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Forthcoming Events

El XIII Congreso Forestal Mundial se desarrollará entre el 18 y el 23 de octubre 2009
<http://www.wfc2009.com/es/detalle-novedad.asp?IdNovedad=53>

The XIII World Forestry Congress will be held from 18 to 23 October 2009
<http://www.wfc2009.com/en/detalle-novedad.asp?IdNovedad=55>

Le XIIIe Congrès forestier mondial se déroulera du 18 au 23 Octobre 2009
<http://www.wfc2009.com/fr/detalle-novedad.asp?IdNovedad=54>

New Publications

[Unasylva 231/232 – Adapting to climate change](#)

This special double issue addresses how forests and forest-dependent people will adapt to climate change. Varied articles provide examples of the links between climate change and sustainable development; the impacts of climate change on forest health and on forest species composition and distribution; and ways in which science and policy can promote adaptation of forests and communities. The issue was developed from presentations to the international conference on Adaptation of Forests and Forest Management to Changing Climate with Emphasis on Forest Health: A Review of Science, Policies and Practices (Umeå, Sweden, August 2008).

[Unasylva 231/232 – Adaptation au changement climatique](#)

Ce numéro double spécial examine comment les forêts et les populations qui en dépendent s'adapteront au changement climatique. Divers articles fournissent des exemples des liens entre le changement climatique et le développement durable, des impacts de ce changement sur la santé des forêts et sur la composition et la répartition des espèces forestières, ainsi que des moyens permettant à la science et aux politiques de promouvoir l'adaptation des forêts et des communautés. Le numéro tire parti des présentations faites à la Conférence internationale sur l'adaptation des forêts et de la gestion forestière au changement climatique, notamment en ce qui concerne la santé des forêts: un examen des résultats de la recherche scientifique, des politiques et des pratiques (Umeå, Suède, août 2008).

[Unasylva 231/232 – Adaptación al cambio climático](#)

Este número doble especial estudia cómo los bosques y las personas que dependen de los bosques se adaptarán al cambio climático. Un conjunto variado de artículos ejemplifica los nexos entre cambio

climático y desarrollo sostenible; los impactos del cambio climático en la salud de los bosques y la composición y distribución de las especies forestales; y las formas en que la ciencia y la política pueden promover la adaptación de los bosques y de las comunidades. Para la elaboración de este número se utilizaron las ponencias presentadas en la conferencia internacional sobre Adaptación de los Bosques y la Ordenación Forestal al Clima Cambiante, con Énfasis en la Salud de los Bosques: un Examen de la Investigación, Políticas y Prácticas (Umeå, Suecia, agosto de 2008).

[Global review of forest pests and diseases - FAO Forestry Paper 156](#)

Effective forest protection requires reliable information about the biology, ecology and distribution of pests and diseases, their impacts on forest ecosystems and possible methods of control. This publication represents a rare effort to address forest pests and diseases comprehensively at the global level. Part I summarizes the results of a thematic study reviewing forest pests in 25 countries. Part II presents profiles of some globally important forest pest species, and Part III discusses select forest trees species and their associated pests. This information will assist forest health specialists, forest managers and policy-makers worldwide to make informed decisions.

FAO

[2009: Informe mundial sobre los bosques del planeta](#)

El informe "Situación de los bosques del mundo" proporciona una perspectiva mundial de los principales cambios que afectan a los bosques. Entre otros datos, los autores del estudio indican que no se espera que el ritmo de deforestación en Sudamérica disminuya en un futuro cercano.

[\\$18 million approved under UN-REDD programme](#)

Funds will back forestry programmes combating climate change and boosting local livelihoods.

[€14 million Finland/FAO forestry programme](#)

Data collection and management skills for developing country forestry

[Crisis hits wood industry, forests still vulnerable](#)

The global financial crisis and the collapse of the housing sector are a big blow for wood industries, but this is not necessarily good news for the world's forests.

[Do Australian aborigines hold answers to Sahelian deforestation?](#)

Though Africa has only 16 percent of the world's global forest area, from 2000 to 2005 it lost about four million hectares a year, close to one-third of global deforestation, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

[Economic crisis hurts forestry sector, sustainability initiatives](#)

The global economic crisis has slowed demand for timber products and may undermine efforts to improve the environmental performance of forestry, reports the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

[El sector forestal ante la nueva coyuntura económica](#)

La FAO presenta su último informe sobre la Situación de los Bosques del Mundo 2009

[FAO-Finlande: 14 millions d'euros pour la protection des forêts](#)

Amélioration de la collecte des données et de la formation pour un développement durable

[Forestry in a new economic climate](#)

FAO launches latest report on the State of the World's Forests 2009.

[Forests 'facing a testing time'](#)

World forests face the dual challenge of climate change and the global economic crisis, a key UN report says.

[Global economic crisis takes toll on forestry](#)

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said the global economic melt down is affecting the world forestry as the demand for wood and wood products has declined.

[La crise financière affecte l'industrie du bois mais ne freine pas la déforestation](#)

La récession mondiale et la crise financière affectent directement le secteur de l'immobilier et l'industrie du bois, mais ne freinent pas pour autant la déforestation. La protection des forêts mondiales est donc toujours une nécessité urgente.

[La crise menace opportune pour les forêts](#)

La filière bois devrait elle aussi subir le contrecoup de la crise économique notamment en Amérique du Nord, estime l'agence de l'ONU pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (FAO) dans la dernière édition de son rapport bi-annuel sur la "situation des forêts du monde".

[La economía y los bosques: una alternativa de desarrollo "verde"](#)

Mientras se pierden cada vez más empleos a causa de la actual desaceleración económica, la gestión sostenible de los bosques podría ser la forma de crear millones de puestos de trabajo en el mundo.

[La foresterie dans le nouvel environnement économique](#)

Parution du dernier rapport de la FAO sur la situation des forêts du monde.

[New Finnish-UN partnership aims to help developing countries protect forests](#)

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Government of Finland have launched a new four-year, €14 million programme aimed at helping developing countries protect their forest resources and tackle climate change.

[Rapport de la FAO: la déforestation s'enracine](#)

L'actu: le déboisement qui ravage les forêts d'Afrique, d'Asie et d'Amérique latine devrait se maintenir à un rythme élevé durant les 20 prochaines années.

[Situation des forêts dans le monde: un bilan mitigé, des pressions qui perdurent](#)

Au moment où la crise économique et le changement climatique portent la gestion des forêts au premier plan de l'intérêt mondial, la réforme des institutions forestières et l'accroissement des investissements de la science et de la technologie sont essentiels pour un meilleur aménagement des forêts.

[UN: Financial Crisis Puts Pressure on World's Forests](#)

The global economic turmoil has resulted in reduced demand for wood, shrinking investments in forest industries and forest management, finds the United Nations "State of the World's Forests" report.

Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa:

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Africa

[Trees: More than just carbon sinks](#)

"In the absence of trees, our communities would simply collapse," states Andrew Dokurugu, a project officer for Tree Aid.

Afghanistan

[Deforestation marches on](#)

The eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar has lost about 90 percent of its forests since 1989 - a major contributory factor to aridity, air pollution, loss of habitat and vulnerability to flash floods.

Argentina

[Controlan un incendio forestal que ha durado tres días en la Patagonia argentina](#)

La Administración de Parques Nacionales de Argentina declaró "controlado" el incendio desatado hace diez días en 1.500 hectáreas de bosques de una zona de la Patagonia vecina a Chile, a cuyas autoridades agradeció la ayuda para sofocar las llamas.

["El cumplimiento de la ley de Bosques evita la deforestación"](#)

Entrevista al secretario de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable, Homero Bibiloni

[La Corte Suprema extendió la suspensión de tala de Bosques en Salta](#)

La medida será por 90 días en cuatro departamentos de esa provincia. El Máximo Tribunal ordenó al gobierno provincial que realice "estudio de impacto ambiental acumulado" antes de seguir adelante con los desmontes.

[Soja y bosques nativos](#)

El máximo tribunal frenó la continuidad de la tala de bosques en Salta ante un recurso de amparo de 18 comunidades aborígenes. Consecuencias del avance sojero.

[Una nueva ley para la protección de los bosques argentinos](#)

El gobierno de Cristina Fernández finalmente reglamentó, en febrero de este año, la normativa de protección ambiental de los bosques nativos que servirá para el control de los desmontes irracionales. Los puntos clave del documento.

Australia

[Trees may be to blame for snake's decline](#)

The broad-headed snake, found only in the Sydney area, has become the rarest venomous snake in Australia because of too many trees.

[Wong wants rainforest CO2 trade in Copenhagen pact](#)

Australia has submitted a proposal to UN climate negotiators that outlines a scheme to use carbon credits to protect rainforests.

Brazil

[37,000 sq km of Amazon rainforest destroyed or damaged in 2008](#)

New satellite system provides a more detailed look at forest degradation and may help Brazil stop deforestation before it occurs.

[Brasil espera importante reducción en deforestación de Amazonia](#)

Brasil espera que la deforestación en la Amazonia caiga por debajo de los 10.000 kilómetros cuadrados en el año, el nivel más bajo desde que se tiene registro hace una década.

[Brazil builds walls around Rio de Janeiro slums](#)

Officials say the wall is to protect the remaining native forest but critics fear the move could be seen as discriminatory and become a blemish symbolizing Brazil's deep divisions between rich and poor.

[Brazil soy growers fear green backlash, plant trees](#)

Soybean farmer Clovis Cortezia has started replanting native rainforest trees on his farm to meet demands of international buyers keen to be environmentally responsible. He said he needed to do so in order to obtain bank financing.

[Brazil wants developing country climate targets](#)

Work on a new U.N. deal on global warming is threatened by a "climate apartheid" between rich and poor countries, and emerging economies must do their part by setting emissions targets, Brazil's environment minister said.

[Carry on up the Amazon?](#)

Can you visit the world's greatest ecosystem without contributing to its destruction? John O'Mahony heads into the Brazilian jungle to find out

[Disney offshoot to plant a tree for every ticket sold for Earth](#)

Disneynature pledges to plant trees in the Brazilian Atlantic forest to mark release of feature-length remix of the landmark Planet Earth television documentary series.

[Green aims in the Amazon](#)

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva: Brazil is showing how developing countries can complement the rich in tackling climate change.

[Land rights victory for Amazon Indians in Brazil](#)

In what is being hailed as a victory for indigenous groups in the Brazilian Amazon, Brazil's Supreme Court sided with Indians from the Raposa Serra do Sol reservation in a 30-year land dispute with large-scale farmers in the northern state of Roraima.

[Searching for the Amazon's greatest wildlife jewel](#)

John O'Mahony takes a trip up the Amazon and paddles through the water-logged rainforests in search of the rare white Uakari monkey.

[Will palm oil drive deforestation in the Amazon?](#)

Already a significant driver of tropical forest conversion across southeast Asia, oil palm expansion could emerge as threat to the Amazon rainforest due to a proposed change in Brazil's forest law, new infrastructure, and the influence of foreign companies in the region.

Cameroon

[Experts brainstorm on forest/land tenure management](#)

With the increase in demand for arable land prompted by the increase in demand for bio-fuel, the Forest Governance Learning Group, GREG-Forêt, held a lunch seminar on forest and land governance in Africa.

[Live around Ngovayang forest](#)

Environmental experts have started implementing field level micro-projects aimed at improving the livelihood of people living in and around the Ngovayang Forest.

Canada

[Forest watchdog to investigate timber waste in B.C.](#)

The watchdog Forest Practices Board has been asked to investigate how much wood is being left behind in B.C. forests by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

[Forestry decline threatens power plants](#)

The largest biomass power plant in North America is running short of fuel. In the past few weeks, EPCOR Power's Williams Lake facility watched as the town's six forestry mills halted production, drying up their source for cheap, local wood waste that has fed their operation for 15 years.

[Forestry giants eyeing 'black liquor'](#)

Canadian forestry giants Domtar and AbitibiBowater are seeking millions of dollars in U.S. tax credits by transforming an alternative fuel called black liquor derived from pulp-making into much-needed cash.

[«La forêt, c'est notre GM à nous au Québec»](#)

“Vous savez, la forêt, c'est notre GM à nous au Québec. Donc, que cette entreprise puisse passer au travers la crise, c'est bien. Il ne faut pas perdre notre expertise. Il y a des créneaux qui vont devenir beaucoup moins intéressants, mais plein d'autres sont à développer.”

[Lignol's ethanol ambitions fueled by fresh funding](#)

Lignol Energy has scored a fresh round of government funding that the tiny company hopes will advance its big ambition of making fuel and valuable chemicals from forest and farm waste.

Chile

[The strange forests that drink — and eat — fog](#)

Several forests around the world use fog to get critical moisture and nutrients.

China

[Chinese try to curb 'plague of desert rats' in Tibet with contraceptives](#)

Pika, relation of the rabbit, blamed for increasing desertification. But experts claim rodents help sustain biodiversity.

[Decline in global demand for forest products reduces timber prices in China](#)

Sawlog prices in China declined for the first time in three years because of reduced demand for lumber, panels and paper products both domestically and from export markets.

[Developments in China's forestry sector](#)

Some developments in China's forestry sector, according to statistics released by the State Forestry Administration.

[Taiwanese environmentalist helping Xinjiang stem desertification](#)

A Taiwanese environmentalist has organized a 15-member team to join his ambitious project to stop the expansion of the Taklamakan Desert in China's Xinjiang province through reforestation.

Côte d'Ivoire

[Mobilisation inédite pour sauvegarder une forêt et ses singes](#)

Réservoir de biodiversité et refuge de primates en voie d'extinction, la forêt des marais de Tanoé, dans l'extrême sud-est de la Côte d'Ivoire, suscite une mobilisation inédite dans le pays pour la défendre contre un projet de plantation industrielle.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

[Campagne africaine pour les forêts du Congo...](#)

Les forêts tropicales du bassin du fleuve Congo, deuxième plus importantes forêts anciennes après l'Amazonie sont aujourd'hui en grand danger. L'occasion pour Greenpeace de rappeler que l'avenir de notre climat se joue aussi en Afrique.

Ecuador

[Deforestación de Amazonia ecuatoriana podría eliminar sus bosques nativos en 50 años](#)

Por cuenta de la industria maderera y petrolera, se estima que cada año se destruyen cerca de 200.000 hectáreas de naturaleza virgen.

[Ecuador tops in protecting rain forest](#)

Ecuador has protected the largest percentage of its share of the Amazon rain forest and Peru the least, a study indicates.

Finland

[Finnish wooden houses use less energy than stone houses](#)

According to measurements of tens of houses carried out in the City of Oulu, a wooden house uses 5–6 per cent less energy than a stone house. This is due to air-tightness.

[People in Upper Lapland want to resolve forest disputes](#)

A recent study indicates that a majority of the people in Upper Lapland would resolve the forest disputes. But not all of them, doubt the researchers.

France

[L'exploitation de la forêt privée: un enjeu public](#)

Produire 1,7 million de m³ cubes supplémentaires de bois par an en Franche-Comté d'ici 2012, tel est l'objectif assigné par l'État aux forêts régionales pour développer les énergies renouvelables et réduire nos émissions de carbone de 20% d'ici 2020.

[La forêt de Grassac sous haute surveillance](#)

L'incendie qui s'est déclaré dimanche, en fin d'après midi, dans la forêt de Grassac, dans le canton de Montbron a fait l'objet d'une étroite surveillance, y compris durant la nuit de dimanche à lundi. Les sapeurs-pompiers sont restés en alerte pour prévenir tout nouveau départ de feu.

[RDC: Greenpeace demande à Sarkozy de revoir sa position sur les forêts](#)

L'ONG Greenpeace a demandé au président français Nicolas Sarkozy, en visite jeudi à Kinshasa, de revoir sa position sur les forêts tropicales africaines qu'il avait qualifiées de matière première "extraordinaire".

Gambia

[Forestry director calls for attitudinal change](#)

The director of the Forestry department has stressed the need for attitudinal change amongst Gambians towards the sustainable management of the country's forestry resources.

[Protect our forest](#)

The department of state responsible for Forestry should put in place stringent measures to monitor those it licenses to venture into the log trade to ensure that they operate on the basis of good practice.

Ghana

[Newmont & Adamus Resources face opposition from mining coalition](#)

The National Coalition on Mining (NCOM) has appealed to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw the permits granted to companies to mine in the Ajenua Bepo Forest and Teleku-Bokazo.

Haiti

[Haïti, exemple extrême de déforestation et de perturbation du cycle de l'eau](#)

Les collines lunaires qui entourent les Gonaïves (nord de Haïti) offrent un exemple extrême de déforestation qui perturbe gravement le cycle de l'eau et favorise les catastrophes naturelles dans le pays le plus pauvre du continent américain.

Honduras

[Honduras se quedará sin pinos en 50 años](#)

El bondadoso bosque de pino y encino (roble) podría desaparecer del territorio hondureño dentro de 50 años, si todos los sectores involucrados en el tema no adoptan un plan de reforestación y protección.

[Reportan 196 incendios en bosques de Honduras](#)

Los gases emitidos provocan enfermedades respiratorias en la población, además dificultan la visibilidad aérea y disminuyen las fuentes de agua

India

[Deodar sighs in Bhaderwah](#)

Green gold is dwindling in this reserve forest area and concrete structures are coming up without any check using the local timber. The timber used in these structures is usually illegal. Bhaderwah is known for deodar but it may soon disappear...

[Illegal deforestation in Doda](#)

Forests have been shrinking in erstwhile district Doda at an alarming speed, while the field staff and of course the armed protectors 'Forest Protection Force' are mute spectators to the green felling as well as timber smuggling.

Indonesia

[Greenpeace accuses Sinar Mas corporation of violence toward its protestors](#)

The organization states that Sinar Mas corporation security guards "brutally kicked and punched" peaceful protestors in Jakarta, and activists had chained themselves to the entrance of Sinar Mas headquarters and hung a banner labeling the corporation a 'Forest and Climate Criminal'.

[Indonesia must boost palm yields to save forests](#)

Indonesia needs to squeeze far higher yields from existing palm oil plantations rather than open up more land in a country with some of the world's swiftest deforestation.

[Indonesia's Sinar Mas defends palm oil expansion](#)

Sinar Mas Group, one of Indonesia's top palm oil growers, denied accusations that its activities were damaging the environment and said it would stick to plans to expand its plantations.

[Rash of tiger attacks linked to deforestation by large paper corporation APP](#)

Despite the Sumatran tiger's vulnerability, large-scale deforestation continues in its habitat mostly under the auspices of one of the world's largest paper companies, Asian Pulp and Paper (APP).

[REDD in Indonesia could evict forest people from their lands, warns U.N. committee](#)

Without safeguards, REDD could mimic logging concessions in Indonesia, a model fraught with corruption and conflicts over land, say indigenous rights' groups.

Kenya

[Aumentan las pérdidas financieras por la deforestación en Kenia](#)

Las últimas estimaciones indican que los incendios en Kenia van a afectar aún más los efectos de la deforestación en el país. Las pérdidas financieras en los sectores del turismo, la energía y la industria del té se estiman en 300 millones de dólares anuales.

[Fire in Kenya threatens some of the world's most beloved parks](#)

Started by arsonists, fires have swept through Kenya's Great Rift valley, home to some of the world's most treasured parks and millions of Kenyans already suffering from long-term drought.

[Wildlife flee Kenyan forest fires](#)

Hundreds of thousands of flamingos and other wildlife are at risk after five forest fires erupted in Kenya on Saturday, say wildlife officials.

[Wildlife trapped by Kenyan bush fire](#)

Game wardens fear wildlife is trapped in the crater of an extinct Kenyan volcano that was engulfed by a bush fire.

Latvia

[Latvia 'will have to control spending'](#)

The country will be looking at traditional industries such as forestry to help it recover from the recession.

Liberia

["Blood Timber" for sale! - Stop the practice says Greenpeace](#)

Marred by a bloody history, many Liberians not only lost their lives but also resources like diamonds, and timber that was illegally logged during the conflict, and shipped to Italy in February 2009.

Madagascar

[Armed men pillage Madagascar's forests](#)

Madagascar's unique flora and fauna could be devastated during the political instability the island is experiencing.

[Madagascar forest defenders send S.O.S.](#)

Eleven groups doing conservation work or biological research in Madagascar have issued a joint statement decrying a surge in raids on the country's national parks for valuable timber, smuggling of rare wildlife and other activities abetted by the unrest and political instability there.

[Madagascar's turmoil spills into forests](#)

A host of reports from Madagascar indicate that environmental turmoil, including raids on parks for rosewood, is rising in the wake of political upheaval in that remarkable island nation

[Scramble to log Madagascar's valuable rainforest trees in midst of crisis](#)

Armed gangs are logging rosewood and other valuable hardwoods from Marojejy and Masoala parks in Madagascar following abandonment of posts by rangers in the midst of the island nation's political crisis.

Malaysia

[Malaysian palm oil targets the Amazon](#)

Malaysia's Land Development Authority will soon break ground on a joint venture with a Brazilian firm to establish 30,000-100,000 hectares of oil palm plantations in the heart of the Amazon rainforest.

[Malaysia tiger park plan attacked](#)

Conservationists have attacked a Malaysian plan to set up a tiger park on the resort island of Penang.

[Wildlife under threat](#)

At the rate of deforestation and habitat fragmentation, Malaysians will have to brace for more human-wildlife conflicts. The northern and eastern districts of Johor can expect to experience more intrusions of elephants, in particular, into plantations and other farm land.

Mexico

[Máscaras de Ozomatlán padecen la crisis y deforestación del lugar](#)

La madera con las que las elaboran es traída desde Puebla porque en la zona ya no hay

Namibia

[CCF promotes alternative energy usage](#)

The Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is producing alternative energy by turning invader bush into high-density wooden logs.

[Ten dollars for a 200-year-old tree](#)

Despite the investment of millions of donor dollars, the permit system in Namibia's Community Forests has failed dismally, say biodiversity experts. Illegal logging in the inland Kavango is more alive than ever.

Nigeria

[Borno assembly to outlaw tree felling](#)

The Borno State House of Assembly has begun the process of enacting a law that will make it illegal for trees to be cut down by any one for use as fire wood.

[Lagos, fade in partnership to fight desert encroachment](#)

The impact of desertification could be very devastating so much that it has continued to task environmental scientists and conservationists. It promotes a host of calamities ranging from biodiversity losses, declining soil fertility, massive destruction of arable land, depletion of water resources and global warming.

[Lagos partners FADE to fight desertification](#)

Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE), a non-governmental organization, is organising a four-week endurance expedition to London en-route the Sahara desert from Lagos.

[Nigeria records highest deforestation rate in Africa](#)

At 3.5 per cent annually, the rate of deforestation in Nigeria is the highest in Africa.

Norway

[Norway emerges as champion of rainforest conservation](#)

Scandinavian country with population 1.5 percent that of the United States is the biggest international funder of rainforest conservation.

Paraguay

[Brazilian rancher greeted by 'illegal' advert](#)

A Brazilian rancher destroying uncontacted Indians' land in Paraguay has today arrived in that country to be greeted with a national newspaper advert denouncing his actions as 'illegal'.

[Diputados rechaza deforestación cero](#)

La Cámara de Diputados rechazó el proyecto de ley de deforestación cero en el Alto Paraguay. El plan pretendía frenar la tala indiscriminada de bosques que apelió el ecosistema del pantanal chaqueño.

[Evitar la deforestación en Paraguay, sugiere experto del Banco Mundial](#)

El Chaco paraguayo está siendo masivamente deforestado para la expansión de la frontera agrícola ganadera. Esta práctica no es recomendada por el economista del Banco Mundial (BM), Pablo Fajnzylber, quien sugiere un mecanismo de retribución para todos los que conserven sus bosques.

[Insisten en aumentar la producción ganadera](#)

Durante una reunión con el Foro de Articulación Chaqueña (Acha), productores agrícolas y ganaderos de la zona manifestaron su preocupación sobre una deforestación cero.

Peru

[New report confirms uncontacted tribe has been fleeing to Brazil](#)

Some of the world's last uncontacted Indians have been fleeing from Peru to Brazil in order to escape illegal logging.

[Perú último en cuidado de bosques](#)

Según estudio divulgado por el diario O Estado de Sao Paulo, el Perú ostenta el triste galardón de ser el país con la menor superficie de bosque protegido.

Poland

[Poland reverses to spare wetland](#)

Poland has proposed a new route for a disputed motorway to save a pristine wetland, the environment minister says.

Portugal

[Asfova pide mayor promoción para los pinos piñoneros ibéricos](#)

El pino piñonero (*Pinus pinea*) es actualmente una de las especies forestales más importantes, ya que juega un papel preponderante en la economía de algunas regiones de la Península Ibérica. Esta importancia radica en la producción de piñones, producto apreciado en la industria agroalimentaria.

[Incendie circonscrit dans le nord du Portugal, forêt classée épargnée](#)

L'incendie qui menaçait depuis dimanche une forêt de chênes séculaires en plein coeur du Parc national Peneda-Gerês, dans le nord du Portugal, a été circonscrit lundi en fin d'après-midi après avoir brûlé plus de 400 hectares, a-t-on appris auprès des services de secours.

Rwanda

[Country targets 100 percent access to clean water by 2012](#)

By 2012, all Rwandans should have access to clean water, the Minister of State in Charge of Energy and Water, Dr. Albert Butare has pledged.

[How to hug trees instead of burning them](#)

Imagine a warehouse which covers the area of a football pitch, and which is a 100 meters high. Now imagine 11 of such warehouses, and think about the quantity of wood required to completely fill all of them; now you have an idea of the annual consumption of fuel for cooking by Rwandan families.

Sierra Leone

[Journalists endorse conservation of forest](#)

Journalists in the Gola Forest's three operational districts of Kenema, Kailahun and Pujehun have signed a communiqué, indicating their fullest support for the preservation of the forest.

[Leopard found in Gola forest](#)

Officers of the Gola Forest Programme, operating in the southeast of the country, have confirmed the discovery of a leopard, pygmy hippo, zebra duiker, and bongo among others, animals they have not noticed in the reserve for a very long time.

Somalia

[Disaster warning as drought worsens in Puntland](#)

More and more people in Somalia's self-declared autonomous region of Puntland are relying on water trucking as the drought that has gripped the region worsens.

Spain

[Científicos españoles comprarán 100.000 hectáreas para conservar el Amazonas](#)

Una ONG creada por científicos españoles planea adquirir más de 100.000 hectáreas en la Amazonía Central para crear una reserva natural gestionada por las comunidades indígenas que preserve una de las zonas con mayor diversidad biológica del planeta.

[El 60% de las empresas de la Administración pública no utiliza papel reciclado, según un estudio](#)

Por el contrario, se constata una elevada implantación de esta práctica en el caso de la empresa privada, con porcentajes del 60 por ciento.

[El Gobierno aprueba el Plan de Apoyo a la Industria de la Madera y el Mueble](#)

Plan, que cuenta con una dotación económica de 77 millones de euros, pretende potenciar la competitividad y transformación de un sector que cuenta con un enorme peso específico dentro de nuestra economía, con 36.781 empresas.

[La Fundación Biodiversidad colabora en la plantación de 75.000 árboles](#)

“Cien millones de árboles en la Península Ibérica” es el proyecto que la Fundación Más Árboles propone para todas las regiones españolas a través de una red de voluntarios, con el horizonte de 2012.

[Las plantas que más CO2 captan primarán en las reforestaciones](#)

Encinas, acebuches y pinos conforman el grupo de especies más vulnerables al cambio climático · Los bosques del interior 'migrarán' hacia a las cumbres

[Los montes y la cultura forestal](#)

Cabe hacer alguna reflexión sobre la actual cultura forestal, sobre las políticas y no políticas forestales y en consecuencia, analizar cómo hemos establecido una nueva relación monte-sociedad, que hasta hace unas décadas era casi puramente económica, para pasar, tras las recientes épocas de cambio socioeconómico y desarrollo urbano e industrial, a otra de carácter ambiental.

[Los peregrinos contribuirán a reforestar el Camino de Santiago](#)

En otoño todos los peregrinos que quieran podrán recorrer los más de 700 kilómetros del Camino de Santiago (por territorio español) plantando árboles con un sencillo movimiento: lanzando una semilla envuelta en barro, que germinará en un 2% de los casos.

[Martínez Guijarro afirma que Castilla-La Mancha es pionera en la gestión forestal sostenible](#)

Según datos del último Inventario Forestal Nacional, la superficie forestal de Castilla-La Mancha asciende a 3.565.000 hectáreas, cerca del 45% de su territorio, lo que significa además el 13% de la superficie forestal del territorio español.

[Medio Ambiente invertirá 32 millones en dos años en preservar los bosques de Almería](#)

Consejería de Medio Ambiente tiene previsto invertir en los próximos dos años un total de 31,7 millones de euros en Almería, actuando en más de 8.500 hectáreas de las principales sierras de la provincia y que, por otra parte, generarán 127.500 jornales a través de los trabajos de mejora previstos en los bosques almerienses.

[Retenidos 72 camiones procedentes de Portugal con madera de pino afectada por el nemotodo](#)

El nematodo de pino es una enfermedad muy extendida por Portugal, que seca este tipo de árboles de manera muy rápida y está causada por un gusano de un milímetro de longitud.

[Un laboratorio clona cerezos para garantizar una madera de alta calidad](#)

Un laboratorio de Castilla y León aplica desde hace casi tres años un sistema de cultivo "in vitro" de cerezos, que obtiene clones exactamente iguales de ejemplares seleccionados por sus especiales características, y que proporciona madera de calidad a aquellos que quieran repoblar sus tierras.

[WWF y Coca-Cola rescatarán tres afluentes del río Guadiana](#)

La recuperación de los ecosistemas del proyecto incluirá la reforestación de más de 25.000 plantones de diferentes especies autóctonas, como alcornoques, encinas, madroños y enebros, que potenciarán la biodiversidad.

Sudan

[Drought may further threaten Darfur peace](#)

The competition for water and fertile land is considered a driving force behind the violence that has killed more than 300,000 people in Darfur since 2003, according to the United Nations.

Switzerland

[Face à l'avancée des forêts, les surfaces agricoles perdent du terrain](#)

Les agriculteurs dénoncent l'obsession écologique qui «mange» leurs terres.

Thailand

[200 rai of forest encroached on](#)

At least 200 rai of the Khao Wong National Forest have been encroached on and sold to investors at Bt1,000-Bt10,000 per rai, villagers said yesterday, urging state officials to punish the wrongdoers.

Uganda

[Acode unfair to NFA on forest degradation](#)

A report by Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE) a local NGO, is reported to have blamed National Forestry Authority (NFA) for deforestation of forest reserves.

[Government should intervene to stop loss of forest cover](#)

Between 1990 and 2005, Uganda lost 26.3% of its forest cover, or around 1,297,000 hectares.

[Government should save Kalangala forest reserves](#)

Despite the massive advocacy by environmentalists about the importance of Kalangala forest reserve, the Government has continued its projects there.

[Tree project starts in four east districts](#)

The Uganda Wildlife Authority has started a tree-planting campaign in four districts bordering Mt. Elgon National Park. The move is aimed at restoring the forests in the heavily encroached areas.

United Kingdom

[Arboretum has a touch of Oz wizardry](#)

Eucalyptus woods in Wales? Where's the koalas?

[British firm barcodes trees to save the world's forests](#)

A system developed by Helveta will prevent illegal logging by keeping track of timber

[David Hockney, the fallen beech trees and the lost canvas](#)

Artist's plan to paint all four seasons curtailed. Century-old copse felled to sell valuable timber.

[G20 summit: Prince convenes rainforest meeting](#)

The Prince of Wales is to meet G20 leaders in London for an "emergency meeting" on the future of rainforests.

[Grass fire arson crackdown begins](#)

A fire service targeting people who light grass and gorse fires has been dealing with a 20-acre (eight hectare) blaze on a mountainside.

[Jungle gym](#)

If you want to be a primate researcher, you need to know how to spot a plastic snake at five paces.

[New action to combat grass fires](#)

An operation aimed at reducing the number of grass fires in the Rhondda valleys, south Wales over the Easter period is due to be launched.

[Planting trees amid chaos of war](#)

In the Tree Garden of Kilravock Castle is what looks like a giant octopus.

[Rob Roy rides again](#)

Forestry Glen Arklet goes against the essence of what makes Scotland unique. Locals should evoke the spirit of Rob Roy.

[Trudie Styler: why I had to use my celebrity to try to save the rainforest](#)

The film producer, champion of ecological causes and wife of Sting, talks about the environmental outrage at the heart of her new screen project, and why - as a frequent flyer - she dismisses carbon offsetting as 'a crock'.

United States of America

[92,000 Acres Sold in Adirondacks, With Protection Pledge](#)

The Nature Conservancy has sold 92,000 acres of forest in the Adirondacks to a Danish pension fund as part of a long-term strategy to protect the land from development.

[Carbonfund reforestation project takes major step in reducing global warming emissions](#)

The project helps restore the area's native bottomland hardwood forests and wetland habitat. The Tensas National Wildlife Refuge is home to an estimated 400 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish.

[Congress approves landmark conservation bill](#)

The measure would set aside about 2 million acres - parks, rivers, streams, desert, forest and trails - in nine states as new wilderness and render them off limits to oil and gas drilling and other development.

[East Maui forest survey uncovers rare finds](#)

A survey of Maui's Ko'olau Forest Reserve has documented new populations of several plant species thought to be near extinction, and the discovery of what scientists believe is a new plant species found only in East Maui.

[Fund created for fighting wildfires](#)

The House voted 412 to 3 to create a fund to cover the costs of combating major wildfires. President Obama's budget proposal included \$357 million for a similar fund.

[If a tree doesn't fall in the forest, who gets paid?](#)

Getting paid to log the Adirondacks is fine by Peter Stein. Just like getting paid not to log. And maybe even someday getting paid for keeping forests intact as a home to wildlife, to cleanse air and water, and fight climate change.

[Landowners help with pine forest recovery](#)

A heavily damaged area of forest was the site of the opening of an Interpretive Nature Trail and will be used to show post-Katrina landowners that forest recovery is possible. The trail will be used to educate landowners in a hands-on way how to replant forests using longleaf-pine restoration.

[Loggers try to adapt to greener economy](#)

People who have long fought to clear-cut verdant slopes are trying to reposition themselves for a more environmentally friendly economy, motivated by changing political interests, the federal stimulus package and sheer desperation.

[Machine makes wood chips a coal substitute](#)

North Carolina State University scientists say they've created a machine that turns wood chips into a coal substitute by using a process called torrefaction.

[New data track evolution of a landscape](#)

A newly updated study by the University of Connecticut shows not only steady growth of development and loss of forest and agricultural land, but also exactly how, where and why.

[Obama promulga crucial ley de conservación en EEUU](#)

El presidente de Estados Unidos, Barack Obama, promulgó una crucial ley de conservación de tierras y reservas de agua, apartando millones de acres como áreas protegidas en una medida aplaudida por los medio ambientalistas.

[Plant communities changing across the globe, says scientist Sasha Wright](#)

An interview with Sasha Wright, a graduate student studying plant ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Mongabay.com's third in a new series of interviews with Young Scientists'

[Rainforest Alliance accredited for voluntary carbon standard \(VCS\)](#)

The Rainforest Alliance has received accreditation from the American National Standards Institute for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies and a necessary requirement for approval to the Voluntary Carbon Standard (VCS).

[State may have brief window to slow loss of working forests to development](#)

Today's slumping economy and housing market may reduce, temporarily, the insistent economic forces on Washington's private forestland owners to give up the cycle of harvesting and replanting trees in favour of converting the land to other uses, such as lots for houses.

[Texas is second to Alaska in acres of forest land](#)

The Texas Forest Service said initial results of the first inventory outside East Texas indicate that the state has 60 million acres of forest land. That ranks second to Alaska and is about 23 percent of the forestation in the southern U.S.

[US wilderness conservation law hailed as 'new dawn for American heritage'](#)

California's Sierra Nevada and Jefferson National Forest in Virginia among 2m acres of land to get highest level of protection.

[Wilderness bill clears the House on its second go-round](#)

The House of Representatives voted Wednesday to grant wilderness status to two million acres of public land in nine states from California to West Virginia, the largest expansion of protected national wild lands in 15 years.

Venezuela

[El parque más grande del mundo](#)

El Parque Nacional El Caura, será el área selvática protegida más grande y más valiosa del mundo, sería el mayor tributo a la vida hecho por la humanidad en toda la historia, un gran aporte para evitar el incremento del calentamiento global y el primer parque nacional decretado por el Gobierno Bolivariano.

Viet Nam

[Deforestation rampant as authorities dither](#)

Those assigned to protect forests turn a blind eye, or worse still, abet illegal logging.

[Forests liberally sacrificed for timber, farmland](#)

The sounds of the forest are completely drowned in the roaring and buzzing of electric saws that are felling huge nghien trees that flourish in more than 400 hectares of limestone forest in Na Ri District's Hao Nghia Commune in the northern province of Bac Kan.

[Wood industry aims products at domestic buyers](#)

Association statistics show the wood processing industry had a total export turnover of about US\$500 million during the first three months of this year, down 22.9 per cent on a year.

Zambia

[Government to restructure Forestry Dept to address deforestation](#)

Government says it is in the process of restructuring the Forestry Department to make it more effective in monitoring and assessing the extent of deforestation in the country.

World

[Advancements in satellite technology will help scientists and policy makers map and monitor forest carbon](#)

Effective mapping and monitoring of forest carbon stores is absolutely key to any mechanism that compensates countries for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

[As climate changes, is water the new oil?](#)

If water is the new oil, is blue the new green?

[Asia climate policy on track](#)

Asia's biggest carbon emitters face dual challenges this year that risk undermining their fight against climate change -- a global recession that's crippling domestic business and elections in a pivotal year.

[Away with the grey](#)

Leading ecologists say that the greening of cities is not only good for our health, but will also cut public costs and spur economic growth.

[Biochar: much is unknown but this is no reason to rule it out](#)

Biochar - where wood and crop wastes are cooked to release the volatile components buried in the soil - is a cheap and highly beneficial way of disrupting the global carbon cycle.

[Call for tougher laws to tackle illegal logging](#)

Environment Secretary Hilary Benn called today for tougher European laws to tackle illegal logging. He wants to make it an offence to import illegally produced timber into the European Union.

[Can carbon credits from REDD compete with palm oil?](#)

To become a reality REDD still faces a number of challenges, not least of which is economic competition from other forms of land use.

[Climate change: good and bad for wetlands](#)

Scientists say rising levels of carbon dioxide might result in a rise in sea levels but might also help coastal wetlands survive such an event.

['Crunch year' for world's forests](#)

Efforts to mitigate climate change could be hampered if nations do not agree to protect the world's forests by the end of the year, warn researchers.

[Deforestation: a threat to life on Earth](#)

Forests are widely called as Earth's lungs, but rapid growth of human population has forced the lungs to reduce to half of its original size. Alarming rate of deforestation, if continued, will soon bring life to an end on the Earth.

[DR Congo, Indonesia, PNG, Tanzania, Vietnam win REDD funding for forest conservation](#)

The United Nation's REDD Program has approved \$18 million in support of forest conservation projects in the five pilot countries.

[EarthWatch: deforestation prevention needed now](#)

Attempts to moderate the world's climate change could be hindered if nations do not band together to safeguard the world's forests by the end of 2009.

[Ecologistas piden mayor compromiso en la lucha contra la deforestación](#)

Grupos ecologistas pidieron a autoridades, con motivo de la celebración del Día Forestal que tendrá lugar mañana, que se comprometan en la lucha contra la deforestación al considerar que los bosques son "muy importantes en la lucha contra el cambio climático".

[Forests could undermine carbon market](#)

Carbon market prices could tumble by 75 percent if credits for safeguarding forests are added to markets for industrial emissions.

[Foro alternative pide al BID no financiar proyectos que amenacen Amazonía](#)

La Asamblea de los Pueblos pidió al Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo que se abstenga de financiar proyectos que pongan en peligro la Amazonía, al considerar que el bosque tropical más grande de América se encuentra en un "punto irreversible".

[Global warming 37 percent to blame for droughts](#)

Global warming is more than a third to blame for a major drop in rainfall that includes a decade-long drought in Australia and a lengthy dry spell in the United States.

[La conservación de bosques puede desplomar el precio del CO2 si se incorpora a los mercados de carbono, según Greenpeace](#)

La 'deforestación evitada' podría desplomar hasta en un 75 por ciento los precios de CO2 si se incorpora a los mercados de carbono y desbarataría los esfuerzos globales para frenar el calentamiento global.

[Las plantas de segunda generación de biocombustibles sustituyen los cultivos por paja o Madera](#)

Alemania, el primer productor mundial de biodiésel *antiguo*, ha marcado la pauta con la primera refinería que saca fuel de la madera. Y el Reino Unido abrió en enero un Centro de Bioenergía Sostenible para obtenerlo de residuos agrícolas, desechos leñosos, algas marinas y microbios alterados.

[Le biochar: une nouvelle menace pour la planète?](#)

Depuis quelques temps, on parle beaucoup de biochar dans les réunions et sommets où on l'on s'agite pour trouver des solutions au réchauffement climatique. Le biochar, qu'est-ce que c'est? En quoi est-ce une nouvelle fumisterie?

[Mettre la forêt sur le marché du carbone serait catastrophique](#)

Financer la lutte contre la déforestation par le marché du carbone entraînerait un effondrement des cours et nuirait à la lutte contre le réchauffement climatique.

[Péril brun sur la forêt amazonienne](#)

Vision. Sous l'effet du changement climatique, la plus grande forêt tropicale risque de se dessécher... et d'aggraver le phénomène.

[Protecting watersheds secures freshwater and saves billions of dollars](#)

Not only do protected watersheds provide clean and easy-access water for many of the world's largest cities, their protection also saves billions of dollars.

[Rain forest-saving credits may cut carbon-emission prices](#)

Awarding tradable credits to countries that reduce deforestation will cause carbon prices to plummet worldwide and may make global warming worse by pulling investors away from renewable energy.

[Satellites and Google Earth prove potent conservation tool](#)

Armed with vivid images from space and remote sensing data, scientists, environmentalists, and armchair conservationists are now tracking threats to the planet and making the information available to anyone with an Internet connection.

[Shell dumps wind, solar and hydro power in favour of biofuels](#)

The Anglo-Dutch oil company plans to invest more in biofuels which environmental groups blame for driving up food prices and deforestation.

[The lure of treehouses](#)

If you go down to the woods you'll see an array of arboreal abodes.

[Weatherwatch](#)

Without the Sahara desert, the Amazon rainforest wouldn't exist. Every year around 40m tonnes of dust is swept up from north Africa and come to rest in the Amazon basin in South America. This dust is the main source of minerals for the Amazon rainforest, fertilising the soil and keeping the rainforest healthy.

[We never said biochar is a miracle cure](#)

George Monbiot's implication that we believe biochar is a miracle solution to CO2 reduction is grossly misunderstood.

[Woodchips with everything. It's the Atkins plan of the low-carbon world](#)

The latest miracle mass fuel cure, biochar, does not stand up; yet many who should know better have been suckered into it.

[WWF apuesta por un nuevo modelo de desarrollo que refuerce el papel de los bosques en la economía](#)

WWF hace una llamada de atención a la sociedad, a los responsables políticos y al sector económico para reinventar un modelo de desarrollo que apueste por la recuperación y el uso sostenible de los bosques.

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