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### **Forthcoming FAO events**

#### **May**

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

Montebello, Canada - 23-25 May 2011

[Developing Guidelines for Decision and Policy Makers: Trees and Forests for Healthy Cities](#)

Glasgow, Scotland - 30-31 May 2011

[Living with Fire - Addressing Global Change through Integrated Fire Management](#)

Sun City, South Africa - 9-13 May 2011

#### **June**

[VII Congreso Forestal Centroamericano - "El Bosque sin Frontera para Todos y por el bien Común"](#)

Managua, Nicaragua - 29 June-01 July 2011

#### **October**

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

Guanacaste, Costa Rica - 31 October – 5 November 2011

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

Bangalore, India - 19-22 October 2011

#### **November**

[Second Asia-Pacific Forestry Week: New Challenges – New Opportunities](#)

Beijing, China - 7-11 November 2011

## Other forest-related events

### May

[Forestry, Biomass & Sustainability 2011 – Investment opportunities and carbon reductions](#)

London, United Kingdom - 12-13 May 2011

[The Global Wood Products Industry/Market Conference](#)

Vancouver, BC, Canada – 10 May 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

[Public Conference - Short Rotation Forestry and Agroforestry: An Exchange of Experience Between CDM Countries and Europe](#)

Barolo, Torino, Italy - 20-22 June 2011

[Simposio Internacional Gestión Forestal Recurso Micológico/Silvicultural Management for Forests Producers Edible Mushrooms](#)

Valladolid, Spain - 09-11 June 2011

### July

[10th Proforest Summer Training Programme](#)

Oxford, United Kingdom - 18-22 July 2011

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

Buenos Aires, Argentina - 05-09 July 2011

[Forêts et foresterie: mutations et décloisonnements](#)

Martinique, France - 06-08 July 2011

### September

[Forest Pedagogic and Environmental Education - The PAWS-MED experience](#)

Sabaudia, National Park of Circeo, Italy - 15-16 September 2011

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

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

### November

[2011 IUFRO Forest Protection Joint Meeting 'Pathogens, insects and their associations affecting forestry worldwide'](#)

Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay - 08-11 November 2011

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

Christchurch, New Zealand - 28 November - 02 December 2011

## [IUFRO International Conference - Research Priorities in Tropical Silviculture: Towards New paradigms?](#)

Montpellier, France - 15-18 November 2011

## **FAO Forestry vacancies**

### [Chief Technical Adviser - Forest Assessment & Monitoring](#)

Under the direct supervision of the FAO Representative in Hanoi, the technical guidance of the Lead Technical Officer (LTO) at FAO Headquarters, and in coordination with the National Project Coordinator (NPC), the incumbent will provide technical assistance and support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and Forest Inventory and Planning Institute (FIPI) in the areas of capacity building, institutional strengthening, planning and implementation of the Support to National Assessment and Long Term Monitoring of the Forest and Tree Resources in Vietnam (NFA) project.

### [Director, Forestry Assessment, Management and Conservation Division \(FOM\)](#)

The Forest Resources Assessment, Management and Conservation Division provides information, advice on technologies and best practices as well as technical assistance to member countries on the assessment, development, conservation, management and protection of forests, trees outside forests, and associated biodiversity as well as on related natural resources, factors and processes affecting them (land degradation, deforestation and forest degradation, desertification, forest fires, forest health, forest land rehabilitation, climate change and forests). Particular relevance is given to fragile ecosystems such as drylands and mountains.

## **FAO in the news**

### [El punto de fuga de los bosques](#)

La ONU definió 2011 como el año para atraer la atención mundial en los recursos forestales.

### [Fires destroy much of Phl forests, UN-FAO records show](#)

It's summer, and expect some parts of the country's vanishing forests to go up in smoke because of fires. Fires destroy much of the country's forests, as shown by records, among them those of the United Nations-Food and Agriculture Organization (UN-FAO).

### [Reforestación ¿Qué está pasando?](#)

De acuerdo con estadísticas de la FAO el 8% de los bosques del mundo tienen como principal objetivo la conservación del suelo y el agua. Cada hectárea de bosque hace una gran contribución a la regulación de los ciclos del agua. En el mundo hay unos 330 millones de hectáreas de los bosques del mundo destinadas a la conservación del suelo y el agua, control de aludes, estabilización de dunas, lucha contra la desertificación o protección costera.

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## **Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16 – 30 April 2011**

### **International Year of Forests**

#### [Economics of trees](#)

At a symposium to mark the International Year of Forests earlier this week at the International Convention Centre, Liliendaal, President Bharrat Jagdeo boasted that Guyana has led the way in developing what he called the “economics of trees”, referring of course to the Low Carbon Development Strategy and its potential for raking in big bucks for the preservation of trees to be used in the country’s development.

#### [Films explore who gets to decide about forests](#)

The International Institute for Environment and Development is pleased to share six new films about the future of forests, and announce a forthcoming webinar where you can discuss the films with the team that made them and viewers from around the world.

#### [Forestry Bureau promotes trails for Year of Forests](#)

The Forestry Bureau has recommended 100 hiking trails and will hold a series of eco-tours to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Republic of China and the International Year of Forests. In addition, the bureau encourages public and private organizations to sign up as volunteers in forest protection campaigns.

#### [Head for the woods during International Year of Forests](#)

The United Nations has designated 2011 the International Year of Forests, but you don’t have to travel overseas — or even across state lines — to celebrate the event. From neighborhood woodlands to America’s national forests, the woods are where it’s at this spring.

#### [Instituto Humboldt lanza página web del Año Internacional de los Bosques](#)

En el contexto del Año Internacional de los Bosques, el Instituto Humboldt presenta el sitio web para Colombia, una plataforma sencilla para compartir información del uso y manejo sostenible de los bosques de nuestro país.

#### [Le liège veut redorer son blason écologique](#)

L'Année internationale des forêts est l'occasion pour les industriels du liège de rappeler ses qualités naturelles...

#### [National Year of Forests to be launched](#)

The National Year of Forests (NYF) will be officially launched at the Makiling Botanic Gardens in Los Baños, Laguna. Spearheaded by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the NYF is part of the government’s support to the declaration of the United Nations of 2011 being the International Year of Forests (IYF).

#### [New York Earth Day celebrates with "virtual" forests](#)

A "virtual" forest sprouting on Times Square's renowned billboards, 1,000 free rain barrels for gritty city backyards and a parade of clean energy vehicles including hybrid garbage trucks are all helping New Yorkers go green for Earth Day.

### [Reflexión poética en el Año Internacional de los Bosques](#)

Partiendo de la evidencia de que 'los bosques y una administración sostenida del arbolado pueden contribuir significativamente al desarrollo sostenido, a la erradicación la pobreza y a la consecución de objetivos de desarrollo aprobados internacionalmente, incluyendo los Objetivos de Desarrollo del Milenio', la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas en su resolución 61/193 proclamó 2011 como el Año Internacional de los Bosques.

### [Time to act now on forest conservation and management](#)

The call for a concerted effort to conserve and sustainably manage our forest and tree resources is nothing new. It has, however, become more urgent, given the inability of many of the countries in the Pacific to move closer to this goal.

### [Una exposición fotográfica celebra el Año Internacional de los Bosques](#)

Ibercaja Actur acogerá del 26 de abril al 31 de mayo la muestra titulada "Bosques de España. Donde la luz se hace vida", con la que se quiere conmemorar el Año Internacional de los Bosques.

## **Africa**

### [Antimalarial plants 'in danger of extinction'](#)

More research is needed to prevent the extinction of trees and shrubs with antimalarial properties that could guide the discovery of new generation of anti-malarials and other life-saving drugs, African scientists have said.

### [Árboles que salvan vidas, en peligro de extinción](#)

No son pocas las ocasiones en las que los científicos han mirado a la Naturaleza en busca de remedios para la salud, pero algunos de ellos pueden estar desapareciendo antes de ser aprovechados: árboles y arbustos utilizados durante siglos por la medicina tradicional africana están en riesgo de extinción, según denuncian los investigadores del Centro Mundial Agroforestal (ICRAF) y el Instituto de Investigación Médica de Kenia (KEMRI).

### [Deforestación en Africa pone en riesgo árboles medicinales](#)

Miles de árboles y arbustos utilizados con éxito en la medicina tradicional africana están hoy en riesgo de extinción debido a la deforestación que sufre ese continente, indicaron expertos.

### [Dramatique déforestation en Afrique de l'Ouest](#)

Une récente étude des chercheurs de l'Institut international d'agriculture tropicale (IITA) et du Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) révèle que les engrais à faible apport d'intrants, utilisés dans l'exploitation du cacao, du manioc et de l'huile de palme, ont entraîné la déforestation massive et la dégradation de la forêt tropicale de la zone Afrique de l'Ouest.

## **Argentina**

### [Ley de Bosques: no recibieron a los aborígenes, pero prometen escucharlos](#)

Los diputados de la comisión de Ecología de la legislatura provincial no recibieron al consejo de lonkos que pretendía realizar un aporte al tratamiento del proyecto de ley Provincial de Bosques. En cambio, la comisión presidida por el diputado del Frepam, Adrián Peppino, resolvió enviar una copia del proyecto al Consejo Provincial del Aborigen para que, en un plazo perentorio, hagan una evaluación del mismo y planteen sus apreciaciones.

## **Australia**

### [Australian palm oil labelling could reduce deforestation](#)

The Australian Independent Senator, Nick Xenophon has defended a proposed bill that would label products that contain palm oil and if they are produced using sustainable farming.

### [Malaysia objects to palm oil labelling](#)

Southeast Asia's poor are at the centre of an Australian senate inquiry, which has heard that labelling products which contain palm oil will threaten the jobs of over half a million workers in Malaysia.

### [Malaysian palm oil lobby fires at Xenophon](#)

Malaysia's palm oil lobby has reacted angrily to a push for labels to be added to foods containing the substance. Independent senator Nick Xenophon wants consumers to know if their food contains palm oil produced through deforestation.

## **Bangladesh**

### [Forests shrink to only 9pc](#)

Finance Minister AMA Muhith said the country's forest coverage has come down to nine percent, and emphasised on social afforestation and massive tree plantation in each village to face the climate change.

### [The dwindling forests](#)

We learn it from no less a person than the finance minister that forest coverage has come down to only nine percent. He emphasized on social afforestation and massive tree plantation in each village to face the climate change impacts. His observations came at the inaugural session of the first Bangladesh Forestry Congress 2011 held in Dhaka.

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

### [Bolivia avanza en el desafío de plantar 10 millones de árboles](#)

El Gobierno boliviano confirmó que este mes concluirá la primera etapa del Programa Nacional de Forestación y Reforestación (PNFR) al conmemorar el Día internacional de la Madre Tierra declarado por las Naciones Unidas el 22 de abril.

### [Bosques modelo, Bolivia en la copa](#)

Las personas son el centro del concepto de Bosque Modelo, que busca la sostenibilidad del manejo forestal. Dentro de una sociedad compuesta por muchos países, Bolivia tiene el Bosque Modelo más grande del mundo.

## **Brazil**

### [La canne à sucre pourrait aider à baisser les températures au Brésil](#)

Cultivée pour le biocarburant ou à des fins alimentaires, la canne à sucre pourrait aider à rafraîchir le climat...

### [Sugarcane grown for fuel cools Brazil's climate](#)

Sugarcane grown to power Brazil's cars and trucks as an alternative to climate-warming fossil fuels has a beneficial side effect: it also cools the local air temperature, scientists reported.

## **Canada**

### [Une forêt protégée à Sainte-Julie](#)

Alors que les statistiques confirment le recul des forêts autour de Montréal, des efforts de protection portent leurs fruits à Sainte-Julie, où une superficie de 12 hectares adjacente au parc du Mont-Saint-Bruno sera conservée.

## **Chile**

### [Forestales por el Bosque Nativo critican sentencias por caso Alerce](#)

La Agrupación de Ingenieros Forestales por el Bosque Nativo (AIFBN) calificó como "irrisorias" las sentencias de segunda instancia dictadas por la Corte de Apelaciones de Puerto Montt en el marco de la investigación del Caso Alerce, que determinó la tala ilegal de especies nativas en el sur del país y su aprovechamiento para fines comerciales.

## **Colombia**

### [CAM gestiona segunda fase del Corredor Biológico](#)

La Corporación Regional del Alto Magdalena gestiona un proyecto de reducción de emisiones por deforestación y degradación forestal, que podría iniciar en agosto con una duración de cinco años.

### [Comfama destinó 24.000 millones para los bosques](#)

Se trata de Parque Arví, fruto de una alianza entre el sector privado, EPM y la Alcaldía de Medellín.

## **Cuba**

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

Más de 400 incendios forestales afectaron en Cuba cinco mil 267 hectáreas de bosques y dos mil 340 de herbazales de ciénaga desde enero hasta la primera quincena de abril.

### [Comienza en Cuba V Congreso Forestal](#)

Con la participación de más de 300 especialistas de 21 países de Latinoamérica, América del Norte, Europa y África, comienza en el Palacio de Convenciones de La Habana el V Congreso Forestal de Cuba.

### [Comienza en La Habana V Congreso Forestal](#)

El gran cubano José Martí, con un ideario medioambientalista muy temprano, decía en la segunda mitad del siglo XIX: "La cuestión vital de que hablamos es ésta: la conservación de los bosques, donde existen; el mejoramiento de ellos, donde existen mal; su creación donde no existen. Comarca sin árboles es pobre. Ciudad sin árboles es malsana".

### [Mostrará Cuba experiencias en rama forestal](#)

El V Congreso Forestal de Cuba, reunirá a productores y especialistas de varios países para intercambiar sobre las metas encaminadas a lograr un desarrollo sostenible en nuestro país.

## **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

### [Kiss of life for pygmies](#)

"Most of the houses in our villages are still made with small branches that we have collected, while our timber and our medicinal plants are taken by people who are enriching themselves elsewhere," said Ampio Amuri, a traditional pygmy chief.



### [Marijuana trade threatens african gorilla refuge](#)

The battle over the war-ravaged Virunga National Park, home to some of the world's last wild mountain gorillas, is heating up. In early April a ranger in the park, in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, was shot to death by militias—the eighth ranger to have been killed in the past three months.

### **Dominican Republic**

#### [Caudal río Yaque del Norte tiene 40% menos de agua](#)

La contaminación y un proceso de deforestación acelerado han provocado los niveles más bajos del río Yaque del Norte, que en menos de diez años ha reducido su caudal en un 40 por ciento.

#### [Incendio afecta 3,000 tareas de bosques en Los Haitises](#)

Un incendio destruyó 3,000 tareas de bosque en la comunidad Los Limones enclavada en el Parque Nacional Los Haitises, una de las reservas naturales más importantes no sólo del país, sino del Caribe.

#### [Medio Ambiente y Asociaciones de Apicultores celebran “Encuentro en el Bosque y las Abejas”](#)

El Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales y Asociaciones de Apicultores de todo el país celebraron el “Encuentro en el Bosque y las Abejas, con el que celebró el Día Nacional del Apicultor.

### **Ecuador**

#### [Judge dismisses firm's lawsuit against Chevron](#)

Chevron Corp will not have to face accusations from a prominent U.S. law firm that the oil major mounted a "smear campaign" related to long-running environmental battles in Ecuador, a U.S. judge has ruled.

#### [La responsable du projet Yasuni-ITT va tenter de convaincre la France](#)

Ce projet qui prévoit la non-exploitation du pétrole équatorien contre une compensation financière cherche des contributeurs occidentaux...

### **France**

#### [La lutte "équitable" contre la déforestation du fondateur d'Alter Eco](#)

Après avoir distribué pendant 12 ans du café et du cacao équitable, le fondateur de la marque Alter Eco, Tristan Lecomte, s'est lancé dans la commercialisation, tout aussi "équitable" selon lui, de crédits carbone pour financer la lutte contre la déforestation dans des pays du Sud.

#### [Nicolas Sarkozy à Egletons: Entendra-t-il l'appel de la forêt?](#)

Le Chef de l'Etat se rendra à en Corrèze dans le cadre d'un déplacement consacré à l'avenir de la forêt française.

#### [Nos crapauds ont-ils des mycoses ?](#)

Redoutant la propagation d'une mycose chez les crapauds, les spécialistes de l'Office national des forêts (ONF) arpentent la forêt de Sénart pour s'assurer de la bonne santé des batraciens.

#### [On touche du bois pour l'avenir de la forêt](#)

Énergie, matériau de construction, 'puits' de carbone, biodiversité, lieu de promenade: elle est pleine de ressources et source d'inquiétudes.

### [ONF: les résultats d'une 'gestion durable' des forêts publiques](#)

La forêt alsacienne est plus productive que la moyenne nationale : 250 m<sup>3</sup>/hectare de bois contre 156 m<sup>3</sup> en France. La croissance annuelle des forêts est de 10,5 m<sup>3</sup>/ha, contre 6,8 m<sup>3</sup> au plan national. La récolte annuelle de bois est inférieure à cette croissance.

### [Sécheresse. Les pompiers de Bretagne en alerte rouge](#)

Conséquence de l'épisode de beau temps, les pompiers de Bretagne sont en alerte rouge. Un dispositif accompagné, sur le terrain, d'une série de mesures préventives.

### [Une nouvelle forêt pour les générations futures](#)

Des centaines de milliers d'arbres vont être plantés sur 1.000 hectares, à 25 kilomètres au nord-ouest de Paris. Une première depuis 1670...

## **Gambia**

### [Forestry director condemns deforestation](#)

Abdoulie Sanneh, the director of Forestry has called on the people of Upper River Region (URR) to join efforts to put an end to the destructive acts of bush burning and felling down of trees.

## **Ghana**

### [Ex-MP wages war against destruction of environment](#)

A former Member of Parliament (MP) for Upper Manya Krobo Constituency and immediate past Headmaster of Asesewa Senior High School (SHS), Mr. Charles Kwasi Narh, has expressed strong reservations about illegal felling of lumber in the area, especially, at Dzomoa near Asesewa.

### [NGO takes tree planting to schools](#)

The burning desire of an Akropong based non-governmental organisation (NGO), Empowerment and Development Initiative Centre (EDIC), to plant trees to help restore degraded environments, following the fast spate of development springing up across the country, has taken the fight to the doorsteps of schools in the area.

## **Guatemala**

### [Fuego destruye mil 351 hectáreas de bosque](#)

Preocupación existe entre autoridades y vecinos de Jalapa y Chimaltenango por el incremento de los incendios forestales durante este verano, pues hasta la fecha se han reportado 72 siniestros en el primer departamento y 53 en el segundo, los cuales han consumido mil 351 hectáreas de bosque.

### [Se acelera destrucción de bosques](#)

De continuar la elevada tala inmoderada frente a las pocas hectáreas que se reforestan, para el 2015 Guatemala pasará de tener 33 por ciento de territorio con bosque a un 28 por ciento.

### [Tonicapán pierde seis mil hectáreas de bosque](#)

Poblaciones de Tonicapán podrían enfrentar escasez de agua por reducción de manantiales, según estudio de la Fundación para el Desarrollo Ecológico (EcoLogic, de EE. UU.), el cual señala que desde hace cinco años han sido taladas seis mil hectáreas.

## **Haiti**

### [Haiti's charcoal trade](#)

Haiti's chief source of fuel spawns a harsh trade that causes deforestation and courts environmental disaster. New ways of providing fuel are now being explored.

### [Haitians turn to waste to combat cholera, deforestation](#)

Desperately poor Haiti is finding a cheap source of fuel in recycling human excrement, a move that could help put a dent in a cholera epidemic and slow the country's pervasive deforestation.

## **Honduras**

### [Incendios han arrasado con más de 54 mil hectáreas de bosque](#)

Durante el presente año se han registrado 1,283 incendios forestales, los cuales han consumido más de mil hectáreas de bosque en Honduras, según un informe del Instituto de Conservación Forestal (ICF).

## **India**

### [Eye on the tigers in India](#)

Wildlife experts have opened a new eco-lodge in India that offers comfort and calm, as well as a chance to spot big cats.

### [Forests to change irreversibly: Expert](#)

Experts meeting under the National Mission for a Green India warn that ten years down the line India's key forests, including the Himalayas, western ghats and central India could alter irreversibly.

### [Karnataka seeks to increase green cover](#)

The forest department has designed a scheme to increase the green cover as followed in the Western countries where the natural forest is preserved and massive forestation will be taken up in non-forest area to meet the commercial and domestic requirements.

### [Living with leopards: don't remove them unless they attack humans, says Jairam](#)

For those living on the IIT Bombay campus, life could include an unusual thrill – leopard spotting. The 30 to 40 spotted cats that visit the campus, mostly from the nearby Sanjay Gandhi National Park, are examples of a recent trend of increasing leopard encounters in urban and semi-urban areas.

### [Meghalaya rues loss of forest on Earth Day](#)

A Meghalaya government official pointed out that the development model followed in the state is “exploitative” instead of being “sustainable”, as the state is steadily witnessing loss of agricultural land, large-scale soil erosion, water scarcity and other environmentally degrading effects.

### [Sriprakash Jaiswal, Union coal minister](#)

Coal Minister Sriprakash Jaiswal is credited with fast-tracking many issues that are caught in red-tape. In an interview with Sudheer Pal Singh and Jyoti Mukul, the minister says the environment ministry's controversial policy barring mining in forest areas has left him troubled.

### [State going bald at cost of Rs 250 cr, reveals study](#)

The forest department spends nearly Rs 250 crore to add to the green cover in the state. But an IISc study has pointed out that there has been a marginal reduction in the forest cover of the state.

### [Vanishing forests of Jhalana](#)

Barely five kilometres from the Jagatpura Shooting Range in the Kho Nagauriyan forest, custodians of the green cover are busy these days with a task very different from their job profile.

### [Work begins on centre to breed deer for hungry leopards](#)

Forest officials have started work for setting up a breeding centre for chausinga deer in Mandvi forest range to boost natural prey base for leopards, which have been frequently attacking humans and domestic pets in the region.

## **Indonesia**

### [Illegal logging, mining ravages Kalimantan, costs Indonesia \\$36.4b](#)

The Ministry of Forestry says illegal logging, land clearance, forest fires and mining has devastated Indonesian Borneo and cost the country an estimated Rp 311.4 trillion (\$36.4 billion).

### [Logging takes the bite out of efforts to squash malaria](#)

The Health Ministry has high hopes of eradicating malaria in the country, but says massive deforestation — which pushes parasite-carrying animals toward urban areas — has threatened its efforts to combat the disease.

## **Kenya**

### [Kipini residents defy order to leave forest](#)

Over 2,000 people accused of invading a government forest in Kipini, Lamu and causing massive destruction have vowed not to leave despite a three days ultimatum that expires tomorrow.

### [Maathai wants bamboo to replace eucalyptus](#)

Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai has asked the government to promote growing of bamboo to replace eucalyptus. Maathai accused Minister for Forestry and Wildlife Noah Wekesa of failing to curb eucalyptus in highlands despite the tree's ability to destroy water sources.

### [Move on eucalyptus good for investors](#)

Citing what it describes as extensive scientific findings, the government has given the popular but controversial eucalyptus tree a clean bill of health.

### [Nation loses heavily in global theft of flora and fauna, says new report](#)

Kenya is among African nations losing billions of shillings through bio-pirates, an international report indicates, as the world observes the Intellectual Property Day.

### [Rising fuel prices to cut forest cover](#)

Skyrocketing fuel prices are posing a threat to sustainability of public forests as the majority of Kenyans turn to firewood as source of fuel. Environmentalists fear lower costs of charcoal for cooking will lure many into cutting trees from both public and private forests.

### [When honey bees attack](#)

If you have built your house among trees or have chimneys and exposed eaves, bee infestation is an ever present threat. This is because bees love building their hives in dark, warm, and hollow places ... and chimneys are known to have those three qualities. Infestation happens when bees inhabit a place in such a large number that they pose a threat to other species thriving there, human beings included.

### [Wudanyi residents told to plant trees](#)

A DO in Taita has appealed to residents to plant indigenous trees during the current rainy season. Wundanyi DO David Boen said the prolonged drought experienced in the area in the past years has impacted negatively on farming activities in the area mostly because the locals had engaged in reckless destruction of forests.

### **Lebanon**

#### [Diageo GTME commits to Lebanon reforestation](#)

The Diageo Global Travel & Middle East team is undertaking several charity challenges to raise money to plant one million trees in Lebanon.

### **Madagascar**

#### [Conservationists sound alarm over radiated tortoise](#)

Conservationists say a 'Tortoise Mafia' is driving Madagascar's tortoises to extinction. Armed gangs of up to 100 have been sweeping the countryside for their slow-moving prey.

### **Mauritius**

#### [Giant tortoise brings slow salvation](#)

In a week when the introduction of species to islands has been under discussion for other reasons, news comes from Mauritius of a new inhabitant that is restoring a vital piece of long-extinct ecology. And it centres on a tortoise.

#### [Giant tortoises slowly but surely rescue tropical island's ebony forest](#)

Intensive logging had decimated the ebony forest which once covered the Ile aux Aigrettes, off Mauritius. Aldabra tortoises were brought in 2000 to eat the fruit of the ebony tree and disperse the seeds in their faeces.

### **Mexico**

#### [Cientos de brigadistas cumplen un mes luchando contra incendio](#)

Más de ochocientos brigadistas mexicanos que llevan un mes combatiendo un gran incendio en Coahuila, norte del país, continúan su labor sin desánimo, tratando de hacer frente a una devastación que afecta ya a más de 100.000 hectáreas de matorrales y bosque y sigue sin control.

#### [Demandan comuneros presencia del Ejército en bosques michoacanos](#)

Para exigir seguridad y la presencia permanente del Ejército mexicano en los bosques de la Meseta Purépecha, comuneros del municipio de Cherán se manifestaron en esta ciudad.

#### [Desaparecen 10 especies de reptiles y anfibios en Los Tuxtlas](#)

La deforestación registrada desde los años 60 hasta los 90 del siglo pasado en la región de Los Tuxtlas, Veracruz, provocó la desaparición de 10 especies de anfibios y reptiles, además de la de mamíferos de gran tamaño como el jaguar y el tapir, señaló el investigador de la UNAM, Víctor Hugo Reynoso.

#### [Desaparecen 10 especies de reptiles y anfibios en selvas de sureste mexicano](#)

Ocho especies de serpientes, una de rana y otra de salamandra han desaparecido de las selvas en la región de Los Tuxtlas, en el sureste de México, afirmó un investigador de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

### [Incendio en La Primavera afectó 283 hectáreas cercanas al bosque](#)

El incendio fue causado por una colilla de cigarro mal apagado. De la superficie afectada sólo 17 hectáreas corresponde a arbolado adulto y de renuevo.

### [Pierde Veracruz 30 mil hectáreas anuales de bosques](#)

Profesionales por México informó que Veracruz ocupa el cuarto lugar en deforestación, la situación se vuelve crítica en Perote, Los Tuxtlas, Huayacocotla y Uxpanapa.

## **Morocco**

### [L'abattage clandestin, une réelle menace](#)

La cédraie du Moyen-Atlas, château d'eau du Royaume fait face à une réelle menace: l'abattage clandestin qui persiste depuis des années au risque de perturber l'équilibre écologique de la région. Des milliers d'arbres sont coupés illégalement chaque année, au grand dam des populations locales de la région dépourvue d'activité économique.

### [Maroc: le cèdre de l'Atlas menacé par l'abattage illégal](#)

L'abattage clandestin menace le majestueux cèdre de l'Atlas, si prisé des ébénistes, risquant de perturber l'équilibre écologique d'une région abritant la principale réserve d'eau du Maroc.

## **Namibia**

### [Desert reptile smuggling syndicate alert](#)

Chamaleons, snakes, geckos and lizards from the dunebelt between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay are allegedly "disappearing", and environmental authorities and tourist operators are suspecting that this could be due to the malicious operations of a "reptile smuggling syndicate".

### [Mopane trees being illegally downed in Kunene](#)

Tracts of original mopane trees could disappear in Kunene region if large scale and illegal felling of these trees is not urgently stopped, a forestry officer in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry told The Namibian.

### [Protected areas vital for future generations](#)

Namibia's national protected area network now covers 140 394 square km, which constitutes 17 per cent of the country's land surface, the Minister of Environment and Tourism said last week.

## **Nepal**

### [Aumenta casi un 25% la población de rinoceronte indio en Nepal](#)

La población de rinoceronte indio, una especie amenazada, ha aumentado casi un 25 por ciento en Nepal en los últimos tres años, informó a Efe una fuente oficial.

### [Deforestation unabated in Bara](#)

The national forest in Bara is being depleted at an alarming rate despite claims from government authorities that smuggling of timber is declining.

### [Rhino population in Nepal increases to 534](#)

Though facing constant threat from poachers and loss of habitat due to deforestation and other anthropogenic activities, the population of one-horned rhinoceros has increased in Nepal.

## **New Zealand**

### [Finding the wood among the trees](#)

Landowners with a pre-1990 forest have just under six months to apply for an exemption from the ETS – or face a liability on deforestation.

### [Moves to stop Indonesian illegal timber imports supported](#)

A group of timber importers have pledged to stop buying any wood from Indonesia unless it is legally sourced. Forestry Minister David Carter welcomed the commitment from NZ Imported Tropical Timber Group to bar import and sales of timber from Indonesia unless credible third party verification was provided.

## **Nigeria**

### ['Agric land reduced by desertification'](#)

The president of Soil Science Society of Nigeria (SSSN), Prof. Victor Chude, has blamed the devastating scourge of desertification in the north and gully erosion in the south for the depletion of agricultural land resources in the country.

### [Aliyu cautions against tree felling](#)

Niger State Governor, Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, has cautioned indigenes of the state against felling economic trees as doing so will not only have adverse negative effects on the soil but lead to such trees going into extinction.

## **Norway**

### [Oslo urges more forest aid despite corruption risk](#)

Norway urged rich nations to take risks and pay to slow deforestation in poor countries, saying there would hardly be a tree left in Congo if donors first wait for corruption to be eradicated.

## **Pakistan**

### [Deforestation blues: A thousand trees fell in Swat](#)

The once scenic valley of Swat is no longer covered in lush, dense forests. During the three years of carnage when the economy of the valley was paralysed and most infrastructure destroyed, the precious forests were mercilessly brought down by timber smugglers.

### [Unusual weather: Deforestation, irregular land use patterns blamed](#)

With changing climatic conditions and weather patterns, the kind of floods that hit Pakistan last year may become more frequent and intense in the future globally.

## **Panama**

### [Descubiertas en Panamá ocho nueva especies de avispas](#)

Un grupo de investigadores del Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) ha descubierto la existencia de ocho nuevas especies de avispas en las agallas (deformaciones) de seis variedades de árboles predominantes en los bosques de Panamá.

## **Paraguay**

### [Denuncian deforestación en asentamiento de Capiibary](#)

Marcos Vela, propietario de un inmueble situado en la zona denominado "Pio Cué", lindante con el distrito de Yasy Kañy, denunció a indígenas y personas que habitan el mencionado asentamiento de ser los principales depredadores en su reserva forestal. Lamentó que la propia Policía Nacional estaría

apañando la tala indiscriminada de bosques. “Vos le llamas a la policía y ellos van para coimear”, comenzó diciendo el desesperado productor.

## **Peru**

### [Deforestación en Amazonía peruana creció seis veces por fiebre del oro](#)

Según un estudio elaborado por la Universidad de Duke, (EE.UU.), las consecuencias de la explotación minera son visibles desde el espacio.

### [Minería informal eleva en seis veces la deforestación](#)

Estudio de la Universidad de Duke plantea limitar las importaciones de mercurio frente a ese contexto.

## **Philippines**

### [Trapping threatens near-extinct Philippine eagle](#)

Conservationists raised alarm over the future of the near-extinct Philippine eagle after several maimed or diseased birds were retrieved from captivity over recent months.

## **Russian Federation**

### [Las autoridades rusas constatan un brusco aumento de los incendios forestales](#)

El Ministerio de Rusia para Situaciones de Emergencia constató hoy un brusco aumento este año de los incendios forestales en el país.

### [Medvedev amenaza a los funcionarios: 'Irán ustedes a apagar los incendios'](#)

O sofocan los incendios o se las tendrán que ver con los malos humos del Kremlin. Ese es el mensaje que interiorizaron los funcionarios del Gobierno de Moscú que fueron objeto de la cólera del presidente ruso, Dimitri Medvedev, que amenazó con enviarlos a ellos a apagar los fuegos si no son capaces de poner coto a una amenaza que el año pasado asoló los bosques de Rusia con una virulencia desconocida.

### [Medvédev amenaza con mandar a funcionarios a apagar incendios forestales](#)

El presidente ruso, Dmitri Medvédev, amenazó con mandar a los funcionarios estatales a apagar los incendios que se han declarado recientemente en Rusia si no se normaliza en breve la situación.

### [Russia risks repeat of wildfire crisis: NGO](#)

Russia is on track to experience another summer of catastrophic wildfires due to a lack of prevention measures and misdirected state funds, an environmental group warned.

### [Russian police arrest 10 activists for highway protest](#)

Russian police arrested 10 activists who were trying to stop logging in a Moscow forest for wood to be used to build a disputed highway, an environmental group said.

### [Russie: 40 incendies ravagent 1.200 ha de forêts en Sibérie](#)

Près de 40 incendies ravagent plus de 1.200 hectares de forêts en Sibérie, a annoncé lundi l'antenne locale du ministère russe des Situations d'urgence.

### [Russie: risque d'incendies cet été](#)

La Russie risque à nouveau d'être ravagée par des feux de forêts cet été, en raison du manque de mesures préventives et d'une mauvaise utilisation des fonds alloués pour combattre les feux, a estimé aujourd'hui Grigori Kouksine, de l'antenne russe de Greenpeace.



## **Rwanda**

### [Over U.S.\\$12 million to be invested in Akagera Park](#)

The joint investment between the government of Rwanda and African Parks Conservation from South Africa will see US\$12m spent on the development and management of Akagera National Park as a functioning savannah ecosystem.

## **Spain**

### [A menor consumo de papel, menos árboles](#)

Pese a la creencia popular, consumir papel contribuye a aumentar las hectáreas forestales del país y supone una vía para evitar el abandono rural.

### [Abren al público los 'Ullals de Baltasar' tras dos años de acondicionamiento](#)

Los visitantes que a partir de ahora se acerquen al Parque Natural del Delta del Ebro podrán visitar los Ullals (colmillos) de Baltasar, tras el acondicionamiento y restauración, una de las zonas más destacadas de salidas permanentes de agua dulce continental.

### [Castilla-La Mancha, fundamental para la recuperación del águila imperial](#)

Castilla-La Mancha se ha convertido en un lugar "fundamental" para la recuperación del águila imperial ibérica (*Aquila adalberti*) en la Península Ibérica, según ha dado a conocer el director general de Áreas Protegidas y Biodiversidad, Alberto López.

### [Desaparecen 400.000 hectáreas de bosque gallego en solo 10 años](#)

Temor en el sector forestal a una escasez de materia prima. Crecen su negocio y cortas, por la celulosa, aunque se hundan mueble y carpintería.

### [El 90% del bosque en municipios como Avilés, Corvera, Soto del Barco, San Tirso y Carreño](#)

En municipios como Corvera, Soto del Barco, Avilés, San Tirso de Abres y Carreño el eucalipto ocupa en la actualidad más del 90 por ciento de la superficie forestal. En otros como Muros del Nalón, Castrillón, Gozón y Pravia los bosques de eucaliptos se sitúan en torno al 80%.

### [El bosque valenciano crece 10.000 ha al año sin medidas de control para los incendios](#)

El decano del Colegio de Montes afirma que es necesario aplicar una mejor gestión para mantener la superficie verde limpia.

### [El programa educativo 'Bosque y vida' enseñará a alumnos de Primaria y Secundaria a cuidar estos entornos naturales](#)

El programa de educación ambiental 'Bosque y vida' enseñará a escolares de Primaria y Secundaria, mediante juegos y recursos lúdicos y didácticos, a desarrollar hábitos y valores ambientales para cuidar los bosques extremeños.

### [La Alhambra apuesta por los bosques](#)

El bosque de la Alhambra, cuya imagen actual se ha ido configurando durante los siglos XIX y XX, está siendo sometido en los últimos años a un proceso de restauración de sus arboledas que busca diversificar este hábitat con la introducción de nuevas especies para hacerlo más sostenible.

### [La Comunidad prepara 1.500 hectáreas de monte contra los incendios en verano](#)

La Comunidad de Madrid está llevando a cabo en 1.500 hectáreas de monte de la región las labores de limpieza con las que se prepara el terreno para combatir los incendios que puedan surgir este verano.

### [Los suelos arenosos de Galicia propician la desertización del terreno](#)

La presencia abundante de arena y escasez de arcilla en los suelos de Galicia origina que, tras un incendio y posteriores lluvias torrenciales, afloren las capas de arena áridas dando comienzo a una primera fase de desertización.

### **Switzerland**

#### [Danger d'incendie de forêt accru durant les jours fériés](#)

La sécheresse persistante augmente le danger d'incendie de forêt dans la plupart des régions du pays. Le risque s'accroît durant les jours fériés, met en garde l'Office fédéral de l'environnement (OFEV) qui en appelle à la prudence lors de loisirs en milieu forestier.

#### [Disparu, le discret pic mar recolonise nos chênaies](#)

Plus petit que le commun pic épeiche, le pic mar ressemble au juvénile avec sa calotte toute rouge. Bien que son milieu soit celui des chênes, l'essence la plus courante dans le canton de Genève, sa population autrefois bien présente a disparu presque entièrement à partir des années 50. Seule la région de Céligny avait conservé un ou deux couples.

#### [La grande peur du feu dans les forêts](#)

Après l'incendie de Viège, le manque d'eau fait craindre d'autres drames. Les autorités lancent un nouvel appel à la prudence.

#### [Près de 2 000 mètres carré de forêt menacés en Engadine](#)

L'incendie de forêt survenir hier à la mi-journée mobilise toujours les pompiers 24 heures plus tard. Le feu couve encore.

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

#### [Gazelles caught in ancient Syrian 'killing zones'](#)

Hundreds of migrating gazelles would be funnelled into enclosures where they could be butchered en masse. This was the practice of communities living some 6,000 years ago in what is now north-eastern Syria.

### **Uganda**

#### [Experts call for immediate relocation of Mt. Elgon dwellers](#)

Environmental experts and conservationists have called for an immediate relocation of Mt. Elgon dwellers in Manafwa District to avert a tragedy similar to one that claimed hundreds of lives in Bududa District.

#### [NFA to evict 11,000 from Amuru land](#)

The National Forestry Authority is pushing to evict more than 11,000 residents of Tedi village, Pabbo Sub-county in Amuru District, claiming the land belongs to the forestry body and that the residents are encroachers.

#### [Tears as Mbarara restores wetlands](#)

At least 150 families in Bugamba Sub-county in Rwampara were on Wednesday left in tears as Mbarara District authorities embarked on enforcing the Environment Act on wetland restoration.

### [Wastes, encroachment choke wetland](#)

Kinwataka swamp, one of Kampala's largest water waste catchment areas, can no longer effectively play its filtering role leaving waste to run into Lake Victoria-polluting the lake.

### **Ukraine**

#### [Forest fires around Chernobyl could release radiation, scientists warn](#)

Consortium says \$13.5m is needed to improve firefighting and monitoring in radiation-soaked plantations around station.

#### [Un feu de forêt autour de Tchernobyl? Au secours!](#)

Un consortium de scientifiques ukrainiens et internationaux ont tiré la sonnette d'alarme, hier, à l'occasion du 25e anniversaire de la catastrophe de Tchernobyl: si aucun investissement n'est fait dans la prévention des incendies autour du site, un nouveau désastre se prépare.

### **United Kingdom**

#### [Badger vaccine pilot planned by National Trust in Devon](#)

The National Trust is to vaccinate badgers against TB this summer in a bid to curb the disease in cattle - the first UK landowner to do so.

#### [Capercaillie population 'in a perilous state' warns RSPB](#)

Iconic Scottish bird struggling to survive due to habitat loss, climate and forestry fencing.

#### [Defra to remove problem monk parakeets from wild](#)

A species of parakeet that threatens wildlife and crops is to be removed from the wild, the government has said.

#### [Environmental campaigners angry as green laws labelled as red tape](#)

All of Britain's 278 environment laws under review, including National Park, Clean Air and Climate Change Acts.

#### [Heavy snow hampered Scottish blue hare count](#)

Heavy snowfalls in 2010 hampered efforts to monitor numbers of mountain hare in upland areas of Scotland, according to a new report.

#### [Monk parakeets in UK to be culled over dangers to electricity and native species](#)

Group of wild birds is among a range of invasive species depriving British economy of £1.7bn a year, says Defra.

#### [New habitats 'needed' for capercaillie](#)

New habitats need to be created in Deeside and Perthshire to help save capercaillie from dying out in the UK, according to RSPB Scotland.

#### [Search begins for canal wildlife](#)

Networks of man-made water channels criss-crossed by noisy road and rail bridges might not seem like ideal wildlife-watching spots, but canals have become important habitats for many UK species.

### [Spring may lose song of cuckoos, nightingales and turtle doves](#)

Scientists are struggling to explain a catastrophic decline in the number of birds whose annual visits are part of our folklore.

### [Wildlife paradise or lorry park? Fate of Isle of Grain lies in the courts](#)

A disused, contaminated stretch in north Kent is an ecological wonder that charity Buglife is fighting to have recognised.

## **United States of America**

### [After fire, wind and drought, something good will follow](#)

Unfortunately, the greatest chronicler of such dire conditions is no longer with us to make sense of it all. It's fair to ask, rhetorically: What would Elmer Kelton say?

### [Endangered tortoises delay Mojave Desert solar plant](#)

The Obama administration has halted the building of two-thirds of a massive solar project in San Bernardino's Mojave Desert as a new federal assessment found that more than 600 endangered desert tortoises would die as a result of construction.

### [Fires burn Texas from 'stem to stern'](#)

No part of the state is unaffected as fierce winds drive unprecedented blazes across more than 3,000 square miles. Professional firefighting resources pour in from around the U.S., but some small towns are left to defend themselves.

### [Grand Canyon National Park ecosystem threatened by Kazakhstan beetle?](#)

Tamarisk trees are invading, crowding out native trees along rivers in the southwestern United States. But their removal could further imperil the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher, a sparrow-sized songbird.

### [Incendios en Texas destruyen bosques y fuerzan la evacuación de residentes](#)

Los fuegos que en una semana han arrasado casi 70.000 hectáreas en todo Texas y destruido más de 200 viviendas, continuaban ardiendo hoy en por lo menos 22 sitios y forzaron la evacuación de centenares de residentes, informaron las autoridades.

### [Lighter winds help in battle against Texas wildfires](#)

Firefighters from 34 states received some help from the weather on Wednesday as lighter winds helped slow the spread of the wildfires burning across Texas, but the respite was not expected to last.

### [More pine barrens, last Long Island wilderness, protected](#)

New York state officials chose Earth Day to announce purchase of a large tract of land in Long Island's pine barrens as a preserve for hikers and other naturalists and a source for pure drinking water.

### [Texas firefighters race against clock to beat fires](#)

Hundreds of weary firefighters were racing against the clock, pushing back massive brush fires that have destroyed near-record swatches of Texas countryside.

### [Texas wildfires rage on with no end in sight](#)

Firefighters in Texas continued to battle raging wildfires that were consuming more than a million acres and showing few signs of abating.

### [The miracle of biochar](#)

Several years ago, Vera Karnofski read a fascinating article in an old Scientific American or National Geographic (she can't quite remember which) about how the peoples of the Amazonian rainforest amended their soil using biochar. She showed it to husband Jim, who dove in headfirst.

### [Weather may help fight against massive Texas wildfires](#)

Substantially higher humidity, lighter winds, and the possibility of drenching thunderstorms had firefighters battling the huge PK Complex brush fire in north Texas more optimistic than they have been in days, officials said.

### [Well-connected evacuees of Texas wildfire turn to internet](#)

When wildfires threatened the upscale community at Possum Kingdom Lake just west of here a week ago, the residents were desperate for, among other things, better cellphone service.

### [Washington Square park benches may deplete rainforest](#)

Since the 1960s, much of the wood used for the city's park benches, boardwalks, and piers has come from the Amazon rainforest. A tropical hardwood called ipe is particularly popular for its outdoor durability. To access the ipe trees scattered throughout the rainforest, however, foresters must raze large tracts of land.

### [When digging for ramps goes too deep](#)

The lucrative market for ramps during their short spring season has drawn a horde of new foragers, who cart them out of the forest in unprecedented, and possibly damaging, quantities.

### [Wildlife at risk face long line at U.S. agency](#)

In February, the Obama administration declared the Pacific walrus to be at risk of extinction because its Arctic habitat was melting. But it declined to list the marine mammal as an endangered species, saying a backlog of other animals faced greater peril.

## **Viet Nam**

### ['Asian unicorn' to get new Vietnam nature reserve](#)

Vietnam is setting up a nature reserve to protect one of the world's rarest animals - an antelope-like creature called the saola.

### [Deputy PM calls for better public awareness of afforestation](#)

Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Sinh Hung has presided over a teleconference on a project to plant five million hectares of forest across the country, in which he urged ministries and localities to manage and use forests in a sustainable way.

### [Reboisement: 2,45 millions d'ha pour la période 1998-2010](#)

Le pays a reboisé 2,45 millions d'hectares entre 1998 et 2010, a précisé le vice-Premier ministre permanent Nguyen Sinh Hung lors d'une conférence-bilan en ligne sur ce thème, tenue mercredi à Hanoi.

## **Zambia**

### [Deforestation and dangers of climate change](#)

Vegetation adds colour and scenic beauty to the country according to God's artistic design and endowments and also a place for one to relax while the calming effects heal and soothe the body and soul.

## **Zimbabwe**

### [Farmers warned against veld fires](#)

The Environment Management Agency has warned it will take drastic action against farmers who fail to implement required fire prevention measures by June 30 this year.

### [Illegal settlers disrupt timber industry](#)

Illegal settlers have disrupted the local timber industry as they have invaded more than 5 000 hectares of commercial forestry land in Manicaland, indiscriminately cutting down trees, and posing serious environmental degradation threats in the process, according to timber industry players.

## **World**

### [Avon commits to 100 percent sustainable palm oil](#)

Beauty company Avon Products, Inc. is the first in the industry to commit to 100 percent certified sustainable palm oil. Although Avon is not a major user of palm oil (less than 100 tons annually), the company has made the commitment to purchase GreenPalm certificates covering all of its global palm oil use beginning in July.

### [Branson: a man with an island for lemurs](#)

The businessman and adventure tycoon Richard Branson is taking heat for his plan to bring 30 Madagascar ring-tailed lemurs to his own private island in the British Virgin Islands.

### [El suelo de un bosque erosionado tras un incendio, abocado a una desertización casi segura, precisará de miles a millones de años para que, en condiciones óptimas, se regenere ese ecosistema forestal a partir de una roca desnuda.](#)

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### [Erosion by climate change biggest threat to Sunderbans](#)

While the debate on the vulnerability of Sunderbans as one of the hot spots of climate change continues — experts have predicted that at least a “dozen islands on the South-western part of the mangrove swamps are likely to lose an average of 65 per cent of their land by 2015.” These according to experts are “tangible impacts” of the climate change phenomenon being perceived here.

### [Eucalipto, el árbol que amenaza a los bosques](#)

Hace 40 años empezó la expansión del cultivo del eucalipto por toda la Península Ibérica. Se vendió como la panacea rentable, una especie forestal de rápido crecimiento productora de abundante pasta de papel frente a la lentitud maderable de robledales y encinares. Actualmente hay más de 760.000 hectáreas de este árbol australiano plantadas en España y 646.000 en Portugal. Lejos de ser bosques, en realidad son enemigos del bosque dado su altísimo impacto ambiental y paisajístico.

### [Iran, Iraq to fight sandstorms](#)

Iran's Environment Protection Organization (IEPO) says the country will sign a contract with Iraqi environment officials to fight desertification and sandstorms.

### [La déforestation pourrait causer la disparition de 230 millions d'ha de forêts d'ici à 2050](#)

La déforestation pourrait causer la disparition de 230 millions d'hectares de forêts d'ici à 2050, phénomène qui contribue au réchauffement climatique et aurait aussi des conséquences dramatiques sur la diversité des espèces et le développement économique, selon une étude du Fonds mondial pour la nature (WWF).

### [La mangrove: un énorme puits de carbone](#)

Cet écosystème particulier séquestre quatre fois plus de carbone que les autres forêts tropicales, selon une étude publiée dans Nature Geoscience.

### [Las mayores pérdidas netas de bosques en la última década están en diez países](#)

La lista de los diez países con las mayores pérdidas netas de bosques en la última década incluye el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia y la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, con una pérdida combinada de 290.000 hectáreas por año. Estos países, junto con Perú, México, Colombia y Ecuador, constituyen áreas críticas de la deforestación en la región.

### [Le prix de l'or grimpe, les forêts trinquent](#)

Le prix de l'or ne cesse de grimper, battant chaque semaine de nouveaux records. Au cours de la dernière décennie, son prix a augmenté de 360%! Et la réponse ne s'est pas fait attendre: son extraction a augmenté dans les pays en développement avec de graves conséquences sur l'environnement et la santé.

### [Los bosques y el desarrollo inteligente](#)

Bruselas celebró la semana pasada una reunión extraordinaria: sesión conjunta de los dos altos comités forestales de la comisión: el permanente y el consultivo. La ocasión lo merecía, una puesta de largo y en común para abordar la nueva estrategia forestal europea.

### [L'Iran accuse l'Irak de provoquer des tempêtes de sable...](#)

Une tempête de sable s'est abattue sur l'Iran, obligeant les administrations et les écoles à fermer leurs portes. Cette tempête a également cloué au sol les avions et a provoqué des malaises chez de nombreuses personnes.

### [Manglares son escudo natural contra cambio climático](#)

Los primeros exploradores europeos en América se sorprendieron al ver "bosques en el mar", grupos de árboles que hundían sus raíces en el agua y donde los nativos cosechaban ostras.

### [Plants found in ancient pills offer medicinal insight](#)

DNA extracted from 2,000-year-old plants recovered from an Italian shipwreck could offer scientists the key to new medicines.

### [Quand le prix de l'or augmente, la forêt souffre](#)

La déforestation en Amérique du Sud serait accélérée par la ruée vers l'or depuis quelques années...

### [Re-homing nature: A step too far?](#)

Sir Richard Branson's plan to introduce lemurs to islands he owns in the Caribbean, has thrown into new light a real dilemma facing conservation scientists as they struggle to contain and reverse the loss of species and ecosystems across the world.

### [Richard Branson crea un santuario para lemures a miles de kilómetros de Madagascar](#)

El dueño de Virgin quiere trasladar 25 lémur de cola anillada hasta una isla de su propiedad, situada en el Caribe, en las próximas semanas.

### [Richard Branson to create sanctuary for lemurs - 8,000 miles from their home](#)

Sir Richard Branson has triggered a conservation row over a plan to import lemurs to the Caribbean, half a world away from their natural habitat in Madagascar.

### [Richard Branson veut consacrer une de ses îles aux lémuriens](#)

Pour protéger cette espèce menacée, le millionnaire veut leur consacrer une île, une idée qui laisse les spécialistes perplexes...

### [Richard Branson's lemur plan raises alarm](#)

Sir Richard Branson is to import lemurs to the Caribbean, where they will live wild in the forest on his islands.

### [Seeing REDD](#)

Plans to conserve the world's tropical forests must respect the rights of indigenous peoples.

### [Setting fire to outdated thinking on biomass](#)

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