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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

[RomaForest 2011: Present and future role of forest resources in the socio-economic development of rural areas](#)

Rome, Italy - 23-24 June 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**

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

Barolo, Torino, Italy - 20-22 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

### [Poplar Council of Canada - Poplars and Willows on the Prairies: Traditional Practices meet Innovative Applications](#)

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - 18-22 September 2011

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

Madrid, Spain - 27-29 September 2011

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

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

[Fire management expert \(international consultant\)](#)

[Forestry Officer \(Forest Harvesting\)](#)

[Senior Officer - \(Team Leader\)](#)

## **Forestry publications**

[Reforming forest tenure - Issues, principles and process](#)

Secure tenure is an important prerequisite for sustainable forest management. More diversified tenure systems could provide a basis for improving forest management and local livelihoods, particularly where the State has insufficient capacity to manage forests. In the past decade many countries have initiated efforts to reform their tenure arrangements for forests and forest land, devolving some degree of access and management from the State to others, mainly households, private companies and communities. This publication provides practical guidance for policy-makers and others concerned with addressing forest tenure reform.

## **FAO in the news**

[Association execs discuss how to account for carbon in wood products](#)

The international forestry and wood products industry is working on the details of a proposal to have the carbon in wood products recognized in international carbon accounting rules.

[Carl Lewis s'implique en faveur des forêts de Haïti](#)

En qualité d'Ambassadeur de bonne volonté de la FAO, le champion olympique Carl Lewis, dont la visite de deux jours en Haïti vient de s'achever, a inspecté des sites de reboisement destinés, indique-t-on à la FAO, à protéger cette île fragile contre les inondations et les coulées de boue à l'heure où débute la nouvelle saison des ouragans.

[Chile es el primer país en Sudamérica con mayor expansión de sus bosques](#)

Según datos de la FAO, este crecimiento se da a un ritmo de 48 mil hectáreas anuales promedio en los últimos veinte años.

[Community must be capable of managing forests: Expert](#)

The country needs a third tier of forest management that aims to make local people and community capable of managing forest resources, says KD Singh, internationally acclaimed forest expert and one of the members of the advisory committee in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.

[Desarrollarán inventario forestal en costa, sierra y selva del Perú para reforestación](#)

Una nueva y ambiciosa meta se ha trazado el Estado, esta vez en materia de protección de nuestros recursos naturales al anunciar la próxima elaboración del "Inventario Nacional Forestal y Manejo Sostenible ante el Cambio Climático".

### [Destruction of world's biggest rainforests down 25 percent: FAO](#)

The rate of destruction of the world's three largest forests fell 25 percent this decade compared with the previous one, but remains alarmingly high in some countries, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said.

### [El atleta Carl Lewis dice que "los árboles son el epicentro del renacimiento de Haití"](#)

El exatleta estadounidense Carl Lewis dijo hoy que "los árboles son el epicentro del renacimiento de Haití", en alusión a la reconstrucción del empobrecido país, castigado por la deforestación y por un terremoto que mató a 300.000 personas en 2010, según cifras del Gobierno.

### [Forest institute holds technical-scientific activities](#)

The National Institute for Forest Development (IDF) will be holding next September its first technical-scientific workshops on forests in Angola with the theme "Forests for life", said the director-general of the Institution, Tomás Caetano.

### [Forest resources fundamental to economy - FAO](#)

Forest resources have been contributing to the development of the economies of countries in general, and of peoples in particular.

### [Forests in UAE absorbed about 16 Mt of carbon dioxide in 2010 : Bin Fahad](#)

Gross areas occupied by trees in the UAE rose to 337,000 hectares thanks to the proper attention and support given by the government to the plantation, sustainable development and biodiversity, Dr. Rashid Ahmed bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, said .

### [Incendios forestales, un problema mundial, alertan en Cuba](#)

Una tendencia al incremento de los incendios forestales de grandes proporciones se aprecia en el mundo, declaró a Prensa Latina, Nury Corona, especialista en manejo de fuego de la jefatura nacional del Cuerpo de Guardabosques.

### [Inventaire Forestier satisfait le ministre de l'Agriculture](#)

Le ministre de l'Agriculture, Développement Rural et Pêche, Afonso Pedro Kanga, s'est félicité des résultats préliminaires de l'Inventaire Forestier Nationale, présenté à Luanda, par le coordinateur du projet, Mateus André.

### [Jalisco, responsable de quinta parte de la deforestación del país](#)

En 2002, la entidad sólo aportaba 7% del total; hoy, la destrucción de los bosques y selvas en el estado significa 20% del saldo nacional, rubro en el que apenas es superado por Chiapas.

### [La souffrance des forêts dans la région](#)

La superficie des forêts dans le monde arabe est tombée de 7,2 % en 1990 à... 6,4 % en 2007, selon les chiffres de la FAO. Dans une région qui n'est pas connue pour l'abondance de ses forêts ou de ses ressources hydriques, le chiffre est impressionnant.

### [Latinoamérica, protectora de la biodiversidad](#)

La FAO aseguró que en la región se concentran 97 millones de hectáreas de bosques que sirven para la protección de las especies animales y vegetales que son base de su economía.

### [Legendario velocista olímpico Carl Lewis vuelve a correr por los bosques de Haití](#)

El Embajador de Buena Voluntad de la FAO y leyenda olímpica Carl Lewis terminó una visita de dos días a Haití donde conoció personalmente los esfuerzos de reforestación que se llevan a cabo para proteger al país de inundaciones y deslizamientos de tierra, al comienzo de la temporada de huracanes.

### ["Los árboles son el epicentro del renacimiento de Haití", afirma Carl Lewis](#)

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### ["Los mayores desafíos al bosque no provienen del ámbito forestal, sino de fuera de él"](#)

Son los pulmones del planeta y el hogar de los ecosistemas más ricos y diversos. Pero siguen amenazados. Sobre los bosques tropicales hablamos con Eduardo Rojas, subdirector general del Departamento Forestal de la FAO.

### [L'industrie forestière en République Démocratique du Congo résout a promouvoir une transformation du bois local, équitable et responsable](#)

Le gouvernement de la République Démocratique du Congo a organisé, sous le patronage du Ministère de l'Environnement, Conservation de la Nature et Tourisme, une rencontre internationale des 19 et 20 mai 2011 à Kinshasa. Pour cela, elle a bénéficié de l'appui financier de l'Union Européenne à travers son programme ProInvest et de l'Organisation Internationale des Bois Tropicaux (OIBT), de l'Association Interafricaine des Industries Forestières (IFIA) et le mécanisme pour les programmes forestiers nationaux (NFP-Facility) de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture (FAO).

### [Nearly, 80% of fuelwood market sourced illegally](#)

It is one of the biggest energy markets within India. It is largely unrecorded and much of it is illegal. But, it fuels the needs of almost half the country's rural population. Firewood, twigs, branches, logs and tree stumps—the only fuel many in rural India can afford to keep their kitchen fires going. But with less than 20% of it coming from accounted sources, it neither finds reflection in the government's accounts or in its policies.

### [Olympic sprinter star Carl Lewis expresses hope for Haiti](#)

U.S. sprinter Carl Lewis, winner of 18 gold medals in the Olympics and World Athletics Championships, finished a visit to Haiti in the context of the International Forest Year celebrations as good-will ambassador for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

### [Olympic track legend Carl Lewis sprints again for Haiti forests](#)

FAO Goodwill Ambassador and Olympic track legend Carl Lewis ended a two-day visit to Haiti where he saw for himself reforestation efforts to help the country protect itself against flash floods and mudslides as hurricane season begins.

### [Planting mangrove can save lives](#)

Indonesian singer and goodwill ambassador for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Anggun, emphasized the importance of replanting mangrove trees in coastal areas, as it could protect people living nearby from future disasters.

### [Protect Philippine forests](#)

The Philippines is both a hotspot and a megadiversity area, making it a priority for conservation. The country's forests are habitat for more than 6,000 plant species and numerous bird and animal species, including the endangered Philippine Eagle and the Visayan warty pig.

### [Responsable considera recursos forestales fundamentales para la economía](#)

Los recursos forestales han contribuido de forma valiosa para el desarrollo de las economías de los países en general, y de las poblaciones en particular, consideró, en Luanda, el representante de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y Alimentación (FAO), Mamoudou Diallo.

### [Ressources forestière, fondamentales pour l'économie](#)

Les ressources forestières contribuent grandement au développement des économies des pays en général, et des populations, en particulier, a déclaré, à Luanda, le représentant de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture (FAO), Mamoudou Diallo.

### [Somos parte del medio ambiente](#)

Joaquín Araujo, naturista y escritor, tiene el compromiso personal de plantar 1.000 árboles autóctonos cada año. Para rendir culto a las personas fallecidas que admira, siembra tantos árboles como años tenía el homenajeado al morir. Con acciones individuales como esta, se puede hacer frente a graves problemas globales como la deforestación.

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## **Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 01 – 15 June 2011**

### **International Year of Forests**

#### [2011 World Environment Day celebrated with a focus on forests](#)

Sunday June 5th, 2011 was World Environment Day (WED). The Day's celebration was instituted to deepen public awareness of the need to preserve and enhance the environment following a resolution of the General Assembly on December 15th, 1972.

#### [Administration make it large, plan to plant 10L saplings](#)

In an effort to retain the green cover of the city, district authorities are planning to plant as many as 10 lakh saplings. Officials are also seeking cooperation of masses, non-government and social organisations.

#### [Bosques: La naturaleza al servicio de la población](#)

Los bosques cubren la tercera parte de la superficie del planeta, realizando funciones vitales y de servicio. Juegan un papel importante en la batalla contra el cambio climático, liberando oxígeno a la atmósfera y almacenando dióxido de carbono

#### [Bosques y trabajo](#)

El próximo 5 de Junio celebramos el Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente, impulsado por la ONU para fomentar la sensibilización mundial sobre el medio ambiente y promover la atención y acción política al

respecto. Este año el tema que el PNUMA (Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente) ha elegido para fomentar la sensibilización y la reflexión sobre el medio ambiente es el de los bosques.

#### [El estado de nuestros Bosques ¿buenas noticias?](#)

El año 2011 se conmemora el año internacional de los bosques bajo el eslogan "Bosques: la naturaleza a su servicio". En febrero de este año la Organización de las Naciones Unidas declaró al 2011 como el año internacional de los bosques debido a la importancia que las áreas forestales tienen para la subsistencia de cientos de millones de personas en todo el mundo, especialmente en los países desarrollados.

#### [Estrenarán en Cuba documental De bosques y hombres](#)

El documental De bosques y hombres, del realizador y fotógrafo francés Yann Arthus-Bertrand será estrenado aquí el venidero día 8, como parte de las jornadas educativas por el Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente.

#### [Forests key part of our country](#)

Preserving our Forests chosen as theme for Canadian Environment Week, starting June 5.

#### [Forests the focus of SNC film screening](#)

South Nation Conservation will commemorate International Year of Forests – 2011 by inviting the public to learn more about forestry in Canada and around the world through film.

#### [HSBC uncovers the hidden value of forests for World Environment Day 2011](#)

The HSBC Group is marking World Environment Day (WED) 2011 by asking thousands of its employees across the globe to uncover the 'hidden value' of their local forests.

#### [India for green technology](#)

United Nations has declared the year 2011 as the 'International Year of Forests'. This year on World Environment Day the UN will reinforce this global concern with the official tagline — Forests: Nature at Your Service. Today we truly need technologies, which run on green technology systems. India has initiated several projects on the lines of green technology to save the environment.

#### [La estación de Atocha celebra el Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente](#)

La estación de Madrid Puerta de Atocha acogerá el sábado 4 de junio, entre las 10 y las 14 horas, la celebración del Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente 2011, declarado por las Naciones Unidas como Año Internacional de los Bosques.

#### [Le Gabon lance officiellement l'année internationale des forêts](#)

Le Premier ministre gabonais Paul Biyoghé Mba a procédé à Libreville au lancement officielle et cumulatif de la semaine nationale de l'environnement et de l'année internationale des forêts dont le thème retenu cette année est "forêts: la nature à votre service".

#### [Llamamiento para conservar los bosques](#)

"Bosques: Naturaleza a tu servicio" es el lema de este año con motivo del Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente. Una fecha establecida por la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas en 1972 coincidiendo con la primera cumbre mundial sobre medio ambiente: la Conferencia de Estocolmo sobre el Medio Ambiente Humano.



### [Pakistan has highest deforestation rate in Asia](#)

Commemorated every year on June 5, since 1972, the World Environment Day is a principal vehicle through which the awareness of the environment is stimulated across the world.

### [Preserving forests is theme of 2011 week](#)

Protecting Canada's natural environment reaps a world of benefits for Canadians, from strengthening the economy to enhancing health and quality of life. Canadian Environment Week, June 5 to 11, is the perfect time to celebrate our achievements and initiatives in tackling climate change and reducing air pollution.

### [UN launches International Year of Forests](#)

Sir David Attenborough voices an animated short film highlighting the value and importance of the world's forests to mark World Environment Day on Sunday 5 June, organised by the UN Environment Programme.

### [U.N. warns of heavy price if loss of Lebanon's forests continues](#)

The United Nations has ushered in its World Environment Day with a stark warning that the continued degradation of the region's forests could have a disastrous affect on Arab economies.

## **Argentina**

### [En el siglo 20, Argentina perdió el 70% de sus bosques nativos](#)

Es uno de los países con mayor tasa de deforestación del mundo. Todo el norte fue muy afectado por un problema que también genera desarraigo y pérdida de fauna.

### [En el último siglo, Argentina perdió el 70 por ciento de sus bosques nativos](#)

Pasó de 100 millones de hectáreas a 31 millones en la actualidad. Las provincias del noroeste y los bosques chaqueños, las zonas más afectadas.

### [Lento avance en la regulación de bosques nativos](#)

El Consejo Consultivo de Bosques Nativos profundizó el debate sobre los criterios de regulación y protección que le dará la provincia para su patrimonio forestal, pero no logró grandes avances en la distribución de los millonarios recursos asignados por ley.

## **Australia**

### [Are Australia's koalas, battling climate change and chlamydia, on the path to extinction?](#)

Although they appear in just about every Australian postcard, koala bears are actually quite hard to spot in the wild, where their numbers are gradually declining. Scientists are now sounding the alarm — and urging Australia's senate to declare the iconic, sleepy-eyed marsupials an endangered species.

### [Australia warns climate change threatens Kakadu park](#)

Australia warned that its World Heritage-listed outback Kakadu wetland, made famous in the "Crocodile Dundee" films, was at severe risk from climate change, as the government faced a growing battle to introduce a carbon tax.

### [Australia's beloved koalas under threat](#)

Pressures on the marsupial include urban sprawl, farming, drought, heatwaves and disease.

### [Australia's Kakadu wetlands 'under climate threat'](#)

Rising sea levels linked to global warming will endanger Australia's World Heritage-listed Kakadu wetlands, according to a government report released as part of the campaign for a carbon tax.

### [Coalition urges more action on forests, as rallies back pro-carbon tax campaign](#)

The federal Coalition wants the government to reinvigorate a Howard government policy and invest far more in halting global forest loss to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

## **Bangladesh**

### [Bangladesh plans special force to protect tigers](#)

Bangladesh is setting up a special force to save the critically endangered Royal Bengal Tiger and other animals.

### [Forests dip to 10pc](#)

The country's forest cover has shrunk to less than 10 percent of land mass with only 0.02 hectares of per capita forest land, one of the lowest in the world.

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

### [El desastre ambiental crece en el Pilcomayo](#)

Crisis: El río afronta una situación por la que urge adoptar medidas destinadas a salvarlo.

## **Brazil**

### [Amazonía brasileña perdió 2,600 millones de árboles](#)

Por primera vez el gobierno brasileño difundió el resultado de una investigación que muestra el terrible impacto que ha tenido la colonización humana en la Amazonía con la pérdida de cerca de 2,600 millones de árboles.

### [Bow makers unite behind a precious tree](#)

As the earth's forests and other natural resources face growing peril, humans are affected in many unexpected ways. In recent years, musicians have found themselves organizing to save the pernambuco, a medium-size tropical tree native to Brazil and known for its unique red wood.

### [Brasil abre preparación de Rio+20 y reafirma compromiso contra deforestación](#)

La presidenta brasileña, Dilma Rousseff, lanzó los preparativos para la cumbre de la ONU Rio+20 que en un año convocará a gobernantes de todo el mundo para debatir el desarrollo sostenible en el planeta, y también reafirmó que Brasil mantiene su compromiso de proteger los bosques y los recursos naturales.

### [Brazil: £10bn Amazonian dam approved](#)

Brazil's environment agency gave definitive approval yesterday for construction of the Belo Monte hydroelectric dam, a controversial \$17bn (£10.3bn) project in the Amazon that has been criticised by native Indians and conservationists.

### [Brazil, after a long battle, approves an Amazon dam](#)

Brazil's environmental agency gave final approval for a giant hydroelectric power plant in the Amazon rain forest that has been at the center of a protracted battle between the government and environmentalists over the fate of indigenous people.

### [Brazil approves Belo Monte hydroelectric dam](#)

Environmental agency grants licence to begin building Amazon dam, which will be the third biggest in the world.

### [Brazil approves massive Amazon dam for construction](#)

Brazil's environment agency gave its definitive approval for construction of the Belo Monte hydroelectric dam, a controversial \$17 billion project in the Amazon that has drawn criticism from native Indians and conservationists.

### [Brazil clears Amazon dam for construction](#)

Brazil has approved the construction of a massive hydroelectric dam in the Amazon rain forest - a project that has sparked criticism from environmentalists, indigenous activists and celebrities.

### [Brazil grants building licence for Amazon dam](#)

Brazil's environmental protection agency has granted a licence for construction of a massive hydroelectric dam in the heart of the Amazon jungle.

### [Brazil grants building permit for Belo Monte Amazon dam](#)

Brazil's environment agency has backed construction of a hydro-electric dam in the Amazon, opposed by indigenous groups and environmentalists.

### [Brazilian president says deforestation should not be encouraged](#)

Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff reaffirmed that she does not intend to take any actions that will encourage deforestation.

### [Jaque a la Amazonía](#)

Un código forestal permisivo y el asesinato de un líder medioambiental despiertan las alarmas de los ecologistas. El líder ambientalista Zé Claudio y su esposa han sido asesinados por defender la selva.

### [La Amazonía ha perdido 2.600 millones de árboles desde su ocupación](#)

De acuerdo con un estudio del estatal Instituto Brasileño de Geografía y Estadísticas (IBGE), desde que el considerado pulmón vegetal del mundo comenzó a sentir los efectos de la acción humana, la Amazonía ha perdido cerca del 15,3 por ciento de las selvas que originalmente se extendían por unos 4 millones de kilómetros cuadrados apenas en Brasil.

### [La ONU espera que Brasil dé al mundo un mensaje claro sobre el nuevo código forestal](#)

Brasil debe darle un "mensaje claro" al mundo sobre la política ambiental contemplada en su nuevo Código Forestal, que entre otras medidas prevé una amnistía para quienes han destruido selvas, afirmó en Sao Paulo la directora del Foro de las Naciones Unidas para los Bosques, Jan McAlpine.

### [Le Brésil approuve un barrage dans l'Amazonie](#)

L'agence de protection environnementale du Brésil a octroyé un permis pour la construction d'un gigantesque barrage hydroélectrique au coeur de la jungle amazonienne.

### [Ley uso de tierras en Brasil hará rentables a bosques](#)

Una nueva ley sobre el uso de la tierra que debe votar el Senado brasileño reforzará las inversiones agrícolas y reducirá la deforestación ilegal en forma más efectiva de lo que creen los grupos ambientalistas y otros críticos, dijo el jefe del Instituto Icone, ligado al comercio.

### [No negociaré con deforestación, advirtió Rouseff](#)

La presidenta de Brasil, Dilma Rousseff, advirtió que no negociará la deforestación de la selva amazónica, en un duro mensaje destinado al poder de los ruralistas ante el nuevo Código Forestal que debate el Congreso.

### [Presidenta brasileña reafirma compromiso con desarrollo sustentable](#)

La presidenta Dilma Rousseff reafirmó el compromiso de Brasil con el desarrollo sostenible y reiteró su posición contraria a amnistiar a los deforestadores.

### [Sin perdón para los culpables de talar los bosques en la Amazonía](#)

La presidenta de Brasil, Dilma Rousseff, afirmó que los responsables de la deforestación en la Amazonía no serán perdonados por ese "crimen medioambiental", pese a que una ley que se debate en el Congreso propone una amnistía.

### [The Brazilian tribe that played by our rules, and lost](#)

The Kayapó people's battle to save their land from flooding as the Bel Monte dam is built follows a pattern across the Americas.

### [Un respiro para el Pulmón del Planeta](#)

Como balón de oxígeno que se ofrece al paciente para la sobrevivencia, la Amazonía purifica la vida de la Tierra y alienta la existencia humana, sin que a veces se perciba e, incluso, se ignore o se manipule la obligación de preservarla.

## **Cameroon**

### [National Assembly - government tables bills on forestry, IMF](#)

Government has tabled two bills at the National Assembly for approval which would allow the President of the Republic to ratify a law on forest governance and amendments to the articles of agreement of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

## **Canada**

### [Denuncian la extracción contaminante de petróleo en bosques boreales de Canadá](#)

Un líquido viscoso y negro vertido sobre una trabajadora de una tienda de cosmética ha escenificado una protesta por la extracción de petróleo de las arenas bituminosas de los bosques boreales de Canadá, que comienza a ser rentable por la escasez de crudo.

### [Feux de forêt en Saskatchewan: des avions militaires évacuent des gens](#)

Un avion des Forces armées canadiennes est arrivé dans le nord de la Saskatchewan afin d'emmener en lieu sûr des résidents de Wollaston Lake qui sont menacés par des feux de forêt. D'autres avions militaires doivent participer à l'évacuation des quelque 1400 habitants.

### [Road to slow reforestation takes root near Sarnia](#)

On a 10-kilometre stretch of a Southwestern Ontario thoroughfare, 5,300 spruce seedlings are taking root. They're a new addition to Highway 402, planted this spring in reaction to a fierce snowstorm in mid-December that trapped hundreds of motorists in the bone-chilling cold near Sarnia.

## **China**

### [A grass-roots fight to save a 'supertree'](#)

Tall as a 15-story building, with a mighty trunk, crooked branches and kingly canopy of leaves, the London plane tree, *Platanus x acerifolia*, is prized by horticulturists and city planners as a “supertree,” immune to urban grime and smog. But can it survive a development-hungry Chinese Communist Party? In Nanjing, a southeastern city of eight million people, the answer seems — for now — to be yes.

## **Colombia**

### [A salvar los bosques](#)

Desde hace 39 años, el mundo entero celebra el “Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente”, establecido por la Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas, en 1972. Este año el mensaje está orientado a salvar los bosques, seriamente amenazados por la deforestación.

### [Gobierno de Colombia alerta sobre acelerada deforestación de bosques](#)

El ministro de Agricultura de Colombia, Juan Camilo Restrepo, alertó sobre la acelerada deforestación de los bosques, que alcanza las 350.000 hectáreas anuales, y amenaza el equilibrio ecológico en este país, considerado como un de los de mayor biodiversidad.

### [Más de 350.000 hectáreas de bosque son taladas ilegalmente al año en Colombia](#)

Más de 350.000 hectáreas de bosque son taladas de manera ilegal al año en Colombia, país que ocupa el séptimo lugar en el mundo por cobertura boscosa natural, denunció el ministro de Agricultura, Juan Camilo Restrepo.

## **Congo**

### [Congo to plant a million hectares of trees by 2020](#)

The Republic of Congo will plant 1 million hectares of trees by 2020 to restore degraded forest and provide wood for paper and fuel, the president said.

## **Costa Rica**

### [Cafetales con árboles absorben tanto carbono como bosques](#)

Plantaciones con porós fijan casi tanto CO2 como un bosque secundario. Gracias a esas áreas, país podría lograr financiamiento internacional.

## **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

### [Lumberjacks carve a living out of DR Congo rainforests](#)

Simon Kesangana used to be an assistant nurse in a hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but he gave up his poorly paid job to become a lumberjack.

## **Ecuador**

### [Deforestación preocupa en el Día del Ambiente](#)

Por el Día Mundial del Ambiente, diversas organizaciones se han enfocado en la siembra de miles de árboles para combatir el mayor problema ambiental que tiene el país: la deforestación.

## **Eritrea**

### [250,000 tree seedlings ready for being planted in Mendefera sub-zone](#)

In connection with Martyrs' Day on June 20, the Agriculture Ministry's branch in Mendefera sub-zone has made ready about 250,000 tree seedlings for planting through the Summer Work Program.

## **France**

### [Écuries de la forêt de Retz / Le savoir... fer local plébiscité!](#)

Les Écuries de la Forêt de Retz savent recevoir. Elles l'ont prouvé dimanche avec un concours particulièrement apprécié.

### [Incendie circonscrit en Charente, entre 90 et 100 ha de forêt ravagés](#)

L'incendie qui s'est déclenché en milieu d'après-midi à Soyaux (Charente), dans l'agglomération d'Angoulême, a été circonscrit en début de soirée tout en restant actif à l'arrière après avoir ravagé entre 90 et 100 hectares de forêt, a-t-on appris de sources concordantes.

### [La chasse aux fumeurs est ouverte en forêt](#)

En raison des risques de feux, le préfet a interdit de fumer dans le massif de Fontainebleau. Avec 25 000 ha à surveiller et 17 millions de visites par an, la mesure est difficilement applicable.

### [Le feu ravage 100 hectares aux portes d'Angoulême](#)

Les pompiers ont lutté pendant des heures contre les flammes. Portées par le vent, elles ont ravagé au moins 100 hectares de la forêt des Brandes, aux confins de Soyaux, Garat et Magnac-sur-Touvre.

## **Gabon**

### [Étienne Massard : "Les Africains se sont fait avoir"](#)

Pour Étienne Massard, l'idée de ne pas toucher à la forêt est utopique. © Desirey Minkoh pour J.A. Le conseiller spécial du président réaffirme l'engagement des autorités en faveur de la préservation de la nature, mais accuse les pays développés d'avoir fait de fausses promesses d'aide financière.

## **Germany**

### [German police train vulture 'detectives' to find bodies](#)

German police are trying out a new weapon in the fight against crime - vultures that can find hidden corpses.

## **Ghana**

### [Journalists call for strong forest policies](#)

The Environmental Journalists Association (EJA) of Ghana has called on the government and other stakeholders, particularly the Forestry Commission, to develop and implement strong policies that would promote sustainable use of the forests.

### [Journalists challenge forestry commission](#)

Members of the Environmental Journalists Association have tasked the Forestry Commission of Ghana to carry out its mandate of protecting the country's forests.

## **Guatemala**

### [Drugs barons accused of destroying Guatemala's rainforest](#)

Environmentalists say settlers working for traffickers aiming to launder money or build airstrips have burned down huge tracts.

## **Guyana**

### [New Norwegian Ambassador wants forest MOU accelerated](#)

Newly accredited non-resident Norwegian Ambassador to Guyana, Turid Rodrigues Eusebio, is eager to learn about Guyana and wants to see the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries advance into operation mode.

## **India**

### [Additional Rs 150 cr earmarked to preserve forest](#)

CM B S Yeddyurappa has earmarked an additional Rs 150 crore for the conservation of forests in Karnataka and to undertake afforestation activities in non-forest land, said minister for forest and minor industries C H Vijayshankar.

### [Army hunts for land to plant saplings](#)

The army for once is not hunting rebels but a piece of land. The eco-task force of the army in Assam, mostly ex-servicemen, is looking for a place to plant 50,000 saplings of white sandalwood that it has grown in its nursery.

### [Ayurvedic medicine makers go North](#)

Faced with a shortage of medicinal plants, companies in Karnataka shift their units to Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Bihar.

### [Elephant goes man to death in India](#)

Man dies and several others injured as wild elephant goes on five-hour rampage through Mysore in southern India.

### [Environment belongs to people, not govt](#)

Afforestation is the buzz word this year. And the state will see plantation of about one crore seedlings in protected areas of industries in the coming year ,starting from the World Environment Day.

### [Goa Church concerned over threat to environment in state](#)

In its World Environment Day message, the Goa Church has said that the state government was encroaching upon the green cover in Goa through mining, deforestation and aggressive promotion of eco-tourism.

### [Government to enact separate law to protect mangroves](#)

The state's environment department plans to enact a separate law to protect mangroves because existing laws have been unsuccessful in curbing large-scale destruction of these protected forest areas. The department will soon form a core committee of legal experts, environmentalists and officials to draft the proposed state legislation.

### [Indians give environment edge over economy](#)

One of the world's fastest growing economies, India is also trying to become a green economy, according to a new poll showing Indians narrowly prioritise environmental protection over economic growth.

### ['Leave alone tiger, today people are even saving sparrows'](#)

People from all walks of life will come together today to observe the World Environment Day by talking about a cleaner, greener and brighter outlook about environment. But, more than the frenzied and

mere propaganda, some action is needed on the ground for sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.

#### [Lessons in nurturing Nature](#)

A wasteland, fallow and dry. That was how the 10 acres of school land of Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad was 18 years ago. It was then that the management and the school principal gave the responsibility of 'greening' the land to Sathi Devi S., a teacher of Malayalam at the school. Today, on that land stands a mini forest, complete with trees, fruits, flowers and related bio-diversity.

#### [Nearly, 80% of fuelwood market sourced illegally](#)

It is one of the biggest energy markets within India. It is largely unrecorded and much of it is illegal. But, it fuels the needs of almost half the country's rural population. Firewood, twigs, branches, logs and tree stumps—the only fuel many in rural India can afford to keep their kitchen fires going.

#### [Orissa asks MoEF to act against JSPL for violation of forest laws](#)

The case relating to violation of forest laws by Jindal Steel & Power for its six million tonne steel plant at Angul has taken a new turn with the forest & environment department in Orissa asking the Union ministry of environment & forests (MoEF) to take necessary action under Environment Protection Act (EPA)-1986 against JSPL.

#### [Towards productive forestry](#)

There are estimates of what forests generate for the economy but there is no valuation of standing forests and their role in water and soil protection.

### **Indonesia**

#### [Illegal timber trade concern of all nations: SBY](#)

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has called on other countries to help preserve Indonesia's forests by not becoming markets for illegally logged Indonesian timber.

#### [Indonesia aims to overhaul forest mess with moratorium](#)

Indonesia's moratorium on clearing rainforests has not lived up to high expectations but is still a chance to fix the country's poor forestry management to spur projects to gain emissions credits, said the official in charge of the scheme.

#### [Indonesian development ban fails to curb deforestation](#)

Environmental organizations say Indonesia's recently announced moratorium on developing new forest land is not slowing the rate of deforestation nor reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.

#### [Luces y sombras en la gestión forestal sostenible de Indonesia](#)

El país asiático ha establecido una moratoria de dos años para la explotación forestal y abandera varios proyectos de Reducción de Emisiones por Deforestación y Degradación. Los ecologistas, sin embargo, desconfían.

#### [Palm oil king tops Indonesian rich-list with \\$12b fortune](#)

Plantation king Eka Tjipta Widjaja, the patriarch of the Sinar Mas Group, has replaced Budi Hartono as the richest man in the country, according to Globe Asia's 2011 150 Richest Indonesians list.



### [Rape of Kalimantan's forests continues](#)

At a mine-site near Sangatta in East Kalimantan, a titanic crater yawns out of the ground, its nadir filled with brown slurry.

### [Yudhoyono asks countries to refuse RI's illegal timber](#)

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono warns foreign countries against receiving illegal timber from Indonesia to help the country safeguard its huge rainforest to deal with global climate change.

## **Ireland**

### [Proof forestry pays](#)

Meath holiday-home business sets standard in eco-friendly and profit-making woodland ventures.

## **Israel**

### [Burnt forest grove restored in Aminadav](#)

On a warm spring morning, friends and family of the Kirsh family gathered in Aminadav Forest, which is located in the hills just outside of Jerusalem.

## **Kenya**

### [A tale of two forests](#)

We have within the same national borders, two forests, each of fundamental economic ecological, social and health value to the country, which have suffered very different fates: One, the Aberdares forest, is permanently protected by an electric fence, with the overwhelming support of the local communities. And the other, the Mau forest, has been extensively deforested and subsequently occupied quite legally by thousands of small scale farmers, who now flatly refuse to move out of the area - even though the environmental impact of this settlement is now clear for all to see.

### [Agency seeks pay for forest conservers](#)

The government should consider rewarding those conserving forests to secure the country's future.

### [State to plant 760 million trees, says Raila](#)

Prime Minister Raila Odinga has challenged Kenyans to plant trees and embrace the emerging green economic revolution to stem changing climatic patterns attributed to global warming. He said the government targets to plant at least 760 million trees within the next six years to scale up the forest coverage in the country.

### [Tree planting drive launched to save Lake Victoria](#)

The government has started plans to replenish forests in Kisumu to increase Lake Victoria's water level.

### [Wildlife Services arrests antelope poachers in Mwingi](#)

Kenya Wildlife Services personnel in Mwingi arrested two suspected poachers with wild game meat weighting 10 kgs at the weekend. The alleged game hunters, Muthui Mutua and Muthui Mutisya from Mui location in Mwingi Central district, were also found in possession of bows and poisoned arrows.

## **Madagascar**

### [A decade of new species discovered in Madagascar](#)

More than 600 new species have been discovered in Madagascar's unique habitats in the past decade, among them 385 plants, 42 invertebrates, 17 fish, 69 amphibians, 61 reptiles and 41 mammals, according to a report published by WWF.

### [WWF denuncia la deforestación de Madagascar, hogar de muchas especies únicas](#)

En el informe "La Isla del Tesoro: Nueva biodiversidad en Madagascar" que publicó el organismo, WWF afirma que la isla, que forma parte de sus "Lugares Prioritarios", se enfrenta a "graves amenazas ambientales".

### **Malta**

#### [0.66% forest cover in Malta](#)

Commemorated every year on 5 June, this year's World Environment Day theme is 'Forests: Nature at your service'. In Malta, forests cover only 2.1 km<sup>2</sup>, or 0.66%, of the total land area, according to the latest CORINE Land Cover data.

### **Mauritius**

#### [Rare skink saved from extinction in Mauritius](#)

Scientists from the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust have brought 22 Critically Endangered orange-tailed skinks to the UK.

### **Mexico**

#### [30% de Michoacán, deforestado en 50 años](#)

Una de las principales causas que han afectado al medio ambiente en Michoacán ha sido la deforestación, se ha perdido en medio siglo casi una tercera parte de la superficie forestal por esta y otras razones asociadas, explicó la titular de la Secretaría de Urbanismo y Medio Ambiente (SUMA), en el marco del Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente, que se celebró en la ciudad de Lázaro Cárdenas.

#### [Degradado, 4 veces más bosque que el talado](#)

Los procesos de decadencia de las florestas del estado están desatados sin que se registren estadísticamente ni incidan en políticas públicas para remediarlo, advierte investigador de la UdeG.

#### [Jalisco, responsable de quinta parte de la deforestación del país](#)

En 2002, la entidad sólo aportaba 7% del total; hoy, la destrucción de los bosques y selvas en el estado significa 20% del saldo nacional, rubro en el que apenas es superado por Chiapas.

#### [Jalisco taló su área forestal oficial](#)

La Dirección General de este rubro en la Seder se ha quedado con mínimos recursos y no hay una política estatal contra la deforestación.

#### [La deforestación se evitaría con mayores estímulos a la actividad forestal: Bellizzia](#)

Para evitar que continúe la pérdida de árboles en la entidad, es necesario que las dependencias acrecienten y aceleren la entrega de estímulos a los productores para que opten por la reforestación antes que por actividades como la ganadería.

#### [Selvas costeras, las más arrasadas](#)

Un tercio de las selvas bajas y medianas que poblaban la costa de Jalisco en cuatro municipios del litoral — hace 40 años —, han desaparecido.

### **Morocco**

#### [Sensibilisation sur les dangers à Fès-Boulemane](#)

Organisées conjointement par la direction régionale des Eaux et Forêts et de lutte contre la Désertification (DREFLCD) et le commandement régional de la protection civile, ces journées s'inscrivent

dans le cadre de la mise en œuvre du Plan directeur pour la prévention et la lutte contre les incendies de forêts au Maroc.

### **Mozambique**

#### [Prime minister plants trees on World Environment Day](#)

Mozambican Prime Minister Aires Ali on Sunday urged all Mozambicans to safeguard the natural wealth of the country's forests.

### **Myanmar**

#### [Vice president highlights link between deforestation, poverty](#)

Degradation of the environment, particularly deforestation, has increased poverty in some areas of the country, Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said last week at a ceremony to mark World Environment Day.

### **Namibia**

#### [Tracking the Save the Rhino Trust](#)

Most people fly in to the Desert Rhino Camp, and no wonder. The drive from Palmwag follows the line of the veterinary fence across rugged countryside that tests even a Land Rover's suspension.

### **New Zealand**

#### [Forest scheme deserves chance to grow](#)

When climate policy is debated the focus is almost always on costs and hardly ever on the associated opportunities.

### **Nicaragua**

#### [Incendios consumen 16.000 hectáreas de bosques y pastizales en Nicaragua](#)

Los 348 incendios que se han registrado desde diciembre pasado en Nicaragua han consumido 16.000 hectáreas de bosques y pastizales, informó una fuente oficial.

### **Nigeria**

#### [Katsina Rugu forest, a shadow of itself](#)

Wife of Katsina State governor, Hajiya Fatima Ibrahim Shema has decried societal neglect of the famous "Rugu Forest" in the state which has made the forest a shadow of its former self.

#### [Kerosene – the forests are going](#)

The high cost of kerosene has been with us for a while and so have increasing dangers of this cost. Among them are the sale of adulterated kerosene by greedy merchants who exploit the gap in supply, and the devastation of the environment.

#### [Ministry plans bill to safeguard environment](#)

Ministry of Environment (FMOE) has announced plans to push a bill in parliament to effectively manage and sustain the country's environmental space.

#### [NGO tasks FG on deforestation laws](#)

An NGO, the Women Environmental Programme has urged the Federal Government to ensure strict enforcement of the laws on deforestation.

### [Northern senators to push for desertification control agency](#)

Northern senators in the Seventh Senate have resolved to push for the passage of a bill seeking to establish a commission that will check desert encroachment in the frontline states of the region, Chairman of the Northern Senators Forum, Senator Umaru Dahiru revealed at the weekend.

### [Tackling deforestation problems](#)

Deforestation is a process where vegetation is cut down without any simultaneous replanting for economic or social reasons. Deforestation has negative implications on the environment in terms of wildlife and increased desertification among many other reasons.

### [Urgent measures needed to curb forest depletion – UN](#)

The threats facing Nigeria's forests are extensive and urgent measures are needed if the country is to meet its aspiration of a smooth transition into a sustainable green economy.

## **Pakistan**

### [Budget for environment reduced by a third](#)

Progress in the environment sector remained weak during the outgoing fiscal year due to unavailability of funds. To make things worse the government reduced allocation of the sector from Rs3.5 billion in 2009-10 to Rs2.5 billion in 2010-11.

### [Deforestation affecting climate](#)

Minister Agriculture and Forest Malik Ahmad Ali has said that global deforestation and its degradation has a negative impact on climate change for which, initiatives like Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) was critically important as a mitigation response.

### [Deforestation: who cares?](#)

Realising that degradation of environment is going to become a big question mark before human survival, a statesperson like Shaheed Benazir Bhutto first created an Environment Division and later upgraded it to a Federal Ministry.

### [‘Densification, global warming major challenges to SARRC Countries’](#)

Peshawar—Provincial Minister for Environment and Forests, Wajid Ali Khan said that densification, global warming and climatic change was major challenges to SAARC countries as it directly affect economy and environment, which could only be combated by formulating a joint mechanism to cope with this alarming issue on scientific and modern lines.

### [Speakers urge for steps against climate change, deforestation](#)

Attention needs to be given to the critical and the most challenging current issues of climate dilapidation and forest deforestation, which were posing great threats to human lives, said speakers at a seminar.

### [The menace of environmental degradation](#)

World Environment Day was celebrated to stimulate awareness of the environment and enhance political attention for taking corrective action. The theme of World Environment Day this year, “Forests: Nature at Your Service”, emphasized the value of these and other ecosystems to society – especially the poor.

### [Thoughts for the environment](#)

As the world marks the global environment day, it is time to take stock of what we have to show for this day. How far have we gone in making our physical environment congenial to ensure the masses a better quality of life?

### **Panama**

#### [Frog chytrid, bane of endangered amphibians](#)

In the remote jungles of eastern Panama, a frog-killing fungus that has decimated some 200 species of amphibians globally is zeroing in on some of its last targets.

#### [Frog faces last stand in Panama against killer fungus](#)

The harlequin frog that hops and swims the rocky streams of a damp niche of Toad Mountain in eastern Panama's dense tropical jungle has probably been on Earth for around 3 million years.

### **Paraguay**

#### [Temen la colmatación del lago de Yguazú](#)

Las autoridades de los municipios afectados por la represa del Yguazú temen la colmatación del vertedero de la presa. Exigen urgente coordinación de trabajo con la ANDE, especialmente para corregir la deforestación en las riberas de las microcuencas y del lago. La presa estará entrando en proceso de maquinización para generar unos 200 megavatios hora de energía.

### **Peru**

#### [Putting people at the centre of forest law-making is essential](#)

The treatment of forest dwellers is a human rights and development issue, as an episode in Peru's recent history shows.

### **Republic of Korea**

#### [Korea active in anti-desertification](#)

During spring in Korea, the yellow dust has become like an annual ritual. In recent years, the pesky and hazardous dust storm is also being felt in the fall and winter raising the alarm on health concerns.

### **Russian Federation**

#### [Bid to save sandpiper at risk of extinction in Russia](#)

Conservationists have embarked on a mission to save one of the world's rarest birds, the spoon-billed sandpiper, from extinction.

#### [Conservationists embark on last-ditch mission to save spoon-billed sandpiper](#)

One of the world's most endangered birds could be extinct within a decade unless catastrophic decline in the wild is reversed.

#### [Más de 22.000 hectáreas de bosques arrasadas por los incendios en Siberia](#)

"En total, en el territorio del distrito federal de Siberia se han declarado 144 incendios forestales que afectan una superficie de 22.035 hectáreas", precisó un comunicado del departamento regional de esa cartera citado por la agencia oficial RIA-Nóvosti.

#### [Russia seizes animal parts](#)

The 26 elk lips were just the tip of the pile. The items the Russian customs agents reported seizing Tuesday were exotic even by the standards of Russia's border with China, where wildlife smuggling is

rampant: 1,041 bear paws, lynx fur, unspecified claw parts and five tusks from the extinct woolly mammoth.

#### [WWF Russia protests Far East deforestation plans](#)

The World Wildlife Fund in Russia is taking a stand against plans by a private firm in Russia's Far East to launch lumber production in an area inhabited by the endangered Amur tiger, a senior WWF Russia official said.

#### **Rwanda**

##### [Let us save forests for our children](#)

Today is World Environment Day, an annual event aimed at highlighting and celebrating positive environmental action. This day was first celebrated in 1972, but has grown to become one of the main vehicles used by the United Nations to stimulate environmental awareness.

##### [Renewable energy will help save our forests](#)

The World Environment Day, celebrated on June 5, saw various activities, geared towards protecting forests, in line with this year's theme; forests - nature at your service.

##### [U.S. company to introduce environmentally-friendly stoves](#)

Enviro Fuels Manufacturing Inc, a company based in Florida, USA will soon introduce environmentally friendly fuel cooking stoves.

#### **Senegal**

##### [Forêts sénégalaises : 42.500 ha détruits en dix ans](#)

Le couvert végétal sénégalais est en état de dégradation avancé. C'est ce qui ressort du lancement de la Journée mondiale de l'Environnement, célébrée avant-hier par l'Institut des sciences de l'environnement (Ise) de l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Ucad).

##### [Lutte contre la désertification: les partenaires s'engagent à soutenir la Grande muraille verte](#)

Le ministre d'Etat, ministre de l'Environnement et de la Protection de la nature, Djibo Leïty Kâ, a ouvert, hier, à Dakar, la première semaine africaine des terres arides.

#### **Sierra Leone**

##### [Deforestation leaves poor vulnerable to landslides](#)

Samuel Weekes remembers when the hills stretching out beyond the heart of Freetown were green. "Fifteen, 20 years ago, those hills were covered in trees. Today, most those trees have been cut down, mostly for housing purposes," says Weekes, the director of population studies at Fourah Bay College in Sierra Leone's capital city.

#### **Slovenia**

##### [Orphaned bear cub in Slovenia tug of love](#)

An orphaned male bear cub which has charmed Slovenia with its antics since being adopted by a family faces removal to a wildlife shelter.

#### **Somalia**

##### [Could a 36-year drought push Somalia over the edge?](#)

The fleeting moments that Somalia still gets in the international press these days mostly revolve around pirates, and understandably so. Piracy, though it no longer dominates headlines, is still a tremendous

problem both inside Somalia and for the crews and owners of ships that must make the trip through the Indian Ocean to get from Europe to Asia.

## **South Africa**

### [Country joins efforts to fight desertification](#)

South Africa will show its support for initiatives to stop desertification on June 17 when it commemorates World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD).

### [New fire making method taken to Ekurhuleni](#)

Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality will take a new coal fire making method to all its communities to help prevent pollution of the environment and reduce the dangers associated with winter fires.

## **Spain**

### [Acuerdos para fomentar el uso sostenible de los bosques en Navarra](#)

En concreto el departamento de Desarrollo Rural y Medio Ambiente ha firmado sendos convenios con la Asociación de Empresarios de la Madera de Navarra (Ademan) y con la Asociación Forestal de Navarra (Foresna-Zurgaia) para favorecer el uso sostenible de la madera de los bosques navarros y la explotación ordenada y certificada de sus recursos.

### [Ecologistas critican el Plan Forestal por graves consecuencias en ecosistemas](#)

Colectivos conservacionistas, sindicatos y grupos excursionistas han criticado el nuevo Plan Forestal de la Conselleria de Medio Ambiente (PATFOR) porque representa un "paso atrás en la gestión forestal y tendrá graves consecuencias en los ecosistemas".

### [El CO2 fijado por bosques extremeños entre 1990 y 2000 rondó 50% del emitido](#)

El dióxido de carbono (CO2) total fijado por los bosques entre 1990 y 2000 ronda el 50 por ciento del emitido en Extremadura, un porcentaje que se sitúa muy por encima de la media de España, donde los ecosistemas forestales absorben el 14 por ciento de las emisiones de estos gases.

### [El Gobierno regional recupera en una década 600 hectáreas de bosque de ribera](#)

Así lo ha explicado la consejera de Medio Ambiente, Aránzazu Vallejo, que ha ofrecido una conferencia de prensa junto al director general de Medio Natural, Miguel Urbiola, para hacer balance de este trabajo, que pretende frenar la desaparición de estas formaciones boscosas, que son muy frágiles y que tienen un alto valor ecológico al preservar terreno de la erosión y ser el hábitat de fauna.

### [España, entre países de la UE donde más de la mitad de superficie es forestal](#)

España se encuentra entre los seis países de la Unión Europea (UE) que tienen más de la mitad de su superficie cubierta por bosques, según los datos sobre 2010 que hoy publicó Eurostat, la oficina estadística comunitaria.

### [España generó 4,7 millones de hectáreas de bosques en los últimos 20 años](#)

España ha generado 4,7 millones de hectáreas de bosques en los últimos 20 años a un ritmo de 235.000 hectáreas nuevas anuales, mientras que el número de espacios protegidos se ha incrementado un 33 por ciento desde 2004.

### [España se compromete a firmar un acuerdo vinculante sobre bosques](#)

La Ministra de Medio Ambiente, Rosa Aguilar, ha firmado hoy un mandato para la negociación de un acuerdo jurídicamente vinculante sobre bosques europeos en la Conferencia Ministerial sobre Protección de los Bosques de Europa que se celebra estos días en la capital de Noruega.

### [IniciativaVerds defiende los bosques y pide el fin de la energía nuclear](#)

El lema elegido este año para este día es "Bosques: la naturaleza a su servicio" y con él se quiere destacar la relación intrínseca entre la calidad de vida y la salud de los bosques y los ecosistemas forestales.

### [La desidia que acabó con un bosque centenario](#)

De nada han servido los esfuerzos de Lucía Espinosa, propietaria del pazo y del bosque de Cascaxide (Escuadro, Silleda) por conservar intactas las siete hectáreas de monte heredadas de su padre en 1985, a las que Medio Ambiente reconoce un alto valor ecológico.

### [La vegetación mediterránea invade "rápidamente" la montaña atlántica española](#)

La vegetación mediterránea se expande "muy rápidamente" por la montaña atlántica española debido al cambio climático, según ha indicado el profesor de la Universidad de León, Estanislao de Luis, quien ha avisado de que estas alteraciones podrían hacer desaparecer a algunas especies autóctonas.

### [Los ecosistemas forestales de La Rioja absorben el 54,9% de las emisiones CO2](#)

Los ecosistemas forestales de La Rioja absorben el 54,9% de las emisiones de CO2 en una década, porcentaje superior a la media de España, fijado en el 14%, de acuerdo con los datos del informe "Biodiversidad en España".

### [MARM y ecologistas reivindican los bosques como garantía ecosistemas](#)

El Ministerio de Medio Ambiente (MARM) y las organizaciones ecologistas han unido sus voces para recordar en el Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente la importancia de conservar los bosques más cercanos y proteger así los ecosistemas.

### [Rosa Aguilar defiende un compromiso internacional sobre protección de bosques](#)

La ministra española de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino, Rosa Aguilar, defendió en Oslo la necesidad de lograr un compromiso internacional vinculante sobre la protección de los bosques.

### [Un bosque más natural](#)

La Comunidad de Madrid tiene pendiente diversificar la mitad de las repoblaciones de pinares hechas en la región. El objetivo es hacer masas boscosas mixtas con especies diferentes y árboles de distintas edades.

### [Un informe constata la buena calidad de los bosques y el agua en la provincia](#)

Un diagnóstico sobre la situación medioambiental de la provincia de Palencia que llevó a cabo la Diputación entre los años 2004 y el 2006 ha sido actualizado para conocer mejor los recursos naturales palentinos.

### [Una caldera de biomasa suministrará calefacción y agua caliente a El Brull](#)

Una caldera de biomasa que funciona gracias a la combustión de astillas y residuos de origen forestal procedentes del Parque Natural del Montseny suministrará calefacción y agua caliente a varios edificios del municipio de El Brull (Barcelona).



### [WWF y Correos abordan un proyecto para recuperar carballeiras gallegas](#)

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) y Correos han puesto en marcha una campaña dirigida a la recuperación de carballeiras gallegas, siguiendo así un proyecto que abordan a nivel de todo el territorio español.

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

#### [Projects to combat drought continue](#)

The world celebrates World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought on the 17th of June of every year, as 30% of land is prone to the danger of desertification. A third of dry lands have lost 25% of their productive capacity, while around 10 million hectares are lost around the world. Roughly, the world loss is USD42 billions annually.

### **Thailand**

#### [Thai Customs seize hundreds of smuggled turtles](#)

Live turtles and other rare reptiles were stuffed into four suitcases and smuggled into Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport.

### **Uganda**

#### [Rapid population growth threatens Uganda forests](#)

Uganda commemorated the World Environment Day (WED) over the weekend with a warning that the country's rapid population growth threatens to wipe out forests in the East African country.

### **United Kingdom**

#### [Airport plan 'threatens to destroy wildlife' on the remote Atlantic island of St Helena](#)

A new airport funded by British taxpayers has divided islanders and alarmed conservationists and wildlife experts.

#### [BBC wildlife survey asks commuters to record sightings](#)

Workers are being encouraged to make a note of the wildlife they encounter during their daily commutes.

#### [Corsham Court Oriental plane 'most spreading tree in UK'](#)

An Oriental plane the size of a football pitch has been identified as the "most spreading" tree in the UK.

#### [Cuckoos tagged with GPS trackers](#)

Scientists from the British Trust for Ornithology are planning to attach tiny satellite trackers to cuckoos to study their migration patterns.

#### [Environment white paper unveils plans for England's 'natural assets'](#)

The government's vision for the natural environment over the next 50 years could lead to conflict with planning authorities.

#### [Hopes of osprey record dashed as eggs fail to hatch](#)

Lady the 26-year-old osprey has produced a record 61 eggs but none of the three new eggs have hatched.

### [How to... turn your home into a wildlife haven](#)

Habitat loss doesn't just affect rainforest dwellers, says Paul Miles. New builds and carbon reducing measures have been tough on the species that share our homes. Here's how to bring them back.

### [London – where the streets are paved with gold, and the gardens with cement](#)

A London Wildlife Trust report shows the capital is greying, with green spaces increasingly paved over or built on.

### [Ministers bid to stem nature loss](#)

The government has published proposals aimed at curbing loss of nature across England and strengthening links between people and the wild.

### [Nature 'is worth billions' to UK](#)

The UK's parks, lakes, forests and wildlife are worth billions of pounds to the economy, says a major report.

### [Our green spaces are priceless](#)

The government's attempt to put a monetary value on nature threatens the existence of our remaining parks and playing fields.

### [Parks and playing fields to be protected under plans to reconnect Britain with nature](#)

The view out your back window could be given the same protection as a national park under new plans to protect the countryside.

### [Putting a price on nature](#)

The Government has published the UK's first National Ecosystem Assessment today, a ground breaking report which attempts to put a cash price on the environmental services provided by nature.

### [Putting a price on nature can't be worse than giving it all away for free](#)

The natural world gives us clean air and water, fertile soils and immense wellbeing. Putting a price tag on it might just stop us mistaking free for worthless.

### [Suburbia is no longer a sanctuary for our hedgehogs](#)

Changing garden trends has seen hedgehog numbers decline 25% over the past 10 years. What can be done to help them?

### [UK green spaces worth at least £30bn a year in health and welfare, report finds](#)

First ever full assessment of the UK's natural assets quantifies the benefits – and warns of the cost of failing to protect them.

### [UK public opposed to badger cull, opinion poll suggests](#)

A majority of Britons in both town and country oppose killing badgers to curb cattle tuberculosis, an opinion poll for the BBC suggests.

### [What price nature? Report puts financial value on UK's ecology](#)

In a bid to reflect the true worth of nature, 700 scientists looked at the benefits of natural ecosystems.

### [White paper to redress biodiversity loss with wilderness areas](#)

Charities, businesses, landowners and communities may be invited to propose ideas for 'ecological restoration zones'.

### [Zac Goldsmith attacks refusal to outlaw wild animals in circuses](#)

The Conservative MP Zac Goldsmith attacked his own party's "extraordinary" refusal

### **United Republic of Tanzania**

#### [Brewer gives seedlings to municipality](#)

Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) has recently handed over 10,000 seedlings worth Sh8 million for a tree planting trees for environmental protection in Moshi municipal. TBL communications and public relations manager Editha Mushi said the brewer has been supporting tree planting in Moshi for about four years now.

#### [Tourist centre gives wildlife area new value](#)

In order to gain insight of the ecology of Burunge Wildlife Management Area and learn about its cultural, natural and historic values, it has been felt vital to establish a tourist or visitor centre where tourists can get interpretive information of available resources and heritage.

#### [U.S. opposed to Serengeti road project](#)

The Obama administration is urging the Tanzanian government to reconsider plans to build a road through the Serengeti wildlife reserve that environmentalists say will threaten the wildebeest migration into Kenya.

### **United States of America**

#### [2,500 firefighters struggle to restrain Arizona blaze](#)

The massive wildfire that continued its surge through eastern Arizona was sending burning embers miles downwind, igniting dozens of smaller fires that required the urgent attention of firefighters and raising the prospect of the fire greatly extending its 11-day run, the authorities said.

#### [A fire lookout on solitude \(and lots of time to read\)](#)

In addition to an incredible view and a few months of monklike solitude, one of the perks of Philip Connors's job as a fire lookout in the New Mexico wilderness is a summer house.

#### [A voice from \(and for\) the wilderness](#)

Bruce Babbitt, the former Democratic Arizona governor and Secretary of the Interior, plans to rip into the Republicans in Congress in a speech, saying that they have "declared war on our land, water and natural resources." But he also chides President Obama for not having done enough to stop them.

#### [Arizona blaze part of new era - more big wildfires](#)

The fires searing parts of the West are an eerie echo of the past, a frightening reminder of a once terrible danger that had been held largely at bay for decades.

#### [Arizona wildfire blazes out of control](#)

Arizona's Wallow fire destroys huge area of US national forest, forcing thousands of people to evacuate.

### [Arizona wildfire threatens electrical grid](#)

The gusty winds that have been fueling a vast wildfire in eastern Arizona slowed somewhat on Thursday, allowing firefighters to make some headway against the blaze, which has already turned much of the lush green pine forest here to black soot and sent thousands of residents fleeing for their lives.

### [Arizona wildfires continue to burn](#)

Residents from Eagar, Arizona, forced to leave their homes as Wallow wildfire burns.

### [As Arizona fire grows, winds spread a smoky haze](#)

A 225-square-mile fire that has grown into the third-largest in Arizona's history covered a mountain vacation town in a smoky fog, with winds blowing smoke from the burning pine forest well into Colorado and New Mexico.

### [As Arizona fire rages, officials seek its cause](#)

There is no yellow police tape ringing the huge wildfire raging along Arizona's eastern flank, but the torched forest is a crime scene nonetheless.

### [As Arizona fire rages, so does rumor on its origin](#)

It is a dramatic tale: that illegal immigrants being pursued by the Border Patrol started one of the nation's largest wildfires, which has burned up more than 70,000 acres of national forest along Arizona's border with Mexico since it began almost four weeks ago.

### [Idaho snake house! Infestation forces young family to flee](#)

US family bankrupted after buying home on a hibernaculum - a winter snake sanctuary crawling with garter snakes.

### [Killing one owl species to save another](#)

Spotted owls are on the decline despite two decades of work to bring them back. So, later this month, wildlife officials are releasing a new plan to protect the owls, and it includes a controversial new approach: eliminating their cousins.

### [Obama gives up wilderness protection plan](#)

Under pressure from Congress, the Obama administration is backing away from a plan to make millions of acres of undeveloped land in the West eligible for federal wilderness protection.

### [Residents told to flee as Arizona fire spreads](#)

There was smoke — huge white plumes of it — as far as the eye could see, so much that the majestic views of this resort community were lost and the lungs of area residents breathed it in and coughed it out. And that smoke meant that off in the surrounding hills, there was fire.

### [Study of 800-year-old tree rings backs global warming](#)

The decline in recent decades of the mountain snows that feed the West's major rivers is virtually unprecedented for most of the past millennium, according to new research.

### [US universities in Africa 'land grab'](#)

Institutions including Harvard and Vanderbilt reportedly use hedge funds to buy land in deals that may force farmers out.

### [USA: un énorme feu de forêt d'une superficie de plus de 1500km2 ravage l'Arizona](#)

Un gigantesque feu de forêt a maintenant détruit un secteur de la superficie de la ville de Los Angeles dans l'est de l'Arizona, menaçant des milliers de résidents et entraînant l'évacuation de plusieurs villes alors que les flammes se propageaient en direction du Nouveau-Mexique.

### [Why the White House has put the desert tortoise on its enemies list](#)

Obama is willing to compromise on the environment if it will blunt Republican attacks. But has he gone too far?

### [Wildlife activists protest Yellowstone bison experiments](#)

Wildlife advocates are protesting a government plan to kill an undetermined number of bison from Yellowstone National Park after scientists conduct a birth-control experiment on the animals with an EPA-registered pesticide.

### [Wildfire is now the largest in Arizona's history](#)

The massive Wallow Fire that is raging through eastern Arizona and neighboring New Mexico has burned so much additional acreage that it has become the largest fire in Arizona's history, officials said.

### [Wired Californian forests to guide response to climate](#)

Shafts of sunlight penetrate the canopy of Douglas firs as a creek gurgles in the valley below. It's an idyllic scene, typical of northern California's coastal hills. Then a data logger whirs into life, and the moment is broken.

## **Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)**

### [Bosques se redujeron en 11,4%](#)

La desertificación de los suelos fértiles avanza en Venezuela por la acción humana.

### [Venezuela's wildlife conservation sees mixed results](#)

Young crocodiles cry plaintively for their mother as they are hooked in a trap and pulled, splashing frantically, from the water.

## **Viet Nam**

### [Lancement du projet de préservation de la biodiversité forestière](#)

Le projet de stockage de carbone et de préservation de la biodiversité de la forêt a été lancé le 8 juin dans la province de Thua Thien-Hue (Centre) par le Fond mondial pour la nature (World Wildlife Fund - WWF).

### [New road now path to forest destruction](#)

A road completed four years ago has lured farmers who have cleared hundreds of hectares of evergreen forest in the Central Highlands province of Lam Dong's Lac Duong District.

### [WWF assists Vietnam in biodiversity conservation](#)

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Vietnam on June 8 launched a sub-project called "Annamites Carbon Sinks and Biodiversity" to avoid deforestation and forest degradation in the central province of Thua Thien-Hue.

## **World**

### [33-country survey of world's remaining tropical forests to be released 7 June](#)

The international agency for monitoring and promoting the sustainable management of the world's remaining tropical forests is set to release the largest and most comprehensive assessment of how 33 countries that control over 90 percent of the tropical timber trade are meeting their obligations to maintain these irreplaceable global resources.

### [\\$40 billion needed to ensure transition to green economy: UN](#)

Investing \$40 billion annually in the forest sector is needed for the world to transition into a low carbon, resource-efficient green economy, according to a UN report.

### [African summit calls for action on rainforests](#)

Representatives of 18 rainforest countries have met to strengthen co-operation between the three main forest regions in the world.

### [Agriculture omitted from deforestation plans](#)

Many developing countries' plans for curbing deforestation in return for payments from richer nations don't tackle the key reason for cutting down forests – agriculture, the climate change conference in Bonn, Germany heard.

### [Aménager la forêt en s'inspirant de la nature](#)

Est-il possible de procéder à l'aménagement des forêts, incluant l'exploitation, en se guidant sur les grandes perturbations naturelles qui ont de tout temps affecté la forêt boréale qui fait le tour de l'hémisphère nord et dont la principale caractéristique est son couvert de résineux.

### [Barbie destroys rainforests, says Greenpeace](#)

Greenpeace has accused Mattel, the US maker of Barbie dolls, of contributing to the wanton destruction of carbon-rich Indonesian forests and habitats of endangered species like Sumatran tigers.

### [Barbie gets dumped for being an environmental wrecker](#)

Barbie gets dumped as part of a new campaign by Greenpeace targeting the toy industry for its connections to deforestation in Indonesia.

### [Bosques, la variable de ajuste de la contaminación climática](#)

La reforestación aparece como solución de emergencia al calentamiento. Pero financiarla es muy complejo y ni siquiera hay consenso en dos cuestiones básicas: qué es un bosque y cuál es su valor.

### [Brazzaville: l'exploitation minière, l'autre cause majeure de la déforestation](#)

L'exploitation forestière n'est plus le seul élément qui concourt à la destruction des forêts dans le monde. L'exploitation minière, surtout en zone forestière, détruit, elle aussi, les massifs forestiers.

### [Can carbon markets help reduce forest fires?](#)

Matthew Hurteau has spent much of his career examining the relationship between a forest's structure and its tendency to burn. An assistant research professor and forest ecologist at the University of Northern Arizona, he recently took a look at forests that have been managed to reduce tree crowding and remove dead wood, and compared them to forests that had been left alone.

### [Congo rainforest summit stops short of commitments](#)

Countries from 'big three' rainforest basins establish cooperation, but fail to firm up a forest protection pact.

### [Cumbre de bosques tropicales: desafío de desarrollarse sin talar](#)

Los países del tercer mundo y sobre todo los países africanos de la cuenca del Congo se enfrentan a una misión imposible: desarrollarse sin tocar los bosques, que son indispensables para la humanidad.

### [Czechs return 4 rare wild horses to Mongolia](#)

Four rare wild horses were flown to Mongolia on Tuesday as part of the Prague Zoo's efforts to reintroduce the endangered species to its native habitat.

### [Déforestation: accord de coopération des pays des trois bassins forestiers](#)

Les pays des trois bassins forestiers tropicaux ont signé vendredi à Brazzaville une déclaration dans laquelle ils promettent notamment de coopérer pour lutter contre la déforestation et pour négocier avec les pays développés.

### [Deforestation credits achieving premium prices, CF partners says](#)

Carbon credits from projects to halt deforestation can achieve "premium prices" compared with other types of voluntary offsets as demand is set to quadruple in the next three years, according to CF Partners.

### [Developing forestry can create millions of jobs: U.N. report](#)

Investing an additional \$40 billion annually in the forestry sector can halve deforestation rates by 2030, increase rates of tree planting by about 140 per cent by the year 2050, and catalyse the creation of millions of new jobs, according to a report by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

### [Double whammy for the disappearing frogs](#)

As regular readers of these pages will know, frogs and their amphibian cousins, the salamanders and caecilians, are more threatened than any other group of animals, with more than a third of assessed species on the danger list.

### [Eco-labels "greenwashing" forest exploitation](#)

"Eco-label fatigue" is setting in as green logging certification schemes are undermining proper government management of forest resources while "greenwashing" private ownership of these public resources, critics say.

### [El desafío de desarrollarse sin talar, en la cumbre de bosques tropicales](#)

Los países en vías de desarrollo y sobre todo los países africanos de la cuenca del Congo se enfrentan a una misión imposible: desarrollarse sin tocar los bosques, que son indispensables para la humanidad.

### [El empaquetado de algunos juguetes procede de madera de bosques tropicales](#)

Algunas jugueteras utilizan para el empaquetado papel fabricado con madera de bosques tropicales, según un informe de Greenpeace, que cita a las muñecas Barbie y modelos de los personajes de Walt Disney.

### [Elephants face same extinction fate as woolly mammoth](#)

Forest elephants are smaller than their savannah-dwelling cousins and have straighter tusks

The fate of the forest elephant rests in our hands. But will it go the way of the woolly mammoth, as it is hunted for ivory and its habitat is destroyed?

#### [Europa inicia negociaciones para elaborar un convenio sobre sus bosques](#)

Un total de 47 Estados europeos inician negociaciones para redactar un acuerdo vinculante sobre sus bosques, en la sexta conferencia ministerial que sobre este tema tendrá lugar en Oslo (Noruega).

#### [European forests growing, good news for climate: report](#)

Europe's forests have expanded over the past 20 years and are thus absorbing more carbon dioxide, a report published in Oslo showed, offering some good news in the battle to limit climate change.

#### [Europe's forests 'vital for climate goal'](#)

Europe's forests can play a key role in helping mitigate the impact of climate change, a report described as the most comprehensive of its kind concludes.

#### [Food demand eating into tropical forests: report](#)

Slowing deforestation and greater awareness of the value of standing trees may come too late to save the world's biggest rainforests, according to a global assessment of tropical forests.

#### [Forest Europe summit 'to shape' policy](#)

Forestry ministers from across Europe are attending a summit to shape future policy on how woodlands are managed.

#### [Forest summit promises closer ties for poor nations](#)

Leaders from the world's three largest forest basins said they would work together to tackle deforestation, on the final day of a weeklong conference, in Brazzaville.

#### [Forest: the one and only address of inhabitable world](#)

Forest ecosystem provides benefits that support the livelihoods of countless human beings. Forests provide a number of components to the broad range of ecological services such as, regulation of rainfall and hydrological system; maintenance of soil quality, control of soil erosion, modulating climate; and being the habitat of biodiversity.

#### [Forests fight back all over the world](#)

Woodland density is going up after decades of decline, but concerns about deforestation remain.

#### [Forêts: plus d'investissements \(ONU\)](#)

Investir chaque année 40 milliards de dollars supplémentaires dans les forêts réduira la déforestation de moitié d'ici 2030 et contribuera à la création de millions d'emplois, affirme un rapport du Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement (UNEP).

#### [Forget deforestation: the world's woodland is getting denser and change could help combat climate change](#)

For years exponents of climate change theories have used images of deforestation to support their cause. However, the density of forests and woodland across much of the world is actually increasing, according to a respected scientific study.



### [Ghosts of persecution past and present](#)

“The sins of the fathers may be visited upon the children.” However, sins visited upon fathers may also be visited upon the children. This is a natural history blog, so I raise the idea in a natural history context, and I do so because of two pieces of newly published research; on brown bears and wild boar respectively.

### [Good news and bad news for the world's tropical forests](#)

Another day, another global report on the world's land use. This time a wide-ranging survey from the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)—an intergovernmental body that promotes the sustainable use of forest resources—has revealed that the area of the world's tropical forests that are under some form of sustainable management has increased 50% since 2005, from 69 million hectares to 183 million hectares.

### [Greenpeace accuses Barbie of destroying Indonesia](#)

Greenpeace said it had evidence that Barbie doll packaging comes from Indonesian rainforests, accusing toy manufacturers such as Mattel and Walt Disney Co of contributing to the country's rapid deforestation.

### [Greenpeace campaign targets Mattel](#)

Activists rappelled down the face of the 15-story El Segundo headquarters of Mattel, the world's largest toy company, and hung a giant banner of a frowning Ken doll look-alike with the message: “Barbie, it's over. I don't date girls that are into deforestation.”

### [Greenpeace says Barbie is forest vandal](#)

Greenpeace accused Mattel, the US maker of Barbie dolls, of contributing to the wanton destruction of carbon-rich Indonesian forests and habitats of endangered species like Sumatran tigers.

### [Greenpeace stages protest at Mattel office over Barbie packaging](#)

Greenpeace accuses Mattel of using paper from Indonesian rain forests to package Barbie dolls. Activists hang a large banner on Mattel's headquarters in El Segundo. Police arrest 10 protesters.

### [Heavy flying Great Indian bustard faces extinction](#)

One of the heaviest flying birds in the world is in danger of going extinct, conservationists are warning. Great Indian bustards stand a metre tall and weigh up to 15kg, yet as few as 250 may now survive.

### [How palm oil jeopardises global efforts to reduce emissions](#)

While governments commit to biofuels as a solution to reduce emissions, they are contributing to a destructive palm oil trade.

### [Instant identification of trees is possible using smartphone app](#)

Botanists from the Smithsonian Institution have helped develop a smartphone app that can identify tree species within seconds using visual recognition software and then share the location with a growing database of tree populations.

### [Investigadores catalanes y nicaragüenses se alian a favor del bosque tropical seco](#)

Investigadores catalanes y nicaragüenses han puesto en marcha en ese país centroamericano la estación experimental El Limón, que pretende ser una referencia internacional en la conservación y restauración del bosque tropical seco, uno de los más amenazados del planeta.

### [Ken quitte Barbie pour sauver la forêt](#)

"Je la quitte cette espèce de p\*\*\* !" Telle est la phrase qui mettra un terme à la longue relation entre Barbie et Ken. La raison de cette séparation ? La déforestation à laquelle la jolie blonde a adhéré.

### [Ken y Greenpeace contra Barbie y Mattel por la deforestación de las selvas de Indonesia](#)

"Barbie, cortamos. No salgo con chicas que deforestan". Es un mensaje de Ken. Y es el lema de la campaña con el que Greenpeace vincula al fabricante de juguetes Mattel con la destrucción de las selvas tropicales de Indonesia.

### [La Barbie y Ken espantan a los ecologistas indonesios](#)

El lustroso empaquetado de los célebres muñecos Barbie y Ken disgusta a los ecologistas de Indonesia desde que Greenpeace descubrió que está hecho con papel que proviene de las selvas tropicales de este archipiélago asiático.

### ["La forêt est une usine qui produit des services gratuitement"](#)

Investir dans la préservation des forêts pourrait représenter un avantage économique à long-terme, selon le rapport des Nations unies qui paraîtra le 5 juin...

### [Les forêts tropicales toujours menacées](#)

La gestion durable progresse, mais selon l'Organisation internationale des bois tropicaux (OIBT), la surface forestière continue de fondre comme une peau de chagrin.

### [Los bosques son más densos y capturan más carbono que antes](#)

Los bosques de Norteamérica y Europa, así como los de otras áreas del mundo, son más densos y más eficientes a la hora de capturar el dióxido de carbono que causa el calentamiento global.

### [Más del 90% de los bosques tropicales están "mal administrados" o sin](#)

Más de 90% de los bosques tropicales, cruciales para el futuro del clima y la biodiversidad, "son mal administrados, o ni siquiera lo son", consideró la Organización Internacional de Bosques Tropicales (OIBT).

### [Más del 90% de los bosques tropicales no tienen un manejo sostenible](#)

El más completo inventario de la situación de los bosques tropicales en el mundo indica que en solo cinco años ha aumentado en un 50% el área que goza de políticas de manejo sostenibles.

### [Mattel stops using wood products from alleged destroyer of Indonesian rain forest](#)

Under pressure from an environmental group, Mattel Inc. announced it would tell its suppliers to stop buying wood products from a Singapore company that's been accused of clear-cutting rain forests in Indonesia.

### [Ministers back binding European forest agreement](#)

Ministers have agreed to back plans to introduce a legally binding agreement to protect Europe's forests.

### [Países con selvas tropicales piden ayuda internacional para evitar la deforestación](#)

Representantes de países de África, Asia y Sudamérica, que albergan las tres mayores cuencas forestales tropicales del planeta acordaron colaborar en la lucha contra la deforestación y pidieron ayuda para ello a la comunidad internacional.

### [Private investment in trees could replenish land](#)

Africa's severe land degradation could be reversed by private sector investment in tree-based restoration technologies, a meeting heard.

### [Progress too slow on saving tropical forests: report](#)

All but seven percent of the world's tropical forests are "managed poorly or not at all" despite efforts to boost sustainability, according to a major report released.

### [Rainforest basin nations agree to tackle deforestation](#)

The 32 countries sharing the world's three largest rainforest basins agreed to cooperate in tackling deforestation and called on industrialised nations to help finance their efforts.

### [Rats, bees to protect African wildlife: experts](#)

Beekeeping and breeding animals such as cane rats for food are needed to help tackle the unsustainable trade in bush meat in central Africa, conservation experts said.

### [Rising forest density offsets climate change: study](#)

Rising forest density in many countries is helping to offset climate change caused by deforestation from the Amazon basin to Indonesia, a study showed.

### [Sustainable forests rise by 50%, says study](#)

A study of the world's forests has found a 50 per cent rise in sustainably managed tropical woodlands since 2005, helped by rising demand in developed countries for certified wood and UN programmes to reduce carbon emissions.

### ['Sustainable' timber is not always what it seems](#)

Most products sourced from tropical timber destroy the forest – and a sustainability logo may not be a reliable guide for your green conscience. While a report this week celebrates a 50 per cent increase in the area of tropical forests that are sustainably managed, other studies suggest this assessment is open to question.

### [Thorny mission to preserve world's forests](#)

Third World countries and notably those of the Congo basin face an uphill challenge in looking after their forests while allowing for population growth and development.

### [Togo, Nigeria have highest rates of deforestation, study shows](#)

Togo, Nigeria and Ghana have the biggest rates of deforestation out of 65 nations, according to a study described by its authors as the most comprehensive analysis of tropical forests.

### [Tree-frog biodiversity warning for Amazon](#)

Tree-frog hot spots in the Amazon have been established over tens of millions of years, say scientists. To explain why some areas have greater species richness, experts analysed the distribution of 360 tree-frog species.

### [Tropical forests 'better managed'](#)

The world's tropical forests are better managed now than five years ago, concludes a survey by the International Tropical Timber Organisation (ITTO).

### [Un sommet africain pour la protection des forêts](#)

Les chefs d'Etat et les représentants de 18 pays situés dans les bassins forestiers tropicaux se sont rencontrés vendredi à Brazzaville en République du Congo pour renforcer leur coopération.

### [Viruses are 'new normal' for honey bees: study](#)

California scientists said they have identified four new viruses in healthy honey bee colonies, a finding that could help solve the mystery of mass bee die-offs in some parts of the world.

### [Why wildlife programmes continue to capture the public imagination](#)

Filming wildlife has ushered in new technology and techniques, but the audience's fascination with the natural world remains unchanged.

### [World urged to stop net desertification by 2030](#)

The world should set a goal of halting net desertification by 2030 to stem annual losses of farmland equivalent to three times the size of Switzerland, a senior U.N. official said.

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