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### **Forthcoming FAO events**

#### **January 2011**

[Ninth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests \(UNFF9\) – International Year of Forests \(IYF 2011\)](#)  
United Nations Headquarters - New York, USA - 24 January–04 February, 2011

#### **March 2011**

[Symposium on Ecosystem and Landscape-Level Approaches to Sustainability](#)  
Burgos, Spain – 22-24 March 2011

#### **April**

[II Mediterranean Forest Week](#)  
Avignon, France - 05-08 April 2011

#### **May 2011**

[ANZIF 2011 Conference "Pacific Forestry – Growing a Forestry Future"](#)  
Sky City, Auckland, New Zealand - 02-05 May 2011

## [Planted Teak Forests: a Globally Emerging Forest Resource](#)

Guanacaste, Costa Rica - 02-06 May 2011

## **FAO in the news**

### [FAO: necesidad de inversiones agrícolas para lograr seguridad alimentaria](#)

La organización de la ONU para los Alimentos y la Agricultura (FAO) se refirió a la necesidad de que aumenten las inversiones agrícolas en los países en desarrollo para incrementar la seguridad alimentaria y la adaptación al cambio climático.

### [Llama Calderón a preservar los bosques del planeta](#)

A evitar posiciones radicalizadas o maximalistas que puedan cancelar la posibilidad de acuerdos concretos de cooperación de largo plazo para salvar los bosques del planeta, llamó el presidente Felipe Calderón en el Día Mundial de los Bosques, que tiene lugar en el marco de la Conferencia de las Partes sobre Cambio Climático -COP-16.

### [Native plantation for biodiversity restoration](#)

Tropical forests are considered the most endangered due to deforestation, degradation, fragmentation, shifting cultivation, clear cut, illegal logging and other types of anthropogenic disturbances. Now these forests consist of only 10% of their former areas and 12% of their former primary vegetations.

### [Palm oil climbs to 28-month high on prospects for higher demand](#)

Palm oil advanced for a fourth day to the highest price in more than two years on speculation that the global demand for vegetable oils will surpass demand.

### [Reducing hunger through climate-smart agriculture](#)

FAO Director-General stresses key role of agriculture and forestry in tackling climate change at UN Climate Change Conference.

### [Reducir el hambre con una agricultura inteligente respecto al clima](#)

El Director General de la FAO subraya el papel clave de la agricultura y la silvicultura frente al cambio climático en la Conferencia de la ONU en Cancún.

### [Réduire la faim dans le monde grâce à une agriculture intelligente face au climat](#)

Le Directeur général de la FAO insiste sur le rôle clé de l'agriculture et des forêts à la Conférence de l'ONU sur le climat.

### [Soil erosion threatens to leave earth hungry](#)

Arable land is turning to desert or to salt at an ever-faster rate, lessening the hope that we can feed our booming population.

### [UN Agencies laud agreement on 'Redd+' agreement reached in Cancun](#)

Heads of the three UN agencies involved in the UN-REDD Programme (FAO, UNDP and UNEP) call the REDD+ agreement a positive step forward in the conservation and sustainable management of the world's forests.

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## Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 01 – 15 December 2010

### Africa

#### [Central Africa: four-nation 'sting' operation busts wildlife smuggling ring](#)

Conservationists hail breakthrough in regional co-operation to fight illegal traffic in ivory, parrots, skins and live animals.

#### [Crop raiding African elephants are 'stressed out'](#)

Elephants that invade farmers' crops have higher levels of stress hormones.

#### [Les forêts tropicales sous l'œil des satellites](#)

Les grands pays du bassin du Congo vont bientôt pouvoir surveiller l'évolution de leurs forêts grâce à des photos satellites financées par l'Agence française de développement.

#### [Mountain gorilla makes a comeback](#)

The number of mountain gorillas at a crucial site in Central Africa has grown by more than 25 percent since 2003, reflecting a significant recovery for the highly endangered species, researchers reported in a new census.

#### [Mountain gorilla numbers have increased, census reveals](#)

The population of endangered mountain gorillas has increased significantly in the last 30 years, say researchers.

#### [Mountain gorilla numbers soar](#)

The increase in population from 380 to 480 is due to efforts to reduce poaching and disease, say scientists.

#### [The curse of the Nile](#)

The great river is creating tension between Ethiopia and Egypt, which is blocking changes to quotas. Don't rule out a water war.

### Argentina

#### [Campesinos defienden el bosque nativo ante el avance de la soja en Argentina](#)

"Si nos expulsan de las tierras de nuestros antepasados para plantar soja, sólo nos queda ir a las villas", dice Guido Corvalán, líder de un grupo de campesinos que resiste en el norte de Argentina desalojos compulsivos para evitar que se arrase con el bosque nativo.

#### [Cómo recuperar los bosques degradados](#)

Una experiencia que se lleva adelante en la selva misionera con el palo rosa permite la conservación y revaloración ecológica de la especie.

#### [En Argentine, l'avancée du soja transgénique détruit les forêts primitives](#)

Vingt familles campent sur le bord d'une route à Vilner (nord de l'Argentine), pour défendre la forêt primitive face à l'avancée des bulldozers du soja, alors que 190 pays tentent de parvenir à un accord sur le climat à la conférence de l'ONU à Cancun, au Mexique.

## **Bangladesh**

### [Strong adaptation strategy needed](#)

In a bid to curb the loss of the world's species due to human activity at a rate some experts put at 1,000 times the natural progression, the United Nations marked 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity.

### [Tk 956m projects to fight climate impacts okayed](#)

The government is going to develop a digital map of the country's forest to build a stronger forest monitoring system.

## **Bolivia (Plurinational State of)**

### [La deforestación incide en las inundaciones y fuertes vientos](#)

Diez mil plantines de especies forestales serán plantados en el parque Tunari en conmemoración al Día Internacional de las Plantaciones Forestales

## **Brazil**

### ["Alarming" Amazon drought — river hits new low](#)

The Negro River, a major tributary of the Amazon River, dropped to a depth of about 46 feet (14 meters)—the lowest point since record-keeping began in 1902. About 60,000 people in the Amazon have gone hungry as falling river levels paralyzed transport and fishing.

### [Amazon opportunity: Brazil doesn't count on carbon market](#)

Brazilian businessman Roberto Waack has told potential investors around the world about his sustainable forestry firm, explaining how it sells certified wood, conserves water, and protects forests. But at meeting after meeting, he gets the same question: Is there money to be made from trees absorbing fossil fuel emissions?

### [Brasil dice que desarrollo y reducción de efecto invernadero son compatibles](#)

La ministra brasileña de Medio Ambiente, Izabella Teixeira, subrayó hoy el compromiso de su país en el combate contra el cambio climático, y afirmó que ha demostrado que desarrollo económico y reducción de gases de efecto invernadero (GEI) son compatibles.

### [Brasil reduce deforestación](#)

Los grupos ambientalistas presionan a Brasil para que haga mayores avances.

### [Brazil Amazon deforestation drops](#)

Brazil's government says deforestation in the Amazon rain forest has dropped to its slowest pace in 22 years.

### [Brazil: Amazon deforestation falls to new low](#)

Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon has fallen to its lowest rate for 22 years, the government says.

### [Brazil: Amazon deforestation lowest rate on record](#)

Deforestation in the Amazon forest fell to its lowest level on record, the Brazilian government said, marking what could be a watershed in the conservation of the world's largest rain forest.

### [Brazil farmers eye forestry to stem climate change](#)

Brazil's leading agriculture lobby is recommending that farmers in the world's emerging bread basket plant trees as a way to boost financial returns while offsetting carbon emissions.

### [Brazil takes cautious steps on REDD](#)

Forest issues have taken the stage in the ongoing climate change talks in Cancun, Mexico. The conference is expected to develop an agreement on REDD (reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation) that will become the legal basis for forested nations to implement the plan for emission reductions in order to mitigate global warming.

### [Brazilian farmers are unlikely climate heroes](#)

Here is the good news from Cancún. Brazil, so often demonised for its destruction of the Amazon rainforest, is turning over a new leaf. In the past year it has transformed a sketchy promise made in Copenhagen to cut emissions to 36 to 39 per cent below business-as-usual by 2020 into a detailed science-based plan. And much of the work will be done by the industry most responsible for trashing the Amazon – cattle ranching and commercial agriculture.

### [Brazil's logging at lowest for decades](#)

Deforestation hit peak in 2004 but has fallen thanks to government action and impact of global financial crisis.

### [Café es más productivo si es sembrado cerca a bosques, según estudio brasileño](#)

El café puede tener una productividad en un 20 por ciento mayor si es sembrado en áreas próximas a reservas ambientales, según un estudio realizado por la estatal Empresa Brasileña de Pesquisa Agropecuaria (Embrapa).

### [Deforestación de la Amazonía registró menor tasa histórica: 6.451 km2 anual](#)

La Amazonía brasileña registró en el último año la menor tasa histórica de deforestación, 6.451 km<sup>2</sup>, una reducción de casi 14% sobre los 12 meses anteriores, aunque por encima de la previsión oficial inicial, informó el miércoles el gobierno de Brasil.

### [Deforestación en Amazonas cae a mínimo histórico](#)

La deforestación en Brasil cayó a cerca de seis 500 kilómetros cuadrados en los 12 meses hasta julio del 2010. Crear empleos para leñadores desempleados es el principal reto.

### [Deforestation slows as Brazil chugs toward a goal](#)

While many countries are somewhat stalled in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Brazil has been making progress, in large part by combating deforestation of the Amazon. President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has helped Brazil show itself as one of the greener large developing countries.

### [Disminuirá Brasil deforestación antes de 2020](#)

El presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva aseguró que Brasil cumplirá su meta de disminuir en 80 por ciento la deforestación en la Amazonía antes del plazo fijado en 2020.

### [In Cancún, Brazil touts progress stopping deforestation](#)

At a ceremony in Brasília, officials said that deforestation in the Amazon has reached its lowest level since satellite monitoring began, 23 years ago. Brazil is likely to use the results to seek a bigger role in climate negotiations, especially as regards Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD).

### [La deforestación amazónica baja a niveles de hace 22 años](#)

La Amazonia brasileña perdió 6.450 kilómetros cuadrados de bosques entre agosto de 2009 y julio de 2010, lo que supone una caída de la deforestación del 14 por ciento frente al año anterior y representa el nivel más bajo en más de dos décadas, anunció el gobierno brasileño.

### [Lula dice que Brasil cumplirá con antelación las metas de reducción de la deforestación de la Amazonía](#)

Brasil conseguirá mucho antes de lo previsto la meta que se impuso de reducir la deforestación de la Amazonía en un 80% hasta el año 2020, dijo el presidente brasileño, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, en su programa semanal de radio.

## **Canada**

### [Québec nomme Gérard Szaraz forestier en chef](#)

Le gouvernement Charest a annoncé la nomination de Gérard Szaraz au poste de forestier en chef.

## **China**

### [Giant panda breeding breakthrough in China](#)

A critical breakthrough has been made in efforts to save the giant panda, one that could kick-start attempts to reintroduce the animals to the wild.

### [If you go into the woods today... scientists are in disguise](#)

Scientists have perfected the art of animal deception by donning panda costumes when they take panda cubs born in captivity for medical examination, so that they do not get used to the human form before they are released into the wild.

### [Look like a panda if you want to save a panda](#)

He might look like an evil panda-snatcher in costume, but this character actually has the animal's best interests at heart. He's a biologist from the Hetaoping Research and Conservation Center for the Giant Panda in Sichuan province, China, and his costume ensures that this captive-bred cub has minimal human contact before being reintroduced into the wild.

### [Panda cub mulls substitute parents playing dress-up](#)

Hetaoping Research and Conservation Centre in Wolong, China, uses costumes to help young animals prepare for the wild.

### [Volunteers battle desertification in China one tree at a time](#)

Every spring and every summer an old Japanese man with gray hair and a suntanned face plants trees on the fringes of the Tengger Desert in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

## **Finland**

### [Finland to fund sustainable energy from forests in Indonesia](#)

Finland is aiming to set up an scheme to produce renewable biomass energy from Indonesian forests next year, following in the footsteps of a lauded Norwegian agreement to tackle Indonesia's high deforestation.

## **France**

### [Lannemezan. La forêt : une richesse communale](#)

Lors du dernier conseil municipal, les agents de l'Office national des forêts (ONF) ont présenté le projet d'aménagement de la forêt communale aux élus.

## **Ghana**

### [Forestry Management Project restores degraded forests in B/A](#)

The Government with support of African Development Bank, has rehabilitated degraded forest reserves at Yaya and Nsemere in the Wenchi Municipality of the Brong Ahafo Region.

## **Guatemala**

### [Pobladores piden ayuda para cuidar bosques](#)

Momostenango.- A causa del constante corte de ramillas y árboles de pinabete, así como de otras especies, que son vendidos ilícitamente en las fiestas de fin de año, pobladores de la aldea San Vicente Buenabaj, Momostenango, Totonicapán, solicitan a las autoridades encargadas que vigilen las zonas boscosas afectadas.

## **Honduras**

### [Declaran veda parcial en bosques de Siguatepeque](#)

La aprobación de la veda estará acompañada de la creación de varios programas ecológicos que apoyarán diferentes instituciones del Estado y la Escuela Nacional de Ciencias Forestales.

### [Honduras prepara su estrategia contra degradación del bosque](#)

La designada presidencial y ministra de la Presidencia, María Antonieta Guillén, expresó durante la inauguración de la Cumbre Mundial de Cambio Climático en México, que Honduras prepara su estrategia nacional de Reducción de Emisiones por Deforestación y Degradación de Bosques (REDD).

### [Manejo ordenado de bosques por grupos campesinos, cooperativas agroforestales y alcaldía municipal](#)

Centenares de pobladores del municipio de Lepaguare (el tigre en lengua lenca), la mayoría de ellos de origen étnico lenca, impulsan desde hace varios años, el manejo y aprovechamiento ordenado sostenible de sus ejidos boscosos, mientras luchan por proteger la Reserva Biológica Yerba Buena.

## **India**

### [9850 acres forest land diverted for 10 major industries](#)

The Union ministry of environment & forests (MoEF) has approved the diversion of 3986.58 hectares (9850.70 acres) of forest land for ten major industrial projects in the state.

### [Elephants on drunken rampage kill three people](#)

Village left reeling after around 70 elephants destroyed 60 homes after feasting on hooch produced locally for a festival.

### [For coal, we have to enter forests: Jaiswal](#)

The coal sector has played a key role in India's emergence as a global economic power. Minister of state for coal Sriprakash Jaiswal, who also handles the ministry of statistics and programme implementation, fully understands the weight of expectations and the challenges faced by the coal sector.

### [Forest minister to reform dept](#)

Most recommendations given by the sub-committee for revenue and forest on a host of issues related to forest in the state including planting of avenue trees, in 1995-96, 1996-97 is gathering dust.

### ['Green' katha in praise of Tree God to fight deforestation](#)

At a time when global warming and the depleting green cover of the earth have become a matter of concern, the Ambaji temple trust has launched a unique movement to fight deforestation.

### [Indian activists risk death to expose illegal logging, pollution and mining](#)

The recent death of Indian environmentalist Amit Jethva was the latest in a growing number of disturbing incidents of brutality and violence against activists , report Ambika Hiranandani and Tom Levitt.

### [Kerala social forestry gets UN recognition](#)

A host of afforestation programmes taken up by the Kerala government in the last four years has received United Nations' recognition.

### [Omar calls for afforestation drive in J-K](#)

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has called for a massive afforestation drive in Jammu and Kashmir, terming greenery significant for the ecology and beauty of the state famous for tourism.

### ['Spend 50% of CSR funds for afforestation'](#)

A Parliamentary panel has sought a policy making it mandatory for banks, major PSUs and firms in public and private sector to invest 50% of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for afforestation, which needs huge financial resources.

### [Worries double for fragile ecology. Highway project to deplete green cover](#)

The price of development is making green crusaders see red. More than 80,000 trees — most of them ancient and indigenous species — are being felled for the ambitious four-laning of the 135km Ranchi-Hazaribagh stretch of NH-33.

## **Indonesia**

### [Forestry and climate change: Cancun changes the game](#)

After the failure of last year's climate change negotiations in Copenhagen, the rhetoric about climate change threats was scaled right back at the meetings last week in Cancun, Mexico. This produced two important developments on forestry, a key issue for Indonesia.

### [Incentives aim to save Indonesian jungles](#)

Indonesia's ambitious plan to restrict clearing in some of the world's last remaining virgin forests is on track despite skepticism from international environmental groups, say government officials in Indonesia and Norway, which is backing the project with a \$1 billion pledge.

## **Israel**

### [Bird watchers find heaven in 'superhighway' Israel](#)

Tucked into the tiny open-top cockpit of a two-seater glider has to be one of the best ways to see Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories.

### [Carmel forests rehabilitation](#)

Reports brought fresh breezes of optimism to Mount Carmel, as no major fire sites now remain in the north. Small areas, however, are still burning, and the firefighters, with KKL-JNF teams among them, are dealing with them.

### [Deadly forest fire hits Israel](#)

A massive forest fire has killed at least 36 people and sparked evacuation from areas near the Carmel Forest.

### [Facing fires, Israel appeals for help](#)

A fire that killed 41 people in the parched north of Israel continued to rage, turning into the worst natural disaster in the country's history with thousands of acres burned, thousands of residents evacuated and a dozen countries rushing planes, helicopters and personnel to offer aid.

### [Israel credits outside help as deadly fire is contained](#)

A deadly forest fire that had raged for four days in the parched north of Israel has been brought "more or less under control," an Israeli police official said, crediting assistance from an international fleet of more than 30 firefighting aircraft and the so-called Supertanker, the world's largest fire-extinguishing plane.

### [Israel extinguishes forest fire](#)

Two teenagers arrested on suspicion of starting blaze in Carmel region, that killed 41 people and scorched woodland.

### [Israeli forest fire sign of climate change: study](#)

Israel's worst-ever forest fire earlier this month confirms predictions on the impact of global warming in the Mediterranean basin, according to one of Israel's leading climate experts.

### [Israël: la forêt brûlée du mont Carmel mettra des années à revivre](#)

Là où se dressaient des arbres centenaires, il n'y a plus que terre brûlée: il faudra des décennies, selon les experts, pour rétablir dans toute sa splendeur la forêt du mont Carmel, ravagée par le pire incendie qu'ait connu Israël.

### [Lethal fire rages through forest in Northern Israel](#)

A fire raging in a rain-starved forest in northern Israel has left at least 40 people dead, caused the evacuation of thousands of people, burned some kibbutz houses to the ground and prompted the government to call for urgent international aid in fighting the blaze.

### [Mideast prays for rain as weather threatens drought](#)

Israeli firefighters are battling a deadly forest fire as unseasonably warm weather blankets a tinder dry Middle East.

### [Vaste feu de forêt en Israël](#)

Un incendie de forêt faisait rage près de la ville israélienne de Haïfa, contraignant la police à évacuer plusieurs dizaines de détenus d'une prison proche et une vingtaine de familles.

## **Kenya**

### [Demand for food and fuel endangers forests](#)

An increased demand for food, wood fuel and timber products is threatening public forests. A report by the Kenya Forest Services (KFS) and environmental lobby groups says that most parts of the country are likely to suffer desertification if measures to control indiscriminate cutting of trees are not taken.

### [New laws legalize sustainable charcoal trade to save forests](#)

The new charcoal rules which are currently being enforced by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) seek to regulate an industry that has largely been viewed as illegal and promote it as a sustainable enterprise but the short term effect has been a spike in the retail cost of charcoal, hurting household budgets

## **Lebanon**

### [Un incendie de forêt menace une localité au nord de Beyrouth](#)

Les pompiers tentaient de venir à bout d'un incendie de forêt qui menaçait Fatri, une localité de 2.000 habitants à 45 km au nord de Beyrouth, où des évacuations étaient en cours, selon un responsable local.

## **Madagascar**

### [New species of lemur discovered in Madagascar](#)

A species of fork-marked lemur believed to be new to science has been found in the forests of Madagascar.

### [Scientists investigate potential new lemur species](#)

Genetic analysis will determine whether a new species of fork-marked lemur has been discovered in Madagascar.

## **Mexico**

### [Abren al público santuarios mexicanos de la mariposa Monarca](#)

Seis santuarios de la mariposa Monarca en México serán abiertos durante los próximos cinco meses para que el público observe la llegada y la estancia de estos insectos que llegan desde Canadá y Estados Unidos para invernar en bosques mexicanos.

### [Aguacateros siguen talando bosques naturales en el sur de Jalisco](#)

Acusan a la delegación estatal de la Semarnat de otorgar con "legalismos" cambios de uso de suelo del bosque natural.

### [Calderón llama a acuerdo mundial para detener la deforestación](#)

El presidente Felipe Calderón llamó a evitar que las posiciones "radicalizadas y maximalistas" echen por la borda la posibilidad de aprobar por primera vez acuerdos de cooperación de largo plazo, que obligarían a las naciones canalizar fondos para detener, mitigar y posiblemente erradicar la deforestación del planeta.

### [Calderón presentará estrategia REDD](#)

Juan Manuel Torres, titular de titular de la Conafor, dijo que el próximo miércoles el gobierno federal anunciará el proyecto para lograr la Reducción de Emisiones por Deforestación y Degradación.

### [Calderón señala que las acciones de mitigación, preservación de bosques y transferencia tecnológica deben ser inmediatas](#)

El presidente Felipe Calderón exhortó a los delegados de más de 200 países a concretar un paquete equilibrado de acuerdos que nos permita dar las primeras acciones y los primeros pasos para luchar contra el cambio climático.

### [Calderón urge al mundo a salvar los bosques](#)

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### [Cancún climate change summit: One lesson not to learn from Mexico](#)

Felipe Calderon vowed to be Mexico's greenest ever president but his centralised reforestation effort proved disastrous.

### [COP16: México presentará en COP16 estrategia para frenar deforestación](#)

México presentará en la 16 Conferencia de Naciones Unidas sobre Cambio Climático (COP16) el documento "Visión REDD de México: Hacia una Estrategia Nacional", enfocado a frenar la deforestación, informó la Comisión Nacional Forestal (Conafor).

### [El cambio climático transformaría a NL](#)

Sequías, altas temperaturas, deforestación en el sur del estado y precipitaciones en el norte son algunos de los pronósticos para los próximos 40 años.

### [Indígenas mexicanos buscan vivir de los bosques al tiempo que los preservan](#)

En el pueblo mexicano de Ixtlán de Juárez, en el estado de Oaxaca (sureste), invadido por el dulce aroma de pinos y bosque húmedo, indígenas zapotecas buscan desarrollar un modelo de manejo de bosques que les permita vivir y preservar sus áreas verdes.

### [Jalisco recibió 147 millones durante 2010 en sus bosques](#)

La gerencia regional de la Conafor entregó hoy un informe sobre su trabajo en la entidad en el año que termina.

### [Mexican foresters invoke less destructive logging](#)

Community leaders managing a fragment of ancient Mexican jungle say their approach to logging precious hardwoods protects rare jaguar and may guide nearby U.N. climate talks seeking a forest blueprint.

### [Mexican president dicusses deforestation, need for U.N. process reform](#)

Mexican President Felipe Calderon predicted that the climate talks would produce some meaningful agreements. He said there would probably be broad consensus to help countries battle deforestation, one of the leading causes of increased greenhouse gas emissions.

### [México debe aumentar las áreas protegidas el 34% para cumplir sus compromisos](#)

México deberá aumentar el 34% la superficie de sus áreas naturales protegidas en los próximos 10 años para cumplir con los compromisos de la convención de la ONU sobre biodiversidad.

### [Mexique: une communauté Zapotèque s'émancipe en protégeant la forêt](#)

La forêt, c'est le trésor de la petite communauté d'Ixtlan de Juarez, sur les terres de la vieille ethnie des Zapotèques, près de Oaxaca, dans le sud-est du Mexique, où elle les aide à lutter à la fois contre la pauvreté et le réchauffement climatique.

### [Mujeres indígenas encabezan marcha en Cancún](#)

En el marco de la COP16, ciudadanos de diversas partes del mundo demandan respeto a sus derechos de acceso a agua, justicia, alimento, seguridad y paz.

### [Países en desarrollo, más deforestados: Conafor](#)

México ocupa la posición número 12 en cuanto a la superficie cubierta por bosques y selvas en el mundo, y su deforestación y degradación representan alrededor del 10 por ciento de las Emisiones de Gases Invernadero.

### [Programas en la selva maya, ejemplo de sustentabilidad ecológica](#)

Programas de aprovechamiento de la selva maya mexicana impulsados por varias ONG ayudan a mantener el equilibrio ecológico, dan a las comunidades medios de subsistencia y abastecen la industria turística de Cancún, principal destino de playa de México.

### [Urge Calderón a "empujar todos" contra cambio climático](#)

El presidente afirmó que es necesario que se apruebe la incorporación de la reducción de emisiones por deforestación en los mecanismos de cooperación de largo plazo.

## **Nigeria**

### [A thriving wood business](#)

Timber dealers in Jikwoyi's main wood factory cry out to the authorities to assist them in acquiring a more expansive permanent site, as the grounds they are currently on becomes over crowded due to influx of more merchants.

### [Monarch warns against bush burning](#)

The Emir of Kaiama, Alhaji Mu'azu Shehu Omar, Bagidi Kiyaru IV, has warned against indiscriminate bush burning even as he appealed to Fulani cattle rearers to stay off farmlands in Kaiama and environs.

### [Yobe varsity gets desert control centre](#)

Yobe State, Bukar Abba Ibrahim University (BAIU) has taken a bold step towards dealing with desertification and other ecological problems ravaging parts of the state and some neighbouring states as it has established a Desert Research Monitoring and Control Centre (DRMCC).

## **Norway**

### [Noruega defiende que un acuerdo en Cancún está todavía "al alcance"](#)

El primer ministro de Noruega, Jens Stoltenberg, afirmó que todavía "está al alcance" un acuerdo en la Cumbre del Cambio Climático de Cancún (COP16), pero defendió que los asuntos "clave" en los que puede haber un avance concreto son los de financiación y bosques (REDD+).

### [Norway's deforestation plans could be left behind at COP16](#)

Norway's negotiations for clean development strategies have been reasonably successful. However, the deforestation issue left the environmentalists disappointed.

### [Norway's PM attracts COP 16 criticism](#)

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg believes his input at the COP16 Climate Summit in Cancun could be decisive to a new climate agreement. Environmentalists claim he is just lifting the pressure off rich countries.

## **Paraguay**

### [Deforestación de reserva de Itaipú sigue gozando de muy buena salud](#)

La Dirección Jurídica de la Itaipú dio cuenta de que continúa "de forma vergonzosa", según calificó, la deforestación de la reserva de la Binacional en la zona de Puerto Indio, en el Alto Paraná por parte de brasileños y campesinos que utilizan las tierras para cultivos agrícolas y producción ganadera.

### [Depredadores de bosques tienen luz verde para operar](#)

La depredación de los bosques de la zona noreste del Dpto. de Caazapá continúa en forma impune a raíz de la falta de control. La Policía Nacional de la zona de las reservas naturales se dedica a facturar y el

Ministerio Público de la unidad de medio ambiente hace más de dos años no tiene representante en Caazapá. La Secretaría del Ambiente (Seam) abandonó a su suerte la región.

#### [No respetan medida cautelar y sigue la deforestación de la finca 470](#)

Indígenas aché que reivindican la finca 470 como su territorio ancestral denunciaron que algunas familias ava guaraní que tienen apoyo de la Seam no respetan la prohibición de innovar y están convirtiendo los árboles en rollos y postes que venden a terceras personas.

### **Philippines**

#### [Respecting the indigenous under REDD](#)

The Philippines, home to less than 10 million hectares of forest, is highly respected in the international forum on REDD-plus, or reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, especially because its chief negotiator comes from an indigenous community. The Philippines strongly supports the need to respect the rights of indigenous people in forest management.

### **Republic of Korea**

#### [Korea: a model in sustainable forestry](#)

The world, and the Philippines in particular, can learn much from the experience of South Korea in rehabilitating its forest lands that were devastated during the Japanese occupation as well as during the Korean war in the early 1950s. The Korea Forest Service has developed a sustainable forest management system that it freely shares with other countries.

### **Russian Federation**

#### [Conservationists lose fight to protect Moscow forest from road](#)

Fierce dispute has showcased Russia's gravest social ill: the abuse of power and the dangers of trying to expose it.

#### [El Gobierno ruso recomienda que una autopista pase por el bosque de Jimki](#)

El Gobierno de Rusia recomendó que la autopista Moscú-San Petersburgo pase por el bosque de Jimki, en las afueras de la capital rusa, pese a las protestas de los vecinos y de los grupos ecologistas.

#### [Medvédev aprueba el trazado de polémica autopista a través de bosque de Jimki](#)

El presidente ruso, Dmitri Medvédev, aprobó el trazado de una polémica autopista a través del bosque de la ciudad de Jimki, a las afueras de Moscú, proyecto al que se oponían los vecinos, ecologistas, activistas y la oposición no parlamentaria al Kremlin.

#### [Russia approves road that will run through forest](#)

Environmentalists appeared to lose a protracted battle to prevent construction of a highway through one of the Moscow region's last remaining forests, just months after President Dmitri A. Medvedev succumbed to a public outcry and halted the project.

#### [Russia offers China Amur leopard cooperation](#)

Russia has offered to work with China to create a joint nature reserve to help prevent the extinction of the Amur leopard.

#### [Russia's Putin says wind turbines kill birds](#)

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said that wind power can pose environmental risks, casting doubts over plans to develop this alternative energy source in the oil-rich country.

### [Showing awareness](#)

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin deserves to be applauded for convening a summit in his country to tackle tigers and means to save them from extinction. The "Tiger summit", just concluded in St. Petersburg, brought together heads of state, making it the highest ever political event to discuss the fate of a single species.

### **Rwanda**

#### [Govt to plant 44 million trees next year](#)

The Minister of Forestry and Mines, Christophe Bazivamo, told the Senate that the government is planning to plant over 44 million trees by the end of 2011 as part of national efforts to boost forestry.

#### [Rwanda says expects 30% forest cover 7 years ahead of schedule](#)

Rwanda will probably reach its target of 30 percent forest coverage by 2013, seven years ahead of schedule, Christophe Bazivamo, minister for forestry and mines, said.

### **Spain**

#### [Ence dice que el eucalipto tiene un impacto ambiental inferior al maíz](#)

La producción de eucalipto tiene menos impacto ambiental que la de maíz o de patata, según ha asegurado el director de sostenibilidad de Ence, Luis Javier Sánchez.

#### [La Comisión Europea verifica si España ha aplicado bien las ayudas para la recuperación del águila imperial](#)

Una delegación de la Comisión Europea (CE) evalúa si España ha cumplido correctamente con las tareas de conservación del águila imperial, por las que ha recibido más de diez millones de euros de fondos europeos en los últimos quince años a través de los programas Life.

#### [Representantes de cinco países y de distintas CCAA debaten en Murcia iniciativas de la Red de Bosques Modelo](#)

La sede de la Consejería de Agricultura y Agua acogió recientemente las Jornadas de la Red Internacional de Bosques Modelo, en las que representantes de regiones de Francia, Grecia, Italia, Marruecos, Turquía y de comunidades como Castilla y León, entre otras, debatieron diversas ponencias sobre las iniciativas que lleva a cabo esta plataforma.

#### [Un estudio cataloga 1.300 especies de hongos en el Parque Natural de Somiedo](#)

El libro 'Biodiversidad fúngica del Parque Natural de Somiedo', que lanzará una edición de 1.500 ejemplares, ha catalogado 1.380 especies distintas de hongos, lo que hace de este espacio protegido el más estudiado de España desde el punto de vista fúngico.

### **Sri Lanka**

#### [Sri Lanka war zone becomes wildlife sanctuary](#)

Sri Lanka is turning a vast area of jungle, earlier a base for Tamil Tiger rebels, into a wildlife sanctuary.

### **Uganda**

#### [Busoga forest encroachers ready to move](#)

Encroachers on the South Busoga Forest Reserve in Mayuge district have agreed to relocate to another area. The group's security committee chairman, Hussein Kibedi, said the squatters had heeded President Yoweri Museveni's directive to have them relocated to another area.

### [Demarcate wetlands for effective conservation](#)

The recent public acknowledgment of failure by the head of the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to execute their mandate of conserving wetlands calls for strategies that will ensure concerted efforts in the conservation of our wetlands.

### [European Union warns on country's future forests](#)

Uganda's forest resources are under tremendous pressure from a growing population and economy, the European Union (EU) has warned.

### [Forest Authority, the police must stay alert during elections](#)

People in many areas exploit the election period to encroach on forests. The most serious encroachments on our forest reserves have mainly taken place either just before or during the presidential, parliamentary and local government elections.

### [Ngamba sanctuary - a new home for endangered chimpanzees](#)

Chimpanzees, which have up to 98.7 per cent similar DNA to humans, could become extinct within 15-20 years if they are not protected, according to scientists. In Uganda, environmentalists are trying to protect those rescued from traffickers at Ngamba Island Sanctuary on Lake Victoria.

### [Wildlife need habitats off-limits to golf courses](#)

The Madhvani Group has renewed their park bid and the reported presidential directive to Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) to allow the establishment of a golf course in Murchison Falls National Park is nauseating. Human beings think they have the right to dominate every square inch of the earth. That, besides being an absurd idea, is the basic reason we are losing species per day

## **United Kingdom**

### [A million trees for England: but who gets them?](#)

A government 'partnership' to plant 1m trees in England is very welcome, but in a 'big society', the wealthy can hog all the cash.

### [BBC showcases decade of wildlife discovery](#)

In the last decade, scientists and explorers have discovered a quarter of a million new plant and animal species around the world. In a celebratory special programme, presenter Chris Packham chooses his top 10 most extraordinary discoveries of the past 10 years.

### [Butterflies: a stunning new film gets close to these elusive insects](#)

A BBC documentary captures Britain's native butterflies in stunning close-up.

### [Dilemma on the moor: The truth about pony slaughter on Dartmoor](#)

Dartmoor ponies are now worth more dead than alive, and are being killed and fed to lions in the zoo. Sadly it may be the only way to save a habitat and an economy in crisis.

### [England's controversial forest sale could attract biofuel energy companies](#)

As the public comes to terms with Government plans to sell public woodland, industry analysts predict much of the forest could be snapped up by energy companies looking to burn wood as a biofuel.

### [Government launches £4.2m urban tree-planting plan](#)

A £4.2m scheme to plant one million trees over the next four years has been unveiled by the government.

### [Non-native species cost 'British economy £1.7bn'](#)

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### [On a wing and a prayer: British birds under threat](#)

What do the Bittern, the Tree Pipit and the Wood Warbler have in common? They are all British bird species that are under threat. Charlie Elder discovers the stark facts beneath the feathers.

### [Rabbits named Britain's most costly invasive species](#)

Britain's 40m rabbits cost more than £260m a year in damage to crops, businesses and infrastructure, report says.

### [Replantable Christmas trees are festive success story](#)

Potted and replantable Christmas trees have proved to be a 'surprise hit' say retailers.

### [Torbay adopts i-Tree software that 'puts a value on trees'](#)

A new computer software package developed in the US puts a financial value on the ecosystem services trees perform, from reduced air pollution to the amount of carbon dioxide removed... can it now work in the UK?

### [Torbay in groundbreaking move to start valuing its trees](#)

By quantifying the economic benefit of its trees through air pollution, shade and flood alleviation, the English Riviera town of Torbay hopes to reverse traditional local antagonism.

### [Walking with ancient trees this winter](#)

When it comes to ancient trees, the UK comes top of the European chart and this winter the National Trust's ancient tree adviser, Brian Muelaner, has picked ten of his favourite places to see these 'cathedrals of the natural world'.

## **United Republic of Tanzania**

### [Conservationists seek Serengeti road freeze](#)

An African conservation group said it would ask a regional court to freeze a project to build a road through Tanzania's iconic Serengeti park.

## **United States of America**

### [Climate change fans deep-burning fires in Alaska](#)

Climate change is fanning longer- and deeper-burning fires in interior Alaska, changing the area from a carbon sink - where planet-warming gases are stored naturally in the soil - to a carbon emitter.

### [Climate change igniting deep peatland fires, study says](#)

Climate change is causing Alaskan wildfires to burn longer and more deeply, liberating vast stores of soil-based carbon dioxide that will further accelerate warming, a new study has found.

### [Climate change worsens Alaskan forest fires](#)

Alaskan wildfires have worsened over the last three decades, forest experts report, due to global warming lengthening fire season and increasing the forest area affected by fires.

### [Eagle concerns stymie wind farms](#)

Fears that whirling wind turbines could slaughter protected golden eagles have halted progress on a key piece of the federal government's push to increase renewable energy on public lands, stalling plans for billions of dollars in wind farm developments.

### [Feds: Wolverines need protection but have to wait](#)

The threat of climate change warrants classifying wolverines as threatened or endangered, but other species are in more imminent danger and will delay protection for the small, ferocious mammals, wildlife officials said.

### [Grizzly bears and wolves may be taken off US protected species list](#)

Obama administration plan to take iconic animals off endangered species list likely to be challenged by environmentalists.

### [How America is learning to live with wolves again](#)

They were hunted almost to extinction, but now the wolf population is growing, and man and beast are being forced to co-exist.

### [In East Texas, piles of wood look like an electric opportunity](#)

Driving his mud-spattered Suburban through a wood storage yard, Danny Vines gestured out the window at piles of lopped-off logs and bushy materials. "This is our fuel," he said. "And it's a waste product."

### [In the wild, a big threat to rangers: humans](#)

As a game warden for the state of Colorado, Todd Schmidt has a workplace that office drudges the world over might fantasize about: the staggering beauty of the Rocky Mountains. But underneath his shirt, day in and day out, he also wears a reminder of the dangers: a bulletproof vest.

### [Subarctic wildfires a 'runaway climate change' risk](#)

Global warming is driving forest fires in northern latitudes to burn more frequently and fiercely, contributing to the threat of runaway climate change.

### [U.S. wants to lift protections for wolf and grizzly](#)

The Obama administration is seeking to lift Endangered Species Act protections from two of the most iconic symbols of the American West, the gray wolf and grizzly bear, in moves likely to spark fierce resistance from environmentalists.

### [What Cancún can take from California](#)

California's climate law which gives carbon credit to developing countries to conserve rainforest is a win-win the world can copy.

## **Yemen**

### [What if Yemen is the first country to run out of water?](#)

Experts cited by CNN say Yemen could be the first nation to completely run out of water in a few years, a prospect that does not bode well for its young population of 24 million that is expected to double in 20 years, or anyone worried about the rising influence (and ability to get bombs on planes) of an al Qaeda branch in one of the Middle East's poorest nations.

## **Zimbabwe**

### [500 million tree walk gathers momentum](#)

"The tree which moves some to tears of joy is, in the eyes of others, only a green thing that stands in the way. Some see nature all ridicule and deformity, and some scarce see nature at all. But to the eyes of the men of imagination, nature is imagination itself."

### [500 million tree walk - It's D-day today!](#)

Today marks the final day of the inaugural 500 Million Tree Walk. What an unforgettable experience it has been.

### [600,000 trees planted, says commission](#)

About 600 000 trees have been planted ahead of National Tree Planting Day commemorations scheduled for December 4 in Mashonaland East.

### [Let's plant trees all-year-round](#)

It is sad that Zimbabwe is losing between 300 000 and 400 000 hectares of forest annually due to illegal tree felling in peri-urban and farming areas, highlighting the need for intensified environmental conservation campaigns.

## **World**

### [A Cancun, les peuples autochtones craignent un accord sur les forêts sans eux](#)

Ils connaissent parfaitement la forêt, savent comment la préserver et souffrent directement de la déforestation: au coeur d'un des grands dossiers en négociation à la conférence climat de Cancun, les peuples autochtones craignent pourtant de ne pas être entendus.

### [At Cancun conference, blunt talk on forests](#)

At a packed event here in Cancun focused on curbing deforestation, a couple of national leaders did something that rarely happens in politics: They spoke the unvarnished truth.

### [Banksy's Jungle Book 'executions': an image too far?](#)

An image of Mowgli and the gang lined up for execution in front of a clear-felled forest, created for Greenpeace, is being sold at auction.

### [Big business backs deforestation deal](#)

Cancún meeting designed to demonstrate corporate approval of efforts to protect tropical forests.

### [Blue tongue, blight, beetles pester a warmer world](#)

Beetles killing trees in North America, blue tongue disease ravaging livestock in Europe, and borers destroying African coffee crops are examples of migrating invasive species not getting enough attention at global climate talks, scientists said.

### [Blunt talk on protecting forests to combat climate change](#)

What exactly is the hold-up in terms of Norway's forestry assistance to Guyana, which Guyana's president Bharrat Jagdeo complained about last week during a panel sponsored by Avoided Deforestation Partners in Cancun?

### [Can I buy a Christmas tree and be green?](#)

Christmas trees come at a high human price, so branch out into the fairtrade option and have yourself a guilt-free Christmas.

### [Can I keep warm and be green?](#)

Wood-burning stoves may not be as eco-friendly as they appear.

### [Can rainforests be saved with cash injections?](#)

Protecting the world's rainforests is a central issue at this month's Climate Change Conference in Cancun. Huge sums are to be offered to countries that protect their forests. However, experts fear that these rewards could be misused, and that they could actually promote deforestation.

### [Cancún analysis: Dawn breaks on low-carbon world](#)

Cancún's climate conference was largely a diplomatic triumph. No nations promised to up their emissions reduction targets from those pledged in Copenhagen.

### [Cancún climate change summit: Protect our forests to protect people too](#)

We must consider setting an explicit time frame for protecting forests and halting their rapid degradation.

### [Cancún deal leaves hard climate tasks to Durban summit in 2011](#)

After the catastrophe in Copenhagen came the compromise in Cancún, but one that left the most difficult decisions for Durban next year.

### [Cancún forests deal is 'wrapped up and ready to move' – or is it?](#)

Measures to preserve forests were supposed to be a done deal at the Cancún climate summit, but try telling that to Guyana.

### [Celebrarán día mundial de bosques durante cumbre climática](#)

La cuarta versión del Día Mundial de los Bosques se realizará el próximo día 5, en medio del influjo de la Cumbre del Cambio Climático, que tiene lugar en este balneario mexicano.

### [Científicos y ecologistas piden atención política sobre situación montañas](#)

Científicos y ecologistas a los países que asisten a la cumbre de Cancún reclamaron que se preste especial atención a la situación de las grandes cadenas montañosas como el Himalaya frente al cambio climático, y su vinculación a la agenda del desarrollo sostenible.

### [Climat: ce qui coince encore à Cancun](#)

Les ministres de l'Environnement de plus de 190 pays ont entamé le dernier round des négociations. Plusieurs dossiers sont sur la table.

### [Climat, une route sans fin?](#)

Vous ne savez que dire à propos des négociations sur le climat en cours à Cancun? Une suggestion, pour votre prochain dîner en ville: opinez, d'un air entendu, qu'en dépit de la débâcle de Copenhague "nous pouvons attendre de Cancun, sur la lancée du PAB, des avancées sur le REDD +, les NAMA, les UTCATF et les MRV, sans oublier le MDP, naturellement...".

### [Climate change affects toads, salamanders: study](#)

Climate change is affecting the breeding cycles of toads and salamanders, researchers reported, in the first published evidence of such changes on amphibians.

### [Climate-change conference looks at deforestation](#)

Pedro Chuc May climbs a big zapote tree, braces himself against the trunk with a rope sling and uses his sharp machete to slash V-shaped cuts in the rough bark to let the tree's resin - the base for natural chewing gum - flow into a cut-off soda bottle below.

### [Climate change link to forest fires](#)

A new report identifies global warming as a driver of forest fires in northern latitudes.

### [Climate change threat to tropical forests 'greater than suspected'](#)

Met Office Hadley Centre warns of drought risk and role of deforestation in global warming.

### [Climate deal to pay to protect forests](#)

A new climate change deal reached in Mexico has set up a global framework to pay to protect rainforests vital to the ecosystem, but held off on the controversial introduction of a market role.

### [Climate pact should help rather than hurt people of tropical forests](#)

The news story "Pact could be near to save tropical forests" overlooked critical issues with respect to Reducing Emissions From Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), the global mechanism being developed by the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change to allow countries to protect forests by selling carbon credits.

### [Climate: speaking the truth on avoided deforestation and warming in Cancún](#)

Someone speaking the truth—it's an unusual occurrence at any government event (unless you have a link to Wikileaks) and it's even rarer at the highly stage-managed U.N. climate talks. But that's exactly what happened last night in Cancún at an event put on by Avoided Deforestation Partners, an NGO dedicated to promoting REDD, or Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation.

### [Climate talks back \\$100 billion aid fund, forest protection; no Kyoto deal](#)

Envoys at United Nations talks agreed to a package aimed at limiting global warming by protecting forests, advising nations on adapting to higher temperatures and opening a \$100 billion Green Climate Fund.

### [Climate talks set to agree deal to save the forests](#)

Nothing, as they say at UN conferences, is agreed until everything is agreed. But as the climate conference in Cancún runs into its final hours, delegates are confident that at least something has been salvaged from the diplomatic wreckage.

### [Community forests show the way forward at Cancun climate talks](#)

What is a tree worth? To some it is shelter, to others food and to many of us a commodity.

### [Database shows how bees see world in UV](#)

Researchers are being offered a glimpse of how bees may see flowers in all their ultra-violet (UV) glory.

### [Deal on forests best hope for Cancun](#)

The only hope for a concrete outcome from Cancun lies with REDD, a mechanism for protecting forests that threatens to spark a series of land grabs in developing countries.

### [Decepcionadas comunidades indígenas con cumbre de Cancún](#)

El Foro de los Pueblos Indígenas calificó de desilusión el desenlace de la XVI cumbre climática de Naciones Unidas, que durante casi dos semanas sesionó en este balneario.

### [Deforestation 'not so important for climate change'](#)

Climate negotiations were dealt a bombshell at the weekend when ecologists reported that carbon emissions from the destruction of tropical forests are probably only half previous estimates.

### [Ecologists desert Cancún's sinking ship](#)

The chances of a legally binding deal to tackle climate change are looking increasingly slim as the negotiations in Cancún, Mexico, enter their final days. So much so that even environmentalists are deserting the sinking ship.

### [Ed Stafford: "La deforestación de la Amazonia es culpa de las autoridades"](#)

Después de una aventura que ha durado 860 días, el primer hombre en recorrer a pie la cuenca del Amazonas relata las amenazas que se ciernen sobre el pulmón del planeta.

### [El acuerdo con los pueblos indígenas, clave para el futuro de REDD](#)

El respeto al Consentimiento Libre, Previo e Informado de los pueblos indígenas que habitan zonas boscosas es clave para el futuro de los programas de Naciones Unidas para reducir las emisiones de deforestación y degradación de bosques (UN-REDD+ por su sigla en inglés).

### [El crecimiento de las ciudades y la deforestación amenazan América Latina](#)

El crecimiento desordenado de las ciudades y la deforestación son los principales problemas ambientales de América Latina, donde la mayoría de los glaciares pueden ser historia en 20 años.

### [El tigre de Bengala está estresado y mal nutrido](#)

La acción del hombre está destruyendo los bosques que habita el felino y aumentando la salinidad de sus estanques. La presión (y el dolor de barriga) les lleva a buscar vacas y cabras.

### [Enzimas naturales para reciclar el papel laminado](#)

Un científico tailandés ha desarrollado un método pionero para reciclar a través de una mezcla de enzimas naturales casi todos los tipos de papel laminado, que hasta ahora era imposible reutilizar.

### [Fires fuel threat of runaway climate change](#)

Northern forests burning more intensely, turning region from sink to source of carbon dioxide, study finds.

### [Forest projects inch forward despite climate talks logjam](#)

International projects generating voluntary carbon credits by protecting forests are slowly moving forward despite blocked U.N. climate talks, emissions markets developers said.

### [Four myths that hold back progress in fighting climate change](#)

For the Cancún climate summit to make a difference, we must overcome perceived barriers to the efficient use of resources.

### [Google lanza herramienta para frenar la deforestación](#)

La firma Google presentó ayer su nueva aplicación Google Earth Engine, con la que busca no sólo llevar un registro de la deforestación del planeta, sino frenar sus causas a través del conocimiento de imágenes satelitales y datos oficiales interpretados a nivel científico.

### [Google lanza un buscador que permite seguir la evolución de los bosques](#)

La empresa Google anunció el lanzamiento del Google Earth Engine (GEE), un buscador que permite consultar imágenes vía satélite y bancos de datos históricos tomados en los últimos veinticinco años que permiten "monitorear y medir los cambios en el medio ambiente de la Tierra".

### [Google unveils satellite platform to aid forest efforts](#)

Google Inc unveiled technology it says will help build trust between rich and poor countries on projects designed to protect the world's tropical forests.

### [Grassland butterflies in steep decline across Europe](#)

Drop in 17 species' populations indicates a catastrophic loss of flower-rich meadows in many European countries.

### [How forest privatisation could attract biofuel energy companies](#)

Industry analysts predict land could be snapped up by energy companies looking to burn wood as a biofuel.

### [How to make communities see green over REDD?](#)

Forests are the lifeblood for millions of people around the world. Murniah, a 40-year-old mother of one in Mentaya Seberang village in Indonesia's Central Kalimantan Province, knows this only too well.

### [Ideological foes assail UN forest scheme from two sides](#)

Still, REDD maintains broad support from rich and poor nations and could be one of few agreements to emerge from the climate talks

### [Inminente acuerdo sobre bosques podría empantanarse. REDD está maduro para su cosecha en Cancún](#)

Los países se preparan para adoptar un acuerdo para proteger los bosques del mundo durante las conversaciones sobre cambio climático en Cancún.

### [La destrucción de bosques y mares hipoteca el descubrimiento de nuevas especies](#)

La falta de taxónomos impide avanzar en el descubrimiento de más especies. La ciencia tardaría entre 400 y 1.000 años en describir toda la fauna y flora marina.

### [La silicona amenaza al bosque](#)

Una buena cena entre amigos es siempre con un buen vino. Pero cada vez con más frecuencia, coges el sacacorchos para abrir la botella... y no hay corcho. En su lugar aparece un famélico tapón de silicona marrón con vetitas longitudinales pintadas. Te sientes estafado ante tan burda falsificación. ¿Quién ha cambiado el tapón?

### [Las mujeres son "cruciales" para reducir las emisiones derivadas de la deforestación](#)

Las féminas representan el 70% de los pobres del mundo y suministran el 90% de los alimentos en las comunidades dependientes de los bosques, según la UICN.

### [Le financement et la déforestation : les défis de Cancún](#)

Les attentes sont faibles à la conférence de Cancún sur les changements climatiques, qui s'est ouverte au Mexique. Mais des progrès sont tout de même attendus en ce qui a trait au financement des mesures de réduction d'émissions de gaz à effet de serre et dans le combat contre la déforestation.

### [Making forests pay in a warming world](#)

Deep in the flooded jungles of southern Borneo, muddy peat oozes underfoot like jello, threatening to consume anyone who tries to walk even a few yards into the thick, steaming forest.

### [Medidas contra la deforestación pueden reducir en 80 por ciento la extinción de especies](#)

La extinción de unas 2.500 especies que habitan los bosques podría verse reducida en más de un 80 por ciento si se aprobará el mecanismo de reducción de emisiones de deforestación y degradación (REED+) que se debate en la Conferencia de la ONU sobre Cambio Climático de Cancún (México).

### [Melting glaciers threaten floods in Himalayas, Andes](#)

Residents of the Himalayas and other mountain areas face a "tough and unpredictable future" as global warming melts glaciers and threatens worse floods and water loss, officials said during U.N. climate talks.

### [Musk oxen live to tell a survivors' tale](#)

Scientists are seeking to understand how the musk ox has managed to persist through repeated climate shifts and habitat upheavals.

### [New version of Google Earth offers 3D glimpse of trees worldwide](#)

The latest version of Google Earth provides a 3D view of trees, an innovation that Google officials say will emerge as a forestry planning tool for governments, environmentalists, and indigenous peoples.

### [Organismos internacionales exigen que se discuta la gestión de agua](#)

Varios organismos internacionales exigieron que la gestión del agua en el mundo se discuta en el marco de futuras Conferencias de las Partes de la ONU sobre Cambio Climático, un asunto que a la fecha ha sido excluido de esas reuniones.

### [Pact could be near to save tropical forests](#)

For years, policymakers and scientists alike have spoken of the need to save tropical forests as a way of curbing climate change.

### [Palm oil climbs to 28-month high on prospects for higher demand](#)

Palm oil advanced for a fourth day, touching the highest price in more than two years, on speculation that global demand for vegetable oils will increase.

### [PNUD insta a América Latina a asumir papel de superpotencia en biodiversidad](#)

El Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) advirtió a América Latina y el Caribe que la "extraordinaria" variedad de bienes y servicios que proporciona la rica flora y fauna de la región está en peligro si no asumen su "pleno potencial como superpotencias en biodiversidad".

### [Put deserts on climate agenda, UN official says](#)

As negotiators near a deal on preserving forests as a way to fight climate change, a top advocate for deserts says that the planet's driest lands should also play a role.

### [REDD: Climate conference ends with deforestation agreement](#)

For a climate change conference that began with universally low expectations, the Cancun meeting achieved surprisingly concrete progress, including an agreement to help preserve tropical forests.

### [Scientists aim to map and save endangered habitats](#)

From mangrove swamps in Venezuela to lowland forests in Indonesia, entire communities of plants and animals are under threat. Now scientists are figuring out how to catalog and map the world's most threatened ecosystems — just like their familiar list of endangered species.

### [Seeing Redd in Cancún](#)

Because developed countries need a token 'win' at the climate talks, Cancún will approve a ruinous forest protection scam.

### [The loneliest man in Cancun? Maybe the deforestation advocate](#)

The loneliest man at the Cancun climate conference? It just might be Alan Oxley of the group World Growth. Why? Oxley and his people are advocating deforestation. Or as they like to call it, "land conversion."

### [Thousands of plant species 'undiscovered in cupboards'](#)

More than 35,000 new species of flowering plants may be lying undiscovered in cupboards around the world, it is claimed.

### [UN chief urges forest deal to show climate progress](#)

UN chief Ban Ki-moon urged an accord on fighting deforestation to help win over a public growing "cynical" as crunch climate change talks entered their final stretch in Mexico.

### [U.N. nears agreement to curb destruction of world's rain forests](#)

For years, policymakers and scientists alike have spoken of the need to save tropical forests as a way of curbing climate change. By week's end, U.N. negotiators may finally set the rules of the road for doing it

### [U.N. talks to delay CO2 market deal for forests: EU](#)

The European Union wants to delay a deal to use carbon markets to reward countries which protect their tropical forests, beyond U.N. climate talks in Cancun, said EU climate commissioner Connie Hedegaard.

### [Visualisez la déforestation avec Google Earth Engine](#)

La branche «philanthropique» de Google, google.org, se met au service de la lutte contre le changement climatique. Lancée le 2 décembre à Cancun, où se tient le sommet des Nations unies sur le changement climatique, l'application Google Earth Engine permet de visualiser la déforestation grâce à une collection d'images satellites et de données qui pourraient servir aux scientifiques pour suivre en temps réel la perte de couvert forestier ou la désertification.

### [Water is the greatest gift in the desert](#)

They were the usual concerns for such a senior gathering of Arab officials: security worries over Iran, terrorism and peace in the Middle East were all high on the agenda. But in the end it was "water security" that arguably took centre stage, making it the first time an environmental issue had been discussed at such a high level in the region.

### [We can't halt deforestation through the public purse alone](#)

We need private investment: protecting forests has to be an economic imperative.

### [Weird weather leaves Amazon forest thirsty](#)

The river loops low past its bleached-white banks, where caimans bask in the fierce morning sun and stranded houseboats tilt precariously. Nearby sits a beached barge with its load of eight trucks and a crane. Its owners were caught out long ago by the speed of the river's decline.

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