2000)” by M. J. Wooster et al.***

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We were pleased to see the positive comments by the referee with regard to our paper, and will make the technical corrections (typo's etc). The referee suggests we should include some text further highlighting the role of "human impact" on fire activity, and the fact that large-scale transformation and forest fragmentation by humans, and the introduction of many man-made ignition events, has very likely severely amplified fire activity on Borneo. We will also make reference to the paper of Field et al (2009) that supports this point with analysis of airport visibility data on Borneo, stretching back to 1960's (see reply to comment by van der Werf et al).

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