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Forthcoming FAO events

March

[International Model Forest Network 2011 Global Forum](#)

Burgos, Spain – 25-26 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

[52nd session of the Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products \(ACPWP\)](#)

Montebello, Canada - 23-25 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

October

[Rediscovering wood: the key to a sustainable future - International Conference on the Art and Joy of Wood](#)

Bangalore, India - 19-22 October 2011

Other forest-related events

March

[British Ecological Society Annual Symposium 2011 - Forests and Global Change](#)

University of Cambridge, UK - 28-30 March 2011

[Jornadas de Salicáceas - Tercer Congreso Internacional de Salicáceas en Argentina](#)

Patagonia, Argentina - 16-19 March 2011

April

[Expoforest 2011](#)

Mogi Guaçu, Brazil – 13-15 April 2011

[Forestry Leaders Summit: Building Partnerships in International Forestry Education and Research](#)

Vancouver, Canada - 27-29 April 2011

June

[Poverty Environment Network \(PEN\) Conference - Counting on the Environment: The Contribution of Forests to Rural Livelihoods](#)

The Royal Society, London, United Kingdom - 15 June 2011

[Poverty Environment Network \(PEN\) Science Workshop - Exploring the Forest-Poverty Link: New Research Findings](#)

University of East Anglia, Norwich, United Kingdom - 13-14 June 2011

July

[FITECMA 2011 - Feria Internacional de Madera & Tecnología](#)

Buenos Aires, Argentina - 05-09 July 2011

September

[Who Will Own the Forest? 7](#)

World Forestry Center, Portland, Oregon, United States of America - 19-21 September 2011

November

[25th International Congress for Conservation Biology \(ICCB 2011\)](#)

Christchurch, New Zealand - 28 November - 02 December 2011

FAO in the news

[Alertan sobre incremento de incendios forestales en Cuba](#)

El Cuerpo de Guardabosques de Cuba (CCC) alertó el día 20 sobre el eventual incremento de los incendios forestales en la isla en 2011, proclamado por Naciones Unidas como Año Internacional de los Bosques.

[Colombia, entre los 22 casos ejemplares de manejo forestal de la FAO](#)

La expansión de la actividad agrícola-ganadera, la explotación no sustentable y el desproporcionado consumo de leña y carbón están alimentando una era de deforestación en América Latina y El Caribe que se traduce en una pérdida de bosques.

[España ha incrementado la superficie de sus bosques en un 15%, según la FAO](#)

España ha aumentado su superficie forestal en un 15% durante las últimas décadas, lo que en términos globales significa un crecimiento de 1.700.000 hectáreas anuales, ha manifestado el subdirector de la FAO, Eduardo Rojas, durante la presentación del informe "Situación de los bosques en el mundo".

[Forest cover grew from 2005 to 2010 — SFFI](#)

Philippine forest cover actually grew to 7.665 million hectares last year. This was the astonishing report of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI) as it continues to oppose the implementation of Executive Order No. 23 issued by President Aquino that prohibits logging in natural and residual forests.

[La superficie de bosque crece un 50% en España](#)

Desde 1970, los bosques han pasado de ocupar 12 millones de hectáreas a 18, según la FAO.

[Le bois-énergie est réhabilité en Afrique](#)

Le bois est à la mode dans les pays riches comme combustible alternatif aux carburants fossiles. Il est aussi réhabilité dans les pays du Sud et notamment en Afrique. Pendant des dizaines d'années, le bois-combustible a eu mauvaise réputation dans ce continent. C'était l'énergie du pauvre.

[Les forêts disparaissent à grande vitesse en Amérique centrale](#)

En Amérique centrale, la déforestation est plus rapide que dans le reste de l'Amérique latine, malgré le développement de projets visant à éviter ces pertes massives, selon un rapport de la FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization).

[Los bosques españoles se han duplicado en los últimos cien años](#)

España, Italia, Noruega, Rusia y Francia son los países de Europa que más bosques recuperan, debido, en parte, al abandono rural.

[Los bosques mundiales poseen la clave para estabilizar el clima](#)

Nunca, como ahora, la forestación ha recibido tanta atención mundial. Protagonistas en la mitigación del cambio climático, los bosques celebran, este 2011, su año internacional.

[S.O.S. ¡Los bosques!](#)

¿Qué es un bosque? ¿Un conjunto de árboles o un hábitat de animales y reservorio de miles de especies vegetales o áreas estables productoras de oxígeno? Sí, conceptualmente un bosque es eso, pero en este nuevo milenio, es mucho más, es una de las tablas de salvación de las que puede asirse la especie humana en medio de tanto desastre climatológico.

Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16 – 28 February 2011

International Year of Forests

[Fixing forests for the people](#)

The International Year of Forests (IYF) 2011, launched Feb. 2 at the UN General Assembly in New York, did not start with a bang. It didn't make the news in the Indonesian press and received only scant

mention in the world media. The crisis in Egypt, particularly the clash between the pro- and anti-Mubarak demonstrators on the same day, crowded it out. Yet the message of the IYF is profound.

[If a tree falls in Year of Forests, does anyone hear?](#)

The UN General Assembly recently met in New York to declare 2011 the International Year of Forests. The idea is to raise awareness of the priceless role that forests play in keeping the planet healthy and of the need for sustainable management and conservation of all types of forests.

[India to host World Environment Day 2011](#)

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has named India, for the first time, as the global host of World Environment Day 2011 (WED) on June 5, for "embracing the process of a transition to a Green Economy." This year's theme 'Forests: Nature at Your Service', underscores the intrinsic link between quality of life and the health of forests and forest ecosystems. The WED theme also supports this year's UN International Year of Forests.

[Room for forests](#)

Amidst the celebration of Nepal Tourism Year, 2011 is also being observed as International Year of Forests (IYFs) by United Nations to raise international awareness for conservation, management and sustainable development of forest resources.

[Year of the Forests](#)

It has been well communicated globally that this year- 2011- is officially 'The International Year of Forests'. As I drive through the Nairobi Park, it is good to note that the Lang'ata and riverine sections are fairly well forested and support substantial ecosystems.

Africa

[Great Green Wall to stop Sahel desertification](#)

The wall envisioned by 11 African countries on the southern border of the Sahara, and their international partners, is aimed at limiting the desertification of the Sahel zone.

Afghanistan

[Cette guerre qui cache la forêt](#)

En dépit de la guerre, la prise de conscience environnementale gagne du terrain en Afghanistan. Didier Paillereau, expert forestier alsacien, témoigne de cette avancée.

Angola

[IDF invests in fight against desertification](#)

Ondjiva – The Institute of Forest Development (IDF) in southern Cunene province, will create seedling nurseries in the six districts of the province to fight desertification in the region, Angop learned Thursday in Ondjiva.

Argentina

[Cooperativa de madereros inició producción de cabañas](#)

En un acto realizado en la localidad de El Hoyo, la Cooperativa de Provisión y Comercialización Maderera, Industrial y Forestal del Noroeste del Chubut Limitada (COMAIFO) entregó la primera cabaña diseñada y producida por los asociados con el fin de iniciar su fabricación en serie y así darle valor agregado a la madera que producen.

[Parrots and pigeons threaten Argentine sunflowers](#)

Flocks of hungry parrots and pigeons are plaguing sunflower farmers in some parts of Argentina, eating their crops and thinning their wallets.

[Reclaman fondos para aplicar la Ley de Bosques](#)

Resulta preocupante que, a casi tres años de su sanción, el Congreso Nacional aún no haya completado el Fondo Nacional para el Enriquecimiento y la Conservación de los Bosques Nativos, establecido por la ley.

[Viaje por el “corredor del hambre” en el norte del país](#)

Casi 80 mil wichí viven amenazados por la falta de comida y el impacto de la deforestación en Salta, Chaco y Formosa. Clarín recorrió la zona para entender por qué ese drama está matando a los chicos.

Australia

[Australia can meet carbon targets by land offsets: report](#)

A new report says Australia can meet its carbon emissions target by doing nothing more than claiming offsets from re-vegetation of cleared land, regional forest agreements and ending logging of native forests.

[Giving the imbalance in wood demand the chop](#)

A new inquiry can find solutions to many Australian forestry industry problems.

[Greens may block carbon farming bill](#)

The Australian Greens have indicated they will block federal government moves to give farmers carbon credits for planting trees.

[Night attack on forest tree-sitter at Narooma](#)

Conservationists prevented logging operations from continuing in the foothills of Gulaga Mountain by suspending an elevated platform in a tree supported by cables attached to logging machinery.

[Uncertain future for east coast koalas](#)

The koalas on Australia's eastern coast face a bleak future even if all the deforested land there is replanted to give the tree-dwellers a leg-up.

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

[Bolivian circus lions flown to U.S. sanctuary](#)

Twenty-five Bolivian circus lions rescued from poor conditions arrived in the United States, bound for a Colorado wildlife refuge.

[Se extinguen gradualmente humedales en Bolivia](#)

La falta de políticas preventivas, la agricultura extensiva, la contaminación, el sobrepastoreo, la actividad minera, la deforestación y el cambio climático son factores determinantes en la destrucción paulatina de los humedales en Bolivia, alertó recientemente la Liga de Defensa del Medio Ambiente (Lidema).

[Villa Tunari poco a poco pierde terreno por riadas](#)

Hace años una parte del mirador del Hotel Las Pozas desapareció. Se la llevó el caudaloso río Chapare, en época lluviosa. Desde aquel entonces las pérdidas de territorio, y también de vidas, han sido

paulatinas y hasta los pobladores más pesimistas se animaron a decir que Villa Tunari desaparecería por acción de los dos ríos que contornean al pueblo; el Espíritu Santo y el San Mateo.

Brazil

[Brazilian judge blocks plans for construction of Belo Monte dam](#)

Project to build world's third-largest hydroelectric plant is suspended after failing to meet environmental requirements.

["Todos somos niños de la Amazonia"](#)

Cuando una carretera de dos vías atravesó el corazón del mayor bosque del planeta, ¿cómo cambió la vida de sus habitantes?

[WWF calls for more intensive beef production in Brazil](#)

In an interview with the Ecologist, WWF Brazil CEO Denise Hamu says increasing productivity can help combat deforestation in the Amazon.

Canada

[De l'agent orange épandu dans la forêt boréale](#)

Un puissant défoliant cancérigène utilisé pendant la guerre du Vietnam pour clairsemer la végétation à des fins militaires a également été épandu dans la forêt boréale, en Ontario.

[Feux de forêt: La Tuque honorée pour son efficacité](#)

La Ville de La Tuque s'est vue décerner hier une mention d'honneur pour le rôle qu'elle a joué dans l'évacuation et l'hébergement des quelque 1300 résidents de la communauté autochtone de Wemotaci en mai dernier alors que la forêt de la Haute-Mauricie brûlait ardemment.

[Les forêts en fort recul dans Lanaudière](#)

L'expansion de l'agriculture et la construction ont fait disparaître 5000 hectares de forêt dans le sud de Lanaudière depuis 15 ans, selon une nouvelle étude. C'est l'équivalent de 50 fois la superficie du parc du Mont-Royal.

China

[Scientists flee blaze in Chinese rainforest restoration project](#)

Conservationists fear project to rebuild forest is in danger as trees are consumed by 30m-high flames.

Colombia

[Cocaine to blame for rain forest loss, study says](#)

Cocaine is destroying lives and tearing homes apart — and not simply because of drug use. Farming coca, the plant used to make cocaine, has been linked to rising deforestation rates in Colombian rain forests, a new study says.

[Colombia ha perdido en bosques el equivalente a dos veces y media la isla de Jamaica](#)

Según un estudio de la U. Stony Brook de Nueva York, hay una acelerada deforestación en el norte de los Andes, en el Pacífico y en los bosques amazónicos. En cinco años se perdieron 35.121 km cuadrados.

[De los bosques a sus labios](#)

Quizás la fruta del yogur que se comió esta mañana proviene de una de las regiones más ricas en biodiversidad del mundo pero, al mismo tiempo, una de las más pobres de Colombia. Y tal vez, pronto,

el lápiz labial que adornará tantas bocas también contenga un poco de los bosques del Chocó, en el noroeste del país.

Costa Rica

[Mayor protección para bosques](#)

La diputada Xinia Espinoza Espinoza informó que presentó un nuevo proyecto a la corriente legislativa que busca solucionar insuficiencias que tiene la legislación existente en materia de protección de bosques.

Côte d'Ivoire

[Ministère des Eaux et Forêts Koffi Koffi Lazare rencontre ses structures](#)

Les cantonnements des Eaux et Forêts de Gagnoa et Issia ont reçu la semaine passée la visite de leur ministre de tutelle. Cette a permis au ministre Koffi Koffi Lazare de toucher du doigt les réalités du terrain. Et surtout d'envisager des mesures urgentes à prendre pour la protection des forêts.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

[RDC: Greenpeace préoccupée par la légalisation des titres forestiers](#)

L'ONG Greenpeace se dit fortement préoccupée par l'annonce faite par le ministre de l'Environnement, José Endundo, de légaliser quinze titres forestiers dans les forêts tropicales de la RDC et de lever prochainement le moratoire existant dans le pays sur l'expansion de l'industrie forestière.

Dominican Republic

[Integran 60 bomberos forestales en temporada de incendios](#)

Los jóvenes están capacitados para prevenir y enfrentar los incendios forestales, especialmente en este inicio de la temporada de fuegos forestales.

Ecuador

[Bosques desaparecen en el país pero cifras son contradictorias](#)

De los árboles verdes y frondosos que cubrían buena parte de Quinindé (Esmeraldas) solo quedan parcelas. Desde el aire, es posible observar el cambio de uso de suelo de bosques por cultivos de palma. En otros no queda ni eso. Son grandes extensiones que usan el ganado y los colonos para vivir.

[Chevron asks Ecuador judge to clarify ruling](#)

Lawyers for Chevron Corp requested clarification of a recent court ruling in Ecuador that ordered the U.S. oil company to pay \$8.6 billion in damages for contaminating the Amazon.

[Chevron's dirty fight in Ecuador](#)

The giant oil corporation has been fined \$8.6bn for an environmental disaster that has been called 'the Amazon's Chernobyl'. But guess what? It may end up paying nothing.

[Ecuador plaintiffs appeal Chevron damages award](#)

Ecuadoreans suing U.S. oil giant Chevron Corp for environmental damages appealed a recent court ruling that awarded them \$8.6 billion, claiming that more money would be needed for cleanup efforts.

[El 11,4% de los bosques tiene protección](#)

Restos de balsa recién talada están dispersos a un costado de la vía El Achote, uno de los 94 recintos de Puerto Quito, en el noroccidente de Pichincha. Esta zona se caracteriza por sus especies nativas como

laurel, guayacán o balsa. Sin embargo, en el campo visual del sector casi no hay rastro de estos bosques primarios.

[El 'jardinero de los bosques', captado en imágenes inéditas](#)

Imágenes inéditas, captadas a través de trampas cámara colocadas en San Antonio de Puntzán, norte del Parque Nacional Sangay (parte oriental del volcán Tungurahua) muestran a diferentes tapires andinos en actividad, en el que podría ser uno de sus últimos refugios de esta especie en Ecuador.

[Forêt équatorienne cherche financeurs bienveillants](#)

De l'argent en échange de la non-exploitation pétrolière d'une partie de l'Amazonie équatorienne. Parfait sur le papier, le projet Yasuni souffre aujourd'hui de manque de financements.

[Indigenous Ecuadoran woman humbles US oil giant](#)

She has no legal training, and doesn't speak the Spanish that dominates government in Quito but indigenous villager Maria Aguinda helped bring a landmark judgment against US oil giant Chevron for polluting the rain forest she calls home.

[La concesión más grande de manglar de Ecuador](#)

Habitantes del Golfo de Guayaquil cerca de concesionar 10.823 hectáreas de manglar.

[U.S. judge delays decision in Chevron-Ecuador case](#)

A U.S. judge asked lawyers in the long-running Chevron Corp pollution dispute in Ecuador's Amazon rain forest to do more work on Ecuadorean law before he decides whether any judgment against the oil company can be enforced.

El Salvador

[El Salvador's environmental crisis](#)

Communities and officials demand that government protect the people from poisonous industries.

Eritrea

[Administrator calls on religious institutions to back up forestation program](#)

The Administrator of Central region, Mr. Kahsai Gebrehiwet, stressed the need for enhanced role and contribution on the part of religious institutions for the success of the to promote forestation.

Finland

[Owls change colour as climate warms](#)

Tawny owls turn brown to survive in warmer climates, according to scientists in Finland.

France

[La forêt du XXIe siècle](#)

Sylviculteur, Philippe Lorette s'est lancé il y a plusieurs années dans l'exploitation du robinier, une essence qui cumule, selon lui, les avantages.

[La forêt française à l'heure des choix](#)

Gérer la forêt française est devenu un casse-tête. L'Office national des forêts (ONF) comme les écologistes s'inquiètent de l'avenir.

[La Maison des associations est chauffée au bois](#)

Vendredi, le conseil municipal inaugurait le raccordement de la Maison des associations à la chaudière à bois qui alimente les HLM des Fontanilles depuis 2008.

[Les agriculteurs sortent du bois, satisfaits](#)

Ils protestaient à Lille contre le projet de boisement de la région. Des hectares de terres cultivables qu'ils craignaient de voir passer en forêt.

[Nouvelle étape pour le projet sur la forêt de Fontainebleau](#)

Le ministère de l'Ecologie a décidé la poursuite des travaux engagés par les élus et les scientifiques en vue de la création d'un parc.

[Saint-Amans-Soult. Les futurs professionnels de la forêt](#)

Les métiers de la forêt sont nombreux et la région midi Pyrénées figure parmi les plus boisées de l'hexagone. Rencontre avec une classe de 1^o Bac professionnel GCCF (Gestion et conduite de chantiers forestiers) du lycée forestier du haut Languedoc André Alquier.

[Une meilleure gestion des forêts cantaliennes](#)

Le Cantal compte aujourd'hui plus de 24.000 propriétaires forestiers. C'est le moment pour eux d'améliorer la gestion de leurs parcelles afin de redynamiser la filière bois.

Ghana

[Ministry appeals to chiefs in north to help curb bushfires](#)

The Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Miss. Sherry Ayithey, has appealed to traditional authorities in the three northern regions to complement the government's efforts at curbing rampant bush fires in the area.

[True patriots in far away Bosomase Forest](#)

Insects, snakes, scorpions, forest flies, and other dangerous creatures living in the thick forest of Bosomase, close to a habitat of ten houses and 20 kilometres away from Dabose, the district capital of Mpohor Wassa East, could be posing a serious threat to the lives of the security men stationed at the Bosomase Intake point.

Guatemala

[Concretan compra de bonos de carbono](#)

La primera venta de bonos del carbono de Guatemala se concretó en Petén, donde una empresa estadounidense se comprometió a invertir US\$400 mil en el manejo y cuidado.

[Pagos por no deforestar](#)

Si usted alguna vez pensó que jamás sería posible mantener los árboles en pie, a través de pagos por no deforestar, hoy se cumple un maravilloso sueño que nos ayudará como país a detener la deforestación. Este proyecto denominado REDD (Deforestación Evitada y Degradación de los Bosques) está siendo impulsado por Rainforest Alliance junto a la Usaid, entidades que han facilitado el desarrollo del marco metodológico legal e institucional para la implementación de REDD.

Honduras

[Darán remuneración a quienes conserven parcelas de bosques](#)

Como una forma de incentivar la conservación de la foresta en el país, las autoridades de la Secretaría de Recursos Naturales y Ambiente (Serna) pagarán a quienes conserven una parcela o grandes hectáreas de bosque.

[Lirio acuático sigue destruyendo espejo de agua del Lago de Yojoa](#)

Casi 400 especies de pájaros y 800 de plantas, entre la rica biodiversidad del Lago de Yojoa, sólo tienen seis meses de vida ante el inminente ataque del lirio acuático, sumado a la deforestación, crianza de ganado, peces y contaminación por heces fecales que salen de casetas y comunidades.

[Pobladores deben ser evacuados de El Merendón](#)

Si continúan la deforestación y la contaminación, en 2020 se cerrará esta “fábrica” de agua.

India

['Buffaloes ate up our green cover'](#)

That's the excuse range forest officer H K Mariswamy gave when questioned on the disappearance of thousands of saplings he claimed to have planted.

[Deforestation allegation against VPL](#)

VISA Power Limited (VPL), a part of the VISA Group, has allegedly cut down a large number of trees in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh where the company is coming up with a 1200-Mw power project.

['Dire need to save Goa's tiger woods'](#)

Once considered an essential part of the food chain, as it kept herbivores out of locals' fields and plantations, the tiger, since the last decade, is not faring too well in Goa, say wildlife enthusiasts.

[Frog re-emerges in India after century](#)

Researchers have rediscovered frog species including one last seen in India more than a century ago, potentially offering clues on why they have survived a global crisis killing amphibians.

[I can't be pure growthwallah in this job](#)

Environment minister Jairam Ramesh has been under attack for raising environment concerns in implementing industrial projects, especially regarding coal mining.

[Lily Cole: People and elephants can live in harmony](#)

A visit to India gave the model and actress striking evidence of how humans and elephants can live in peace with each other, with the right planning.

[Not out of the woods yet](#)

The promise of the FRA remains largely unfulfilled, says a committee set up by the Ministries of Environment and Forests and Tribal Affairs.

[Ramesh for CSR pacts between MoEF, PSUs for afforestation](#)

Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh favoured re-defining corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives to forge partnership between his ministry and PSUs for afforestation activities.

Indonesia

[4 rare Javan rhinos photographed in Indonesia](#)

Four of the world's most rare rhinoceroses were captured by camera traps installed in an Indonesian national park, an environmental group said.

[Despite \\$8.6B ruling, long road remains for Chevron pollution case](#)

When a court in Ecuador ruled that Chevron Corp. should pay at least \$8.6 billion in damages for pollution in the Amazon jungle, it opened up a new chapter in a case that has already been contested for 18 years.

[Domestic demand, rising food prices drive investment in palm oil sector](#)

Rising food prices and a government drive to develop Indonesia's commodity processing sector will lure more firms to invest in palm oil products in the world's top maker of the oil, despite erratic power, bad roads and aging ports that complicate the task of processing and moving goods.

[Environmentalists say moratorium on forest conversion an empty promise](#)

Green activists said that the government's much-hyped plan for a moratorium on new logging concessions would only apply to forests that were already protected in the first place.

[Greenpeace hits back at 'notorious forest destroyer' Asia Pulp and Paper](#)

Campaigners urge retailers to follow example of Tesco and Adidas in cutting links with the controversial paper and packaging supplier after latest allegations of greenwashing.

[Indonesia leads the world into the future](#)

Tackling climate change can at times seem to be at odds with ensuring economic growth and alleviating poverty. I believe, however, that the only way to truly succeed with either of these goals is by striving to reach them all. Climate change, poverty, population growth, and food, water and energy insecurity are mutually reinforcing.

[Indonesia set to free orangutans into 'killing fields'](#)

More than 1,000 captive orangutans set for release into the wild on Borneo island are being sent into a "killing field" of illegal logging and poaching, conservationists said.

[Indonésie: inquiétudes pour un millier d'orangs-outans remis en liberté](#)

Plus de 1.000 orangs-outans vivant en captivité vont être relâchés par l'Indonésie dans une région de l'île de Bornéo où ils risquent d'être victimes de la déforestation et du braconnage, a averti jeudi une organisation de protection des grands singes.

[Lukewarm efforts stall REDD](#)

Poor law enforcement has been the main cause of deforestation, now reaching over 1 million hectares a year. The government established a presidential taskforce to deal with long-standing problems and to impose a two-year moratorium for forest and peatland to run REDD-Plus projects.

[Moratorium to preserve only protected forest areas](#)

Deforestation would continue in the country despite the pledged two-year moratorium, since it would only take effect in areas categorized as protected under the Forest Law, a civil society group said.

[Rare Javan rhinos captured on film in Indonesia](#)

Two mother rhinos and two calves shown on 'video trap' footage.

[SBY to sign moratorium this month](#)

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is slated to sign a presidential instruction this month, serving as the country's legal basis to stop the handing out of licenses to convert primary forest and peatland for business purposes. The signing will take place two months after the pledged deadline on Jan. 1. However, the two-year moratorium will exclude secondary forest — forest that has already been converted for other purposes.

[The battle to save Indonesia's disappearing forests](#)

Imagine 400 football fields of trees disappearing during the duration of a soccer match. That was the rate of deforestation in Indonesia just a few years ago, between 2000 and 2006.

[The Indonesian deforestation moratorium: the devil is in the details](#)

Indonesia has promised to become a world leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In 2009 the president committed to a 26 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 to below business as usual levels. Of this total, 14 percent would have to come from reducing emissions from deforestation or forest degradation (REDD+).

Kenya

[850 acres lost as fire ravages Nakuru Park](#)

More than 850 acres of the park has been destroyed as a fire continued unabated for the third day at the Lake Nakuru National Park. The worst of the fires that broke out on Wednesday evening has burnt most of the pasture and the park's acacia and euphorbia woodlands.

[Baringo residents now put mathenge tree to good use](#)

Residents of Baringo County are rising up to make commercial sense of a plant introduced in the area 20 years ago to fight desertification but which has since turned their lives into a sea of misery.

[Councillor wants loggers locked out Voi's Sagalla forest](#)

A councillor has urged the Provincial Administration in Voi to stop illegal cutting of trees in Sagalla forest. Sagalla ward councillor George Soghe said influential people still cut trees in the forest despite government's ban.

[Sand merchants warned against illegal harvesting](#)

Environment authorities have warned licensed sand harvesters against venturing onto prohibited sites in Mwala district. At a meeting held yesterday, the District Environment Committee put the merchants on notice saying they will face the full force of the law.

[Sh220 million boost for Mau Forest](#)

The European Commission and United Nations Environment Programme (Unep) will spend Sh220 million (2 million dollars) on the restoration of the Mau Forest complex until 2013.

Madagascar

[Ladbord's chameleons of Madagascar live fast, die young](#)

The short but spectacular life cycle of the Labord's chameleon has been filmed by BBC documentary makers.

Mexico

[Arrasado, más de 50% de los bosques en la reserva de la mariposa monarca](#)

La reserva de la mariposa monarca, que abarca 56 mil 259 hectáreas, sólo tiene 24 mil hectáreas de bosque. El resto son ahora pastizales, áreas urbanas y de cultivo, indicó Isabel Ramírez Ramírez, especialista del Centro de Investigaciones de Geografía Ambiental de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

[Construirán una universidad en Ocosingo, Chiapas](#)

Durante su gira por el lugar, el gobernador Juan Sabines entregó apoyo a comuneros para continuar con la conservación de la Selva Lacandona; además, anunció diversas obras para Nueva Palestina.

[Inician en Jalisco campaña de prevención de incendios forestales](#)

Con el objetivo de disminuir el impacto de los incendios forestales en la deforestación, degradación forestal y las emisiones de CO₂, inició en Jalisco la campaña de prevención y combate de incendios forestales 2011.

[Les monarches plus nombreux au Mexique](#)

La migration annuelle des papillons monarches vers le Mexique s'est accrue cette année, après l'effondrement de 75 % de la population constaté l'an dernier, a annoncé lundi la filiale mexicaine du Fonds mondial pour la nature (WWF).

[Llegan más mariposas monarca este año a bosques mexicanos](#)

La cantidad de mariposas monarca fue el doble este invierno en México, luego que el año pasado fueran golpeadas severamente por el mal clima, según un monitoreo realizado por la Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (Conanp), en coordinación con el Fondo Mundial para el Medio Ambiente (WWF, por sus siglas en inglés) y con el apoyo de la empresa Telcel.

[Presentan a diputados programas de reforestación](#)

El presidente de la Comisión Especial de la Cuenca del Sistema Cutzamala, el priista Ignacio Pichardo Lechuga, se reunió con el director general de la Comisión Nacional Forestal (Conafor) Juan Manuel Torres Rojo, para conocer el Programa Especial para la Reforestación de microcuencas.

[Problemas en cuencas hidrológicas de Veracruz](#)

El Instituto Nacional de Ecología (Inecol) se dijo preocupado por la situación actual de las cuencas hidrológicas de Veracruz, pues detalla que por el cambio climático, la deforestación y factores sociales, las sequías se han recrudecido y las lluvias desbordan las cuencas a la menor provocación.

Nigeria

[Certifying nation's REDD readiness plan](#)

Nigeria took yet another major step in its quest towards becoming a full-fledged REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) participatory nation following the authentication in Abuja of a draft REDD Readiness Programme.

[Climate change - stakeholders converge in Abuja for draft Redd](#)

Stakeholders on climate change mitigation converged in Abuja to prepare a draft Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) Readiness Programme (REDD+).

[NGO to plant 30,000 trees in Abakaliki](#)

The war against deforestation in Ebonyi State has received a big boost as a non-governmental organisation, Neighbourhood Environmental Watch Foundation, is to plant 30, 000 economic trees at Enyida Development Centre of Abakaliki Local Government Area of the state.

[Taking advantage of carbon trade](#)

Experts on environment have predicted that Nigeria can make over N34 billion on sale of carbon credit the nation is able to implement Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD), projects.

Panama

[Anuncian que el Canal de Panamá será neutral en carbono a partir de 2014](#)

El Canal de Panamá trabaja para compensar sus emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero y convertirse en "carbono neutral" a partir de 2014, anunció el administrador de la vía acuática, Alberto Alemán Zubieta.

Peru

[Alemania aportará € 60 millones para conservación de bosques](#)

Con el objetivo de mantener y rescatar la biodiversidad del país, es una de las más importantes en el mundo, Perú y Alemania suscribieron una estrategia conjunta, que comprende la inversión de alrededor de 60 millones de euros en proyectos de conservación de bosques y área protegidas.

[Realizan operativo militar contra minería ilegal en Perú](#)

Las fuerzas del orden destruyeron 19 dragas instaladas de forma ilegal por mineros informales en los ríos de la región de Madre de Dios, en el inicio de una serie de operaciones militares para combatir la minería ilegal, manifestó el lunes el ministro de Defensa Jaime Thorne.

Philippines

[Filipinas bate el récord mundial plantando 64.000 árboles en 15 minutos](#)

Casi 7.000 ecologistas han batido un récord mundial al plantar más de 64.000 árboles en 15 minutos en Filipinas, informó la prensa local.

[Tree-planting world record set in Philippines](#)

Philippine environmentalists have set a world record for the most trees planted simultaneously, kickstarting an enormous reforestation programme, organisers said.

[UP study on logging ban bared](#)

A total logging ban would only worsen the rate of deforestation of the country's meager forest cover.

Rwanda

[Rwanda makes saving its forests a national priority](#)

Landmark commitment to a sustainable environment in a bid to feed a population expected to double over the next 30 years.

South Africa

[Cape fire fighters on high alert](#)

Cape fire fighters are on high alert after a warning from the South African Weather Services for veld fires.

Spain

[Boné apuesta por el consenso para aprobar el plan forestal, aún sin fecha](#)

El consejero de Medio Ambiente, Alfredo Boné, ha defendido la máxima participación y el consenso en la elaboración del plan forestal, que sigue distintos trámites sin plazos concretos para su aprobación.

[España recupera el 3,5% de las aves anilladas durante los últimos 60 años](#)

Unos siete millones de aves han sido anilladas en España desde la década de los 50 y se han recuperado, entre ejemplares vivos y muertos, alrededor de 250.000, un 3,57% del total de aves anilladas, ha afirmado el ornitólogo de la SEO/Birdlife Juan Carlos del Moral.

[Los bosques valencianos enfermos y dañados aumentaron un 9,17% en 2010](#)

El número de bosques valencianos afectados por "enfermedades y fisiopatías" ha pasado de 736 a 971 entre los años 2009 y 2010, lo que representa un incremento del 9,17%. Este importante aumento, según un informe elaborado por la Conselleria de Medio Ambiente de la Generalitat Valenciana, hay que atribuirlo al "soflamado del pino carrasco", la "roya del enebro", el "puntisecado del pino carrasco" y un buen número de enfermedades "sin determinar".

[Madrid aprueba la propuesta del Parque Nacional para Guadarrama](#)

El Consejo de Gobierno ha aprobado la propuesta para la creación del Parque Nacional de las Cumbres de Guadarrama, que tiene 21.700 hectáreas en la Comunidad de Madrid, que unidas a las 11.900 de Castilla y León, suponen el quinto parque en extensión de toda España.

[Medio Ambiente convoca a los ciudadanos para reforestar el monte Cerredo](#)

La Concejalía de Medio Ambiente de Castro Urdiales ha hecho un llamamiento a los vecinos del municipio para que colaboren en la reforestación del Monte Cerredo, que se llevará a cabo los próximos sábados, 26 de febrero y 12 y 26 de marzo.

[Un 10% de los tramos de ríos cantabros inspeccionados tienen una deficiente calidad](#)

El informe anual del Proyecto Ríos refleja que en torno al 50% de los tramos inspeccionados tienen buena calidad del agua, el bosque de ribera está bien conservado y el estado ecológico del medio fluvial es bueno, mientras que el 40% tiene una situación moderada y sólo un 10% un estado deficiente.

[Un ingeniero expone en el Congreso un posible sistema de pago por los servicios de los ecosistemas en España](#)

El ingeniero de montes y profesor universitario Pablo Martínez de Anguita ha desglosado en el Congreso de los Diputados la hoja de ruta a seguir para el establecimiento en España de un sistema de pago o compensación por los servicios que nos prestan los ecosistemas.

[Una guía identifica las fuentes de semillas de árboles en Cantabria](#)

La Consejería de Desarrollo Rural, Ganadería, Pesca y Biodiversidad ha publicado una guía en la que se identifican las fuentes de semillas de árboles que se producen en Cantabria, establece su categoría y calidad, e indica las áreas de la región en las que se pueden encontrar.

Sri Lanka

[Sri Lanka plans first census of elephants](#)

Sri Lanka is planning its first ever census of elephants as the animals increasingly come into conflict with villagers, a top official said.

Uganda

[Biowaste briquettes fuel drive to save trees](#)

Banana stems, maize and other crop waste will be turned into charcoal briquettes in Uganda in an effort to reduce the number of trees chopped down for cooking fires.

United Kingdom

[Anger over Scots forest windfarms](#)

A powerful group of multi-national firms has won one of Europe's most lucrative energy deals to build as many as 1,000 new wind turbines in Scotland's forests.

[Campaigners not out of the woods in bid to save forests](#)

Thousands of acres of ancient trees under threat from plans for developments including airports and golf courses.

[Caroline Spelman in 'humiliating' apology over forest sell-off](#)

Caroline Spelman, the Environment Secretary, was forced to make a 'humiliating' apology after performing a hasty U-turn over plans to privatise the nation's forests.

[David Cameron bows to pressure over English forest sale](#)

Government set for another major U-turn over plans to dispose of Forestry Commission land.

[Diamond jubilee tree-planting project launched](#)

Queen's jubilee year project aims to plant 6 million trees across the UK.

[England's forests are not quite out of the woods yet](#)

The forests U-turn is a rare grassroots victory, but action must be taken to ensure access, protection and growth of our trees.

[Forest farce: Cameron to axe sell-off policy](#)

The highly contentious plans for a £250m sale of England's forests will be abandoned because of the furious backlash that has hit the Government.

[Forest fiasco minister faces new humiliation](#)

Caroline Spelman, who presided over the forest sell-off fiasco, faces fresh pressure after it emerged her department could have to make new cuts on top of those already agreed.

[Forest sale axed: Caroline Spelman says 'I'm sorry'](#)

Controversial plans to sell 40,000 acres of state-owned woodland in England have been abandoned.

[Forest sell-off abandoned: I'm sorry, I got it wrong, says Caroline Spelman](#)

Environment secretary apologises to MPs as she confirms the government has abandoned plans to sell off England's forests amid widespread criticism.

[Forest sell-off: 'People power' forced U-turn, say campaigners](#)

Plans to sell England's forests attracted cross-party opposition and sparked a public outcry.

[Forest sell-off: Social media celebrates victory](#)

Twitter, Facebook and other websites take credit for government's U-turn on sale of England's forests.

[Forest sell-off: the questions we still need answering](#)

The Government's 'U-turn' on selling off our public forests is a victory for activists who now need to push for better protection and improvement says Gavin Thomson, a volunteer with the campaign group 38 Degrees.

[Forest sell-off U-turn is a victory for people power](#)

The 38 Degrees campaign has been a success, not just for forests but because it proves that people power works.

[Forestry sell-off: public and political opposition forced U-turn](#)

Caroline Spelman's doomed policy began last year with a warning to the Forestry Commission that cuts would be needed.

[Forests sell-off abandoned as Cameron orders U-turn](#)

Plans scrapped after furious backlash and Ed Miliband jibing about PM changing the Conservative emblem to a tree.

[Forests U-turn – the Tories should have known better](#)

I am shocked and amazed David Cameron couldn't see the wood for the trees when it came to selling off Britain's forests.

[Gritting over the winter could have killed thousands of trees](#)

Thousands of trees around Britain are in danger of dying after being killed off by gritty salt used to combat icy roads and pavements over the tough winter.

[Haro sur Cameron, qui voulait vendre les vertes forêts anglaises](#)

Pour remplir les caisses de l'Etat, le gouvernement britannique envisageait de vendre les espaces boisés du royaume. Face à l'avalanche de protestations, il est contraint de faire marche arrière. La résistance organisée pour sauver les forêts peut-elle servir de modèle à d'autres mobilisations sociales?

[Map accuses hunts of causing 'havoc'](#)

Hunts have been accused of abusing members of the public, trespassing into private gardens and causing train crashes in a map of the 'havoc' caused by hunting with dogs.

[Minister to hear forest fears of sheep farmers](#)

Fears that sheep farming in the Borders is being increasingly marginalised by the drive towards forestry will be highlighted next month when Richard Lochhead, Scotland's cabinet secretary for rural affairs, visits the region.

[Order to destroy 'invasive' Muntjac deer backed by MSPs](#)

MSPs have backed an order to destroy an "invasive" species of deer if found in the wild in Scotland.

[Protesters celebrate forests U-turn](#)

Charities across the UK have welcomed the decision, announced today by Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman, to abandon controversial plans to privatise England's public forests.

[RSPB call for a tax on gardeners for using peat](#)

Gardeners could be taxed for using high quality compost under plans put forward by conservationists to add at least a £1 on bags of peat.

[Scientists prepare for mass rat cull on remote UK island](#)

Eradication programme aims to save millions of seabirds from invasive rats on South Georgia.

[Spelman's forest U-turn: 'We got this one wrong'](#)

Caroline Spelman issued an extraordinary apology as she scrapped plans to sell off England's forests, telling MPs: "I'm sorry, we got this one wrong." The Environment Secretary's act of public contrition helped to calm the political storm the Government provoked with its controversial scheme to offload 637,000 acres of woodlands from public ownership.

[The conker canker: disease fells avenue of horse chestnuts](#)

A sad milestone in the spread of a disease mortally affecting Britain's horse chestnut trees was passed this week when one of the country's noblest horse chestnut avenues was finally cut down.

[UK forest sale plan scrapped after outcry](#)

The British government scrapped its controversial plans to sell the bulk of England's publicly owned forests after intense public opposition.

[We got it wrong on forests, says Spelman](#)

The Government was forced into a humiliating U-turn today as it scrapped controversial plans to privatise England's public forests.

[What wood you do to stop this?](#)

The government's announcement that it is postponing the sale of 15 per cent of the Forestry Commission estate, in order to review the site-by-site criteria for disposal is a first victory in the massive grass-roots anti-privatisation campaign.

[Wild swans under threat as numbers begin to decline](#)

Britain's two species of migratory wild swans, which come from the far north to spend the winter here and add grace and charm to many lakes and pools, are undergoing contrasting fortunes which are beginning to worry.

[Win £5,000 in our forest challenge](#)

Sell-off or no sell-off, England's woods face an uncertain future. Michael McCarthy explains how you can help – and win a prize.

United Republic of Tanzania

[Bush meat hunting 'threat to wildlife, forests'](#)

Experts have warned on several occasions that conservation activities in Tanzania are seriously impaired by shortage of funding, which consequently expose the country's fantastic forests and wildlife - especially rare species - to imminent threats of extinction.

United States of America

[A park rediscovers its soundscape](#)

As I write on the 15th floor of a San Francisco office tower, not one but two jackhammers are pulsating somewhere outside, in a syncopated tattoo that echoes off nearby buildings. That quintessential urban noise, along with car alarms and sirens, are a reminder of how necessary it is for parks to provide respite not just from urban landscapes but urban soundscapes as well.

[Bighorn sheep return to Pike National Forest in Colorado](#)

After the devastation of a fire in the Pike National Forest, now a return of life in the form of bighorn sheep.

[Demand for uranium threatens Grand Canyon biodiversity](#)

Government report will recommend whether raft of proposed mines in region should go ahead.

[Grim outlook for forests because of bugs, disease](#)

The outlook for forests in western North America is grim: White pines in majestic Yellowstone National Park face obliteration; two-thirds of aspen forests, including many in the Roaring Fork Valley, are likely doomed; and bark beetle infestations will intensify with climate change.

[Montana governor threat: shoot wolves now, ask questions later](#)

Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer declared he was ready to order state game officials to kill off entire wolf packs in defiance of federal protections under the Endangered Species Act.

[New York city can buy more watershed land, state says](#)

New York City can continue to buy land to protect its watershed in the Catskills and Hudson River Valley from development under an agreement announced by the city and state.

[Shhh, and not because the fauna are sleeping](#)

At times, deep within this vaulted chamber of redwoods, it is almost quiet enough to hear a banana slug slither by. For the National Park Service, that stillness is as vital a component of the site as the trees' green needles, or the sudden darting rays of sunlight.

[Some see silver lining in bark beetle epidemic](#)

The beetle epidemic that has killed trees on millions of acres in western North America isn't the ecological disaster it is often portrayed to be, a senior forest scientist with The Wilderness Society.

[Warming is altering anatomy of forests](#)

Global warming is reshaping forests throughout Colorado and across the West, scientists and public-land managers agreed at a symposium, leaving foresters at pains to deal with a landscape that could look very different in the future.

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

[Bosques del país en peligro de extinción](#)

En Venezuela se han perdido en diez años seis millones de hectáreas.

World

[A real tweet: US, Canada prepare for yearly bird count](#)

Tens of thousands of people in the United States and Canada will this week rediscover the original meaning of "twitter" and "tweet" as they take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count.

['Aeroecology' uses radar to track flying animals](#)

The study of birds, bats and flying insects could be transformed by the use of technology designed for tracking storms, researchers say.

[After big drop in 2010, monarchs make comeback](#)

The number of monarch butterflies migrating from Canada and the U.S. to Mexico has increased this year, a hopeful sign following a worrisome 75% drop in their numbers last year.

[Amur tigers in population crisis](#)

The effective population of the critically endangered Amur tiger is now fewer than 14 animals, say scientists.

[Cancun agreement and financing forestry](#)

The impacts of climate change are already being felt in many developing countries particularly least developed countries and small island states, yet these countries have not been the primary cause of it. The necessary actions to halt climate change and the ways in which all nations whether it is developed or developing, least developed or emerging or polluter developing, small island states should be part of the overall solution are becoming clearer.

[Deux projets forestiers du Guatemala et du Népal, lauréats du Prix "Sasakawa" du PNUE](#)

Le programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement (PNUE) a récompensé jeudi à Nairobi deux projets forestiers du Guatemala et du Népal, dans le cadre du Prix "Sasakawa". Cette distinction honore des projets de protection de l'environnement dans les pays émergents et en voie de développement.

[Eco-engineering hopes for amphibians' future](#)

An international team of researchers have tabled a range of engineering ideas that could help protect amphibians from future climate change.

[Faune sauvage: 450 experts réunis à Paris pour mieux prévenir les épidémies](#)

Avec la mondialisation et le réchauffement climatique, il est devenu illusoire de séparer la santé de la faune sauvage de celle des animaux domestiques ou des humains, estiment 450 experts réunis à Paris, qui recommandent une approche globale pour mieux prévenir les épidémies.

[Forest bugs seen aided by creeping climate change](#)

A spruce tree has smothered a few beetles by oozing resin from its trunk, repelling an attack by bugs that seem to be advancing northwards with climate change in a threat to forests and timber companies.

[Frog hunt ends: most still absent](#)

A mission to discover whether any of 100 amphibian species believed to be extinct are still alive has ended with few successes to report.

[Frog re-emerges in India after century](#)

Researchers have rediscovered frog species including one last seen in India more than a century ago, potentially offering clues on why they have survived a global crisis killing amphibians.

[Snake-bites: a growing, global threat](#)

A cryptic shape glides across the forest floor, searching, tasting the air, hunting for its next victim. Over 2m-long, this predator packs a powerful punch; a venom capable of killing up to five people with a single bite.

[Solving the mystery of the bizarre deformed frogs](#)

The ecologist David Skelly has found that pollution is leading to limb deformities and the creation of "intersex" frogs.

[The new science of telecoupling shows just how connected the world is — For better and for worse](#)

This is not, as you might expect, a particular risqué form of conference call. Telecoupling refers to how connections between nature and human beings are growing ever tighter in a more globalized world—for good and for ill.

[The palm oil PR offensive is gathering pace – but not weight](#)

An Adam Smith Institute report is the latest development as the palm oil industry attempts to rebrand itself as 'the good guys', but many of its claims appear to be unfounded.

[Tres indios amazónicos viajan a Europa para intentar parar unos pantanos](#)

Tres indios de la región amazónica han viajado a Europa para protestar contra la construcción de unos pantanos que amenazan con destruir las tierras y los medios de vida de miles de indígenas de esa región, informó la organización no gubernamental Survival.

[Tropical forests 're-shaped' by climate changes](#)

Future climate change could change the profile of tropical forests, with possible consequences for carbon storage and biodiversity, a study says.

[Turtles now world's most threatened vertebrates](#)

Turtles and tortoises are now the most endangered group of vertebrate animals, with more than half of their 328 species threatened with extinction, according to a new report.

[Two pct of world GDP is key to green economy: U.N.](#)

Investing 2 percent of global gross domestic product (GDP) in 10 sectors including agriculture and energy could shift the world economy to a greener future, the U.N. Environment Program said.

[U.N. presses Latin American on forestry](#)

Countries in Latin America need to draft measures that protect their forests in line with environment agreements reached in Cancun, a U.N. official said.

[Unraveling the mystery of the bizarre deformed frogs](#)

For the last two decades, strange things have been happening to frogs. Some frog populations have high rates of limb deformities, while others have high incidences of what is known as "intersex" - traits associated with both males and females, such as male frogs whose testes contain eggs.

[Vines spreading at trees' expense in tropical forests, scientists say](#)

The change observed in tropical forests in the Americas could dry out vegetation and result in more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, an analysis of eight studies shows.

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