

# Wildfires in Athens and Evia island of Greece

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**In news-**Wildfires are continuing to rip through the Greek island of Evia and Athens, prompting residents to flee to safety by sea.



## About Evia Island-

- Also called Euboea, it is **Greece's second-largest island** in area and population, after Crete.
- It is separated from Boeotia in mainland Greece by the narrow **Euripus Strait**.
- It is a rugged long and narrow island of forests and covers almost touching the Greek mainland.

## About Athens-

- It is the capital and largest city of Greece.
- Athens dominates the Attica region and is one of the world's oldest cities, with its recorded history spanning over 3,400 years.
- Classical Athens was a powerful city-state and was **a center for the arts, learning and philosophy, and the**

**home of Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum.**

- It is widely referred to as the **cradle of Western civilization and the birthplace of democracy**, largely because of its cultural and political impact on the European continent particularly Ancient Rome.