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Forthcoming FAO events

June

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

Managua, Nicaragua - 29 June-01 July 2011

July

[UNECE/FAO Forest and Water Week](#)

Geneva, Switzerland - 04-08 July 2011

August

[Second Regional Forum for People and Forests](#)

Bangkok, Thailand - 08–09 August 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

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

[Proforest summer training programme 2011](#)

Oxford, United Kingdom – 18-22 July 2011

August

[CCIKS 2011 – International Student Conference: Climate Change and Indigenous Knowledge Systems \(IKS\)](#)

Johannesburg, South Africa - 15-17 August 2011

[Ecoclima 2011: Bosques, Sociedad y Cambio Climático](#)

Valdivia-Chile - 31 August - 02 September 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

[Restoring Forests: Advances in Techniques and Theory](#)

Madrid, Spain - 27-29 September 2011

October

[2º Congreso Nacional de Protección y Manejo Sustentable del Bosque Nativo](#)

Villaguay, Entre Ríos, Argentina - 27-29 October 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

[Systems Development Specialist](#)

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FAO in the news

[A.Latina posee bosques más extensos dedicada a la biodiversidad en el mundo](#)

Según un documento difundido por ese organismo internacional, más de 97 millones de hectáreas de bosques en América del Sur, América Central, México y el Caribe han sido designadas como áreas cuya función primaria es la conservación de la biodiversidad biológica.

[A.Latina tiene la mayor área mundial de bosques que protegen la biodiversidad](#)

Con motivo del Día Mundial de la Diversidad, celebrado el 22 de mayo, la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO) destacó hoy que América del Sur, Centroamérica, México y el Caribe acogen más de 97 millones de hectáreas cuya principal función es conservar la diversidad biológica.

[América Latina tiene la mayor área mundial de bosques que protegen la biodiversidad](#)

América Latina y el Caribe concentran la mayor extensión en el mundo de bosques dedicados a la conservación de la biodiversidad, con el 26% de los 366 millones de hectáreas que se destinan a esta función a nivel global, informó hoy la FAO.

[Bosques: América Latina enriquece biodiversidad](#)

América Latina posee el área de bosques más extensa dedicada a la conservación de la biodiversidad en el mundo, subrayó la oficina regional de la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO).

[Campeones en la carrera forestal](#)

Es necesario plantar árboles y diversificar las especies de nuestros bosques.

[Contrer le changement climatique par une bonne gouvernance des forêts](#)

Selon ce communiqué, la FAO, la Banque mondiale et Chatham House présentent des outils d'évaluation de la gouvernance en matière de gestion durable des forêts et d'atténuation du changement climatique. La FAO et la Banque mondiale viennent de dévoiler un nouveau train de directives susceptibles d'aider les pays à évaluer la gouvernance de leurs ressources forestières.

[Disminuye México más de 50% tasa de deforestación](#)

México logró disminuir su tasa de deforestación en más de 50 por ciento de 2005 a 2010, frente al periodo 1990-2000, aseguró el secretario de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada.

[Expertos latinoamericanos analizarán las amenazas y oportunidades de los bosques](#)

Unos 300 expertos latinoamericanos analizarán en Costa Rica entre el 26 y el 28 de octubre próximo, las oportunidades y amenazas que enfrentan los bosques de la región como fuentes de vida, desarrollo y mitigación del cambio climático.

[FAO, World Bank develop new framework](#)

FAO and the World Bank have unveiled a new guidance framework which can help countries including Ghana assess the governance of their forest resources. The ability to demonstrate good governance in forestry is becoming increasingly important for countries wishing to participate in emerging climate change mitigation schemes.

[Good forest governance key for climate change schemes](#)

FAO, World Bank and Chatham House present ways to assess governance for sustainable forest management, mitigation of climate change.

[Inician inventario de bosques en Perú](#)

Perú hará un inventario nacional de sus bosques, que ocupan 70 millones de hectáreas, con un presupuesto de cinco millones de dólares y durante un plazo de dos años, informaron los responsables del programa forestal global del Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y Agricultura (FAO) que financia la iniciativa.

[Latinoamérica tiene la extensión forestal más grande](#)

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función a nivel global, informó la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO, por sus siglas en inglés).

[NFP on a four day nationwide tour](#)

The Department of Forestry in collaboration with the National Environment Agency, Department of Parks & Wildlife, the Ministry of Forestry and Environment (MOFEN), GRTS Radio, National Resource Consulting (NACO) and Kombo Foni Forestry Association (KOMFFORA) recently concluded a four days trek on the National Forest Programme (NFP) touring fifteen villages in LRR & WCR that are intervention sites for the NFP being implemented by Freedom From Hunger Campaign (FFHC), NACO and Saint Joseph's Family Farm (SJFF).

[Nouvelles directives de la FAO et la Banque Mondiale pour une bonne gouvernance des forêts](#)

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[Preocupa a FAO y BM cambio climático](#)

La FAO y el Banco Mundial dieron a conocer un nuevo instrumento de orientación para que los países puedan evaluar la gestión de sus recursos forestales, tema fundamental para la mitigación del cambio climático.

[U.N. investigates forestry management](#)

Forest managers need to demonstrate better governance to address emerging challenges of climate change, a forestry official said from Rome.

[UN unveils new checklist to manage forest stocks](#)

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Bank have released a checklist that may solve the problem of climate change mitigation schemes on forests by helping countries assess the governance of their forest resources.

[Una buena gobernanza de los bosques es clave frente al cambio climático](#)

La FAO, el Banco Mundial y Chatham House ofrecen propuestas para evaluar la gestión sostenible de los bosques.

[Une bonne gouvernance des forêts est essentielle pour contrer le changement climatique](#)

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Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16 – 31 May 2011

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[14 millones de hectáreas de bosque desaparecen en Europa al año](#)

El Observatorio de Árboles Singulares de la Fundación Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente (FFRF) ha alertado de que 14 millones de hectáreas de bosque desaparecen en Europa cada año, lo que equivale a la extensión total de masa boscosa de España.

[2,300 new trees in Gozo for the International Year of Forests](#)

One year on since its launch, the Afforestation and Restoration Ecology Project at the site known as Ta ħt Chambray in Gozo is taking shape, with the tree planting project on the site now completed. To mark this milestone, HSBC's Gozo staff and their families planted the last trees needed to complete an area of 11,000 square metres designated for afforestation, that resulted in the planting of 2,300 new trees and shrubs. The Mġarr Harbour Grove will now cover 45,000 square metres of land in this area.

[Découvrir la forêt autrement](#)

En cette année internationale de la forêt, la fête de la nature permet d'approcher les sous-bois de l'Hexagone de façon inédite. Sélection de cinq balades printanières pour ce week-end, parmi près de 5.000 animations.

[Des forêts et des hommes, selon Yann Arthus-Bertrand](#)

Les Nations Unies ont décidé que 2011 serait l'année internationale des forêts. Depuis le début de l'année, la fondation Goodplanet, présidée par le très médiatique photographe Yann Arthus-Bertrand s'implique dans cette action, à la demande des Nations Unies.

[Forests crucial in developing green economy: UNEP](#)

The livelihoods of over 1.6 billion people and millions of animals depend on forests, but sadly they are not given the necessary care, said Nick Nuttall, spokesperson of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

[Meditation walk for Khao Yai Forest](#)

June 5 marks World Environment Day. This year is special for being declared the International Year of Forests and the years 2011-20 are also the Decade of Biodiversity. To mark this occasion, several environmental protection and Buddhist groups in Thailand invite all to join the Meditation Walk for Khao Yai Forest from June 3-5.

[Ministerio del Ambiente lanza sello postal por año internacional de los bosques](#)

La Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas declaró al 2011 "Año Internacional de los Bosques", con el fin de concienciar a las comunidades de todo el planeta sobre su importancia como parte integrante del desarrollo sostenible, por los beneficios económicos, socioculturales y ambientales que proporcionan.

[The value of forests](#)

There would be no underestimating the value of forests -- if one stops to think about their offerings to humanity. Unfortunately, not a lot of people do, with the result being that forests are oftentimes thoughtlessly pillaged for timber.

[Une ONG et une entreprise qui s'entendent pour une forêt qui revit](#)

Un an pour la planète - 2011 est proclamée année internationale de la forêt, et Nicolas et Florent nous parlent de reforestation: celle qui marche, à la fois utile pour la Nature et profitable pour les entreprises, ou comment replanter la forêt grâce à vos serviettes de bain! Explications...

[Unep: Forests crucial in green economy](#)

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[Where there is forest, there is life](#)

The Hindu people of India have a saying in their language stating, "if there is forest there is life and if there life there is forest."

Argentina

[Con biotecnología clonarán especies de la selva misionera en peligro de extinción](#)

La ingeniera forestal Evelyn Raquel Duarte, becaria del Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET), propone como parte de su tesis doctoral trabajar en la "Aplicación de herramientas biotecnológicas en la clonación de especies arbóreas nativas de la Selva Misionera en peligro de extinción".

[La discusión por el Mapeo de Bosques se postergó unos días](#)

Luego de una serie de reuniones celebradas en distintos lugares para tratar la cuestión del ordenamiento territorial, se propiciará un encuentro en la ciudad el próximo 31 de mayo. Desde las organizaciones afines al tema, esperan mayor participación de la sociedad y no sólo de los entes involucrados.

[Lanzaron convocatoria para aprovechamiento de bosques](#)

Se lanzó la convocatoria a todos los productores o comunidades aborígenes que cuenten con la tenencia legal de tierras que contengan masas boscosas a participar a través de proyectos de la instrumentación del Fondo nacional para el enriquecimiento de los bosques nativos. Los beneficiarios podrán acceder a financiamiento para iniciar la explotación de las masas boscosas.

[Ley de bosques: sin representantes del Concejo](#)

El presidente del Concejo Deliberante, Darío Barriga (Sur), señaló que se enviaron notas para que un concejal participe de las reuniones vinculadas al ordenamiento territorial. A una semana de la reunión, no recibieron respuestas desde Codema, para que el Concejo designe al representante.

[Personal de Bosques frenó un desmante sin autorización](#)

Una comisión de la Dirección de Bosques se trasladó a Vinará para detener un desmante que se realizaba sin autorización. Dos topadoras arrasaban todo lo que encontraban a su paso, con el agravante que una utilizaba una pesada cadena de unos 100 metros de largo y unas 15 toneladas de peso, con un considerable impacto ambiental sobre el suelo, flora y fauna.

Australia

[Australia y su compromiso con la conservación de los bosques del mundo](#)

Juegan un papel clave en la batalla contra el cambio climático, liberando oxígeno mientras que almacenan dióxido de carbono.

[Forest logging a big carbon culprit](#)

Stopping logging in old-growth forests, particularly in southern Australia, is one of the best ways of making timely cuts to Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Climate Commission's first report.

[Koalas at risk with climate change](#)

Australia's koala population is at serious risk, a Senate inquiry into populations has heard.

[Up a gum tree: Are koalas 'slipping to extinction'?](#)

Climate change, habitat loss, STDs and human complacency threaten the survival of Australia's cuddliest creatures.

Bangladesh

[Elephants ravage human habitation](#)

Reckless deforestation leading to food shortage has led elephants to forage close to human settlements, official sources said.

[Honey collecting in the Sundarbans is a risky business](#)

For generations poor fishermen and villagers around Bangladesh's Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forests in the world, have been collecting wild honey from April to June every year.

[Indigenous people want return of ancestral land](#)

Indigenous people of 11 villages under Rajasthali upazila of Rangamati district yesterday demanded return of their ancestral land acquired by Rangamati Pulpwood Forest Division in 1993 and 1995.

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

[PNUD: En Bolivia faltan políticas para proteger los bosques](#)

La representante del Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD) en Bolivia, Yoriko Yasukawa, informó que Bolivia no está ejecutando políticas concretas para reducir la deforestación. Estas declaraciones las realizó al momento de presentar el informe denominado "Tras las Huellas del Cambio Climático en Bolivia".

Brazil

[About 1,000 people protest against changes in environmental laws in Brazil](#)

Brazilian authorities say about 1,000 people gathered in South America's biggest city to protest against environmental law changes that they say would increase deforestation in the Amazon.

[Add coastal vegetation to the climate critical list](#)

Forests are protected, but carbon sinks in mangroves, seagrasses and marshes are ignored. Margareth da Silva Copertino wants Brazil to change that.

["Alarmante" deforestación de la selva amazónica](#)

La deforestación de la selva amazónica de Brasil se ha multiplicado por seis desde el año pasado, según revelan las imágenes satelitales del gobierno brasileño.

[Amazon activist and wife shot dead in Brazil](#)

An Amazon rainforest activist and his wife have been shot dead in northern Brazil as the country's Congress debated a divisive land bill that threatens to increase deforestation.

[Amazon activist killed as Brazil debates land bill](#)

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[Amazon deforestation increases six-fold](#)

A sharp increase in forest destruction in March and April in the Amazon has led Brazil to announce the creation of an emergency task force to fight against deforestation.

[Amazon rainforest activist killed after ambush](#)

José Cláudio Ribeiro da Silva fought against illegal loggers and had received death threats but was refused police protection - he is the latest in a long-line of environmental activists being threatened or killed.

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[Amazonía Brasileña. La deforestación se multiplica por cinco](#)

La Amazonía brasileña perdió en abril 593 kilómetros cuadrados de selvas, cinco veces más que en el mismo mes de 2010, según datos difundidos este miércoles por el Gobierno, que decidió crear un "gabinete de crisis" para reducir la deforestación.

[Amazonie: le Brésil ouvre les vannes de la déforestation](#)

Le puissant lobby agricole brésilien a remporté une victoire au détriment des écologistes avec l'approbation par les députés d'un projet de loi polémique assouplissant la protection de l'Amazonie.

[Another forest defender falls in the Amazon](#)

John Collins Rudolf has posted a thorough overview of the latest murder on the eroding perimeter of the Amazon rain forest in Brazil. There's been enormous progress in efforts to bring governance to forest frontiers in Brazil since the late 1980s, when I spent months in the western Amazon reporting on the life and assassination of Chico Mendes for "The Burning Season," my first book. But pistols and shotguns still sometimes blaze.

[Brazil: Amazon rainforest deforestation rises sharply](#)

Deforestation of the Brazilian Amazon rainforest has increased almost sixfold, new data suggests.

[Brazil creates crisis center to halt deforestation](#)

Brazil has set up a crisis center to combat increased deforestation in the Amazon rainforest, the nation's environmental minister said.

[Brazil creates office to fight deforestation](#)

Brazil announced the creation of an emergency task force to fight against the deforestation of the Amazon, after a sharp increase in forest destruction in March and April.

[Brazil eases rules on conserving Amazon rainforest](#)

Brazil's Chamber of Deputies has voted to ease restrictions on the amount of land farmers must preserve as forest.

[Brazil forms 'crisis cabinet' following unexpected deforestation surge](#)

Government vows to 'suffocate environmental crime' after 27% rise in Amazon deforestation in a year.

[Brazil: government vows crackdown on cattle ranchers in the Amazon](#)

Brazilian government officials said Wednesday that they would crack down on cattle ranchers in the Amazon after new data showed that deforestation there had increased by 26 percent in the nine months that ended in April, compared to with the same period a year before.

[Brazil loosens restrictions on Amazon land use](#)

Environmentalists fear bill to boost Brazil's food output will increase deforestation in Amazon rainforest.

[Brazil passes 'retrograde' forest code](#)

They kept us in suspense for longer than an Oscars jury; but now, deputies in Brazil's lower parliamentary house have passed a batch of reforms easing the decades-old Forest Code.

[Brazil risks protection record by proposing changes to forest code](#)

If the president fails to keep the current forest laws intact she will break the very promises which saw her elected.

[Brazil sets up crisis centre for rainforest](#)

Brazil has set up a crisis centre to combat increased deforestation in the Amazon rainforest, the nation's environmental minister said.

[Brazil 'to step up Amazon activists' protection'](#)

The Brazilian authorities say they are ready to offer increased protection to environmental activists considered most at risk after receiving death threats.

[Brazil's Amazon rainforest farmers debate new land law](#)

The ceiling fans spinning at full speed were not enough to cool the room, but the farmers gathered in Irituia's town hall are used to the oppressive heat of the Amazon.

[Brazil's crackdown on deforestation of the Amazon](#)

Brazil's environment agency Ibama has cracked down on deforestation – but in some regions it is on the rise again.

[Brazil's lower house OKs looser forest protections](#)

Brazil's lower house passed legislation that would loosen restrictions on how small farmers use their land in the Amazon forest, but lawmakers dropped a change that most worried environmentalists.

[Brazilian Amazon activist and wife ambushed and killed](#)

A prominent Brazilian conservationist and his wife have been killed in the Amazon region, police have said.

[Brazilian President Rousseff to veto amnesty to deforesters](#)

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said that she will veto any articles granting amnesty to farmers who deforested protected land if an amendment to the country's Forest Code is approved by the Congress.

[Brésil: des écologistes s'inquiètent d'un projet de loi qui menacerait la forêt](#)

Un projet de loi destiné à aider les fermiers et les éleveurs de la forêt amazonienne, au Brésil, inquiète des écologistes qui croient qu'il accélérera la destruction de la plus importante défense naturelle dont dispose la planète face au réchauffement climatique.

[Brésil: un cabinet de crise pour freiner la déforestation en Amazonie](#)

La ministre brésilienne de l'Environnement, Izabella Teixeira, a annoncé la création d'un cabinet de crise contre la déforestation en Amazonie, après une hausse brutale de la déforestation qui a atteint 593 km² en mars et avril.

[Cámara baja Brasil aprueba proyecto de división de tierras](#)

Legisladores brasileños aprobaron una revisión del código forestal que alivia a los granjeros de parte de 304.000 millones de dólares en costos potenciales, pero los ambientalistas dijeron que esto causara un disparo en la deforestación.

[Deforestation surges as Brazil eyes new land law](#)

Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon surged in March and April, the government said, fueling criticism that a proposed law to ease land-use rules may be spurring illegal tree-felling.

[Ex ministros de Medio Ambiente claman contra reforma de ley forestal en Brasil](#)

Los diez ex ministros que ocuparon la cartera de Medio Ambiente desde 1973 en Brasil unieron fuerzas para intentar frenar una reforma del llamado Código Forestal, la ley que preserva los bosques y selvas brasileños del avance de la agricultura y que puede ser votada en la Cámara de Diputados.

[La Cámara de Diputados de Brasil flexibiliza la ley que protege los bosques](#)

La Cámara de Diputados de Brasil aprobó una reforma del Código Forestal, que representa una flexibilización de la ley que protege los extensos bosques del país ante el avance de la agricultura.

[Le Brésil veut assouplir sa loi sur la protection de l'Amazonie](#)

Après deux ans de discussions houleuses entre les écologistes et les lobbys agricoles, une révision du code forestier de 1965 a été acceptée mardi par 410 députés. Seuls 63 d'entre eux s'y sont opposés et 10 se sont abstenus.

[Matan a activista Amazonas mientras Brasil discute deforestación](#)

Un activista de la selva amazónica y su esposa fueron asesinados a tiros en el norte de Brasil, en momentos en que el Congreso debatía un proyecto de división de tierras que amenaza con impulsar la deforestación.

[Murder of activists raises questions of justice in Amazon](#)

Early Tuesday, José Cláudio Ribeiro da Silva, a forest activist and tree nut harvester, and his wife, Maria do Espírito Santo, drove a motorcycle through Brazil's northern Para State, in the Amazon rain forest. As they crossed a river bridge, gunmen lying in wait opened fire with a pistol and shotgun, killing them.

[Rousseff may veto Brazil forestry code over amnesty, Estado says](#)

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff may veto a forestry code scheduled for a vote in Congress should the new legislation include an amnesty for deforestation, O Estado de S.Paulo newspaper reported.

[Rousseff vetará la ley que amnistía a los hacendados que devastaron Amazonía](#)

La presidenta brasileña, Dilma Rousseff, se ha declarado en contra del proyecto de ley aprobado en la Cámara de Diputados que concede una amplia amnistía a los hacendados que en las últimas décadas destruyeron la selva en regiones protegidas y recordó que tiene la prerrogativa de vetarlo.

[Soybean farms destroying Amazon](#)

Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon jumped almost sixfold in the March-April period, led by the destruction of trees in Mato Grosso, the country's biggest soybean-producing state.

[Un militant écologiste brésilien est assassiné en compagnie de sa femme](#)

Un militant écologiste brésilien qui luttait pour protéger la forêt amazonienne des bûcherons a été abattu en compagnie de sa femme.

[Un millar de personas protestan contra la reforma de ley forestal en Brasil](#)

Más de mil personas se han concentrado en Sao Paulo para protestar contra la reforma del Código Forestal, defendida por los agricultores y rechazada por los movimientos ecologistas, que se debatirá previsiblemente en la Cámara de Diputados, dijo a Efe una fuente de la organización.

[Una nueva ley amenaza con acelerar la deforestación en la Amazonia brasileña](#)

El proyecto aprobado, al que se oponen los ecologistas y la presidenta Dilma Rousseff, propone extender las tierras cultivables del país.

Canada

[Canada: une centaine de feux de forêt et une ville à moitié détruite](#)

Les pompiers canadiens luttent contre une centaine de feux de forêt dans la province d'Alberta, où Slave Lake, une ville de sept mille habitants, entièrement évacuée, a été à moitié détruite par les flammes.

[École certifiée Forêt-Bois](#)

Une première école primaire certifiée Forêt et Bois (EFB) voit le jour sur le territoire de la Commission scolaire du Lac-Saint-Jean.

[Feux de forêt: les Albertains évacués devront patienter une semaine de plus](#)

Les résidents évacués de Slave Lake, en Alberta, ne pourront regagner leur maison avant une semaine supplémentaire au moins, tandis que des enquêteurs fédéraux ont fait savoir que les feux de forêt ravageant la région pourraient rendre difficile l'investigation sur l'écrasement d'un hélicoptère survenu vendredi.

[How a familiar species of mammal changed Canadian wolves' behaviour](#)

As humans become more urban, it is easy to lose touch with our natural environment and the effect we have on it.

[Les feux de forêt sont probablement d'origine criminelle](#)

Les incendies qui ravagent en ce moment le nord de l'Alberta seraient d'origine criminelle.

[Slave Lake shows the increasing risk of serious forest fires, experts warn](#)

The boreal forest covers a third of Canada, stretches across seven provinces and three territories and is home to 2.5 million people. And it's becoming more volatile.

[Wemotaci se relève, mais l'inquiétude reste](#)

La dévastation qu'a laissée derrière lui le grand incendie de forêt à Wemotaci ne peut être oubliée. La population de cette petite communauté atikamekw de la Haute-Mauricie a profondément été marquée et se souviendra longtemps de ce feu qui a presque rasé leur village.

Colombia

[Acerca de las llluvias](#)

En noviembre pasado en este mismo espacio hice algunas reflexiones a propósito de la temporada de lluvias del país. En él hablaba de la dinámica de los ríos cuando se deslizan como bellas serpientes desde las montañas. Hablaba de los procesos del territorio, de la importancia de la vegetación y de que los Planes de Ordenamiento Territorial –P.O.T.- son la herramienta más importante que tienen los alcaldes municipales para tomar las medidas del caso como prohibir la ocupación en las rondas de ríos y quebradas, la deforestación en zonas de ladera, en los páramos, en la alta montaña y en las márgenes de los ríos, y ante todo establecer los mecanismos de control y de concientización para hacer cumplir lo establecido.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

[Congo's poor need incentives to save giant forest](#)

Simon Kasagana knows his meager livelihood depends on the forest, but like many others eking out a living in the vast Congo basin, he has little choice but to destroy it.

[Kinshasa: fin des travaux de la session extraordinaire de la Comifac](#)

La République démocratique du Congo (RDC) est "leader mondial" dans le programme de la réduction des émissions dues à la déforestation, la dégradation des forêts et dans les pays en développement (REDD plus), a déclaré le ministre congolais de l'environnement, José Endundo, à l'issue de la session extraordinaire des Ministres de la commission des forêts de l'Afrique centrale (Comifac).

Dominican Republic

[Aumento precio del GLP incrementa la deforestación en el Suroeste](#)

El incremento del Gas Licuado de Petróleo (GLP), en las últimas semanas ha provocado un incremento de la deforestación en esta provincia y poblaciones de la región Enriquillo.

Ecuador

[A forestar y reforestar](#)

Creo que ningún ecuatoriano desconoce las repercusiones que nos impone el cambio climático; no podemos olvidar lo sucedido por las crisis que estamos pasando: energéticas, agropecuarias, sequías, inundaciones, afecciones a la salud, entre otras calamidades. Todos conocemos que una de las principales causas de estos cambios climáticos es la deforestación agresiva que existe en la mayoría de las provincias del país.

El Salvador

[Depredan bosque en área protegida](#)

La caza de animales, tala de árboles, así como la quema y el uso de químicos para preparar la tierra, son daños que sufren la áreas protegidas del volcán de Conchagua, según denunciaron guardabosques de la zona y voceros de la comuna de Conchagua.

France

[Ces forêts qui valent de l'or](#)

La stagnation du prix des forêts en 2010 (+ 0,4 %) n'a pas empêché les parcelles avec bâti d'être surcotées de 32 %. La législation contribue à leur rareté.

[Forêt: la sécheresse de 1976 dans la mémoire](#)

Quelle incidence la sécheresse peut-elle avoir sur le massif forestier? Outre le risque de feu au sol, que cet épisode climatique vient renforcer de façon inquiétante, on sait que le pin, une essence particulièrement frugale, se développe sur les sols pauvres.

[L'ONF met la forêt en haut de l'affiche](#)

L'établissement public animera plusieurs ateliers pour mieux faire connaître ce riche écosystème.

[L'ONF veille sur les forêts Marseillaises](#)

La centaine d'hectares qui surplombe le parc Pastré est désormais gérée par l'ONF. photo dr La Ville est passée au régime forestier. De Pastré à Luminy, l'ensemble des espaces naturels municipaux sont désormais gérés par l'Office national des forêts.

[Sécheresse/forêts: appel à vigilance](#)

L'Office national des forêts (ONF) a appelé à la vigilance en forêt, où les autorités craignent des incendies en raison de la sécheresse, surtout pendant les week-ends.

Gabon

[Gabon: le pari de l'écologie](#)

L'État gabonais compte bien gagner son statut de pays émergent grâce à sa fibre verte. Dès le début de son mandat, Ali Bongo Ondimba a intégré l'environnement à l'ensemble des politiques sectorielles. Beaucoup ont cru à un gadget. Dix-huit mois plus tard, dans tous les secteurs, on se met au diapason.

Guatemala

[Decretan "alerta roja" en el norte de Guatemala por incendios forestales](#)

Las autoridades de Protección Civil de Guatemala decretaron "alerta roja" en el departamento de Petén, en el norte del país, debido al incremento de incendios forestales que amenazan las reservas naturales de esa zona.

Hungary

[Danube brings visitors to unspoiled Baja, but also threat of pollution](#)

The new protected area extends over five countries, along 700km of river, and encompasses some 800,000 hectares of unique natural and historic landscape. It is Europe's largest riverine protected area.

India

[Afforestation drive to bring one-third of Karnataka under forest cover to begin in June](#)

This monsoon will see plantation of about one crore seedlings all over the state under Krishi Aranya Protsah Yojane of the Karnataka forest department. While the state currently has 22.5% of its geographical area under forest cover, this project will enable Karnataka to attain the 33% mark.

[Centre clears use of forest land for road](#)

The ministry of environment and forests has given the go ahead for the diversion of 196.75 hectares of forest land for the construction of a road from National Highway 54 in Mizoram to the Indo-Myanmar border for the Kaladan multi-modal transport facility project.

[India male tiger plays doting dad to orphaned cubs](#)

Forest officials in northern India say a male tiger appears to be caring for two orphaned cubs in an extremely rare display of paternal feeling.

[My green city canopy census in June](#)

Concerned over the shrinking tree population in the city and its suburbs, the forest department is set to launch a census in the Chennai Metropolitan Area, sprawling over 1,189 sq km, in the first week of June. The mammoth two-phase exercise is expected to throw up data on the indigenous vegetation on the city's landscape as well as on the diversity, density and population.

[Soon: India's first REDD project](#)

India's first pilot project to be recognised under the UN's mechanism for reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD) could be in the East Khasi Hills in Meghalaya.

[Sunita Narain: Let's rethink growth with forest capital](#)

Can you love tigers but hate forests? This question troubled me as I visited central India last fortnight. I was in Nagpur, where local politicians, conservationists and officials were discussing what needed to be done in this chronically poor and backward region endowed with forests and tiger habitat.

[Trees to halt mercury march BMC set to plant saplings](#)

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) is set to take up plantation of 25,000 saplings this year in an effort to combat climate change. Last year, the civic body had distributed 5,681 saplings for plantation through 60 councillors and social service organisations.

Indonesia

[A satellite tour of a threatened rain forest](#)

A computer illustration created by the wildlife activist group WWF-Indonesia using Google Earth provides a tour of Sumatran rain forest areas at risk of destruction by logging companies and palm oil producers.

[Activists cry foul as 35% of forests avoid permits freeze](#)

"The announcement is a far cry from the commitment made by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono related to forest protection and leads to big questions on its implementation," said Bustar Maitar, a Greenpeace forest campaigner.

[Big donor Norway welcomes Indonesia's forest plan](#)

Norway welcomed a plan by Indonesia to impose a two-year moratorium on logging in primary forests despite a five-month delay to the deal.

[Environmentalists criticize Indonesia's plan to save forests](#)

Indonesia released the details of a \$1 billion program to curb forest destruction and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but environmentalists said the plan gave industry too much leeway to continue clearing vital ecosystems.

[Financing of REDD 'must steer clear of past mistakes'](#)

Activists and experts said the government should establish an effective financial monitoring mechanism before disbursing funds for REDD Plus programs.

[Firman en Indonesia moratoria de explotación forestal](#)

El presidente indonesio, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, firmó hoy un decreto que establece una moratoria de dos años para la concesión de nuevas licencias para la explotación forestal.

[Forest moratorium too harsh for some, too weak for others](#)

While forest activists were denouncing a government moratorium on new concession in forests as disappointing, a palm oil businessman said the regulation went too far and only created more uncertainty for businesses.

[Govt defends decree as first step in saving forests](#)

Deforestation has severely ravaged Indonesia's tropical forests, and a recently introduced moratorium on forest conversions would help reverse the trend, a senior official says.

[Govt torn between courting business, protecting forests](#)

In a move seen by critics as a sign of the government's waning drive to save the nation's forests, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono recently added the phrase "pro-business" to his strategy for achieving sustainable development.

[Green groups, analysts slam Indonesia logging ban](#)

Environmentalists said a long-awaited moratorium on logging in Indonesia, part of a \$1 billion climate deal with Norway, is a "disaster" for forests and will do little to fight global

[Indonesia finally signs forest clearing moratorium](#)

Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono inked into law a two-year moratorium on new permits to clear primary forests, as part of a \$1 billion climate deal with Norway, a presidential advisor on climate change said.

[Indonesia forest decree to help CO2 projects](#)

A landmark forest protection ruling by Indonesia might be good for investors trying to save carbon-rich forests, but only if a ban is enforced and progress is made in using the market to save the environment.

[Indonesia forest moratorium softens blow for planters](#)

Indonesia revealed a long list of exemptions to a two-year moratorium on new permits to clear forest, a concession to the hard-lobbying plantation industry in the world's top palm oil producing nation that vexed green groups.

[Indonesia logging law 'disaster' for forests: analysts](#)

Environmentalists said a long-awaited moratorium on logging in Indonesia, part of a \$1 billion climate deal with Norway, is a "disaster" for forests and will do little to fight global warming.

[Indonesia's moratorium on forest clearance](#)

Indonesia's two-year moratorium on new permits to clear primary forest start to took effect, giving developers of plantations, energy resources and projects to cut emissions more clarity on their ability to expand in the archipelago.

[La alianza de ecologistas y empresas indonesias hace frente a deforestación](#)

La alianza forjada por los grupos ecologistas con compañías indonesias concienciadas con la protección medioambiental está poniendo en aprietos a la industria maderera y de aceite de palma, a las que se culpa de la deforestación.

[Moratoria de 2 años para permisos nuevos de explotación forestal en Indonesia](#)

El consejero presidencial en materia de cambio climático, Agus Purnomo, indicó que la medida afectará a las áreas de bosque de turbera y de bosque primario, y añadió que forma parte de un acuerdo bilateral rubricado con Noruega hace un año, según el diario "The Jakarta Globe".

[Moratorium issued to protect primary forests, peatland](#)

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono finally signed a policy banning the conversion of primary forest and peatland for two years as part of a government pledge to combat climate change through reducing deforestation.

[Reconciling economic, environmental interests: The oil palm case](#)

This year marks 100 years of oil palm commercialization in Indonesia. Oil palm was first planted on an industrial scale in 1911 in Sumatra. As the commodity became more widely cultivated, its expansion triggered fierce debate, as it brought good and bad things simultaneously.

[REDD+ called on to form emission supervisory agency](#)

The Forestry Ministry's secretary general Hadi Daryanto, has called on the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation's (REDD+) task force to form an independent agency to measure emissions.

[The Thinker: a farce in the forest](#)

A presidential decree on the moratorium on new concession permits for primary forests and peatlands in Indonesia has just been issued. It is designed in particular to help meet the country's commitments to curb emissions from deforestation and degradation of woodlands. While it is welcomed to some degree, given the five-month delay from the initial promise on its implementation, doubts remain over the exemptions that may limit the moratorium's potential.

[Will Indonesia lose the next oil palm?](#)

Deep in the rainforests of Malaysian Borneo in the late 1980s, researchers made an incredible discovery: The bark of a species of peat swamp tree yielded an extract with potent anti-HIV activity. But when the scientists returned to the site to collect more material for analysis, they were shocked to find the tree, and its promise, gone.

Israel

[Perlasca forest: remembering the righteous of the nations](#)

A 10,000 tree forest was recently dedicated in Ahihud Forest in the Galilee in memory of Giorgio Perlasca, one of the Righteous among the Nations. Perlasca was an Italian Catholic who risked his life to save Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust.

Italy

[Italia seguirá el modelo español en la conservación del bison europeo](#)

Una delegación de Lombardía, en Italia, continúa la visita a la reserva del bison europeo situada en San Cebrián de Muda (Palencia), con la intención de copiar la idea para contribuir a la protección de la biodiversidad y a la conservación de esta especie en peligro de extinción.

Kenya

[Do not plant eucalyptus anywhere near rivers](#)

The endless debate on the planting of eucalyptus trees seems to confuse innocent Kenyans and may soon doubt the scientific advice we give them. It is very serious to contradict facts in the local dailies to support a debatable, non-conclusive finding.

[Forest Service to plant 120 million seedlings this year](#)

The Kenya Forest Service has produced 120 million seedlings for this year's planting season. KFS director David Mbugua said the figure falls short of the 540 million tree seedlings target required per year to reach the 10 per cent tree forest cover by 2030.

[Wildlife 'crash' in the Mara region of Kenya, Africa](#)

Populations of wildlife species in the world-renowned Masai Mara reserve in Kenya have crashed in the past three decades, according to research published in the Journal of Zoology.

[Wildlife Service to solve human-wildlife conflict](#)

The Kenya Wildlife Service is working towards curbing human-wildlife conflict. KWS director Julius Kipng'etich said over 490 rangers graduating in August will be dispatched in various stations around the country.

Liberia

[Liberia looks to save its rainforests by barcoding trees](#)

Liberia has most of west Africa's remaining trees, but can its history of conflict and corruption be overcome? Fred Pearce finds out.

Madagascar

[Illegal logging spreading in Madagascar](#)

The transitional authorities in Madagascar are struggling to overcome the problem of illegal logging of precious wood. In spite of an April 2010 decree that prohibits the logging, transporting, trading and export of precious woods, felling in the forests is still continuing.

Mexico

[Basan ejidatarios economía en aprovechamiento sustentable](#)

Los poseedores de estos bosques lograron que en diciembre de 1995, la Semarnat entregara la autorización para el aprovechamiento.

[Chiapas apuesta por el futuro sustentable al entrar al mercado de bonos de carbono y metano](#)

La selva Lacandona entrará al mercado de bonos de carbono y de metano para convertirse en el espacio de toda América que capture la mayor cantidad de gases de efecto invernadero (GEI), sostuvo el gobernador de Chiapas, Juan Sabines Guerrero.

[Doce incendios en una semana en Coahuila](#)

A pesar de que ya fueron apagados los incendios forestales más grandes que han azotado a Coahuila, tan sólo en el transcurso de la semana pasada se registraron 12 nuevos eventos, que agregaron 21 mil 509 hectáreas más al daño ya registrado en la entidad.

[Mexican town throws up barricades against drug cartel thugs](#)

Not in our town, drug cartels! That's the message the men of a Mexican town – masked, wielding rifles and standing guard at makeshift blockades – delivered to drug traffickers. The would-be defenders, the indigenous Purépechas of Cherán, are protecting themselves against illegal loggers, whom they believe are backed by notorious drug traffickers.

[Quinta entrega de recursos para el proceso REDD+ para la Selva Lacandona](#)

Ejidatarios de los Bienes Comunales de la Zona Lacandona recibieron por quinto mes consecutivo los recursos del programa para el Proceso de Reducción de Emisiones por Deforestación y Degradación Evitada (REDD+).

[Señalan que Aguascalientes perdió el 50% de bosques](#)

El director de Vigilancia a los Ecosistemas y Recursos Naturales de la Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Joaquín Sosa Ramírez, informó que la entidad ha perdido más del 50 por ciento de sus montes y bosques durante los últimos 100 años.

[Tlaxcala apuesta por militarización de bosques](#)

La intención proteger de la tala ilegal e incendios a las tres principales zonas boscosas del estado: la Malinche, Tlaxco y Nanacamilpa.

Norway

[Norway plans billion-dollar clean energy initiative for poor](#)

Norway wants to channel billions of dollars to renewable energies in developing nations, building on a scheme to protect tropical forests to which Oslo has been the biggest donor, officials said.

Paraguay

[Dpto. de Itapúa requiere 200 millones de plantines para reforestar cuencas](#)

El departamento de Itapúa requiere más de 200 millones de plantines de árboles nativos para recuperar las condiciones ambientales de sus cauces hídricos. La superficie a ser reforestada supera las 150.000 hectáreas. El proyecto es encarado por la Entidad Binacional Yacyretá (EBY).

[GM soy: the high cost of the quest for 'green gold'](#)

Scientists and villagers in rural Paraguay are questioning the health and environmental impact of GM soy.

[Satellites catch loggers red-handed](#)

Oftentimes it seems like our Big Brother-like society - with its thousands of satellites swerving overhead, its hundreds of cameras monitoring our actions and its questionable privacy policies on social networking websites - is way too big. But then, every once in a while, the multi-eyed technological overseer spies a bit of treachery, and we all breathe a sigh of relief that it exists.

[Satellites spot illegal logging of uncontacted tribes' home](#)

Some of the world's most sophisticated technology is being used to protect indigenous people who've entirely avoided the industrial world. By studying satellite photographs of Paraguayan forests inhabited by still-uncontacted aboriginal tribes, activists have spotted evidence of illegal deforestation carried out between October and December of last year.

Peru

[BID: 56% de bosques está en riesgo por grandes proyectos](#)

El organismo internacional señala que proyectos de las industrias extractivas, valorizados en US\$ 80,000 millones, pueden arrasar nuestros bosques al 2021.

[Inca success in Peruvian Andes 'thanks to llama dung'](#)

One of the world's greatest ancient civilisations may have been built on llama droppings, a new study has found.

Philippine

[9 protected areas for endangered wildlife declared](#)

They may not be cool, but rats, bats and frogs are facing extinction and causing concern among environmentalists. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) unveiled a conservation program that protects the habitats of these threatened creatures from invasive human activities and development.

[Philippine bird sanctuary under threat](#)

A plan to reclaim land on Manila Bay is ruffling feathers, with conservationists warning the project would destroy one of the Philippine capital's last nature reserves and bird sanctuaries.

Portugal

[Montesinho, paraíso de biodiversidad y el mayor exportador de castaña de UE](#)

Paraíso de la biodiversidad portuguesa, el parque Natural de Montesinho alberga más de 240 especies de animales junto a un tesoro vegetal y fuente de riqueza para las poblaciones de la zona: su bosque de castaños que convierte a este territorio en el primer exportador de castañas europeo.

Romania

[En Rumania, caballos salvajes únicos en Europa camino del matadero](#)

Un total de 38 caballos salvajes del Delta del Danubio, una especie única en Europa, serán sacrificados para vender en el mercado extranjero su carne, considerada un producto de lujo, denunció el veterinario rumano Stefan Raileanu.

Russian Federation

[Activistas rusos piden ayuda a la UE para detener trazado autopista en bosque](#)

Los activistas del Movimiento en Defensa del Bosque de Jimki, en las afueras de Moscú, pidieron a la Unión Europea ayuda para detener la construcción de una nueva autopista que unirá la capital rusa con San Petersburgo.

[Forest fires rage in Russia's Far East, Siberia](#)

Fires are spreading fast across vast Siberian forests in a reminder of last year's worst drought on record which killed dozens of people and forced Russia to suspend grain exports.

[Forests growing in quantity, not quality](#)

Viktor Grishenkov uses the weight of his spade to open a slit in the sandy ground, inserts a 30-centimeter oak seedling into the hole and packs the earth tight around it with his foot.

Rwanda

[Land centre chief joins fight against desertification](#)

The Director General of the National Land Centre (NLC) said there is need for more strategies to fight desertification and land degradation in the country.

[Poachers targeted as management of Akagera Park toughens](#)

Poachers at the Akagera National Park will be under siege as the park management equips rangers with state of the art anti-poaching tactics and counter offensive skills.

Sierra Leone

[Sierra Leone chimps threatened by disappearing forest](#)

Deforestation is threatening Sierra Leone's wild chimpanzee population, west Africa's second largest, the country's deputy forestry minister told a meeting of wildlife experts.

Slovakia

[Bin-raiding brown bear collared in the name of research](#)

Slovakia's bears are a rare conservation triumph, but their growing number has forced some of them to swap forest life for a more urban setting. Now a radical plan is under way to try to understand these "problem bears".

Spain

[Condiciones ambientales Doñana propician aumento poblaciones aves](#)

Las excelentes condiciones ambientales que presenta el Espacio Natural de Doñana ha propiciado un crecimiento de las poblaciones de aves que habitan en el enclave ya que se han censado, en la actual temporada reproductiva, en torno a 10.000 parejas de flamenco y 5.000 de morito, entre otras especies.

[Diez millones de visitas cada año a los parques nacionales](#)

Alrededor de diez millones de personas visitan cada año alguno de los catorce Parques Naturales que existen en España, ha dicho la directora del Organismo Autónomo de Parques, Olga Baniandrés, que ha resaltado la labor de concienciación ambiental que estos parques realizan.

[Galicia defiende un acuerdo vinculante para la protección de los bosques](#)

Juárez, quien participó en el Consejo junto con la titular española del ramo, Rosa Aguilar, dijo en declaraciones a la prensa que el tema interesa especialmente a Galicia, comunidad donde las dos terceras partes del territorio son bosques y se produce la mitad de la madera que se manufactura en España.

[La papelera Ence y los productores de madera firman un "acuerdo histórico"](#)

La papelera Ence y la Federación de productores de madera de Galicia (Promagal) han suscrito un "acuerdo histórico" por el que los propietarios de montes asociados suministrarán a la empresa de papel 250.000 toneladas de madera en los próximos 12 meses.

[Los bosques del mundo pueden verse desde el parque del Retiro de Madrid](#)

Tres bosques en uno se dan cita en Madrid, el formado por los árboles de El Retiro, la selva literaria de la Feria del Libro y los que ilustran la exposición "Bosques del mundo", comisariada por el divulgador ambiental Joaquín Araujo, y que se puede contemplar hasta el próximo 27 de junio en este parque de la capital.

[Strawberry boom is a drain on Spain](#)

The strawberry has always been one of the most prized tastes of summer. But meeting the growing demand for this favourite fruit - in Britain, Germany, France and beyond - is putting great strain on the environment in Spain.

[Un pequeño gusano, enemigo público de los pinares](#)

El Servicio de Protección de la Naturaleza de la Guardia Civil (SEPRONA) inspeccionó en 2010 cerca de 8.000 camiones en busca de madera infestada por un peligroso gusano, unos controles que en lo que va de año han acabado con la detención de cuatro personas.

Switzerland

[Incendie de forêt à Viège: l'armée met un terme à son engagement](#)

L'armée a mis fin lundi à son engagement dans la lutte contre l'incendie de forêt de Viège (VS) qui s'était déclenché le 26 avril dernier. Le contingent militaire a dénombré jusqu'à 150 hommes qui ont fourni 1700 jours de service.

[La forêt du Risoud offre de l'or vert pour le tourisme](#)

Balades forestières et découverte de l'épicéa font partie d'un programme qui veut attirer et charmer les hôtes du pays combier.

[Vaud lève l'interdiction totale des feux en forêt](#)

A l'instar d'autres cantons, Vaud lève l'interdiction totale des feux en forêt. Les pluies tombées ces derniers jours permettent une telle décision même si la prudence reste de mise, souligne mardi le Département de la sécurité et de l'environnement.

Thailand

[Tailandia detiene a uno de los mayores traficantes de tigres en la región](#)

Uno de los mayores traficantes de tigres en el Sudeste Asiático, Sudjai Chanthawong, fue detenido por la Policía en el noreste de Tailandia, informaron los medios locales.

[Thailand jungles mask surprise rise in tiger numbers](#)

Experts film previously unknown group on hidden cameras – but loss of habitat and threat from poachers cloud new-found hope.

Turkey

[Turkey's Great Leap Forward risks cultural and environmental bankruptcy](#)

Turkish government's rush to build dams, hydro and nuclear power plants angers villagers and environmental campaigners.

Uganda

[Stoves saving on fuel to save forests](#)

Carbon finance is putting new and efficient charcoal stoves into hundreds of thousands of kitchens in Uganda - reducing charcoal use and protecting forests as well as saving money for poor households.

[Uganda religious leaders act on deforestation](#)

When Anglican bishop Nathan Kyamanywa was appointed to his job in 2002, he decided that climate change should be a matter of concern for Christians. Kyamanywa bought 55 tree seedlings and gave one to each of the parishes in his diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara in western Uganda.

[Uganda stoves saving on fuel to save forests](#)

Carbon finance is putting new and efficient charcoal stoves into hundreds of thousands of kitchens in Uganda – reducing charcoal use and protecting forests as well as saving money for poor households. The mouthwatering smell of stewing beef is drifting through the congested streets of Nkere, on the outskirts of Kampala. It's coming from Susan Nanpiima's newly-acquired stove.

United Kingdom

[Birds, trees and the sound of chainsaws](#)

Jill Insley's street is abuzz with pollarding tree surgeons. But the alternative would hit homeowners where it hurts: their pockets.

[BP among founding members of World Bank carbon fund](#)

The Forest fund is designed to pay developing countries for reducing emissions caused by the destruction of their forests.

[Branson lemur plans bear fruit](#)

A few weeks ago, the BBC broke news of the consternation aroused by Sir Richard Branson's plans to bring lemurs to his Caribbean islands.

[Fight to halt toxic caterpillars](#)

For the past two days, Tony Kirkham has been spraying insecticide on hundreds of oak trees at Kew Gardens to keep a toxic caterpillar at bay.

[Forestry commission cuts 'undermine inquiry into England's woodland'](#)

Ramblers charity says cuts to commission risk the credibility of panel advising government on the future of forests.

[Gamekeeper with huge cache of bird poison fined £3,300](#)

Dean Barr had more than 10kg of carbofuran in his possession, enough 'to kill every bird of prey in Scotland six times over'.

[Grangemouth biomass protesters arrested](#)

Seven people have been arrested in a protest against a proposed biomass power station at Grangemouth docks.

[Hunting records track UK game populations over centuries](#)

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), based in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, established the National Gamebag Census (NGC) in 1961 in order to provide a central repository of bag records from UK

shoots. The Census has become a unique set of data on game and predatory species in the UK which has been gathered from bag returns submitted voluntarily and in strict confidentiality each year by its contributors.

[Is your dining table made of illegally logged wood?](#)

Our demand for cheap furniture is driving the theft of timber from national parks and the expansion of illegal plantations.

[Parakeets guilty of intimidating garden birds - study](#)

An increasingly ubiquitous visitor to English gardens, ring-necked parakeets divide opinion. For some, they are exotic and colourful visitors. For others, a gaudy, noisy nuisance.

[Rare lion tamarin monkey born at Durrell](#)

One of the world's most endangered primates has been born at the headquarters of the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. The male baby black lion tamarin monkey is the first born outside of Brazil for eight years.

[Support for 'Size of Wales' rainforest campaign](#)

The Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) has added its support to a project to sustain an area of African tropical forest the size of Wales.

[Tree disease phytophthora ramorum spotted by helicopter](#)

Ben Jones is about to take off on a six-hour helicopter trip to survey the front line in the battle against phytophthora ramorum.

United States of America

[A labor of wonder: mapping 19,993 trees in Central Park](#)

Every year about 37 million people go to Central Park, and, finding themselves surrounded by 23,000 trees, most do not know their sassafras from their euonymus.

[Canada lynx threatened by rising temperatures in Maine](#)

The rare Canada lynx, whose range has shrunk considerably in recent decades, faces a grave threat from rising temperatures in Maine, federal wildlife experts said.

[Christo's Colorado project may hinge on sheep](#)

Nearly 20 years after the artist Christo and his wife, Jeanne-Claude, proposed draping a river canyon in southern Colorado in miles of translucent fabric, a federal thumbs up or down on the project may hinge on one factor above all others: the happiness of several hundred bighorn sheep.

[Cookie crumbs for girl scouts, as teens launch palm-oil crusade](#)

To earn their Girl Scout Bronze Award four years ago, Rhiannon Tomtishen and Madison Vorva set out to study orangutans. Instead, they wound up investigating Thin Mints, Trefoils and Samoas. What they uncovered soured them on the sweets and has put the Michigan teens at odds with Girl Scouts of the USA. Now they're on a march to change the recipe for Girl Scout cookies. Their target: palm oil, which can come from places the primates live.

[Environmental groups question Obama's forest plan](#)

An Obama administration plan to protect wildlife and water in U.S. national forests drew fire from environmental advocates who contend the new rule needs stronger scientific standards.

[Fatal bat disease confirmed in all New England with Maine find](#)

White nose syndrome, a devastating disease that has killed more than one million bats in the Northeast, has been found in Maine, the last New England state to discover it, wildlife officials said .

[Idaho authorizes sheriffs deputies to kill wolves](#)

The state of Idaho has authorized sheriff's deputies in a tiny mountain town to kill wolves blamed for preying on pets and elk, a spokesman for the state fish and game department said.

[National forest rules face controversial overhaul](#)

What would be the first major overhaul since the Reagan administration of rules for planning the nation's 193 million acres of national forests and grasslands is entering the homestretch -- comments are now in, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture is promising a final rule by the end of the year.

[Ranchers cheered by lifting of wolf protections](#)

Ranchers in Western states said they're hopeful the removal of gray wolves from the federal endangered species list will make it easier to hunt the predators and stem losses of cattle and sheep.

[Republican's climate solution: clear-cut the rain forest](#)

Representative Dana Rohrabacher, Republican of California, needs to hit the science books, forestry experts suggest. They reached that conclusion after hearing Mr. Rohrabacher declare during a Congressional hearing on Wednesday that clear-cutting the world's rain forests might eliminate the production of greenhouse gases responsible for climate change.

[Restoring tradition of quail hunting](#)

During his periodic stays in this small town in the Arkansas delta, Ernest Hemingway was looked upon by the locals as something of a proto-hippy with his shabby clothes, unshaven face and artistic disposition. He was once mistaken for a hobo. Children taunted him and pelted him with rocks. Obligated to visit his in-laws' home in Piggott, Hemingway made the most of it and became a bird-hunting bum.

[South to lose 23 million acres of forest over 50 years](#)

The South is projected to lose 23 million acres of forest or about the size of South Carolina, over the next 50 years, the U.S. Forest Service said in a report.

[Study: Population rise threatens Southern forests](#)

Growing populations and increased urbanization could reduce the 200 million acres of forestland in the South by about 10 percent over the next 50 years, according to a U.S. Forest Service study.

[Tenderloin National Forest](#)

Nestled between a cluster of residential buildings and hotels in San Francisco's Tenderloin district is a surprising outcropping of green — the so-called Tenderloin National Forest. Formerly known as Cohen Alley, the small urban enclave is not really a national forest but a former dumping ground for hypodermic needles and garbage.

[US publishes white-nose bat killer action plan](#)

US experts have published an action plan that aims to halt the spread of white-nose syndrome (WNS), which has killed more than a million bats.

Viet Nam

[Tay Nguyen déploie le REDD+ pour son développement durable](#)

Introduire le changement climatique et le REDD+ (Programme de l'ONU pour la réduction des émissions résultant du déboisement et de la dégradation des forêts) dans la planification du développement du Tay Nguyen (Hauts-Plateaux du Centre) était au centre d'un séminaire dans la ville de Da Lat, province de Lam Dong.

Zimbabwe

[Raoul du Toit: Saving Zimbabwe's black rhino](#)

Despite increased poaching threats, a difficult political situation, drought and climate change, Goldman Prize Winner Raoul du Toit has pioneered a new approach in community stakeholding to save the black rhino.

World

[A tree hugger, with a twist](#)

Stefan Schnitzer paused along one of the trails that crisscross this forested island in the Panama Canal waterway. Around him were trees, their high canopies muting the light from the tropical sun, the occasional woody vine, or liana, climbing up their thick trunks.

[Amondawa tribe lacks abstract idea of time, study says](#)

The Amondawa lacks the linguistic structures that relate time and space - as in our idea of, for example, "working through the night".

[Bankers take centre stage in fight to save rainforests](#)

Given their obvious lack of qualifications, not to mention their recent track record, bankers don't immediately spring to mind as potential saviours of the rainforests.

[Biofuels boom in Africa as British firms lead rush on land for plantations](#)

Controversial fuel crops linked to rising food prices and hunger, as well as increased greenhouse gas emissions.

[Conserving threatened species despite habitat fragmentation](#)

Plant species spread by birds may need a helping hand from humans due to fragmentation of forest habitats, according to a new study published in the April edition of the journal Ecology.

[Countries adopt pledge to protect elephants](#)

Representatives of eight countries with large wild elephant populations pledged to eradicate poaching of the animals and smuggling of ivory to ensure their survival for future generations.

[Dr Simon Lewis: we're playing Russian roulette with a large portion of the Amazon](#)

The world's largest rainforest is under combined threat from deforestation and human-caused climate change. In an interview with the Ecologist, tropical forest expert Dr Simon Lewis explains what is happening.

[El bosque mediterráneo amenazado por el "cambio global"](#)

El bosque mediterráneo, considerado un foco mundial de biodiversidad, es uno de los ecosistemas más amenazados por el 'cambio global', según han coincidido los expertos participantes en una mesa redonda sobre los desafíos a los que se enfrentan los bosques, organizada por la Fundación BBVA.

[El bosque mediterráneo, uno de los ecosistemas más amenazados](#)

Los principales problemas que le acechan son el abandono, los incendios forestales y el cambio de uso del territorio.

[El cambio climático y el desarrollo amenazan la biodiversidad, dicen expertos](#)

El cambio climático y el desarrollo económico amenazan la biodiversidad de Suramérica, una de las más ricas del mundo, alertaron expertos en una conferencia sobre el tema que se inauguró en Quito.

[Elephant countries form 'E-8' action group](#)

Eight countries with the largest number of elephants met in New Delhi to plot new strategies to protect the animal.

[Europe faces extinction of many species, EU says](#)

The Iberian lynx that prowls the grasslands of southern Spain. The Mediterranean monk seal swimming waters off Greece and Turkey. The Bavarian pine vole that forages in the high meadows of the Alps.

[Expertos latinoamericanos analizarán las amenazas y oportunidades de los bosques](#)

Unos 300 expertos latinoamericanos analizarán en Costa Rica entre el 26 y el 28 de octubre próximo, las oportunidades y amenazas que enfrentan los bosques de la región como fuentes de vida, desarrollo y mitigación del cambio climático.

[Experts meet in Congo in bid to rescue world forests](#)

Representatives from 35 countries will seek ways to protect the world's largest rainforests during a week-long meeting in Republic of Congo.

[Extinction rates 'overestimated', says study](#)

Current extinction rate projections may be overestimating the role of habitat loss on species, a study suggest.

[Forestry key to Africa's carbon permit market, Envirotrade says](#)

Conserving forests as a means for countries to meet climate change targets is crucial to Africa's participation in the world's carbon markets, said Envirotrade Carbon Ltd.

[Geometry skills are innate, Amazon tribe study suggests](#)

Tests given to an Amazonian tribe called the Mundurucu suggest that our intuitions about geometry are innate.

[Getting wise to the owl, a charismatic sentry in climate change](#)

For 19 years, the owl researcher Denver Holt has journeyed to Barrow, Alaska, each summer to map out the predator-prey relationship between the lemmings that crawl across the tundra and the white owls that hunt them from above.

[Is it time to ban tiger farms?](#)

Any conservation gains made to protect wild tigers are overshadowed by the large breeding centres that supply the illegal trade in body parts.

[Is the Amazon heading towards a 'tipping point' as a carbon sink?](#)

The world's largest rainforest is ravaged by deforestation and two recent droughts. If they continue, says one expert, the Amazon risks entering a period where it can no longer be relied upon to absorb more greenhouse gas emissions than it produces.

[La deforestación acaba cada día con cien especies](#)

La deforestación de los bosques tropicales causa la desaparición de cien especies al día y cada año se pierden trece millones de hectáreas forestales en el mundo, subraya el Observatorio de la Sostenibilidad de España (OSE).

[La forêt africaine, capital à préserver](#)

L'Afrique est à la croisée des chemins: l'appui de ses partenaires des pays plus développés sera déterminant dans les choix stratégiques qui seront faits. Regardons cela avec trois exemples.

[La moda al servicio de los bosques](#)

La diseñadora británica Vivienne Westwood y la revista Marie Claire han unido sus talentos en defensa de los bosques. Según la ONU, siete millones de seres humanos son víctimas de la deforestación, uno de los principales factores responsables del efecto de invernadero.

[La primatóloga Goodall denuncia la destrucción del planeta y de los bosques](#)

La primatóloga británica y Premio Príncipe de Asturias de Investigación, Jane Goodall, ha denunciado en Madrid la destrucción del planeta por el ser humano y la desaparición de los bosques.

[Les pousses de bambou, stars de la cuisine](#)

Les pousses de bambou, l'un des ingrédients phares de la cuisine asiatique traditionnelle, sont présentées par des scientifiques indiens comme la nouvelle tendance de la cuisine fonctionnelle. D'après une étude publiée dans le numéro de mai de la revue Comprehensive Reviews in Food Science and Food Safety, les jeunes pousses de bambou apportent de nombreux bienfaits à l'organisme.

[L'huile de palme "durable" est une arnaque écologique](#)

En 2011, il n'est plus possible de dire que l'on ne sait pas. Cela fait des années que nous dénonçons les conséquences environnementales et sociales de la culture du palmier à huile. Les rapports s'accumulent.

[Malaysia and Indonesia bolster defence of palm oil industry to west](#)

Countries form European Palm Oil Council in attempt to counter criticism of industry's environmental record.

[Mickey Mouse: Rvager of rainforests?](#)

Those pesky activists from the Rainforest Action Network are at it again.

[Plant, animal extinctions often exaggerated: study](#)

A projected spate of extinctions of animals and plants this century may be less drastic than feared because the most widely used scientific method can exaggerate losses by more than 160 percent.

[Restoring the world's forests while feeding the poor](#)

Trees are being cut down for farming, but a new study shows that a lot of land already cleared could be used instead.

[Rhino poaching a concern to the region](#)

Deputy Prime Minister Marco Hausiku has warned that cross-border rhino poaching could reverse the big success made in rhino protection in southern Africa.

[Scientists clash on claims over extinction 'overestimates'](#)

For decades, it has been an open secret among conservationists. An elegant equation widely used to calculate how many species will go extinct from deforestation and habitat destruction -- one of the "laws" of ecological theory - was a little shaky.

[Species loss less severe than feared](#)

The pace at which humans are driving animal and plant species toward extinction through habitat destruction is at least twice as slow as previously thought, according to a study released.

[Spiders protect webs with decorations](#)

The delicate web decorations spun by some orb-weaving spiders are a strange but well-known phenomena, but exactly why the spiders adorn their webs is unclear.

[Stoves, seeds could save African forests: report](#)

Efficient cookstoves and better crop seeds could play a key role in saving forests in sub-Saharan Africa, helping to cut emissions of climate-warming carbon dioxide, environmental experts reported.

[What's the best way to help wildlife during a dry spell?](#)

A persistent spell of dry weather is causing problems for wildlife. Should I put out an extra bowl of water?

[Wood fuel poised to be next global commodity](#)

Wood fuel, one of the oldest energy sources on the planet, could become the newest commodity market if it can overcome supply limits and green concerns as demand grows for renewable energy.

[Wood pellets to trade on public markets like oil, wheat](#)

Biomass wood pellets - an increasingly popular fuel for heating -will soon be traded on the public markets like other commodities such as wheat, gold and crude oil.

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