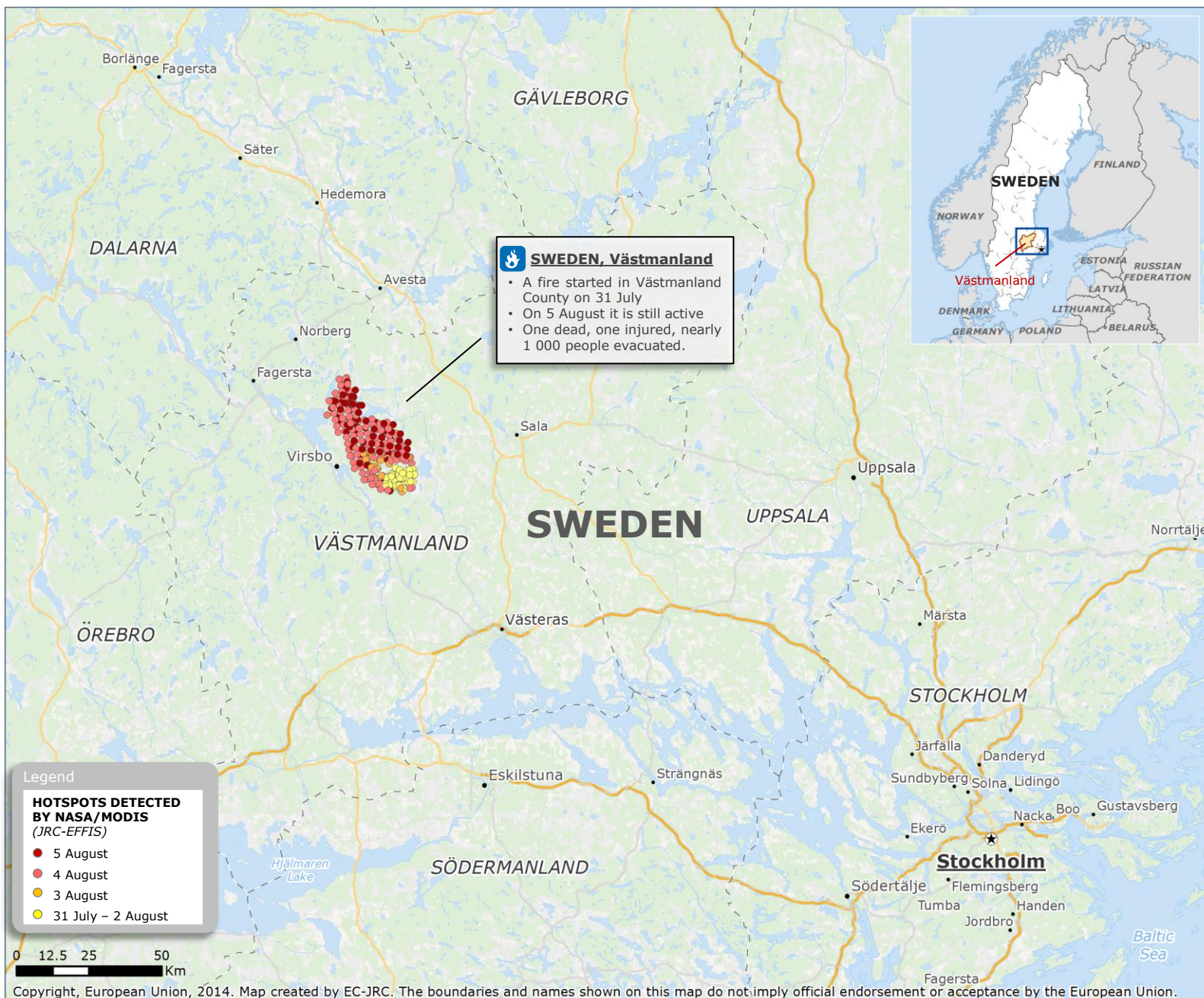


5 August 2014: Sweden – Forest Fires



SITUATION

- The forest fire that broke out in **Västmanland County**, central Sweden, on 31 July, is reportedly still out of control (as of 5 August morning). As of 4 August, the fire had burnt an area of 3 300 ha (JRC-EFFIS) and on 5 August, according to a preliminary EFFIS estimation, the burnt area has increased quite significantly, following a significant progression of the flame front towards North West.
- The fire has **claimed the life of one person** and **one person** was seriously injured. Evacuations are under way while **nearly 1 000 people** have already been evacuated.
- On 3 August, Sweden requested **international assistance** through the **Union Civil Protection Mechanism**. Firefighting planes from **Italy** and **France** have been accepted by Swedish authorities while additional assistance from **Spain** and **Greece** has been made available in case of need. Italy and France have requested co-financing for the transport costs of their assistance.
- The **fire danger level** has increased significantly on 4 August and is classified **high** on 5 August; it will remain in the **high** ranges during the next days.

Sources: MSB, Local Media, JRC-EFFIS

FIRE DANGER FORECAST for 6 August (JRC-EFFIS, DWD)

