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Forthcoming FAO events

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

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

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

[Programme Coordinator - \(UN-REDD Country Implementation\)](#)

FAO in the news

[Bosques nativos uruguayos crecieron un 40% en los últimos 20 años](#)

En Uruguay la forestación registró un crecimiento relevante en los últimos 20 años y actualmente exporta más de seis millones de toneladas anuales, emplea a 20.000 personas y ocupa el 5% del territorio.

[Carl Lewis promet d'encourager la lutte contre le déboisement](#)

L'Ambassadeur de bonne volonté de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Alimentation et l'Agriculture (FAO), le champion olympique américain Carl Lewis, a bouclé jeudi une visite de deux jours en Haïti. Au cours de son séjour M. Lewis a inspecté des sites de reboisement destinés à protéger le pays contre les inondations et les coulées de boue à l'heure où débute la nouvelle saison des ouragans.

[Destacan importancia de la forestación uruguayaya](#)

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[Forestales cubanos, un día y todo el año](#)

El decrecimiento de las arboledas ha llegado a un momento tan crucial, que la Organización de Naciones Unidas (ONU) declaró 2011 como el Año Internacional de Los Bosques, por el hecho de que son parte integrante del desarrollo sostenible del planeta, en virtud de los beneficios económicos, socioculturales y ambientales que proporcionan.

[Forestar en el marco de una agroindustria sustentable](#)

En un mundo preocupado por el cambio climático, la industria de base forestal ofrece productos provenientes de materia prima renovable, producidos con un bajo consumo relativo de energía, reciclable y carbono neutral. Con las perspectivas de restricción energética, el sector forestal ofrece una solución de energía renovable que provee además, una fuente de empleos en las regiones más pobres del mundo.

[La FAO le declara la guerra a los desiertos](#)

Deutsche Welle conversó con un directivo de la FAO sobre el Proyecto Acacia, un programa para detener la expansión de los desiertos en África cuyo concepto bien puede implementarse en zonas áridas de América Latina.

[Le ministre Nabo Clément promet : "Nous allons faire le reboisement"](#)

Un « mariage » pour sauver la faune ivoirienne. Mardi dernier, le Fonds des Nations unies pour l'agriculture et l'alimentation (FAO) a paraphé avec le ministère des Eaux et Forêts (MINEF), un protocole d'accord portant sur le Programme ACP-FLEGT et la remise d'équipements au projet UTF/IVC/027/UTF.

[RP gets UN forestry award](#)

The United Nations (UN) has conferred on the Philippine government the Edouard Saouma Award for Excellence for its significant achievement in forest restoration.

[Tree-planting plan for world's dry lands](#)

A United Nations-led program will highlight how trees can help people living in arid zones, some of the most hostile habitats on the planet, researchers say.

[UN project shows how trees help halt desertification](#)

A UN-led pilot scheme hopes to highlight how trees can help people in arid zone, considered to one of the most hostile habitats on the planet.

Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16-30 June 2001

International Year of Forests

[Arrancó campaña 2001 de reforestación en Morelos](#)

Mil personas plantaron árboles en cerro de Tlayacapan.

[Conocer los bosques y asegurar el futuro](#)

Algo tan cercano y cotidiano para muchos de nosotros como un bosque, es una compleja organización sometida en la actualidad a una gran multitud de amenazas.

[Ecuador children tell of rainforest dilemmas](#)

2011 is the UN Year of the Forest. Schools World Service travelled to Mondana, a small village in Ecuador, to hear pupils' views on finding the balance between making a living and protecting the environment.

[Exposición contra la desertización y degradación ecológica en el Celarg](#)

Con motivo de celebrarse el Año Internacional de los Bosques para la lucha contra la desertización, anunciado por la ONU, Cantv patrocina una muestra fotográfica y foros educativos.

[La Vigne des Nations honore la lutte contre la déforestation](#)

En cette année de la forêt, le canton a choisi de distinguer le Programme des Nations Unies pour la réduction des émissions résultant du déboisement dans les pays en développement.

[Les forêts s'exposent au regard des hommes](#)

La place du Palais-Royal à Paris va se transformer en forêt de photos à partir du 25 juin...

[Los Bosques, el pulmón por el que respira Castilla-La Mancha](#)

En el 2011, Año Internacional de los Bosques, Castilla-La Mancha promueve el empleo verde y la certificación forestal.

[Monumentos vegetales](#)

Estamos celebrando el año internacional de los bosques y se ha puesto en marcha una campaña de protección de los árboles singulares. Aunque en muchos casos suelen tener edades milenarias, sin

embargo, para ostentar título y derecho de árbol singular, este no tiene que ser necesariamente milenario, pues basta que tenga algún tipo de referencia histórica, emblemática o conmemorativa para la comunidad o, simplemente, haber dado sombra a generaciones sucesivas de la localidad donde se encuentre.

Angola

[Desertification increases progressively - Environment minister](#)

The Environment Minister, Maria de Fátima Jardim, said in Luanda's Mussulo island that the desertification in some zones of the country is increasing progressively.

Argentina

[Seminario de Bosques Nativos](#)

Continuando con el proceso de consulta participativa para la formulación del proyecto de inversión que permitirá contar con financiamiento complementario al previsto en la Ley de Bosques, Nº 26.331, se realizó en Buenos Aires el Seminario de Planificación y Evaluación Estratégica de impacto ambiental y social a cargo del consultor del Banco Mundial Francisco Fragano.

Australia

[Danger heats up for Australia's platypus](#)

Global warming could shrink the habitat of Australia's duck-billed platypus by a third, researchers warned, with hotter, drier temperatures threatening its survival.

[Iconic platypus feels the heat](#)

Life for the duck-billed platypus has never seemed easy. With its bizarre bird-like beak, mammalian fur and reptilian gait and egg-laying habits, the platypus long mystified natural historians, who were unsure of its origin, or place in the world.

[Pest or pioneer? Why cane toads may not deserve their villainous reputation](#)

Cane Toads: The Conquest, a new 3D film by Mark Lewis, tracks the unstoppable journey of the toad across the Australian continent and asks whether these invaders can ever gain respect.

[Tasmanian devil genome holds secret to survival](#)

Scientists have sequenced the complete genomes of two Tasmanian devils in the hope of finding clues to preserving this highly endangered marsupial.

[Tasmanian devil gets lifeline after DNA breakthrough](#)

The endangered Tasmanian devil could be saved from extinction after scientists mapped its complete genetic code.

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

[Gobernación de La Paz lanza campaña para reducir chaqueos y contaminación](#)

El Gobernador de La Paz, César Cocarico, lanzó la campaña "No quemes la vida, cuida los bosques", para reducir los "chaqueos" o quema indiscriminada de los bosques y la contaminación ambiental.

[Un tercio del territorio de Bolivia está críticamente degradado](#)

En Bolivia alrededor de 34 millones de hectáreas se encuentran en una situación crítica de degradación y fragmentación. "Un tercio del país se encuentra en una situación de degradación, tanto en las tierras

altas, como en valles y tierras bajas”, afirma el coordinador nacional de investigación de monitoreo ambiental Liga de Defensa del Medio Ambiente (Lidema), Marco Octavio Ribera.

Botswana

[Catastrophic species loss in Okavango delta](#)

Botswana's Okavango delta is widely regarded as one of the wonders of the natural world, but an aerial survey has found that some of its animal populations have shrunk by 90% over the past 15 years.

[Drought and poachers take Botswana's natural wonder to brink of catastrophe](#)

Aerial survey reveals some wildlife populations have shrunk by 90% in 15 years.

Brazil

[Amazon: a tale of two economies](#)

Supporting communities who live in the Amazon rainforest to use the forest sustainably will help to protect it for future generations.

[Ban Ki-moon afirma que la deforestación en la Amazonía es un problema global](#)

El secretario general de la ONU, Ban Ki-Moon, afirmó, al concluir la visita a Brasil con que puso fin a su gira por Suramérica, que la deforestación de la Amazonía es un problema que preocupa e incumbe a toda la comunidad internacional.

[Brasil enseña a reforestar](#)

Lograr reducir la rata de deforestación en 75 por ciento, en ocho años, convierte a Brasil en ejemplo de protección ambiental.

[Brazil Catholic Church opposes proposed reforms to rainforest laws](#)

Brazil's Catholic Church is the latest to publicly oppose a controversial revamping of the country's "Forest Code," which activists say would cause an environmental disaster.

[Brazil government identifies uncontacted tribe](#)

The Brazilian government confirmed the existence of an uncontacted tribe in a southwestern area of the Amazon rain forest.

[Lanzará Brasil globos meteorológicos para recolectar datos atmosféricos](#)

Recorrerán una amplia extensión en la Amazonía y enviarán datos sobre presión, temperatura, humedad, dirección de los vientos, informó el INPE.

[Une tribu d'Indiens inconnue découverte dans la forêt amazonienne](#)

Une tribu inconnue, composée de près de 200 personnes isolées, a été découverte en avril dernier dans la forêt amazonienne au Brésil, près de la frontière avec le Pérou, a annoncé la Fondation nationale brésilienne de l'Indien (Funai).

Canada

[B.C. rainforest under threat: environmentalists](#)

A coalition of environmental organizations says the Great Bear Rainforest along B.C.'s central coast is once again threatened by logging.

[Canada seeks to breed a better honey bee](#)

Following a massive bee die-off in parts of the world, two Canadian universities launched an effort to breed honey bees resistant to pests and diseases.

[Fulfill promise of Great Bear Rainforest pact, Clark urged](#)

The B.C. government declared the end of the war in the woods two years ago when it established the protection of the Great Bear Rainforest, the largest remaining intact temperate rain forest in the world.

[Greatest threat to caribou herd in Canada isn't from wolves](#)

Humans are a much bigger problem than wolves for a caribou herd in the oil sands area of Alberta, Canada, scientists reported in *Frontiers in Ecology*. Studies of scat of moose, caribou and wolves in the area showed that caribou accounted for only 10 percent of the animals consumed by wolves.

[Huge new boreal forest preserve in Manitoba](#)

Efforts to combat climate change and diminishing wildlands have increasingly focused on the vast belt of northern forest that rings the globe south of the Arctic. The boreal forest is a vast repository of stored carbon and, in much of northern Canada, a pristine region populated by wolves and caribou along rivers still teeming with fish.

[La forêt Montmorency cache le plus long pont arqué à poutres de bois au Québec](#)

Trois ponts acier-bois ont été remplacés sur le territoire de la Forêt Montmorency dont le plus long pont arqué à poutres de bois au Québec. Le pont est d'une longueur totale de près de 44 mètres, avec une portée libre de près de 33 mètres à la base des poutres arquées, et d'une largeur hors tout de 4,8 mètres.

China

[A little magic turns roof of the world green](#)

A successful forestation and grassing program in Ngari prefecture in the Tibet autonomous region is effectively battling sandstorms and improving people's livelihoods.

[Central govt stresses development of Inner Mongolia](#)

China's central government highlighted policies and measures to accelerate the development of the Inner Mongolia autonomous region, to improve people's livelihoods and protect the environment.

[China invests heavily in protecting ancient town from desertification](#)

China will invest more than 4.7 billion yuan (723 million U.S. dollars) over 10 years to improve the natural environment of a desert-threatened oasis city that holds one of the world's most impressive ancient Buddhist cave frescoes, local officials said.

[China to subsidize forestry industry](#)

The Ministry of Finance said that China will continue to subsidize tree planting this year to boost the development of the country's forestry industry.

[China's top forestry official stresses local governmental efforts in desertification control](#)

China's State Forestry Administration said the performance assessment of local government leaders should be linked with their achievements in desertification control and prevention.

[Desertification in Inner Mongolia, China](#)

Inner Mongolia, China's third largest province, is battling severe desertification. Over-grazing, logging, expanding farms and population pressure, as well as droughts, have turned once fertile grasslands into sandy plains. As part of China's efforts to stop the land degradation, NGOs have been helping with reforestation.

[Grid of straw squares turns Chinese sand to soil](#)

China has struggled to keep the deserts that cover more than a quarter of the country from gaining ground, but soil stabilization and sustainable livestock-farming are beginning to slow rates of desertification.

[Inner Mongolia to expand forest coverage](#)

China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region plans to expand forest coverage by 12 million mu (800,000 hectares) this year as part of the region's consistent efforts to curb desertification and prevent sandstorms from hitting most parts of northern China.

Colombia

[Bajan los cultivos de coca, pero se dañan más bosques vírgenes: ONU](#)

Cultivos de coca con extensiones menores a una hectárea, dispersos, en la profundidad de la selva y en bosques vírgenes, es la nueva tendencia de la ubicación de las plantaciones ilícitas en el país, que el año pasado sumaron 62 mil hectáreas. Once mil menos que en el 2009.

[Cultivo de Coca destruye bosques de la Amazonia colombiana](#)

En ese país, la producción disminuyó un 15%, pero trasladó cultivos a zonas vírgenes. Crece en Perú.

['Hay que frenar deforestación para evitar desastres': Clara Restrepo](#)

Generar alternativas para conservar bosques, objetivo del Congreso Internacional de Bosques.

[Hora de actuar en pro de los bosques](#)

Más allá de la madera, estos ecosistemas regulan la oferta hídrica y el clima, capturan carbono y conservan los suelos.

Cuba

[Alertan aumento de incendios en bosques cubanos](#)

Los incendios forestales aumentaron en Cuba en los cinco primeros meses de 2011, con respecto a igual período del año anterior, informó hoy la Jefatura Nacional del Cuerpo de Guardabosques.

[Cuba incrementa sus reservas boscosas](#)

Mientras cada año disminuyen las reservas boscosas en el mundo, Cuba aplica estrategias para arribar al 2015 con más del 29 por ciento de su superficie arbolada, según trascendió en la conclusión de la jornada de homenaje al trabajador de ese sector.

[Fomentan en Cuba metodología para restaurar bosques](#)

Cuba fomenta la metodología de la forestería análoga con el propósito de aumentar la biodiversidad en bosques degradados, destacó Orlidia Echevarría especialista del Instituto de Investigaciones Forestales.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

[New Congo law demands environmental impact studies](#)

Companies working in Democratic Republic of Congo will soon be forced to submit environmental impact reports or be fined, according to a law passed by the country's parliament.

Dominican Republic

[Maimón: Comunidad pobre en tierra de abundante oro y plata](#)

El municipio de Maimón recibió la pasada semana 46.7 millones de pesos como participación en los beneficios de la empresa minera Cormidón lo que no impedirá que casi todas las calles sigan rotas y el mercado deteriorado. El suministro de agua es malísimo, los ríos están contaminados y las lomas deforestadas.

Egypt

[Hyper-arid Egypt](#)

A recently issued UN report reveals that desertification is among Egypt's main environmental threats.

Eritrea

[Over 1.2 million of tree seedlings ready to be planted in Serejeka sub-zone](#)

The Central regional Administration has prepared over 1.2 million tree seedlings to be planted in Serejeka sub-zone this year through Summer Work Program, according to Mr. Dawit Mebrahtu, head of the Agriculture Ministry's branch in the sub-zone.

Fiji

[Clear, urgent advice](#)

"Forests keep drylands working" is the motto of this year's World Day to Combat Desertification that is observed every year on June 17. One might wonder why we in Fiji engage in an observance day for desertification where there are no deserts and the closest to a dry, often sandy region with little rainfall, extreme temperatures and sparse vegetation, is the Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park.

France

[La forêt de Compiègne va se modifier à cause du changement climatique](#)

L'un des plus importants massifs forestiers de France est en train de se fragiliser. L'ONF va devoir planter de nouvelles essences pour lui permettre de résister aux changements climatiques...

[La forêt d'Épagne dévoile ses richesses](#)

Grâce au travail de Simon Demarlier, étudiant en master 2 en "valorisation du patrimoine et développement du territoire", un sentier d'interprétation va être créé en forêt d'Épagne.

[Une forêt qui pro duira de nouveau dans 30 ans](#)

Fortement touchée par la tempête Klaus, la forêt communale d'Ychoux, une des plus importantes du département des Landes, est en pleine reconstitution.

Gambia

[Crocodile spotted at Gamtel Abuko Station Parks and wildlife director explains](#)

The director of Parks and Wildlife, Alpha Jallow, has commented on the young crocodile that was found at the Abuko Gamtel station recently, noting that the young crocodile might have come from a nearby wetland in the area looking for food. He informed that the young crocodile was taken by the department and placed in one of the ponds in the nature reserve.

[Forestry minister decries bushfires, calls for afforestation](#)

The minister of Forestry and the Environment has decried the high rate of bushfires in rural Gambia; and renewed his calls for the citizenry to embrace afforestation with a view to enhancing and protecting the country's forest cover to guarantee "good living".

Ghana

[Bush burning threatening food security](#)

The Northern Regional Minister, Moses Bukari Mabengba, has attributed the growing food insecurity in the area to the increasing spate of bush burning, indiscriminate felling of trees and improper land management, which seriously destroy farmlands, and also intensify climate change effects.

[CIDA, World Bank vote million to combat desertification in Ghana](#)

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the World Bank have voted million to assist Ghana to combat desertification and drought.

[Environmentalists seeks ways of preventing desertification](#)

Stakeholders in the environmental sector deliberated at a forum on issues which are at the root of sustainable development of people living in fragile ecosystem, plagued by the threat of desertification.

[MTN marks World Desertification Day](#)

MTN Ghana has organized an environmental awareness programme for students of Accra High Senior School, on the need to protect the environment from being destroyed in the country.

Guatemala

[Narcoactividad ha talado 39 por ciento de bosques](#)

La narcogranadería y el crimen organizado han talado el 39 por ciento de bosque virgen del río Sarstún, Sierra Caral, Lagunita Salvador y Sierra Santa Cruz, por lo que se cree que a este ritmo, en 10 años, el departamento perderá en su totalidad la cobertura forestal, según un informe del Centro de Acción Legal, Ambiental y Social (Calas).

[Príncipe Alberto II: "Preservar bosques es asegurar el futuro"](#)

Alberto II es príncipe de Mónaco desde el 2005. Hijo del príncipe Rainiero III y de la princesa Grace. Fue asociado a la conducta de los asuntos del Estado desde 1984; y contribuyó significativamente, al lado de su padre, a reforzar la soberanía y la posición internacional de Mónaco. Preside la delegación monegasca en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas desde la adhesión de su país a la ONU en 1993.

Guyana

[First GRIF project moves closer to reality](#)

The Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (GRIF) Steering Committee approved the project concept note (PCN) for the institutional strengthening of the agencies involved in the implementation of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS).

Honduras

[Mico Quemado se convierte en cenizas ante la desidia](#)

La sociedad civil tomará acciones para exigir a la Fiscalía, la UMA y el ICF que protejan la montaña. Las fuentes de agua se secan por la deforestación.

[Participa Honduras en campaña de reforestación en Centroamérica](#)

Honduras se sumará a la campaña de reforestación que protagonizarán grupos ambientalistas de Centroamérica que aspiran a sembrar seis millones de árboles en un día.

[Salvemos El Merendón](#)

Este diario ha venido clamando por la urgente necesidad de conservar y proteger la montaña de El Merendón, amenazada por los incendios forestales, la deforestación sin límites y las construcciones ilegales; ahora nuevamente el tema cobra vigencia con las propuestas para ejecutar un plan de electrificación en siete comunidades de la zona, que estaría siendo auspiciado por Usaid con contraparte comunitaria.

India

[1st tree count in Chennai begins](#)

The state forest department kicked off a tree census, a maiden effort for Chennai, which will take six months to complete. Stressing the significance of the census, additional principal chief conservator of forests K.S. Neelakantan said the count will provide vital information and help the department to work on strategies for afforestation in urban areas.

[Can India teach Europe to deal with drought?](#)

Europe is suffering from a record breaking drought, jeopardizing food production and restricting households' water access. European governments have announced emergency plans and aid money to help farmers.

[Depleting forest cover could have grave impact](#)

What might seem tiny could actually mean a lot, especially if it's to do with a huge carbon sink like the Western Ghats. Steady degradation of forest cover here is no surprise though central government remote-sensing figures show little loss. But this loss will mean grave danger in the years to come.

[Forest dept launches plantation drive](#)

As part of a statewide afforestation plan, the State Forest Department launched a massive tree plantation drive under the North Kamrup Division. Around 6,000 seedlings will be planted on the barren hills of Agyathuri and nearby areas.

[Govt firm against wetland encroachers](#)

The State Government will follow zero-tolerance policy on wetland encroachment while the prospects of granting settlement rights (patta) to the landless poor residing in hills (excluding reserve forest areas) in Guwahati would be assessed by a committee headed by Dr Bhumidhar Barman.

[Jairam favours subsidised LPG for villagers in forest areas](#)

With an eye to reduce deforestation, Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh has come out strongly in favour providing alternative cooking fuels to villagers living in and around forests. At present, villagers depend on firewood, which they collect from the forests.

[Kashmir conflict spares wildlife](#)

The human cost of the Pakistan-India conflict has been huge, but wildlife such as the Kashmir Stag have benefited.

[Orissa: Rs 1.91 crores to spent towards removal 3 lakh casurina trees in POSCO site](#)

After felling down of more than 5000 fruit bearing trees, administration has taken initiatives to chop off nearly 3 lakh casurina trees from forest land of Nuagaon and Gadkujnga and Dinkia panchyat bringing serious concern among the environmentalists. Meanwhile, IDCO has placed Rs 1.91 crores to fell down these casurian trees.

[Tribals lose work, state revenue in Naxal belt](#)

Naxal presence has aggravated the grinding poverty that exists in many tribal pockets of Gondia and Gadchiroli as withdrawal of forestry operations has deprived local people of employment and also state government of revenue.

Indonesia

[Gobierno indonesio toma acciones para detener deforestación](#)

El Gobierno de Indonesia se centra en tomar acciones que frenen la continua deforestación en el país, y para ello rehabilitará este año unas 500 mil hectáreas de bosques dañados, divulgó el Ministerio de Ingeniería Forestal.

[Indigenous groups call for halt to REDD pilot project](#)

Indigenous communities in Central Kalimantan are calling on the government to stop a pilot project to alleviate the destruction of forests amid fears that it would prompt conflicts between local communities.

[Indonesia forest moratorium breached on first day: group](#)

Indonesia's freshly inked two-year forest moratorium was breached on its first day as a plantation company burned carbon-rich peatlands on Borneo island, an investigation by an environmental group said.

[Indonesia mining rules threaten forest protection efforts - experts](#)

On the eve of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's approval of a landmark, two-year moratorium on forest and peatland clearing under a \$1 billion climate deal with Norway last month, the Indonesian leader issued another ruling that sparked criticism he cares more about protecting industry than saving what is left of Indonesia's forests.

[Indonesian forest people condemn climate scheme](#)

Indigenous peoples of Indonesian Borneo demanded a halt to internationally backed forest conservation schemes, saying they are trampling their rights and robbing their lands.

[Malaysia palm oil firm denies breaching Indonesia's forest ban](#)

Malaysian palm oil firm Kuala Lumpur Kepong (KLK) denied it had breached Indonesia's two-year forest clearing ban on the first day it was signed to law, calling the allegation by an environmental group "preposterous".

[Oslo backs Jakarta's forest plan, despite hurdles](#)

Norway backed Indonesia's drive to slow deforestation under a \$1 billion deal with Oslo even though Jakarta said it faced a "maze" of reforms and lacks maps to pin down exact conservation areas.

[WB donates \\$3.6m to reduce carbon](#)

Indonesia's Forestry Ministry has received a US\$3.6 million grant from the World Bank to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26 percent by 2020 while maintaining economic growth, according to the World Bank.

Kenya

[Kenyan charcoal sector finally gets the attention it has long deserved](#)

Kenya's Sh30 billion charcoal industry is finally getting the attention it deserves, after decades of being overlooked by authorities. The industry employs more than 200,000 people in production alone, contributes more than Sh5 billion in taxes, and meets the energy needs of 80 per cent of urban households and 34 per cent of rural households.

[Kenyans speak out on draft climate bill, forest loss](#)

Jacky Nkoyo recalls the thick canopy of trees that formed the Mau forest near her village of Eor-enkitok. "We used to play close to the forest, where we picked and ate wild berries, picked firewood and played with monkeys," she says.

[KWS launches air and ground operation to monitor human wildlife conflict](#)

The Kenya Wildlife Services has launched an air and ground operation to control the movement of marauding elephants in areas adjacent to Tsavo National Park. The operation aims to end the human wildlife conflict that has escalated in the region.

[Mangrove and Kaya forests under threat](#)

Mangrove and Kaya forests at the Coast are decreasing drastically due to mass logging, Nema Coast Province Officer Godfrey Wafula has said.

[NEMA urged to plant trees and save forests](#)

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources were urged to recruit college students to fight deforestation.

[State takes stand on logging in Shimba Hills](#)

The government has finally issued its stand on the controversy over the proposed felling of thousands of indigenous trees in the Shimba Hills Game Reserve. The dispute has pitted two departments in the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife. Conservation Secretary of Kenya Forest Service Gideon Gathaara said an Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken before the project commences.

[The wildebeest migration is on](#)

Thousands of wildebeest are already migrating from Serengeti to Maasai Mara in search of pasture, giving rise to the Seventh Wonder of the World.

[Tonnes of ivory seized in Singapore a decade ago to be burnt in country](#)

After almost 10 years of investigations and intense lobbying, seven African countries have agreed that tonnes of contraband ivory seized in Singapore in 2002 be set ablaze in Kenya.

[UN forest protection talks fail to move fast enough, Kenya says](#)

United Nations talks on protecting forests aren't moving fast enough even though voluntary projects are already generating emissions reductions, a Kenyan delegate attending this week's climate talks said.

Madagascar

[Madagascar's 'tortoise mafia' on the attack](#)

Madagascar's poachers, known in conservation circles as "the tortoise mafia", are increasingly hunting down the Indian Ocean island's reptiles, threatening them with extinction.

[World Bank loans Madagascar \\$52 million for conservation](#)

The World Bank said it had approved a \$52 million loan to help Madagascar protect its rare biodiversity that has come under increasing threat during a protracted political crisis.

Malta

[Just 0.5% of Malta's land area covered by trees](#)

More than 100,000 trees have been planted since the Tree For You ('34U') scheme was introduced in 2005, but Malta, with its extremely high population density, remains the EU country with the lowest share of land covered by trees.

[Over €100,000 towards nature park](#)

HSBC Malta Foundation contributed €105,000 towards the nature park and sustainable development centre at Xrobb I-Għagin, Delimara over the past three years and planted more than 25,000 trees across the island.

Mexico

[Advierten peligro de desaparición de santuarios de la Monarca](#)

Hay 30 santuarios de la mariposa Monarca y todos están en peligro. Ello, debido al cambio climático, a la tala clandestina y los incendios forestales.

[Bravo Mena: Bosques de Edomex, sin protección](#)

El candidato aseguró que para el desarrollo económico de la entidad se necesita sacar provecho de la vocación productiva, en este caso las zonas boscosas.

[Deforestación y contaminación degradan hábitat de manglares](#)

Este entorno ecológico que aún subsiste en La Chontalpa enfrenta una serie de enemigos como son el robo de madera de mangle, la sequía, así como las quemadas, la contaminación de Petróleos Mexicanos, y el tiradero de basura.

[El 50% de los bosques de niebla del país se transformaron en cultivos o zonas urbanas](#)

El suroeste de la ciudad de Xalapa es privilegiado. En esa zona se ubica el Santuario del Bosque de Niebla, una reserva natural con una superficie de 30 hectáreas única en México, donde aún persiste el bosque mesófilo de montaña, conocido también como bosque de niebla.

[El Cinvestav desarrolla técnicas y sustancias que impulsan el crecimiento de árboles en suelos afectados por la sequía](#)

Científicos del Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados (Cinvestav) identificaron una serie de sustancias que potencian el crecimiento en 50 por ciento de árboles y plantas en suelos afectados por la sequía.

[Impulsa la Conafor reforestación masiva](#)

Anuncia la Comisión Nacional Forestal que en Morelos se busca reforestar 231 predios en 189 localidades de los 33 municipios, con una participación de más de 100 mil personas. Se reforestarán más

de 94 hectáreas de bosques en cinco municipios a través de la promoción y fomento de una mayor conciencia y participación activa en el cuidado y restauración de los bosques de México.

[Inaugura gobernador de Chiapas Centro Ecoturístico en Nahá](#)

El gobernador Juan Sabines Guerrero hizo entrega del recurso del proceso de reducción de emisiones por deforestación y degradación evitada.

[Incendios acaban bosques](#)

A 10 días de desatarse una serie de incendios en la región y en otros dos municipios colindantes con Namiquipa, el fuego sigue sin ser controlado a pesar de la presencia de un centenar de personas entre brigadistas, voluntarios y bomberos especializados, quienes viajaron desde otras zonas de la Sierra para detener las llamas que han consumido seis mil hectáreas.

[Jaque con dama: selva Lacandona SOS](#)

La Selva Lacandona en Chiapas se está protegiendo por todos los frentes, como ya se sabe, se creó la REDD+ Plus, para que sean estos quienes preserven los recursos de las zonas naturales protegidas.

[La deforestación y los ciclos de inundaciones y sequías](#)

El contraste en la portada de Diario de Xalapa no podría haber sido más notable, por un lado mencionando el problema de la falta de agua en el estado de Veracruz y la necesidad de construir muchas presas abastecedoras del agua en la Entidad y, por el otro, resaltando el problema de las inundaciones que están sufriendo los habitantes de Banderilla debido a las lluvias intensas que hemos experimentado en los últimos días.

[Mexican scientists wage battle against deforestation](#)

Mexican scientists have discovered techniques and substances to improve by 50 percent the growth of trees on land affected by drought and could reverse deforestation in the country, officials said.

[Mexicanos descubren técnicas para elevar crecimiento y fortaleza de árboles](#)

Científicos mexicanos descubrieron técnicas y sustancias para impulsar el crecimiento en un 50 % de los árboles en suelos afectados por la sequía, lo que permitirá revertir la deforestación, informaron fuentes oficiales.

[Milpa Alta y Cuajimalpa; con mayor registro de deforestación](#)

En el marco del Día Mundial contra la Desertificación y la Sequía, el Grupo Parlamentario del Partido Verde Ecologista de México, en la Asamblea Legislativa del Distrito Federal exhortó a la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y a los jefes delegacionales de Milpa Alta y Cuajimalpa, impulsar un programa coordinado para disminuir la deforestación.

[Pese a las advertencias, deforestación va al alza](#)

Con todo y que en 1990 a nivel mundial se lanzó una advertencia por marcado deterioro y se convocó a medidas urgentes para conservar los bosques, en la década reciente la deforestación es un problema que se mantiene al alza a nivel mundial e impacta en la calidad de vida de la población y en la economía de países enteros.

[Ponen en marcha "brigadas ecológicas"](#)

Con la mira puesta en sembrar 1,500 árboles, se puso en marcha el programa de "Brigadas Ecológicas" en el I Distrito local.

[Reforestarán 100 hectáreas en cinco predios](#)

Dentro de la Jornada Nacional de Reforestación Social 2011, que iniciará el próximo 17 de julio, Durango participará con la plantación de árboles en una superficie de 100 hectáreas.

[Se realiza en Yucatán consulta para la actualización de estrategias y líneas generales que apoyen al sector forestal](#)

Yucatán tercer estado que se suma a la consulta nacional para la actualización del Programa Estratégico Forestal para México 2025.

Mozambique

[Guebuza warns against deforestation](#)

Conserving tree cover is a determinant factor in maintaining the regular cycle of rainfall, warned Mozambican President Armando Guebuza.

Namibia

[Black rhino population increasing](#)

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) is set to increase the number of endangered black rhino in the country to 1 500 beasts by the end of 2011.

Nicaragua

[Nicaragua celebra reforestando el Día Nacional del Árbol](#)

Organizaciones ambientalistas de Nicaragua celebraron el Día Nacional del Árbol con jornadas de reforestación en diferentes municipios de este país para enfrentar al cambio climático.

[Nicaragua es sede del VII Congreso Forestal Centroamericano sobre bosques](#)

El análisis del estado de los bosques en Centroamérica, desde una perspectiva técnica y científica, reúne en Nicaragua a 400 especialistas en el VII Congreso Forestal Centroamericano (COFOCA).

[Persiste mafia maderera](#)

Según consta en documentación oficial de la que EL NUEVO DIARIO obtuvo copia, a la empresa Maderas Preciosas Indígenas e Industriales de Nicaragua S.A., Mipiinicsa, apenas en marzo se le abrió investigación por diferentes irregularidades, entre las que se menciona la apertura sin autorización de una trocha de todo tiempo en Waspam, Región Autónoma del Atlántico Norte, RAAN.

Nigeria

[Desertification - Kano to plant 2 million trees](#)

With a view of controlling desertification in Kano State, the state government will breed and plant 2 million seedlings, the state governor, Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso has said.

[Don tasks FG, states on environment regeneration](#)

A university don, Professor M.A. Onilude of the University of Ibadan, Oyo State has called on the federal and state governments including individuals to join hand in the race for environmental regeneration.

[Imoke bemoans alarming deforestation](#)

Going by the spate of tree-cutting and forest destruction in Cross River State, it is most likely that the state will lose its natural habitats in less than 20 years, Gov. Liyel Imoke alerted last Friday at Ogoja while flagging of the 2011 tree planting campaign in the state.

[Incessant felling of trees worries NCCE](#)

The National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) has decried the gradual turning of Nigerian forests into savannah following incessant felling of trees without replacement.

[Kano grooms students against desert encroachment](#)

The battle to halt the advance of the Sahara Desert has resumed in earnest in the North, with Kano leading the charge. But the administration of Governor Rabi'u Kwankwaso is taking a different approach. Students are now being groomed to understand the dangers posed by the encroaching desert and join in the effort to halt it. How? By planting trees.

[Kano schools win prizes in tree planting competition](#)

Seven secondary schools in Kano have been rewarded with cash and other prizes for their impressive efforts in the 2010 School Tree Planting competition sponsored by Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE).

[Manas wildlife sanctuary on the road to recovery](#)

Manas Wildlife Sanctuary in the eastern Himalaya foothills of India has been removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger, following the advice of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

[The nation's thriving bushmeat trade](#)

Bushmeat trade is a thriving business in Nigeria and the authorities appear lame to tackle it. The trade thrives on ignorance and culture. Many Nigerians do not know the implication of Bushmeat trade. To them, it is normal to hunt wild animals for food and economic demands.

[Wildlife control at airports - FG commences phase III in 2012](#)

The Federal Government, through the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), has disclosed that the third phase of the action and implementation plan for the bird hazard control programme on eight airports will commence in 2012.

Norway

[Salvando el follaje de los bosques](#)

Dos ecologistas de la organización "Fuck For Forest" (FFF) fueron arrestados en la catedral de Oslo cuando se entregaban a los dulces trances de la cópula, aunque el miembro masculino de la pareja no pudo consumir la intromisión en el recinto sagrado.

Pakistan

[Climate change: Government launches three mega projects to increase forests](#)

The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) government will launch three mega projects costing Rs1 billion to address the problems of desertification, climate change and global warming, by bringing more areas under plantations. This was stated by K-P Minister for Forests and Environment Wajid Ali Khan.

[Desertification in Pakistan](#)

A recent report has revealed that as much as 80 per cent of Pakistan's land is arid. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification defines the term desertification as land degradation in dry lands. This news is troubling, given that the country is largely dependent on agriculture and reduction in the area of arable land may lead to food insecurity.

[Emerging global climate change a threat: Afzal'](#)

The emerging global climate change impacts are likely to accelerate the process of desertification, land degradation and drought particularly affecting livelihoods of dryland communities.

[Experts warn of desertification](#)

Desertification is on the rise in Pakistan due to growing a population that is putting immense pressure on cultivatable lands, resulting in lessening the fertility of the soil while other factors such as soil erosion, water logging and salinity as well as crop productivity are adding to the process. This was stated by experts ahead of the World Day to Combat Desertification.

[Govt to launch three mega projects for afforestation: Minister](#)

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government will launch three mega projects costing Rs.1000 million to offset the mounting effects of desertification, climate change and global warming through bringing maximum areas under plantation.

[Need to grow and preserve forests](#)

Speakers at a SDPI round table conference here stressed the need for preservation of forests.

[Of heat, humidity and chopped trees](#)

One is certain that previous Aprils and Junes were not as harsh as this year's, and it is equally true that the coming months, and years will be harsher on us as well since the administration of the metropolis has been reckless to nature in far worse manner in its effort to make the provincial capital wear modern look of foreign cities.

[Pakistan tops Asia in deforestation](#)

UN says rate of deforestation in Pakistan has quickened since 2010 floods.

['World Day to combat desertification' observed](#)

Karachi—Pakistan had observed World Day to Combat Desertification amidst growing risks to its food security closely linked to constant reduction in its land productivity. Experts at a seminar jointly organized by IUCN - Pakistan, Baahn Behli and FPCCI said the theme for current year "Forests Keep Dryland Working," holds extreme relevance to Pakistan where 80% of the land is dry with erratic rain fall and scanty access to water.

Panama

['Del bosque al cemento'](#)

Animales como la ardilla parda, el ñeque, los cocodrilos y los mapaches lograron sobrevivir a la transformación de la ciudad. Pese a ello, el crecimiento urbano sigue robándole su espacio.

Papua New Guinea

[Conservationists discover more than 1,000 species in New Guinea](#)

Treasure trove of unknown varieties of animal, bird, fish, insect and plant have been identified in the forests and wetlands of the Pacific island over a period of just 10 years.

[Hallan más de mil nuevas especies en Nueva Guinea](#)

Un total de 1.060 nuevas especies han sido descubiertas en Nueva Guinea entre 1998 y 2008, entre las que destacan un delfín y un tiburón de dos metros y medio de largo.

[Spectacular new species discovered in New Guinea](#)

A frog with fangs, a blind snake and a round-headed dolphin are among more than 1,000 new species recently found on the incredible Melanesian island of New Guinea, environment group WWF said.

Paraguay

[A todo pulmón denuncia](#)

La organización A todo pulmón denunció que en el Bosque Atlántico del Alto Paraná se han deforestado aproximadamente 902 hectáreas en los últimos años, específicamente en el distrito de Mariscal López, departamento de Caaguazú.

[Bosques, a salvo por el aislamiento](#)

Se entiende que los pobladores de San Lázaro, al mismo tiempo de expresar su alegría ante la posibilidad, al fin, de salir de su aislamiento centenario, se pregunten también si habrían de recorrer el mismo camino por donde pasaron los departamentos de Alto Paraná, Canindeyú y Caaguazú con la inmensidad de sus bosques, hoy totalmente desaparecidos.

[Deforestación diaria en el Chaco aumentó un 27%](#)

La deforestación diaria en el Chaco paraguayo aumentó en un 27%, en línea con la tendencia que se da en el Gran Chaco Americano, según informó la ONG Guyra Paraguay, cuyo director es Alberto Yanosky.

[El Indert podría propiciar deforestación de reserva](#)

El Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo Rural y de la Tierra (Indert) pretende adquirir la tierra de la estancia Toro Blanco, ubicada en el distrito de Tava'i, para asentamiento de supuestos campesinos sin tierra. Esto significaría la destrucción del área de reserva del Parque Nacional San Rafael, que linda con el establecimiento mencionado.

[Los bosques: la naturaleza a su servicio](#)

El pasado 5 de junio, se recordaba el Día Mundial del Medio Ambiente, con el lema "Los bosques: la naturaleza a su servicio"; de esta manera, las Naciones Unidas han hecho de nuevo hincapié sobre el valor de los recursos forestales para la vida de las personas.

[Presentan proyecto para el Gran Chaco Americano en Paraguay](#)

El proyecto de Manejo sostenible de bosques en el ecosistema transfronterizo del Gran Chaco Americano fue presentado con la asistencia de autoridades de Argentina, Bolivia y Paraguay.

Peru

[Frenan deforestación en zona reservada Udimá en Lambayeque](#)

La oportuna intervención del personal guardabosque de la reserva nacional Udimá, ubicada en el departamento de Lambayeque, logró detener la deforestación que perpetraba un grupo de taladores ilegales dentro del área natural protegida (ANP).

[Lambayeque: áreas de conservación regional protegerán bosques secos](#)

La medida tiene como fin el preservar la biodiversidad de los Bosques de Moyán y el Bosque Huacrupe.

[Subvenciones recibirán más de 60 comunidades para conservar los bosques](#)

Más de 60 comunidades nativas y campesinas presentaron sus expedientes para ser parte de la estrategia de subvenciones económicas para la conservación de bosques comunales, iniciativa del

Ministerio del Ambiente, a través de la cual el Estado les entrega diez nuevos soles por hectárea conservada cada año.

Philippines

[EU pleased with funded projects in Palawan](#)

The European Union is pleased that EU-funded projects for forest protection here is “well-spent.”

[Make every day an Arbor Day, Paje appeals](#)

With the onset of the rainy season, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Ramon J. P. Paje makes a pitch to the public to start planting trees and other crops in line with the National Greening Program of the government.

[Tomorrow is Arbor Day](#)

Anyad or dilhensiya, this is what I know of the word "arbor" until someone asked me about it and he was talking about planting trees. I made a little research and discovered that arbor is the Latin word for tree. I found out too that there is a holiday dedicated to planting trees called Arbor Day.

Republic of Korea

[S. Korea has less forest per capita than OECD average](#)

South Korea had one of smallest per-capita forest areas among major economies, an international report said Thursday, indicating the country's dense population.

Russian Federation

[Rusos manifiestan en defensa un bosque donde habita el tigre siberiano](#)

Cientos de vecinos de varios núcleos del distrito Pozhárskoye, de la región de Primorie (en el extremo sureste de Rusia), se manifestaron en defensa de una parcela única de bosque, habitada por el tigre siberiano e incluida en la lista preliminar del Patrimonio de la Humanidad de la UNESCO.

Rwanda

[Country to increase forest cover](#)

Approximately 15 districts have received support to develop and increase forest cover as a national priority. The development of the forestry sector is part of Vision 2020.

[Government committed to conserving forests - Kamanzi](#)

The Government will remain committed to the protection, conservation, restoration and extension of forests in the country, though communities have a bigger role to play in conserving the nation's forests and ecosystems.

[Local economy boosted by gorilla tourism](#)

Rwanda gave names to 22 rare baby mountain gorillas. It is the largest group of primates to receive names since the East African nation started celebrating an annual naming ceremony seven years ago.

[MTN establishes nursery bed for one million trees](#)

As part of its support to the ongoing tree planting campaign in the country, telecom giant MTN Rwanda, last week, initiated a nursery bed of one million trees in Rulindo District.

[Replicate gorilla conservation success in other tourist areas](#)

The population of the famous mountain gorillas in Rwanda grew from 308 in 2003 to 480 in 2010, representing 36 percent, thanks to the government campaign to conserve one of the world's most endangered species. This is no small feat by any standards.

[Rwandan premier 'baptises' 22 gorillas](#)

Rwandan Prime Minister Bernard Makuza led a traditional ceremony to "baptise" 22 gorilla babies that was introduced six years ago for the endangered species.

[Twenty-two baby gorilla's named in Kinigi](#)

It was colour and pomp at the foot of Virunga Mountains in Kinigi-Musanze, Northern Province, as thousands of Rwandans, members of the diplomatic corps, foreign dignitaries and conservation enthusiasts from across the world, witnessed the naming of 22 baby gorillas in the annual Kwita Izina ceremony.

Senegal

[Africa's tree belt takes root in Senegal](#)

An ambitious plan to build a vast forest belt straight across Africa to contain desertification has taken root in Senegal, greening huge tracts of land with drought-tolerant tree species.

[Green wall may keep the sand out](#)

Senegalese village will be first step in effort to grow 15km-wide nature reserve along the more than 500km border with the Sahel.

[Senegal farmers fight desertification with trees](#)

Dame Diop looks at the green leaves of trees growing on the sandy Sahelian soil of his Senegal village, Khatre Sy, and talks with modesty about the community's effort to restore fertility to their degraded soil.

[The great green wall of the Sahara: inside the fight to stop a desert's sprawl](#)

The rainy season has started in the rest of the country, but in Widou, in the heart of the Ferlo region in northern Senegal, the first raindrops won't fall until the end of July. In these tough times between harvests, most of the flocks have migrated to the south in hopes of grazing.

Spain

[Editan una guía que enseña a las empresas a ser responsables con los bosques](#)

Formar a los empleados para que tengan buenas prácticas ambientales, implantar un sistema de compras responsable o instaurar un código ético son algunas de las claves que ofrece FSC España en una guía práctica que muestra a las empresas los pasos a seguir para ser respetuosas con los bosques.

[El BEI da un crédito de 200 millones para el plan de bosques](#)

El proyecto Medio Ambiente y Bosques de Andalucía, presupuestado en más de 690 millones de euros, recibió ayer un espaldarazo con la firma de un crédito del Banco Europeo de Inversiones (BEI) por importe de 200 millones.

[El Ejército vigilará los bosques gallegos para evitar los incendios](#)

El director general de Política de Defensa, teniente general Juan Carlos Villamía Ugarte, y el consejero de Medio Rural de la Xunta, Samuel Jesús Juárez Casado, suscribieron hoy en Santiago de Compostela un

convenio de colaboración para la prevención de incendios forestales en esta comunidad autónoma durante la campaña 2011.

[El hayedo más antiguo de Girona se talará si no se llega a un acuerdo con el propietario](#)

La finca, situada en Sant Esteve d'en Bas (Garrotxa), incluye doce hectáreas de hayas, algunas con una antigüedad de entre 150 y 200 años.

[El Val Miñor recupera bosque autóctono](#)

Un proyecto acondiciona en Baiona, Gondomar y Nigrán doce hectáreas con especies locales. Los expertos advierten de su vulnerabilidad.

[Fuego, erosión y sobreexplotación acuíferos, las "bestias negras" del suelo](#)

Los incendios forestales, la erosión de terrenos de cultivo y la sobreexplotación de acuíferos figuran entre las "bestias negras" de la desertización en España, el país más árido de Europa con el 35% del suelo amenazado y el 6% degradado de forma irreversible.

[La Generalitat suscribe una hoja de ruta para defender los beneficios de los bosques](#)

El conseller de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca, Alimentación y Medio Natural (Daam), Josep Maria Pelegrí, ha suscrito la Declaración de Montserrat, una hoja de ruta que defiende los beneficios sociales y ambientales de los bosques catalanes.

Uganda

[Baby elephant rescued from island](#)

The Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) has rescued a two-month-old male baby elephant abandoned at Hamukungu Island on Lake George, near Katungulu trading centre in Kasese District.

[Poachers kill mountain gorilla in Bwindi Park](#)

Poachers have killed a mountain gorilla at Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park.

[Rescuing Hamukungu, the baby elephant](#)

The convention on international trade in endangered species of wild flora and fauna categorises elephants as endangered species facing extinction because of their ivory that is on high demand on the world market. They are listed as endangered on the world conservation union's red list of threatened animals.

United Arab Emirates

[World Day for Combating Desertification in Fujairah](#)

The Environment Protection Department at Fujairah Municipality observed the World Day to Combat Desertification.

United Kingdom

[Avon Gorge introduces goats in bid to save wild flowers](#)

A herd of goats has been introduced on to the Avon Gorge as part of a plan to save rare wild flowers.

['Britain's rainforests' in danger as gardeners love affair with peat continues](#)

While the proposed sell off of UK forests attracted a chorus of criticism, the destruction of peat bogs continues almost unnoticed.

[Circus petition passes 30,000 target](#)

More than 30,000 people have signed the Independent's online petition calling for the Government to introduce a ban on wild animals, ahead of a key vote in the Commons.

[Doubt cast on Government's circus animal claims](#)

The European Commission has cast doubt on the Coalition's claim that it cannot legally introduce a ban on wild animals in circuses because of EU legislation.

[Experts puzzled by big decline in honeybees over winter](#)

Beekeepers call on gardeners to plant bee-friendly plants and avoid pesticides as concern grows over knock-on impact of losses.

[Farmers criticise badger cull delay](#)

National Farmer's Union says 'biosecurity' measures are not enough as figures show rising rates of TB infection in cattle.

[No cull of badgers in Wales during scientific review](#)

Controversial plans for a badger cull in west Wales have been put on hold while a review is carried out.

[Rat eradication could save seabirds on Henderson Island](#)

The RSPB is embarking on a scheme to save the seabirds on Henderson Island, a UK overseas territory. The birds are under severe threat because of invasive rats that prey on their chicks. The Henderson's petrel, classified as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, is of particular concern.

[RSPB wildlife warning over EU farmland funding](#)

More than £400m worth of funding from Europe to promote wildlife on farmland in the UK could be about to be stopped, conservationists have warned.

[Welsh badger cull halted](#)

Welsh environment minister, John Griffiths, orders review of tactics to control bovine TB.

United Republic of Tanzania

[Conserve environment](#)

Tanzania is contending with an alarming rate of environmental destruction despite attempts to reverse it. Forests are massively being destroyed in search of building materials, wood fuel and clearing land for agriculture.

[Hold the champagne: highway to split Serengeti after all?](#)

Many conservationists have been united in animosity toward Tanzania's plan to build the so-called Serengeti Highway. The road, after all, would divide Serengeti National Park, threatening one of the world's last great large-mammal migrations.

[Respite for wildebeests](#)

The Government of Tanzania has every right to open up parts of the country that have for years remained under-developed.

[Serengeti road scrapped over wildlife concerns](#)

Controversial plans to build a tarmac road across the Serengeti National Park have been scrapped after warnings that it could devastate wildlife.

[Tanzania to rethink road through Serengeti: UNESCO](#)

U.N. world heritage body UNESCO says Tanzania will reconsider plans for a major road across its Serengeti National Park that critics said would upset one of Africa's top wildlife spectacles - the annual migration of some two million wildebeest.

[Tanzania's Serengeti road halt 'no reason to celebrate'](#)

Tanzania's decision to scrap plans to build a highway through the Serengeti national park is no cause for celebration, conservationists said, warning that development will continue.

United States of America

[A frog endangered, but extinct no more](#)

A Las Vegas native thought to have been extinct for decades is alive and living in Arizona. The Vegas Valley leopard frog was last seen in 1942, and officially declared extinct in 1996. The development of Las Vegas was thought to have been the main factor in the species' demise.

[Arizona Governor Brewer declares fire emergency for county](#)

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer declared a state of emergency for a county in the southeastern part of her state where firefighters were battling two wind-whipped blazes simultaneously.

[Arizona sheriff blames Mexican smugglers some fires](#)

Two Arizona wildfires that have scorched a quarter-million acres combined and destroyed dozens of homes just north of the U.S.-Mexico border were probably started by Mexican smugglers, the Cochise County sheriff said.

[Fighting wildfires with computers and intuition](#)

As thousands of firefighters used hand tools and hoses to combat the wildfires torching vast stretches of the Southwest, Drew Smith stared into a computer screen at a command center near one of the fiercest blazes and tried to determine which way the flames would veer next.

[Florida battles 400 wildfires, two firefighters die](#)

Florida's tough wildfire season has claimed the lives of two firefighters as the tinder-dry state battled more than 400 active blazes.

[Focus shifts to Texas in bad year for wildfires](#)

The unexpected flare-up of a wildfire in east Texas triggered more evacuations in an area northwest of Houston where some 1,800 people already have been displaced.

[Heat and wind hamper effort against fires](#)

Firefighters confronted strong winds and steamy temperatures in their battle to keep homes, dry forests and stretches of high desert from the flames of several wildfires throughout the Southwest.

[If a tree falls: the story behind the making of an American 'eco terrorist' group](#)

The Earth Liberation Front targeted dozens of businesses they accused of destroying the environment. As a new film charting its rise and fall premieres in the US, Matilda Lee speaks to director Marshall Curry about the fine line between activism and terrorism.

[Large wildfire in East Texas forces evacuations](#)

One of the largest wildfires in East Texas history was burning on about 14,000 acres, threatening dozens of homes and forcing the evacuation of several rural communities about an hour's drive north of Houston, officials said.

[Lighter winds help crews battle Arizona wildfires](#)

Diminished winds gave firefighters an edge in battling two wildfires in eastern Arizona that have charred well over half a million acres and forced roughly 11,000 people from their homes over the weekend.

[Los Alamos fire: More firefighters deploy in New Mexico](#)

Hundreds more firefighters have been deployed to battle a wildfire near a top US nuclear weapons research lab in New Mexico amid concerns the blaze could reach radioactive waste.

[Los Alamos Laboratory is on alert for a wildfire](#)

A wildfire that roared out of nowhere in northern New Mexico prompted an evacuation of Los Alamos County and had spread to the boundary of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the highly sensitive headquarters for United States military nuclear research.

[Los Alamos nuclear lab: New Mexico fire forces closure](#)

One of the top nuclear weapons research facilities in the US will remain closed as fire fighters battle a wildfire raging at its boundary.

[Los Alamos nuclear laboratory threatened by wildfire](#)

Efforts to protect New Mexico site stepped up as lab officials give assurances that dangerous materials can resist blaze.

[Meditating in silence as the fire draws near](#)

Those living in the path of a huge wildfire typically express all sorts of emotions, but in one remote community in southeastern Arizona, the reaction has been muted.

[Rain gives crews battling Texas wildfires a reprieve](#)

Rains over east Texas gave firefighters some relief in battling a devastating wildfire that has displaced 1,800 people and destroyed dozens of homes, authorities said.

[Rain, less heat, help Texas douse wildfires](#)

Heavy rain, easing winds and lower temperatures helped crews battling wildfires that have torched dozens of homes and scorched thousands of acres in Texas and the Southwest, authorities said.

[Stiff winds test gains of wildfire crews in Arizona](#)

Fire crews battling stubborn flames in eastern Arizona's mountainous pine forests faced a return of stiff winds that threatened to reverse gains against the largest wildfire in state history.

[Wildfire closes Los Alamos lab](#)

A fast-moving wildfire has broken out in New Mexico and forced officials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory to close the site as residents nearby evacuate their homes.

Viet Nam

[Foreign NGOs assist agriculture](#)

Eleven international non-governmental organisations (NGO) financed almost US\$2.3 million for nine projects in the fields of agriculture, forestry, aquaculture and irrigation in the first six months of this year.

[Hydropower plants damaging Ha Tinh environment](#)

Deforestation for the construction of hydropower plants is causing erosion and depression of the surface soil, reducing the ability for water absorption of the soil as well as changing the ecological environment forever, said the central province of Ha Tinh in a report.

Zambia

[Dapp acts to salvage Lukanga wetlands depletion](#)

The realisation that dealing with environmental degradation is a mammoth task which cannot be tackled single-handedly has continued to result in various stakeholders taking an active role in supplementing the existing measures.

World

[A smart way to save wildlife](#)

Modernity is often the enemy of conservation, as our 21st-Century lifestyles put ever greater pressure on the natural world.

[Afforestation will hardly dent warming problem: study](#)

Schemes to convert croplands or marginal lands to forests will make almost no inroads against global warming this century, a scientific study said.

[Africa's declining wildlife](#)

The cause of the continent-wide decline has been attributed mainly to the lack of money and people needed to police parks.

[Agro-industrie: la palme de l'opacité](#)

Produite dans de petites exploitations, notamment en Malaisie et en Indonésie, transformée par de nombreux intermédiaires, l'huile de palme offre peu de garanties sur sa provenance comme sur son impact environnemental. Et les choses peinent à bouger.

[Arabian oryx leaps back from near-extinction](#)

The Arabian oryx, a desert antelope that may have sparked the legend of the unicorn, has bounced back after being hunted almost to oblivion, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) said.

[Arabian 'unicorn' no longer extinct](#)

The IUCN says the antelope's reintroduction to the wild is the most successful effort for any species once classified as extinct.

[Aves y científicos recuperan hábitats forestales fragmentados](#)

Un artículo publicado recientemente por la revista Ecology, afirma que las especies de plantas diseminadas por los pájaros podrían necesitar ayuda de los humanos debido a la fragmentación de los hábitats forestales.

[Barbie est accro à la déforestation. Ken la quitte](#)

Les histoires d'amour finissent mal... en général. Pour le couple le plus glamour de la planète jouet, une page se tourne: entre Barbie et Ken, c'est terminé. Ken a rompu après avoir appris que sa bien-aimée était impliquée dans la destruction de pans entiers de forêts tropicales en Indonésie. Pour être emballée dans une jolie boîte, elle sacrifie les forêts indonésiennes, notamment des régions abritant les derniers tigres et orangs-outans de Sumatra.

[Cameroon, Nigeria in new plan to save rare chimp](#)

Cameroon and Nigeria plan to enlarge their protected forest areas and boost conservation programs to save a rare chimpanzee subspecies from going extinct because of hunting and habitat destruction.

[Climate change leads to concern about honey bees](#)

Global warming has led to many plants blooming ever earlier and also before honey bees emerge from hibernation, leading to fears of a long-term decline in pollination.

[Community must be placed at the heart of African conservation](#)

Making fauna and flora worth more when it's alive will ensure local people will take responsibility for protecting their natural assets.

[Congo Basin slow to adopt Redd](#)

Only two of the eleven countries that share the Congo Basin have validated their plans to participate in the forest conservation process known as REDD+.

[Deux forêts tropicales classées en péril par l'Unesco](#)

La liste des sites naturels de la planète classés en péril par l'Unesco s'est alourdie de deux nouveaux sites, les forêts tropicales de Sumatra et celles du Rio Platano au Honduras, menacées par les activités humaines telles que le braconnage, l'abattage illégal d'arbres, l'emprise agricole, etc.

[Developing countries hardest hit by wildfires](#)

Wildfires burn several hundred million hectares of vegetation around the world each year and appear to be growing in number and extent, but their impact on developing countries is particularly worrying, experts say.

[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.

[Forests in danger as study warns UN funding is unlikely](#)

Funding relies on public sector and most governments unwilling to spend more on overseas development, say researchers.

[Happy orangutans live longer in zoos](#)

Happier orangutans are more likely to live for longer, according to a study.

[La reforestation ne suffira pas à résoudre le problème du réchauffement climatique](#)

Selon une étude canadienne, reboiser toutes les surfaces cultivées de la Terre ne permettrait de faire diminuer le réchauffement global que de 0,45°C...

[Noruega y Alemania donan 90 mlns dlrs contra deforestación](#)

Noruega y Alemania anunciaron donaciones por más de 90 millones de dólares para los programas del Banco Mundial contra la deforestación tropical, acusada de agravar el cambio climático.

[Palm oil plantations could help preserve the Amazon](#)

In recent years, palm oil development in Malaysia and Indonesia has devastated tropical forests there. With Brazil on the verge of its own palm oil boom, can sustainable cultivation of the crop actually help save the rainforest, rather than hastening its destruction?

[Planting trees 'no magic bullet' for climate change](#)

Planting trees may help appease travellers' guilt about pumping carbon into the atmosphere. But new research suggests it will do little to cool the planet, especially when trees are planted in Canada and other northern countries, says climatologist Alvaro Montenegro, at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

[Plus de 200 zones importantes pour les plantes bordent la Méditerranée](#)

Une étude du WWF et de l'UICN ont mis en évidence des zones riches en biodiversité au Moyen-Orient et en Afrique du Nord qui doivent être préservées.

[Reforestar no resolverá el problema del cambio climático](#)

La deforestación es causante de entre el 10% y el 20% de las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero, afirma un estudio.

[Replacing crops with trees barely slows warming](#)

A key climate change reduction strategy recommended by the United Nations won't have much effect on global temperatures, according to a couple of Canadian scientists.

[Smarter food production key to curbing forest loss - study](#)

Developing countries aiming to curb greenhouse gas emissions need to create strategies that address the deforestation caused by agricultural expansion, which is the main cause of forest clearing in most nations, according to a report released this month.

[Songbirds eavesdrop on predatory chipmunks](#)

Ground-nesting birds eavesdrop on chipmunks in order to protect their nests, according to scientists.

[U.N. puts two rainforests on 'danger' list](#)

Illegal logging, poaching and other intrusions have put rainforests in Honduras and Indonesia on the U.N. List of World Heritage in Danger, a U.N. agency says.

[Valuing ecosystem services: From 'reversing entropy' to the price of voles](#)

The Smith School world forum at Oxford University aims to tackle a big question: how can nature be valued so its worth – of all kinds – stops being lost.

[Warning over REDD projects excluding rural poor from forests](#)

Global study finds forests provide one-fifth of household income in rural communities and says access for them should be prioritized in REDD-type conservation projects.

[Why study hyenas?](#)

“When there are so many nicer animals out there, why study hyenas?” That is the question my mother asked me when I first told her back in the mid-1980s that I was planning to move to Kenya to study spotted hyenas.

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