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Forthcoming Events

April

[Conferencia Mundial de los Pueblos sobre el Cambio Climático y los Derechos de la Madre Tierra](#)
Cochabamba, Bolivia - 19-22 April 2010

May

[Forestry, Biomass & Sustainability 2010 Conference - Investment opportunities and carbon reductions](#)
London, United Kingdom - 13-14 May 2010

June

[18th Commonwealth Forestry Conference](#)
Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom - 28 June-2 July 2010

August

[Forests for the future: Sustaining society and the environment - 23d World Congress of the International Union of Forest Research Organisations \(IUFRO\)](#)
Seoul, Republic of Korea - 23-28 August 2010

[Short courses for technical personnel: Collecting and processing forest inventory data](#)
Dili (Democratic Republic of East-Timor) - 2-13 August 2010

[Workshop on forest governance, decentralisation and REDD in Latin America](#)
Mexico City, Mexico - 31 August-3 September 2010

September

[World Water Week 2010: The Water Quality Challenge](#)
Stockholm, Sweden - 5-11 September 2010

New Publication

[Silva Mediterranea Newsletter \(April 2010\)](#)

Following recommendations of Mediterranean countries members of the Silva Mediterranea Committee a Silva Mediterranea Newsletter has been published in April 2010 with a special focus on adaptation of Mediterranean Forest to Climate Change. This newsletter can be downloaded in English on <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/en/> and in French on <http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/fr/>

FAO

[ACP-FLEGT Support Programme: Second call for proposals](#)

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations announces the second call for proposals for pilot projects and technical assistance through the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Support Programme for African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP-FLEGT Support Programme). The four-year initiative has two main components: providing assistance to ACP countries in putting the European Union FLEGT Action Plan into practice, and supporting the collection, analysis and dissemination of FLEGT-related information and lessons learned among stakeholder groups in ACP countries.

[21 de marzo, Día Forestal Mundial](#)

El 21 de marzo de cada año es el día seleccionado por los Estados miembros de la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO) para celebrar el Día Forestal Mundial. Esa fecha corresponde al primer día de otoño en el hemisferio sur y el primero de primavera en el hemisferio norte. Desde 1971 se viene celebrando en todo el orbe la importante efeméride.

[Afforestation programs should continue](#)

Tree planting programs in Vietnam, India and China have accounted for most of the recent gains in forest coverage but they are scheduled to end by 2020, a UN official has said.

[China gives birth to giant new forests](#)

Over the last ten years, China's forests have gone through an incredible feat of environmental engineering. With desertification in the western part of the country sending ever more sky-darkening sandstorms blowing into Beijing and the populated east, the government decided to enact a massive reforestation project.

[Deforestación global se desaceleró en la última década: ONU](#)

La deforestación se desaceleró en la última década, en la primera señal de que los esfuerzos de conservación global dan frutos, aunque cada año sigue destruyéndose un área de la extensión de Costa Rica, dijo Naciones Unidas.

[Deforestation continues, but more slowly, report says](#)

Deforestation slowed in the past decade, in the first sign that global conservation efforts are bearing fruit, but an area the size of Costa Rica is still being destroyed each year, the United Nations said.

[Forest loss slows, as China plants and Brazil preserves](#)

The world's net rate of forest loss has slowed markedly in the last decade, with less logging in the Amazon and China planting trees on a grand scale. Yet forests continue to be lost at "an alarming rate" in some countries, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

[Global deforestation slowed over last decade: U.N.](#)

Deforestation slowed in the last decade, in the first sign that global conservation efforts are bearing fruit, but an area the size of Costa Rica is still being destroyed each year, the United Nations said.

[Global pace of deforestation slows: FAO](#)

The worldwide pace of deforestation has slowed down for the first time on record, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said. On a total forest area of four billion hectares, the world lost 13 million hectares of forests per year between 2000 and 2010 - down from around 16 million in the 1990-2000 period, it said in a report.

[Hoy se recuerda el Día Forestal Mundial](#)

En noviembre de 1971, a solicitud de la Confederación Europea de Agricultura, los estados miembros de la FAO apoyaron la idea de que anualmente se celebre, el 21 de marzo, el Día Forestal Mundial.

[La deforestación disminuye en el mundo, pero continúa a ritmo alarmante en muchos países](#)

La deforestación en el mundo, fundamentalmente la conversión de bosques tropicales en tierras agrícolas, ha disminuido en los últimos diez años pero continúa a un ritmo alarmante en muchos países.

[La deforestación ha mermado, pero sigue siendo preocupante, dice FAO](#)

La Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO) advirtió el jueves pasado que, aunque el ritmo de deforestación mundial cedió, sigue siendo motivo de alarma, al señalar que la pérdida neta de regiones verdes tropicales, durante la última década, fue equivalente a un área similar a Costa Rica.

[La déforestation a ralenti dans les années 2000, selon la FAO](#)

La déforestation a ralenti dans le monde ces dix dernières années même si une surface boisée équivalant au Costa Rica continue à être détruite chaque année, montre un rapport de l'Organisation des Nations unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (FAO).

[México reduce su deforestación: FAO](#)

La velocidad de deforestación en México se ha reducido en 35 por ciento durante los últimos cinco años, pero todavía se pierden 155 mil hectáreas de cubierta vegetal por año, informó la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO).

[ONU: se frena la deforestación mundial](#)

La tasa de pérdida de los bosques a nivel mundial a disminuido marcadamente en la última década, con menor tala en el Amazonas y siembra de árboles a gran escala en China.

[Pour la première fois, le rythme de déforestation recule dans le monde](#)

"Pour la première fois", le rythme de déforestation a reculé au cours des dix dernières années dans le monde, même si certains pays maintiennent des taux "alarmants" notamment en Afrique et en Amérique du Sud, a indiqué jeudi la FAO dans son rapport quinquennal.

[Promotion of environmental culture needed in Kuwait](#)

Boosting the environmental culture and consolidation of the voluntary action among all walks of the Kuwaiti life is an important task, the supreme committee on planting one million lote trees in Kuwait stressed. The project coincides with the vision adopted by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) that called on world countries to forestation due to the environmental problems because of lack of trees and the dominating desert climate in what caused an increase in air dryness.

[Recul de la déforestation mondiale, malgré des taux alarmants dans de nombreux pays](#)

La déforestation mondiale, due pour l'essentiel à la conversion des forêts tropicales en terres agricoles, a reculé au cours des dix dernières années mais se poursuit à un rythme alarmant dans de nombreux pays, annonce la FAO.

[Retrocede ritmo de deforestación mundial](#)

A pesar de que algunos países aún mantienen tasas alarmantes de tala forestal, el ritmo de la deforestación del planeta retrocedió por primera vez en los últimos 10 años. Así lo celebró la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO) a partir de su reporte Evaluación de los recursos forestales mundiales 2010.

[UN: forests still disappearing](#)

Ambitious planting programs in Asia and the United States have helped slow the global rate of deforestation but farmers are still cutting trees to clear land at an alarmingly high rate, a U.N. survey shows.

[UN says world deforestation slowing](#)

South America still has the highest regional level of deforestation at four million hectares a year [EPA]

Deforestation slowed in the last decade, in the first sign that global conservation efforts are bearing fruit, but an area the size of Costa Rica is still being destroyed each year, the United Nations has said.

[World deforestation decreases, but remains alarming in many countries](#)

World deforestation, mainly the conversion of tropical forests to agricultural land, has decreased over the past ten years but continues at an alarmingly high rate in many countries, FAO announced.

Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16 - 31 March 2010

Africa

[Bois illégal: un trafic qui reste juteux](#)

Le trafic illégal du bois reste une des principales causes de la déforestation à travers le monde. C'est aussi, au même titre que les « diamants sales » qui ont financé plusieurs conflits notamment en Afrique, un facteur de déstabilisation tant sur le plan local que régional.

[Congo Basin gorillas under mounting threat: report](#)

Gorillas may become near-extinct in Africa's Greater Congo Basin by the mid-2020s unless action is taken to prevent poaching and to protect their habitat, a U.N.-backed report said.

[Gabon's green ambition for Africa](#)

Africa has taken its place on the world stage but its future security depends on equitable, green development.

[Gorillas extinct in ten years in Central Africa?](#)

Gorillas may soon go extinct across much of central Africa, a new United Nations report says. Among the threats are surges in human populations, the ape-meat trade, and logging and mining as well as the spread of the Ebola virus and other diseases, the report says.

[Gorillas in central Africa 'extinct in 20 years'](#)

Gorillas in central Africa are in danger of being wiped out from large parts of their habitat within the next 20 years. A new report from the UN Environmental Programme says logging, mining and hunting are putting gorillas at risk of extinction.

[Ivory bids fall on poaching fears](#)

The UN's wildlife trade organisation has turned down Tanzania's and Zambia's requests to sell ivory, amid concern about elephant poaching.

[Large bloc of African countries oppose plan to relax 21-year ivory sales ban](#)

Tanzania and Zambia proposed sale of more than 100 tonnes of ivory from natural deaths or controlled culling at UN meeting.

[ONU: Gorilas de África central en peligro debido a comercio](#)

Los gorilas de África central están en peligro debido a la deforestación, la minería y los cazadores furtivos que los matan por su carne, de acuerdo con un informe de la ONU e Interpol.

[Planting ideas](#)

Nobel Laureate and founder of the Green belt Movement, Prof. Wangaari Mathaai opens up about how her tree planting initiative has helped stop the desertification of Africa and also empowered poor women across the continent.

[Rare animals are being 'eaten to extinction'](#)

Rare animals, including chimpanzees and gorillas, are being hunted into extinction because of record levels of demand for bush meat, according to a new study.

[Talking about climate change](#)

God, not global emissions, is to blame for climate change, according to a survey conducted in 10 African countries. A close second, however, came deforestation, underlining the argument that there is information available – just not sufficient or effective enough to help people understand the reasons behind environmental issues.

[Wangari Maathai warns on deforestation](#)

A high deforestation rate leaves the soils exposed, increasing the population's vulnerability to the negative impacts of climate change like landslides, Wangari Maathai, an environment activist and Nobel Prize winner, has said.

Argentina

[Buenas perspectivas del sector forestal en 2010](#)

Argentina puede duplicar su superficie de bosques implantados en 10 años y triplicar sus exportaciones de 1.000 a 3.000 millones de dólares, contribuyendo al mismo tiempo a la captación de carbono y otros múltiples beneficios ambientales conocidos.

Brazil

[Brasil prohibirá el carbón vegetal procedente de los bosques para proteger la sabana](#)

El Gobierno de Brasil va a prohibir a partir de 2013 el uso de carbón vegetal procedente de bosques de la sabana, uno de los ecosistemas más amenazados del país, informó el ministro de Medio Ambiente, Carlos Minc. Esta medida se encuadra en un plan de acción anunciado hoy por el Ejecutivo para tratar de frenar la destrucción de esta enorme región al sur de la selva amazónica, de cerca de dos millones de kilómetros cuadrados, que ya ha perdido casi la mitad de su cobertura vegetal.

[Brazil tackles deforestation of its savanna](#)

Brazil's environment minister announced plans to battle deforestation of the savanna region that occupies 24 percent of the country. Officials will use satellites to monitor the ecosystem known as the Cerrado, Minister Carlos Minc said, while imposing fines and offering incentives to encourage preservation of what has become Brazil's main grain-producing area.

[How condoms could save the world's forests](#)

A new programme from the world's largest single buyer of condoms could boost rubber tapping and reduce deforestation.

[Indígenas usan Google para proteger su selva](#)

En amazonía brasileña. Ahora defienden su reserva con lo último de la tecnología. La iniciativa de los nativos suruí se ha convertido en todo un modelo para evitar la depredación de madereros y mineros.

[Indígenas usan la red para proteger la Amazonia](#)

Para los indígenas Suruí, que habitan en la reserva Siete de Septiembre, entre los estados de Rondonia y Acre, vivir de acuerdo a sus tradiciones en la selva no entra en contradicción con el aprovechamiento de las nuevas tecnologías. Es más, ambos estilos de vida se fortalecen el uno al otro.

[Protected species in the Amazon's Cristalino state park](#)

After more than three years of work by Fauna & Flora International (FFI) and other organisations, the management plan for Brazil's 184,000-hectare Cristalino state park has finally been completed. The park, in Mato Grosso, is one of the most biodiverse reserves in the region. But lack of management means it remains under serious threat from fire and illegal logging.

Canada

[B.C. Liberals introduce tree-planting act to fight climate change](#)

The B.C. government has introduced legislation that says an equal area of trees will be planted as is cleared from forest land for other uses.

[Lack of snow raises Canadian forest fire concerns](#)

Two Canadian provinces are worried about an early start to this year's forest fire season because of below-normal winter snowfall and dry spring conditions.

China

[Beijing: onslaught of the Mongolian cyclone](#)

Beijing residents awakened Monday to skies the eerie yellow color of a street lamp. It was the second time in three days that the Chinese capital had been scoured by sandstorms that have hit 16 provinces across west, central and north China, affecting nearly one-fifth of the country's 1.3 billion people. In China, the annual sandstorms have been exacerbated by desertification. Agricultural expansion, overgrazing and population growth starting in the 1950s strained already dry regions in western China. By 2004, 27% of the country's landmass suffered from some degree of desertification, according to the Chinese Meteorological Administration.

[Beijing sandstorm: we are experiencing environmental meltdown](#)

The dust blowing in from the western deserts of Xinjiang is the product of over-grazing, deforestation and urban sprawl which, despite the efforts of the Chinese government to invest and regulate, continues to get worse.

[Desert storm blankets most of North China](#)

The sky across North China turned dark yellow over the weekend as the biggest sandstorm this year offered a grim reminder of the impact of the country's worsening desertification.

[Sandstorm blows into Beijing, sparks health warning](#)

Beijing was blanketed in yellow dust this morning as a sandstorm that has been buffeting much of the country's northwest hit the capital, prompting government health warnings. Such storms, exacerbated by soil erosion caused by drought and deforestation, had once been common in the capital.

Colombia

[En casi tres meses, las llamas han consumido 65.744 hectáreas de bosques](#)

Durante lo corrido del 2010, 65.744 hectáreas de bosques fueron afectadas por incendios forestales ocurridos en 397 municipios de 27 departamentos del país. Así lo reporta la Dirección de Gestión del Riesgo del Ministerio del Interior y de Justicia.

Costa Rica

[Preocupa a costarricenses cambio climático causado por el hombre](#)

El cambio climático preocupa a 90 por ciento de los costarricenses, de acuerdo con los datos del Estudio de la Percepción y Actitudes de la Población Costarricense sobre Cambio Climático, fenómeno que, coincidieron, es causado por el hombre. En tal contexto, la contaminación del agua y la del aire, lo mismo que la deforestación son los temas descrito como prioritarios en materia de cambio climático, según las opiniones contenidas en el documento.

Côte d'Ivoire

[Lutte contre la déforestation : Il faut un milliard par an pour protéger nos forêts](#)

Avec le retour de la saison des pluies, la journée mondiale de la terre prévue à Abidjan, sur le plan national, aura un arrière goût amer dû au changement climatique. Le thème, « La préservation de la forêt et de la biodiversité », rappelle en effet le sommet de Copenhague.

Cuba

[Cuba boosts policy against desertification](#)

Studies indicate that, one centimeter thick of soil may need between fifty, a thousand and two thousand years to form, depending on the geographic location. A reason why it is a difficult to be a renewable resource which needs protection like forests, water or air.

[Incendio destruye centenares de hectáreas de bosques](#)

Un incendio en la provincia de Holguín, este de Cuba, causado por un error en una acción de "quemada controlada" consumió 700 hectáreas de bosques antes de ser sofocado, explicaron medios de la defensa civil.

Finland

[Finnish industry, paperworkers agree 2-yr deal](#)

Finnish paper sector employers and workers have agreed on a two-year pay deal that will see a pay raise of 0.5 percent in the first year, The Finnish Forest Industries Federation said.

France

[Déforestation: Casino renonce à son tour à l'huile de palme dans ses produits](#)

Casino supprimera progressivement l'huile de palme de ses produits en marque propre d'ici deux à trois ans, a annoncé jeudi 25 mars le groupe français de distribution. L'utilisation de cette huile est décriée par les ONG environnementales car elle contribue à la déforestation tropicale.

[French retailer Casino to ban use of palm oil](#)

French retailer Casino said it would stop using palm oil in its branded food products in a bid to improve their nutritional quality and due to worries about the environment impact of palm tree cultivation.

[La délocalisation du siège de l'ONF à Compiègne officialisée](#)

La délocalisation du siège parisien de l'Office national des forêts (ONF) à Compiègne (Oise) a été officialisée le 18 mars par la signature d'un protocole d'accord, prévoyant un déménagement fin 2012, a-t-on appris auprès du ministère du Budget et de la Fonction publique.

[Les palettes de manutention jouent la certification du bois](#)

Le loueur LPR a obtenu la certification PEFC qui garantit une gestion écologique des forêts d'approvisionnement. L'aboutissement d'une stratégie verte.

Haiti

[Deforestation, another of the great evils of Haiti](#)

Haiti is currently experiencing a desperate need for housing and jobs following the earthquake of January which devastated parts of the country, not to mention its forests which are under threat now. The rapid consumption of charcoal or wood for energy production threatens to turn the country into a desert, first in the Caribbean region, an area that is not characterized by the dryness of the soil and the lack of vegetation.

[Haiti plans to fight deforestation causing floods and erosion](#)

The Haitian government is studying an action plan to fight deforestation but the recent quake may definitely delay its implementation regardless of the aid some international organisations have promised. Deforestation has made the country very vulnerable to floods which have claimed thousands of Haitian lives in the last years apart from eroding soils and ending with a considerable part of water reserves.

Honduras

[Gobierno creará Gabinete Forestal](#)

En reunión de Consejo de Ministros, el gobierno determinó crear un Gabinete Forestal y emprender una campaña masiva para combatir los incendios en los bosques a nivel nacional.

[Más de mil hectáreas de bosque consumen incendios forestales](#)

Más de 1,065 hectáreas de bosque se han quemado en al menos unos 55 incendios forestales a nivel nacional, reportan autoridades del Instituto de Conservación Forestal (ICF). El jefe del área técnica del ICF, Antonio Barrios, manifestó su preocupación, porque para esta fecha, el año pasado "teníamos el 50 por ciento de lo que ya llevamos registrado el 2010".

India

[Battle over resort 'threatening Andamans tribe'](#)

The Indian Supreme Court is currently considering whether a controversial tourist resort in the Andaman islands should close. The resort is near a forest reserve, which is home to the endangered Jarawa tribe.

[Coal India plants itself out of mining](#)

In a twist in Coal India Ltd's tale, the state-run firm's afforestation drive has turned into a roadblock for its plans to open up new mines in several states. The areas afforested by the company have developed such good green cover that the environment ministry has declared them out of bounds for mining operations.

['Explain deforestation on MIDC land'](#)

The disappearance of a forest in the Thane-Belapur industrial area by tree-felling and dumping of debris has attracted the attention of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) constituted by the Supreme Court to advise it on forest and wildlife-related issues.

[Manmohan for long-term rhino conservation project](#)

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has expressed hope that Assam would soon come forward with a long-term rhino conservation project to protect the animal.

Indonesia

[Cargill menace un producteur d'huile](#)

Le géant américain de l'agro-alimentaire Cargill menace d'arrêter de s'approvisionner auprès du premier producteur indonésien d'huile de palme, accusé par Greenpeace de détruire des forêts tropicales, a-t-on appris jeudi auprès du groupe.

[Greens fear Indonesia forest loss for food estate](#)

Indonesia would have to clear about 700,000 hectares of forest, an area 10 times the size of Singapore, if it proceeds with plans for a vast agricultural estate in Papua province.

[Huile de palme et déforestation: les producteurs sous pression](#)

Après Unilever, Nestlé est le deuxième géant de l'alimentation à sanctionner un grand producteur indonésien d'huile de palme, sous la pression de Greenpeace qui l'accuse de complicité dans la destruction des forêts tropicales.

[Indonesia merging deforestation rules to spur carbon trading](#)

Less than a year after finalizing them, the government is set to untangle regulations aimed at reducing deforestation and forest degradation in a bid to attract carbon-trading investment.

[Indonesia to review forest carbon laws: official](#)

Indonesia has launched a review of laws governing a U.N.-backed carbon trading scheme aimed at preserving rainforests, a forestry ministry official said.

[Indonesia trust fund to tackle rampant deforestation](#)

Indonesia is set to establish a new trust fund to reduce the rapid rate of deforestation in the country. The National Forest Trust Fund will collect money from donor countries, especially developed ones, to finance conservation projects and promote sustainable forest management.

[Indonesia walks a 'tricky' path toward growth and sustainability](#)

Four decades of aggressive development have stripped Indonesia's forests nearly half bare since the time when a young Barack Obama lived there from 1967 to 1971.

[La consommation responsable, ça marche!](#)

Alors que Greenpeace vient de lancer une campagne ciblant les barres Kit Kat, accusées de contribuer à la mort des orang-outans, Nestlé renonce à s'approvisionner auprès du producteur indonésien d'huile de palme responsable de la déforestation.

[Nestlé stars in smear campaign over Indonesian palm oil](#)

Nestlé is fighting a PR battle with Greenpeace over claims that it is continuing to source palm oil from Sinar Mas, the Indonesian company accused of illegal deforestation and peatland clearance.

[RI's mangrove forests shrinks to 2 million ha](#)

Indonesia's mangrove forest area has shrunk from 4.2 million hectares in 1982 to 2 million hectares, according to an NGO. People's Coalition for Justice in Fisheries (Kiara) said the expansion of brackish fishponds was the main cause of the dwindling mangroves.

[Un clip choc contre KitKat](#)

Greenpeace accuse Nestlé de favoriser la déforestation en Indonésie. L'huile de palme de ses sucreries ne serait pas durable.

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

[14 provinces in Iran affected by dust pollution](#)

Head of Iran's Department of Environmental (DoE) Mohammad Javad Mohammadzadeh reiterated that 14 Iranian provinces are entangled with the problem of dust pollution. The regional countries are cooperating in efforts to efficiently manage water resources and prevent desertification.

Ireland

[Conference to be told of benefits of afforestation](#)

Delegates to a conference will be told by the Society of Irish Foresters, the professional body of foresters in Ireland, that with only 10 per cent of land area under forest, Ireland has huge scope to plant more trees.

Lebanon

[Au pays de l'eau, il faut souvent payer pour boire](#)

Rose Hatem doit acheter deux fois par semaine de l'eau pour ses besoins quotidiens. Et pourtant la maison de cette sexagénaire borde la Méditerranée et n'est qu'à une courte distance de l'un des plus longs fleuves du Liban.

[Baalbek saved from floods by UNDP programme](#)

The area of Baalbek-El Hermel has been known for its high risk of floods and desertification that have caused its land to become dangerously infertile.

Malaysia

[Malaisie: du biocarburant partout](#)

La Malaisie, deuxième producteur mondial d'huile de palme, a décidé de commencer à faire rouler tous les véhicules au biocarburant à partir de 2011. L'obligation d'utiliser du biocarburant - un mélange de diesel et de 5% d'huile de palme - sera lancée par phases, selon les régions, à partir de juin 2011, a annoncé le ministère des Matières premières et des Plantations.

[Neste Oil wants key palm supplier to probe forest claim](#)

Finnish refiner Neste Oil wants a major palm oil supplier for its biofuel plants to investigate accusations the Malaysian firm illegally cleared forests on the island of Borneo.

Mexico

[Deforestación amenaza a México con cambio climático](#)

Pese a que la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales afirma que la tasa de deforestación del país es de 260 mil hectáreas por año, datos recientes muestran que perdemos alrededor de medio millón de hectáreas de bosques cada año.

[Piden pago por conservación de bosques en Michoacán](#)

El Consejo de Pueblos del Agua exigió al jefe de Gobierno del DF, Marcelo Ebrard, una retribución económica por la vigilancia y conservación de los bosques que se lleva a cabo en la zona oriente de Michoacán, que es la que abastece el 50 por ciento del agua que se consume en la Ciudad de México.

[Plantea PVEM que la tala ilegal sea delito grave](#)

El Partido Verde Ecologista de México (PVEM) exigió al gobierno federal destinar mayores recursos para combatir la tala ilegal que provoca la deforestación anual de 60 mil hectáreas de bosques y selvas. La secretaria de Ecología y Medio Ambiente del partido, Mariana Boy Tamborrell, consideró urgente que la tala ilegal sea considerado un delito propio del crimen organizado y que se cuente con una policía especializada en materia ambiental.

[Saving the Monarch butterflies' migration](#)

Each year, Monarchs travel South to Mexico, but illegal logging is threatening the butterflies' home - and existence.

[Storms threaten butterflies' winter rest in Mexico](#)

Dense clouds of migrating monarch butterflies used to snap branches and cast shadows across the forests of central Mexico, but severe weather is posing a new threat to the annual phenomenon.

Morocco

[Les écosystèmes forestiers au Maroc fragilisés](#)

La forêt au Maroc, c'est neuf millions d'hectares de biodiversité et de sources de richesses. Le Royaume compterait ainsi quelques 30 écosystèmes forestiers. Mais ce patrimoine vivant est menacé. La forêt marocaine se dégrade et dépérit. La sécheresse y est pour beaucoup, mais la main de l'homme cause bien plus de dégâts.

Nepal

[The invader that is strangling an ecosystem](#)

An invasive plant is emerging as a major problem in a Nepalese national park renowned for protecting endangered wildlife species, say scientists.

Nicaragua

[Incendios han destruido 20.000 hectáreas de bosques en Nicaragua este año](#)

Más de 20.000 hectáreas de bosques y cultivos han sido devastadas este año en Nicaragua por incendios a causa de una severa sequía causada por el fenómeno climático de El Niño, informaron este miércoles las autoridades.

Nigeria

[Late dust storm covers Nigeria](#)

The yellow haze descended across Nigeria, blotting out the sun, canceling airline flights and coating everything with a fine layer of dust. Northern Nigeria is experiencing growing desertification as rising temperatures allow the edge of the Sahara Desert to creep closer to the country. That additional dust adds fuel for the harmattan winds, said Ologunorisa, an expert on climate change.

Pakistan

[Climate change a major focus in NFP](#)

Climate change remains one of the major focus areas in new National Forest Program, launched to enhance forest cover and protect the existing resource. During preparation of the Program, encompassing next 15 to 20 years, the provinces in their input have specifically mentioned to measures like determination of climate trend, implication of climate changes on economic flora and development and implementation of mitigation strategies.

[Is Pakistan ready for water war?](#)

At the very outset I wish I am wrong but the most serious problem that Pakistan could be facing in the next five to ten years would be extreme water scarcity not only due to global warming caused by changes in the weather systems but due to our own failures and, if I may say, follies and criminal negligence as well.

Peru

[Thirsty Peruvians harvesting fog with nets](#)

Catching fog with nets is the solution to water scarcity for people who live beyond the reach of utility lines in this sandy hillside shantytown overlooking Peru's capital, Lima.

Philippines

[Deforestation leads to power crisis](#)

The deteriorating state of Lake Lanao's watershed area contributes to how quickly its water level ebbed with the onslaught of the El Niño phenomenon, government officials said. The officials said the slash and burn (kaingin) method, and cutting of trees attributed a lot to the destruction of the watershed of Lake Lanao.

Russian Federation

[Protesters rally against Lake Baikal's mill operations](#)

Small protests took place across Russia against the reopening of a Lake Baikal paper mill over concerns it was polluting the world's largest freshwater lake.

Singapore

[Singapore jewelers selling tiger parts: report](#)

Some jewelry shops in Singapore are illegally selling tiger parts, helping fuel the disappearance of the big cat from Asia, a local animal protection group said. A three-month investigation by Animal

Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES) found that 59 out of 134 jewelry and antique shops it visited in the Southeast Asian city-state were allegedly selling tiger parts, including claws, teeth and pieces of skin.

South Africa

[Les rhinocéros, cibles d'un braconnage très organisé](#)

Un rhinocéros erre le long de la route dans le parc national Kruger. Sa corne a été tranchée, jusque dans la chair. Première victime des braconniers retrouvée encore vivante dans la plus grande réserve d'Afrique du Sud, l'animal a dû être abattu.

[Tracking down the elusive Knysna elephants](#)

There has not been a confirmed sighting of an elephant in the Knysna forests of South Africa for decades, after they were hunted to the brink of extinction in the early 1900s. But signs of their survival can still be found.

Spain

[Baltasar promete ayudas para retirar la leña del bosque antes del verano](#)

Los expertos creen que el episodio debe servir para modificar la gestión forestal. La Generalitat calcula que la nevada afectó a unas 120.000 hectáreas arboladas.

[El Govern invertirá 21,5 millones en paliar los efectos del temporal de nieve](#)

El conseller de Medio Ambiente y Vivienda, Francesc Baltasar, ha explicado hoy en rueda de prensa tras el Consell de Govern que este paquete de medidas irá destinado a limpiar los bosques, retirar los árboles caídos en los ríos y rieras, así como a restaurar los caminos forestales afectados.

[El temporal abarata la madera y acentúa la crisis de los bosques](#)

El escaso rédito de las zonas forestales resucita la idea de una tasa de acceso. Los propietarios alertan de que sin ayudas no pueden recoger la leña caída.

[El temporal destruyó más de 100.000 hectáreas de bosques](#)

La noche de la nevada los problemas se concentraron en trenes y carreteras. Luego llegó el desastre eléctrico en Girona, que muy poco a poco se va arreglando. Pero el temporal ha dejado otra gigantesca factura en Cataluña, cuyo impacto real aún no se conoce. Más de 100.000 hectáreas forestales, según los primeros cálculos, han quedado destruidas por el peso de la nieve acumulada sobre las copas de los árboles hasta partirlos.

[Gobierno prevé corregir en tiempo récord destrozos en 120.000 hectáreas bosque](#)

En rueda de prensa tras la reunión del ejecutivo catalán, los consellers de Medio Ambiente, Francesc Baltasar, y Política Territorial, Joaquim Nadal, han subrayado la importancia de estas líneas de ayuda para limpiar los bosques, si bien no han cuantificado la inversión que supondrán.

[La Axarquía es la comarca con más riesgo de desertificación](#)

La comarca de La Axarquía es la zona de la provincia de Málaga que presenta mayor riesgo de desertificación, según el Informe Provincial de Sostenibilidad que desarrollan el Área de Medio Ambiente de la Diputación y el Observatorio Provincial de Sostenibilidad.

[La limpieza de los bosques costará más de 180 millones](#)

La limpieza completa de los bosques afectados por el último temporal de viento y nieve costará entre 180 y 300 millones de euros, según el Consorcio Forestal de Cataluña, que agrupa a los propietarios de estos terrenos y que cifra entre 1.500 y 2.500 euros el coste de la restauración a fondo de una hectárea. La Generalitat ha calculado que unas 120.000 hectáreas de bosques de Girona y la zona central de Cataluña sufrieron los efectos del temporal.

[Los bosques del litoral quedan en estado «catastrófico» por la nieve](#)

El bosque ha quedado arrasado. Literalmente. Hectáreas y hectáreas de árboles de Les Gavarres, del Montseny, del Montnegre-Corredor y de Les Guilleries, entre otros parajes del litoral y el prelitoral catalanes, sucumbieron el pasado 8 de marzo al peso de la nieve. Administraciones y particulares esperan retirar la leña antes de la llegada del verano.

["Plantar un árbol es más que un gesto"](#)

"A la Almudena le faltan árboles", dice David Cantero, mientras posa con un tronco seco en los brazos y rodeado de tumbas en el cementerio madrileño. Denuncia así la desaparición de los bosques, de las selvas... "Son seres vivos majestuosos, maravillosos, pacíficos, dignos y de los más maltratados por el hombre. Se comete con ellos una especie de genocidio arbóreo. Mueren a millones sin que casi nadie intente evitarlo".

Switzerland

[Les forêts continuent de s'étendre en Suisse. Elles couvraient en 2007 600km2 de plus qu'en 1990](#)

Les forêts s'étendent en Suisse et la diversité y est toujours plus grande. Leur surface a augmenté de 600km2 depuis le début des années 90. Elles couvraient en 2007 31% du territoire, révèle le 3e inventaire forestier publié par l'Office de l'environnement.

Turkmenistan

[Turkmen President explains regional importance of artificial lake in Karakum desert](#)

President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov talked about the issue of water resources in Central Asia at a press conference at the end of the Turkmen-Tajik summit talks in Dushanbe. He focused on the large-scale project implemented in Turkmenistan to create an artificial lake in the Karakum desert. According to him, the purpose of this project is sanitation of environment and improvement of water management.

Uganda

[Government ought to 'bite' eco offenders](#)

President Museveni has asked leaders in the Great Lakes Region to protect the wetlands and forests in order to prevent desertification. The President said this while opening the African Water Congress at the Commonwealth Resort Munyonyo.

[Tree plantings should be for dual purpose](#)

The Government is to embark on an aggressive tree-planting programme in the degraded mountainous areas to prevent future landslides. Reforestation is one of the major solutions to landslides and other effects of deforestation, especially on hilly areas.

[Uganda says pollution of Lake Victoria worsening](#)

Pollution in parts of Lake Victoria is worsening so fast that soon it may be impossible to treat its waters enough to provide drinking water for the Ugandan capital, a senior official said.

United Kingdom

[Airport will be first in Britain to be powered by trees](#)

The first cuttings in the 26-hectare willow farm planned at East Midlands Airport were planted. The trees will produce fuel for a biomass boiler in the terminal building. The farm, located north of the runway on land owned by the airport, is expected to produce about 280 tonnes of wood fuel each year.

[Bioblitz campaign calls on public to help detail Britain's flora and fauna](#)

Backers hope to create largest ever record of UK wildlife by uniting experts with public as alien species spurs sightings call.

[Chop in the name of love: British make out spot deforested](#)

British utility company United Utilities has cut down 6,000 trees because people would not stop having constant outdoors sex all around them. The trees were also apparently pretty old and maybe collapsing anyway, but officials say it was also a significant problem that the area had turned into a "beauty spot," slang for "place that engenders constant outdoors sex."

[Cleared woods in Toton 'must be replanted'](#)

An area of woodland in Nottinghamshire that had been bulldozed without warning must be re-planted with trees the Forestry Commission has said.

[Ecologists advise on Aviemore adventure playground](#)

A new adventure play park set off the ground among pines involved consultation with ecologists and a tree specialist.

[Fears harsh winter harmed UK wildlife](#)

The harsh winter may have had a devastating impact on Britain's wildlife, it has been warned.

[Forests expert officially complains about 'distorted' Sunday Times article](#)

Press Complaints Commission told that newspaper story gives impression that IPCC made false Amazon rainfall claim.

[London zoo exhibit recreates living South American rainforest](#)

Visitors can interact with an entire ecosystem of mammals, birds and insects from a walk-through tropical canopy.

[National forest scheme in Britain 'should be repeated'](#)

The creation of a "national forest" is a success story which should be repeated elsewhere in England to deliver environmental and economic benefits to communities, according to MPs.

[Tories criticise UK for failing to support 20-year ban on African ivory sales](#)

UK government 'shamefully' refuses to support Kenyan proposal for a ban aimed at reducing elephant and rhino poaching.

United States of America

[Pearl Jam guitarist sees business key to climate](#)

While many people dream of becoming a rock star, Pearl Jam guitarist Stone Gossard says he is trying to be more of a businessman to help slow climate change. The U.S. band, which has sold 60 million albums since 1991, said it was investing \$210,000 to plant trees in Washington State to soak up an estimated 7,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide linked to a 32-date 2009 tour.

[Renewed support for an Everglades land deal, but cost is still in question](#)

Gov. Charlie Crist reaffirmed his commitment to the \$536 million purchase of 73,000 acres of land from United States Sugar, declaring that it would heal both the Everglades and the coastal estuaries that are vital to Florida's tourist economy.

[Risk to Everglades is Florida's shame](#)

Conservationists and scientists working to restore the Everglades were stunned and delighted in June 2008 when Florida's governor Charlie Crist announced that the state had negotiated a deal to buy 75,000 hectares of farmland from United States Sugar. The land, which sits between Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades national park, was drained and filled for farming in the early 20th century, partially blocking the natural flow of fresh water that is crucial to the unique wetland ecosystem. At the time, Crist compared the deal to the creation of Yellowstone.

[U.S. groups want to expand climate bill forestry aid](#)

U.S. environmental groups are trying to expand a climate change bill being written in the Senate to help foreign countries pay for enforcing laws they already have in place for protecting forests as one way of reducing carbon pollution.

Venezuela

[Caracas peak blazes for third day in drought](#)

A blaze raged on the Avila mountain over Caracas for a third day on Tuesday, threatening wildlife in its national park and sending smoke billowing over the upper reaches of the Venezuelan capital.

Zimbabwe

[Letter from Zimbabwe: Ancestors angry over desertification](#)

To many traditionalists natural disasters like droughts, floods, diseases, pestilences and earthquakes are a show of anger from ancestral spirits who need to be appeased in different ways all the time. Bhara Moyo a village headman blames Western culture, Christianity and modernisation in general for all the misfortunes that befall African people.

World

[Attenborough aghast at global decline of butterfly population](#)

Butterfly numbers are declining rapidly all around the world, Britain's leading conservationist, Sir David Attenborough, warns. The celebrated television presenter is sounding the alarm that butterfly loss, a

concern in Britain for decades, has become a global problem, with species disappearing in every continent.

[Basic countries to absorb 42% of water demand by 2030](#)

China, India, Brazil and South Africa will require nearly half of all the water supplies for homes, industry and agriculture by 2030.

[China and India called on by scientists to collaborate on conservation](#)

Biodiversity knows no 'national boundaries' and nations must protect species from rising consumption, dams and industry.

[Chinese vice premier in India for talks on agriculture, environment](#)

Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu will arrive in New Delhi for talks with Indian officials on furthering co-operation between the two countries on a range of agricultural and environmental issues. From India's point of view, learning more from China's success in afforestation would be a focus in this week's talks, said Minister of State for Environment and Forests Jairam Ramesh.

[Don't drink the water, even if there is any to drink](#)

March 22 is World Water Day and Reuters photographers in Asia were given an open brief to shoot feature pictures to illustrate it. The only requirement I asked of them is that they included in the captions, the fact that while the Earth is literally covered in water, more than a billion people lack access to clean water for drinking or sanitation.

[EU report signals U-turn on biofuels target](#)

EU leaders agreed in 2008 that 10 percent of transport fuels should come from renewable sources by 2020 - mostly biofuels as electric cars would still be in their infancy. But environmentalists criticized the target, saying it would affect the way land is used around the world, forcing up food prices and encouraging deforestation.

[Flat-headed, web-footed swamp cat dying out](#)

You could say the rare flat-headed cat of Southeast Asia belongs in a category all its own: The feline has webbed feet, a strangely streamlined head, and it prefers swimming in swampy peat forests. But the flat-headed cat's unusually aquatic lifestyle may also doom it: More than half of its lowland habitat is quickly becoming vast biofuel plantations, a new study says.

[Global water crisis and cheaper technology sparks surge in desalination](#)

Fresh water production increases to 9.5m cubic metres a day – twice the annual flow of the Thames – as one-third of world goes thirsty.

[Google Earth engine aims to democratize remote sensing for public benefit](#)

Google.org unveiled the Earth Engine concept at the COP15 climate talks in Copenhagen, with a focus on monitoring tropical forests to assess their ecosystem services.

[Greenpeace, Nestlé et les orang-outans](#)

Nestlé a préféré aller vite pour éviter la polémique. Quelques heures après le lancement par Greenpeace d'une vidéo liant sa barre chocolatée Kit Kat à la disparition des orangs-outans sur l'île de Bornéo, le groupe suisse a annoncé mercredi sa décision de ne plus s'approvisionner auprès de Smart, le premier producteur indonésien d'huile de palme.

[India-China cooperation vital to save environment: report](#)

The two fast-growing countries, which are also the world's most populous, "will play a significant, perhaps a dominant role in shaping the environmental outcomes for our planet this century," observed the scientists in a commentary published in the journal Science. Cooperation between the two will be vital for curtailing biodiversity loss, mitigating climate change and reducing deforestation.

[Internet is biggest threat to endangered species, say conservationists](#)

The internet has emerged as one of the greatest threats to rare species, fuelling the illegal wildlife trade and making it easier to buy everything from live lion cubs to wine made from tiger bones, conservationists said.

[La deforestación acaba con "supermercados" indígenas](#)

La deforestación en amplias regiones sudamericanas para ampliar los monocultivos, como la soja, ha minado los bosques, los tradicionales "supermercados" indígenas, y conduce al riesgo de una "monocultura", coincidieron expertos.

[Lundi, journée mondiale de l'eau sur le thème de la qualité](#)

La qualité de l'eau, dont dépendent la vie de millions de personnes dans le monde et l'équilibre des milieux naturels, a été choisie pour thème de la Journée mondiale de l'eau, qui est fêtée tous les 22 mars depuis 1993.

[Manger des Kitkat intensifie la déforestation, selon Greenpeace](#)

Greenpeace lance une campagne pour dénoncer l'utilisation excessive d'huile de palme dans les barres chocolatées Kitkat de Nestlé.

[Mariposas, escarabajos y libélulas europeas en peligro](#)

El cambio climático y la deforestación son las principales amenazas de los insectos europeos, según la CE.

[México y Centroamérica acuerdan ampliar y fortalecer sus áreas protegidas](#)

Autoridades ambientales de México, Centroamérica y la República Dominicana acordaron sumar esfuerzos para ampliar y fortalecer las áreas protegidas de la región. Los países mesoamericanos también se comprometieron a atender problemas como incendios, deforestación, vulnerabilidad de especies, impacto del cambio climático en biodiversidad marina y terrestre.

[Peru hails Western carbon offsetting programmes](#)

Nestle Waters France wants to offset emissions from its factories in the west by buying trees in a rainforest thousands of miles away.

[Planes may fly mostly on biofuels with 10 years](#)

Aviation experts say recent test flights have proved the viability of plant-based fuels for jet aircraft and that they may largely power airline traffic within a decade. They say the focus now is on finding plants that can be used without taking land from food crops or causing deforestation.

[¿Puede ser el agua el desencadenante de las guerras en el siglo XXI?](#)

Mientras este 22 de marzo se celebra en todo el mundo el Día Mundial del Agua patrocinado por Naciones Unidas, los expertos vaticinan que las guerras del futuro podrían librarse por el acceso a ésta y su explotación. Las sequías prolongadas, la escasez del líquido elemento en determinados lugares del planeta y la sobreexplotación de los recursos hídricos podrían llevar a los países a tomar las armas para asegurarse el acceso a este bien cada día más escaso.

[Restoring natural capital in degraded landscapes](#)

Fuelling the growing demand for food, fuel and fibre, 13 million hectares are converted annually for agricultural use, mostly from forests.

[Science justifies California water limits](#)

Federal limits on water that can be pumped out of a major river delta for California farmers are scientifically justified, a much-anticipated report said, a finding hailed by environmentalists in the state's epic water wars.

[Taking action for World Water Day](#)

There are still 900 million people who don't have a safe water supply – and not always in the places you expect.

[UE destinará 400 mde en América Latina](#)

La Unión Europea (UE) destinará dos mil 400 millones de euros anuales en América Latina enfocados en acciones para combatir los problemas del cambio climático, principalmente, la deforestación que afecta a los países de la región.

[UE destinará entre 20-30% de sus fondos anuales a combatir la deforestación](#)

"Muchos de los estados miembro de la UE entienden que una cifra entre el 20 y el 30 por ciento de ese dinero estaría excelentemente bien dedicada si va a proyectos de deforestación", agregó en rueda de prensa Ribera, quien los dos últimos días ha participado junto a representantes de una treintena de países en un encuentro informal sobre cambio climático convocado por México.

[What's killing the great forests of the American west?](#)

An entomologist at the University of Montana has found that mountain pine beetles are attacking trees for longer periods as the season of cooler weather shrinks, part of a pattern of forest die-off that is sweeping North America.

[What's next as consumer firms shun a key palm planter?](#)

Global consumer firms are gearing up to cut ties with palm oil suppliers who are resorting to widespread deforestation and peatland clearance in a bid to meet growing food and fuel demand.

[World Water Day: 900 million people around the globe do not have access to a safe source of clean water](#)

More than 2.7 billion people will face severe water shortages by the year 2025 if the world continues consuming water at the same rate, the United Nations has warned. However, today just under one billion people, about a sixth of humanity, lack access to safe drinking water and one in three people live in regions with water scarcity.

[World Water Day focus on global sewage flood](#)

Two billion tons of human and animal waste and industrial pollution are dumped into waterways every day around the world, according to reports released today in Nairobi, Kenya, for the 17th annual World Water Day—a day the United Nations (UN) dedicates to raising awareness of the water quantity and quality challenges facing the planet.

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