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Forthcoming FAO events

August

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

Bangkok, Thailand - 08–09 August 2011

October

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

San José, 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

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

[MADERA \]+3\[](#)

Misiones, Argentina - 16-20 August 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

[Restoring Forests for Communities, Biodiversity, and Ecosystem Services](#)

Bogor, Indonesia - 12-13 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

[Fifth International Woodfibre Resources and Trade Conference - Woodchips and biomass for global markets](#)

Singapore - 31 October 2 November 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

[VI Congreso Forestal Venezolano - "Conservar y Plantar Bosques No Es Un Lujo, Es Una Necesidad"](#)

Barquisimeto, Venezuela - 29 November - 02 December 2011

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

Montpellier, France - 15-18 November 2011

[Usages, biodiversité et forêt méditerranéenne](#)

Bouches-du-Rhône, France - 17-18 November 2011

FAO Forestry vacancies

[Forestry Officer \(Geospatial\)](#)

[Forestry Officer \(MRV Facilitator - REDD+\)](#)

[Forestry Officer \(REDD+\)](#)

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

[Programme Officer \(REDD+\)](#)

[Technical Officer \(Graphic Design\)](#)

FAO in the news

[20% de los bosques en el mundo están en manos privadas](#)

Reformar los sistemas de tenencia forestal y garantizar los derechos de propiedad de los bosques puede mejorar de forma importante los medios de subsistencia de la población, indicó una guía publicada por la FAO.

['Año de los bosques', promueve reflexión](#)

La Comisión Nacional Forestal (Conafor) destacó ayer lunes que las múltiples actividades desarrolladas este 2011 por el Año Internacional de los Bosques despertó el interés a nivel nacional y mundial sobre el tema, como lo reflejan los artículos difundidos en revistas y otros medios, entre los que destaca el elaborado por la FAO, titulado "La reforma de la tenencia de los bosques: Cuestiones, principios y procesos".

[Aplicarán incentivos económicos para preservar zonas boscosas](#)

Paraguay recibirá unos 4,7 millones de dólares de las Naciones Unidas para la implementación de un programa de reducción de las emisiones por deforestación. Este plan consistirá fundamentalmente en la aplicación de incentivos económicos a los propietarios que preserven las zonas boscosas que forman parte de sus tierras.

[Changing attitudes around the world](#)

Sustainable forestry projects need to be encouraged by all islands governments with a view not only towards preserving the environment but equally importantly to look at the activity as an economically sustainable activity to help local people engaged in it raise their living standards.

[Clean cook stoves promote sustainability of local resources](#)

Clean cook stoves are helping to decrease the use of fuel wood and promote the sustainability of local resources. These stoves use 50 to 70 percent less fuel, usually in the form of wood or charcoal, the primary sources of energy for many impoverished people in the world.

[El año de los bosques](#)

Respondiendo a crecientes preocupaciones a nivel mundial, la Organización de las Naciones Unidas declaró el 2011 como el Año Internacional de los Bosques. Al lanzar esta iniciativa, "la Asamblea General de la ONU creó una importante plataforma para educar a la comunidad mundial sobre el valor de los

bosques, y el costo social, económico y medioambiental extremo de su pérdida”, expresó el secretario general de la ONU, Ban Ki-moon.

[FAO Regional Near East announces photography competition about forests](#)

Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO, Near East Regional Office has announced a photography competition: "Forests in Photos" under the theme of "Forests for People".

[FAO: Sistema de tenencia de bosques necesita reformarse](#)

Reformar los sistemas de tenencia forestal y garantizar los derechos de propiedad de los bosques, pueden ampliar los medios de subsistencia de la población, a la par de obtener ingresos de los productos que generan.

[Forest ownership can significantly improve people's lives-FAO](#)

Reforming forest tenure systems and securing forest ownership rights can significantly improve peoples' livelihoods and enable them to gain income from forest products says a new United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) report .

[Les droits de propriété forestière améliorent les moyens d'existence des populations](#)

La réforme des systèmes de tenure forestière et la sécurisation des droits de propriété peuvent considérablement améliorer les moyens d'existence des populations et leur permettre de tirer des revenus des produits de la forêt, selon un nouveau guide de la FAO, Reforming Forest Tenure.

[Los ingenieros de montes reconocen la labor de EFEverde con su Medalla Honor](#)

El Colegio de Ingenieros de Montes (CIM) ha reconocido la labor de la plataforma global de periodismo ambiental de la Agencia EFE en favor de la información ambiental de calidad con la concesión, a EFEverde, de la Medalla de Honor de la institución.

Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16-31 July 2001

International Year of Forests

[Accra West Regional Office plants trees to observe environment day](#)

The Accra West Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency embarked on a tree planting Exercise at the University of Ghana, Legon, to help promote green economies.

[Being batty about bats](#)

The United Nations Environment Programme, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species and many bat conservation organisations have declared 2011 as the Year of the Bat, which coincides with the United Nations International year of Forests.

[Colombia, octavo deforestador](#)

El 2011 ha sido declarado por Naciones Unidas como el Año Internacional de los Bosques, con el objetivo de crear conciencia sobre la necesidad de detener la deforestación y degradación que están sufriendo estos ecosistemas en el mundo. El panorama en Colombia es bastante desalentador.

[DEC announces New York's forests photo contest](#)

In recognition of the importance of forests to the health and well being of society, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced a contest to Celebrate New York's Forests.

[Do go down to the woods today...](#)

The trouble with exhibitions held to recognise the value of forests, is that people like me are tempted to complain that you can't see the wood for the trees. Such is the case at the current show at the Kenya National Museum in Nairobi, held to celebrate the UN International Year of Forests.

[FSC España aplaude la nueva Ley de Residuos por incluir la certificación forestal en el Año Internacional de los Bosques](#)

La entidad de certificación forestal FSC España ha aplaudido la nueva Ley de Residuos y Suelos Contaminados que ha sido aprobada en el Congreso de los Diputados porque "por primera vez" contempla la certificación forestal, coincidiendo con el Año Internacional de los Bosques".

[In Honor of International Year of Forests](#)

Mexican Ambassador Plants Tree in Jerusalem "We are very conscious of how hard Israel in general, and KKL-JNF in particular, has worked to make this country green. It is an example we would like to follow," said the Mexican Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Federico Salas, at a special tree planting ceremony held at the Yad Kennedy VIP Planting Center to mark Mexico's National Forestation Day.

[Martínez reivindica la protección de los bosques "como responsabilidad ética"](#)

La consejera del Ejecutivo cántabro ha hecho estas declaraciones, en la Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP), durante la inauguración del seminario "El futuro de los bosques en Europa", que patrocina la Consejería coincidiendo con la declaración del Año Internacional de los Bosques 2011 por Naciones Unidas.

[Planting trees teaches youth the value of forests](#)

How do you teach children the value of forests? Simple. You start by showing them how to plant a tree.

Argentina

[L'Argentine ne comptera bientôt plus de jaguar](#)

En Argentine, le jaguar est menacé d'extinction d'après la Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina(FVSA). L'organisation exige d'ailleurs une action urgente pour protéger l'espèce.

[Patagonian farmer follows herd instincts](#)

When we landed in Rio Gallegos, Argentina it didn't take me long to spot Richard Fenton. He was the only six-foot tall bearded red-headed guy wearing an olive-green fatigue jacket and a wide-brimmed bush hat. When his hearty welcoming words: "Hello, Brian, how are you?" boomed out in English amongst the Spanish-speaking crowd at the arrival gate, I was certain we had located our host.

Australia

[\\$274m buys hope that bitter logging dispute is at an end](#)

A peace deal between Tasmania's forestry industry and environmental lobby has been secured by a \$274 million government package, raising hopes the long-running conflict is near an end.

[Families feel the squeeze and opt for old-fashioned wood fires over gas](#)

As electricity costs surge and the nation wrestles with the carbon tax, Australians are returning to the eternal fuel of winters past. With electricity prices rising 15 per cent to 18 per cent this month, firewood suppliers already distributing up to 6 million tonnes a year are likely to face heavier demands.

[Malaysian minister lobbies Australian MPs on palm oil laws](#)

A Malaysian cabinet minister says Australia should reconsider its push to introduce palm oil labelling now that Malaysia's agreed to host 800 asylum seekers. The Malaysian Minister for Plantation Industries and Commodities, Bernard Dompok, is in Australia to lobby federal MPs against the proposed laws.

[Palm oil labelling in Australia could become a reality if bill passes](#)

Bill requires packaging to identify palm oil, currently shown as vegetable oil – but Malaysia expected to be unhappy.

[Report warns of climate change devastation](#)

The Australian Climate Commission says the Illawarra region, on the New South Wales south coast, is facing devastating bushfires, floods and loss of biodiversity by the year 2100 if it does not act on climate change.

[Tasmania in \\$274m forests deal](#)

Peace is closer to being secured in the decades-long fight over Tasmanian forests after a \$274 million government package aimed at ending most logging of native forests was agreed.

[Warning of pain in lumber region](#)

Timber's ability to fight global warming through its role in construction and design has been dealt a blow in the federal government's proposed carbon tax, according to a coalition of more than 80 forest scientists and timber company representatives.

Belgium

[Des spécialistes s'interrogent sur l'évolution de la forêt wallonne](#)

La Foire agricole de Libramont a profité de son dernier jour de démonstrations forestières pour inviter différents spécialistes à s'interroger sur l'évolution de la forêt wallonne face aux changements climatiques.

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

[“El Gobierno no pedirá lotes en Mallasilla”](#)

El Director de Bosques y Tierras señaló que el fallo del Tribunal Agrario no revierte terrenos a favor del Estado ni de los comunarios.

[El precio del bosque](#)

¿Cuál es la importante producción, beniana o del Tipnis, actual o futura, que debe llegar a la máxima velocidad a los mercados? , o ¿qué nueva producción llegará al Beni por la nueva carretera, que no llegue por las carreteras existentes?

[La reserva Choré está afectada más de un 80%](#)

Dramático. El avance de la actividad agrícola y la deforestación causan la erosión del suelo. Los colonos no quieren dejar el lugar mientras el Gobierno busca reubicar tres comunidades.

[Se registran 47 focos de calor en el departamento de Cochabamba](#)

El departamento de Cochabamba tuvo 47 focos de calor entre principios de junio y mediados de julio, revelan reportes satelitales recibidos por la Autoridad de Fiscalización y Control Social de Bosques y Tierras (ABT).

Brazil

[Advierten que reservas naturales de Brasil están desprotegidas](#)

Los bosques nacionales y las reservas naturales de Brasil cuentan con muy poco personal y carecen de la infraestructura que podría ayudar a combatir la deforestación, afirmó una organización activista.

[Amazon forest destruction falls dramatically](#)

Deforestation of the Amazon rainforest dropped dramatically last year, according to the Brazilian environment agency, Ibama.

[Amazonia: deforestación y trabajo esclavo](#)

Más de la mitad del carbón usado por la siderurgia brasileña viene de esas fuentes, contaminando toda la cadena mundial del acero.

[Brazil criticized for lax conservation efforts](#)

A Brazilian land and indigenous rights group says the country's national forests and nature reserves are severely understaffed and lack the infrastructure that could help combat deforestation.

[Crops indirectly deforest Amazon](#)

Increased production of soybeans and sugarcane in Brazil increased deforestation of the Amazon, but not directly. More crops are being grown on the Brazilian savannah, where ranchers have traditionally raised their cattle. As crops take the place of cattle on the savannah, the ranchers move into the forest.

Burkina Faso

[Burkina Faso suffering from deforestation](#)

The Burkina Faso authorities have sounded the alarm over the increased rate of degradation of forests in this Sahelian country. According to a study by the Ministry for the Environment and Sustainable Development, some 110,550 hectares of forest are destroyed each year, just over four percent of the country's total wooded area - around three-quarters of this annual loss linked to farming. The data covers forest loss between 1992 and 2002, but the trend continues, according to the ministry.

[States loses thousands of hectares of forests each year](#)

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Canada

[Des milliers de personnes évacuées en Ontario](#)

Les températures accablantes et les vents forts ne facilitent pas le travail des pompiers dans le nord de l'Ontario, où des incendies de forêt font rage.

[Le Nord de l'Ontario brûle](#)

Les chaudes températures, les forts vents et le ciel sans nuage continuent de favoriser la propagation des incendies de forêt dans le Nord de l'Ontario.

[Rien d'inquiétant au Québec](#)

Si les incendies de forêt continuent de sévir dans le nord-ouest de l'Ontario, la situation au Québec est particulièrement calme, malgré les périodes de canicule.

Colombia

[10 ideas para reconstruir a Colombia](#)

¿Qué se debe hacer para evitar una tragedia ambiental? El Espectador les preguntó a 10 colombianos sobresaliente qué harían. Estas son sus ideas.

Côte d'Ivoire

[Nabo Clément, ministre des Eaux et Forêts: "On note trop de fraudes des clandestins dans le secteur de la filière bois et cela est inacceptable"](#)

Monsieur le ministre beaucoup de défis attendent le Gouvernement ivoirien. Comment allez-vous réussir cette mission si délicate confiée par le Président, le Dr Alassane Dramane Outtara, dans le secteur des Eaux et Forêts?

Croatia

[Croatie: un incendie fait rage sur l'île de Brac](#)

Un incendie de forêt, qui s'est déclaré jeudi et a déjà anéanti des milliers d'hectares, continuait de faire rage sur l'île adriatique de Brac (Croatie), ont indiqué samedi des responsables des services de secours.

Cuba

[Cuba registra récord de incendios forestales entre febrero y mayo de 2011](#)

Cuba registró el récord de 695 incendios forestales este año en el "período crítico" comprendido entre los meses de febrero y mayo, la cifra más alta desde 1991, informaron autoridades del Cuerpo de Guardabosques de la isla citadas por medios locales.

Democratic Republic of Congo

[DRC gorillas repatriated](#)

Rwanda Development Board (RDB) in collaboration with partners in conservation airlifted, six orphaned Low Land Gorillas from Kinigi, Northern Province to the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Centre (GRACE) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Dominican Republic

[Crean 200 bosques temáticos](#)

El Plan Nacional Quisqueya Verde ha impulsado y logrado establecer en el país, con la participación de empresas e instituciones gubernamentales y no gubernamentales, más de 200 bosques temáticos y representativos de la sociedad dominicana en los primeros seis meses de este año 2011.

Ecuador

[Deforestación: el principal 'aporte' al cambio climático mundial](#)

La deforestación es considerada el aporte más nocivo del Ecuador al cambio climático del planeta.

[Your chance to save Ecuador's rainforest](#)

Individuals can contribute as little as 60p to compensate the country for leaving its oil underground.

Eritrea

[Active popular participation in reforestation campaign](#)

The reforestation program in Anseba region is gaining momentum, according to Mr. Al-Amin Tahir, head of the branch office of the Agriculture Ministry in the region.

[Central Region - extensive reforestation activities being carried out in all villages](#)

Extensive reforestation activities are being carried out through Summer Work Program (SWP) this year in the Central region. This is in continuation of the community-based reforestation program, stated Mr. Berhane Negash, director general of Social Service in the region.

[Exemplary nationals receive award for active role in reforestation activities](#)

Exemplary nationals including individuals and Army Commanders as well as towns, institutions, head of regional administration, Area and sub-zonal administrators in the Southern region received awards worth 400,000 Nakfa for their active participation in reforestation activities.

[Inhabitants of Gergef carry out extensive reforestation activities](#)

The inhabitants of Gergef, Golij sub-zone, are carrying out extensive reforestation activities. They told Erina that they are engaged in a campaign headed by agricultural experts in the sub-zone to prevent soil erosion and plant trees that could adapt to the climate of the area.

France

[France: Wild boars dead amid algae on Brittany coast](#)

More than 30 dead wild boars have been found on the coast of north-western France this month amid suspicion of algae poisoning, officials say.

[Indemniser les "forêts perdues"?](#)

Étienne Meire, maire de Raon-les-Leau et son collègue de Raon-sur-Plaine, Antoine Quirin, ne se font plus d'illusion. Mais ils ne peuvent pas renoncer.

[La campagne contre les feux de forêt lancée... malgré la pluie](#)

Pévention. Le dispositif des sapeurs-pompiers s'étoffe pour l'été. Les équipes se déploient sur le terrain en fonction du niveau de risque dicté par les prévisions météo. L'air est plus chaud. Le soleil est là - il revient toujours après la pluie! Un temps parfait pour allumer un barbecue. Oui, mais attention.

[La Harth, un massif unique mais à deux visages](#)

La forêt de la Harth, à l'est de Mulhouse, n'est pas des plus exubérantes: elle a peu de limon et reçoit peu de pluie. Mais elle est riche de ses différences.

[La Wantzenau à la reconquête de son identité rhénane](#)

Elle était menacée dans son identité de forêt rhénane par le Rhin devenu sage et dans son existence même par les hommes, qui le sont beaucoup moins. La forêt de la Wantzenau semble pourtant amorcer sa renaissance.

[Pascal Viné "La gestion durable de la forêt reste la priorité"](#)

Pascal Viné, son directeur général, assure que le caractère public de l'ONF garantit sa mission de préservation de la forêt.

[Row rages over calls for cull as wolves spread across France](#)

The wolf, pursuing its lightning reconquest of France, has reached the Vosges Mountains on the Alsace-Lorraine border for the first time in 80 years.

Ghana

[Addressing gas shortage in Ghana](#)

Following the devastating bush fires of 1983 due to the rapid spread of the effects of desertification the government took a number of steps to stem the tide. Apart from the re-afforestation programme by way of massive tree planting, the government also undertook to sensitize the people to the use of LPG for cooking.

[Forest Services Division cultivates over 8000 hectares of tree species](#)

The Forestry Service Division (FSD) cultivated 8,752.85 hectares of teak, oframo and cedrella tree species in the Brong-Ahafo Region under the Modified Tuangya System between 2001 and 2009.

[Ghana builds capacity in CDM for Carbon Credit trade](#)

Multinational companies are seeking large stretches of degraded lands in Ghana and other developing countries to establish tree plantations to help stabilize rising temperatures and reduce the impact of climate change.

[Oil discovery brings additional challengers on environment](#)

The Vice President, John Dramani Mahama, said the discovery of oil and gas in the country has brought to the fore, additional challenges on the environment, particularly on the coastal landscape.

Guatemala

[Vecinos asumen la reforestación](#)

Quetzaltecos dicen "manos a la obra" ante la deforestación que sufre el municipio; este año intensifican campañas para sembrar árboles y superan a la comuna.

Honduras

[Guaras en libertad con su belleza regresan a los bosques del valle de Copán](#)

En Copán Ruinas hay muy buenas noticias... Mientras cerca de 60 hermosas guaras rojas, sobrevuelan libremente el valle de Copán en más de 30 centros educativos de esta región del occidente del país, se impulsa un novedoso proyecto de educación ambiental comunitaria para promover su protección por parte de la población.

[Honduras pierde 1,300 millones por deforestación](#)

Bosques nacionales continúan siendo víctimas de indiscriminada tala ilegal. EL HERALDO encontró recientes zonas descombradas.

[Impulsan Red Hondureña de Bosques Modelo como estrategia de gestión ambiental participativa](#)

Honduras, podría ser a corto plazo, el primer país de la región centroamericana que cuente con una Red Nacional de Bosques Modelo, en la que inicialmente están participando diferentes actores involucrados en la gestión sostenible y manejo participativo de amplias zonas boscosas de Atlántida, Yoro, Sico-Paulaya (Iriona, Colón) y Gualaco en Olancho.

[Órganos incumplen ley para proteger bosque](#)

Los organismos encargados de cuidar los bosques hondureños tienen una enorme cuota de responsabilidad en la masiva depredación de árboles, según el Monitoreo Forestal Independiente (MFI) del Comisionado Nacional de los Derechos Humanos (Conadeh).

India

['Govt must follow ignored rules, make Delhi greener'](#)

Delhi takes great pride in its annual greening drive, but environmentalists say very little is being done to ensure that the trees actually survive.

[Himachal's afforestation plan, Mid-Himalayan Watershed Development Project for carbon trading scheme, gets UN nod](#)

India's first multi-million public afforestation scheme in Himachal Pradesh has been registered for carbon trading by the UN, an official statement said.

[India tiger population up 20 percent](#)

The tiger population in India, home to half the world's big cats, rose to 1,706 in 2010, up 20 percent from 1,411 in a 2006 survey, the government said.

[Leopard attacks villagers in India](#)

A leopard strayed into Prakash Nagar village in India and mauled several people, including three guards, before being caught by forest officials. The animal, which suffered injuries caused by knives and batons, died later in the evening at a veterinary centre.

[NGO's concern over wanton destruction of forests](#)

Expressing grave concern at the wanton destruction of forests in the State, Aranya Suraksha Samiti-Assam has urged the Government to come up with adequate laws and foolproof implementation to ensure that the State regained its lost green cover.

[Ntangki Forest: An ecological issue and concern of the Nagas](#)

The Govt of Nagaland initiated a people consultative meeting dated 20th June 2009 Kohima represented by Council of Ministers, Naga Hoho, ENPO, NSF, NMA, and Naga tribal Hohos; a resolution passed on the issue of encroachment in Ntangki Reserved Forest wherein the meeting resolved that the general public, including the Tribal Hohos, the NGOs and civil societies should extend full support, cooperation, to the Govt in the effort to take up pro-active action against all forms of encroachment in the Govt Reserved land and forest.

['The situation is critical'](#)

William Laurence, Jean-Philippe Puyravaud and Priya Davidar, the scientists who wrote the research paper 'Cryptic Destruction of India's Native Forests', tell Anahita Mukherji that India's forest cover is shrinking at the rate of 1.5 to 2.7% a year. It could mean that in a few years there might be nothing left.

[The woods are lovely, but dark and deep?](#)

India's forest cover has been increasing, says the government. But the government might just be fudging the figures. According to a research paper called 'Cryptic Destruction of India's Native Forests', written by two Indian scientists and a colleague from Australia, the exact opposite has been happening — our forest cover has been decreasing.

[This leopard's death is a familiar tragedy](#)

Careful planning and natural deterrents could help avoid the loss of human and animal lives because of land competition.

Indonesia

[15 million hectares of forests destroyed from 2000 to 2009: FWI](#)

Indonesia lost 15 million hectares of forests from 2000 to 2009, a study conducted by Forest Watch Indonesia (FWI) says. "In 2000, Indonesia had 103 million hectares of forest, but only 88 million hectares left in 2009. Therefore, the speed of deforestation during those years was 1.5 million hectares per year," said FWI executive director Wirendro Sumargo.

[Indonesia pierde en 10 años 15% de sus selvas](#)

Indonesia ha perdido 64 millones de hectáreas de bosque durante los últimos 50 años, aunque el ritmo de deforestación ha disminuido últimamente.

[Indonésie: un tigre victime de la déforestation](#)

Un tigre de Sumatra pris au piège, agonisant, la patte noircie couverte de mouches. Cette triste scène, que montre une vidéo diffusée par l'association écologiste Greenpeace, illustre selon elle les conséquences du déboisement de la forêt équatoriale où vivent ces tigres menacés de disparition.

[Muere un tigre de Sumatra tras seis días atrapado en un cebo para jabalíes en Indonesia](#)

De la especie, en peligro de extinción, solo quedan 400 ejemplares en todo el mundo. Greenpeace denuncia la deforestación que llevan a cabo las papeleras en el hábitat natural de estos animales.

[REDD+: A pathway to prosperity](#)

In September 2009, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono committed Indonesia to a 26 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, and up to a 41 percent reduction with international assistance, while growing the economy at 7 percent per year at the same time.

[Tiger dies fleeing forest logged for Aussie toilet roll](#)

A major retailer is being accused of turning Indonesian rainforests critical to the survival of the Sumatran tiger into toilet paper.

Israel

[Botanist brings trees to the Israeli desert](#)

Deep in the driest and hottest part of Israel, a California-born botanist is trying to remake the Negev Desert with productive trees that thrive on abuse.

[Evacúan Museo del Holocausto por incendio junto a Jerusalén](#)

El Museo del Holocausto ("Yad Vashem") de Jerusalén, uno de los lugares más emblemáticos de la ciudad, fue evacuado a raíz de un incendio en un bosque en la parte oeste de la ciudad que amenazó con incendiar también los depósitos municipales de gasolina.

[Prime Minister of Slovenia plants an olive tree](#)

"Planting an olive tree is a symbolic gesture that represents our striving for peace as well as the promise that the Jewish people will never again undergo the horrors that it has suffered," said Borut Pahor, the Prime Minister of Slovenia.

Kenya

[Bill to protect migratory game routes to be tabled](#)

A Bill aimed at protecting game migratory routes is set to be tabled in Parliament. The Bill aims at minimizing human-wildlife conflict, the Kenya Wildlife Service board chairman David Mwiraria has said. He said the bill that emphasizes on conservation of the corridors seeks to revise the existing Wildlife Act that had become outdated.

[Burning of ivory sends a warning to poachers](#)

Kenya has publicly burnt elephant ivory worth £10m in an attempt to focus attention on rising poaching deaths.

[Five suspected poachers charged in Laikipia court](#)

Five suspected poachers appeared before a Nanyuki court charged with killing a rhino inside a wildlife conservancy in Laikipia.

[Jumbo matriarch felled by poachers](#)

The last mature female elephant in Samburu - Khadija - was killed by poachers just days before President Kibaki torched five tonnes of ivory seized from poachers. Khadija was the last remaining female elephant from a group known as the "Swahili ladies family" in Samburu.

[Kenya burns ivory in fight against poachers](#)

Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki has set on fire nearly five tonnes of ivory worth \$16m (£9.9m) to curb poaching.

[Kenya burns tusks to counter growing ivory smuggling](#)

Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki set fire to five tonnes of contraband ivory on Wednesday, a symbol of his and Africa's renewed commitment to fight poaching.

[Kenya president burns ivory to highlight poaching crisis](#)

Mwai Kibaki sets fire to more than five tonnes of elephant ivory worth £10m in attempt to stem growth of illegal trade.

[Life in northern Kenya: 'We either burn charcoal or die of starvation'](#)

Veronica Erupe, a single mother of four, was forced to leave her home when drought killed her livestock.

[Lion terror in Malindi](#)

Two lions believed to have strayed from Tsavo National Park have caused fear in Jilore and Katsuhanzala areas in Malindi district.

[Lorry ferrying sandalwood seized in Voi](#)

Taita Taveta County foresters have launched investigations after a lorry load of sandalwood was seized by administration police officers. A lorry ferrying two tonnes of sandalwood, the harvest and sale of

which has been banned for five years, was impounded after a tip off. The wood is said to have been harvested from an indigenous local forest.

[Man arrested for logging pine trees in Mau Narok](#)

A man was arrested for illegally logging pine trees from Kasuku farm in Mau Narok. Joseph Kang'ethe was spotted cutting down the three pine trees by an officer from the DC's office. He is said to have intended to split them into timber which he could later sell to neighbouring districts.

[Mau farmers defy political intrigue to protect endangered forest](#)

After years of damage from illegal encroachment and logging, one of Kenya's most important forest resources is finding protection from local farmers. Groups of farmers are banding together to plant new trees around the Mau Complex, an area of 16 blocks of forest on the western side of the Rift Valley.

[Police seize tusks in Kisii](#)

Only a day after President Kibaki burnt contraband ivory worthy millions of shillings, police and Kenya Wildlife Service rangers in Trans Mara West have arrested a man with elephant tusks.

[Seized tusks to go up in smoke as poaching escalates](#)

In an effort to draw the world's attention to the impact of poaching on Africa's elephants, the Lusaka Agreement Task Force will host the burning of five tonnes of seized ivory in Tsavo National Park.

[Selling poached ivory would be unethical](#)

There has been vigorous debate on President Kibaki's setting ablaze nearly 5,000 kilogrammes of ivory. Many argue that it would have been much better to sell the ivory and use the proceeds to buy food for the starving masses.

[Wekesa speaks out against wanton cutting down of trees](#)

Forestry and Wildlife minister Noah Wekesa has cautioned the public against massive cutting down of trees for charcoal. The minister said the trend has affected the rainfall patterns and reduced food production and led to high levels of poverty.

[Wildlife Service urges investors to venture into game parks](#)

Private investors have been asked to venture into parks and game reserves to attract more visitors.

Madagascar

[Madagascar: la filière artisanat menacée par la rareté du raphia](#)

La filière artisanat malgache est menacée par la rareté du raphia malgache qui constitue l'une des matières premières de ce secteur qui contribue plus de 15% du produit intérieur brut (PIB) du pays

Malaysia

[Hope for Sabah wildlife](#)

Sabah's forestry chief believes that if the orang utan is going to survive as a species, it will be in the state - due to its well-managed forests.

[Malaysia plans green palm oil certification scheme: report](#)

Malaysia, the world's No.2 palm oil producer, will come up with a certification scheme to ensure the tropical oil is grown without clearing forests and destroying wildlife, a newspaper reported on Monday.

Mexico

[Abre Guanajuato jornada nacional de reforestación](#)

Si se quiere un México seguro y libre, se tienen que reformar las instituciones de seguridad y combatir a los criminales como ya se hace, afirmó el presidente Felipe Calderón, en el inicio de la Jornada Nacional de Reforestación 2011, que tuvo lugar en el ejido Churipitzeo, en este municipio.

[Disminuye la captación de agua por la deforestación: Luege](#)

Con la pérdida de 150 mil hectáreas de bosques y selvas al año los mantos acuíferos registran severas afectaciones, pues disminuye 18 veces la captación de agua lluvia en comparación con los suelos forestales, señaló José Luis Luege.

[Disminuye tala ilegal en la zona núcleo de la Mariposa Monarca](#)

Menos de media hectárea de bosques ha resultado dañada en la zona núcleo de la mariposa Monarca por tala clandestina, en lo que va del año, lo que constituye una “significativa disminución” afirmó el secretario del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales, Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada.

[En México, una cuarta parte es bosque: Semarnat](#)

La falta de una política forestal integral ha provocado que en el país sólo 24% del territorio nacional sea bosque y 22% selva, manifestó el titular de la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada.

[Entregan apoyos para reducción de emisiones en Selva Lacandona](#)

La Secretaría de Medio Ambiente e Historia Natural entregó en la comunidad Ojo de Agua-Chankin los recursos destinados al proceso de Reducción de Emisiones por Deforestación y Degradación Evitada (REDD+).

[Esfuerzo valioso, pero “de alcances limitados”](#)

La reforestación, por si sola, no resuelve los problemas de la deforestación y la degradación de los bosques que padece México, advierte el experto forestal del Centro Universitario de la Costa Sur, de la UdeG, Enrique Jardel Peláez.

[‘Ganadería sin orden provoca deforestación’ en Coahuila](#)

Édgar Piñón Ruiz, gerente estatal de la Comisión Nacional Forestal afirmó que la ganadería en el estado trabaja de manera desordenada, lo que está provocando deforestación de regiones y desequilibrios ecológicos.

[Incendios forestales, una lección de fuego](#)

La protección a los bosques resulta una petición unánime y urgente de campesinos, propietarios de predios y autoridades, luego de un año trágico en materia de incendios forestales que nos deja como experiencia atacar de inmediato el fuego y vigilancia obligada, para evitar reactivaciones.

[Llegar a cero deforestación es la meta de México](#)

El Presidente dice que con ello se enfrentarán los estragos del cambio climático. Afirma que se ha reducido a más de la mitad el número de hectáreas que se perdían por año.

[Logging drops further in Mexico butterfly reserve](#)

Deforestation in the wintering grounds of the Monarch butterfly in central Mexico has dropped to just over one acre's worth of trees, compared to the hundreds of acres lost annually in the past, experts said.

[México aspira a "tasa cero" de deforestación en 2020, dice gobierno](#)

México se encuentra rumbo a una nueva conciencia ecológica, ya que mediante la política ambiental del actual gobierno busca llegar a tener una tasa cero de deforestación en el año 2020, informó el día 17 una fuente oficial.

[Mexico's Small-Scale Farmers Gain Entry to Global Carbon Markets](#)

When Mexico's Bosque Sustentable AC sold the first voluntary carbon credits from its Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve in 2006, the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) didn't yet exist, and the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance (CCBA) hadn't yet approved a single forestry project under its CCB Standard.

[Profepa da revés a denuncia de ecocidio de la ranchería Ceiba, 1ª](#)

Ejidatarios desde mediados de mayo pasado, expusieron que la ampliación de la batería compresora en ese lugar, ha provocado deforestación de las pocas áreas verdes; además de provocar contaminación en la comunidad.

[Revertir deforestación tardaría más de una década: Conafor](#)

El gerente de la Comisión Nacional Forestal (Conafor), Rafael Salazar de León, señaló que volver a tener los bosques tamaulipecos que se tuvieron por años y que fueron abatidos por los incendios forestales de la temporada "quizás se lleve más de una década restaurarlos, es muy difícil decirlo, quizás hasta 30 años pueda tarda un pino en llegar a la estatura que llegó a tener ahora que el incendio pasó sobre de él".

[Sembrarán 234 mil árboles en campaña](#)

En la región de Tehuacán, las superficies de Nicolás Bravo y Vicente Guerrero son las que más afectadas por talamontes.

[UAEM inicia campaña de reforestación 2011](#)

El rector de la Máxima casa de estudios sostuvo que ante el impacto de la tala clandestina y los incendios forestales se encuentra ante una grave contingencia por el agotamiento de los mantos acuíferos.

Morocco

[Taza: 75 ha de forêts ravagés par les flammes](#)

Des zones forestières d'une superficie globale de 75 ha ont été ravagées récemment par des incendies déclarés dans la forêt de Berkine (province de Taza), a-t-on appris lundi auprès de la délégation provinciale du Haut commissariat aux eaux et forêts et à la lutte contre la désertification.

Namibia

[Bring buffaloes back for gain](#)

Veterinary restrictions preventing the reintroduction of buffaloes, failure to devolve user rights over wildlife to land owners more fully, as well as the preferential allocation of permits to utilise wild life are some of the barriers to the development of wildlife-based land uses on freehold land.

[CCF honours wildlife warriors](#)

Three Namibians and a local business venture received top honours for their contribution to their conservation efforts at the 13th annual Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) gala.

[Elephant poachers caught](#)

Four men were arrested in the Caprivi Region in possession of four pairs of elephant tusks. Authorities suspect the men illegally hunted four elephants close to or inside the Chobe National Park in Botswana before smuggling their booty across the border into Namibia.

[Game meat could be money spinner](#)

Namibia's potential in wildlife-based land use (WBLU) has not yet been fully harnessed despite its huge potential as a money-spinner.

[Namibia bush meat trade could save its wildlife: study](#)

It isn't often that conservation groups urge hunting game as a way to save wildlife, but according to one such group, Namibia could conserve its nature better by doing exactly that.

Nigeria

[Australia partners group on forest conservation](#)

The Australian Government's overseas aid programme (AusAID) has partnered with the Omo-Shasha-Oluwa Conservation Initiative to develop the Omo and Oluwa Forest Reserves of Ogun and Ondo states respectively.

[Citizens must embrace fire prevention strategy - Ayadi](#)

Although Nigeria in 2009 held its first national conference on fire safety to address fire safety management, building safety, regulation and enforcement, etc, the incidence of fire across the country has been in the increase. A fire prevention expert and managing director of Sagif Ventures, Mr. Sam Ayadi opines that the solution may lie on effective fire prevention strategy, rather than the conventional use of fire fighting equipment.

[Desertification - citizens urged to take tree planting as a religious obligation](#)

As a way of combating the rising menace of desertification across the country, Nigerians have been advised to take tree planting as a religious obligation in the interest of national development and future generations.

[Erosion undercuts Nigeria beach tourism](#)

Beachfront erosion is undermining a popular tourist destination outside Nigeria's commercial capital Lagos. Environmentalists say stronger tides are partly the result of fewer trees and the harvesting of beach sand for construction.

[Fashola flags off 2011 tree planting campaign in Lagos](#)

Lagos State Governor, Mr Babatunde Fashola (SAN) flagged off the Year 2011 Tree planting campaign day in the State with a charge to everyone that it is not enough to plant a tree but to preserve existing ones and protect them from those who may wish to cut them down for any reason.

[Trees as antidote against flood](#)

As many Lagosians continue to suffer the impacts of flood, the quest for tree planting and proper waste disposal has again come to the fore.

[We are proud of our monkeys, says Eze Onyeneke](#)

Can you give us the historical background of the monkeys in Lagwa autonomous community?

Pakistan

[Court orders probe into deforestation](#)

The Lahore High Court directed the Gujrat district forest officer (DFO) to hold an inquiry into alleged involvement of forest officers in illegal cutting down of trees from the jungle of Dhool Kalan and selling them to timber mafia.

[Fighting the desert's advance with farm trees in Pakistan](#)

Every day, Jeeja Meghwar and her son spend up to 10 hours tending her three-acre farm in Nagarparker. They grow lemons, onions, tomatoes and chillies - crops that earn Meghwar enough to support herself and her two children.

[Increasing the forest cover](#)

The new highways M1, M2 and M3, etc., lack plantation. The picture supporting the news item showed barren strips of land all along the road without any plants. The disadvantages of deforestation are well known in the form of soil erosion, deficiency of valuable trees, climatic effects and the devastating affects of floods.

[Study concludes on deforestation](#)

An NGO working to promote peace, nature, human and animal rights conducted a study on deforestation in the district. Talking to the media, Ravi Foundation Director Ashfaq Fateh said, "The team of Ravi Foundation has observed drastic deforestation along the roads built in last two-five years."

Paraguay

[Bosque provee más del 50% de la energía usada, estiman](#)

A pesar de contar con dos grandes hidroeléctricas, los bosques proveen a la población paraguaya más del 50% de la energía que utiliza, según estimación del Instituto Forestal Nacional (Infona), que capacitó sobre reforestación y manejo forestal, en su stand de la Expo 2011.

[Denuncian que indígenas de RI 3 Corrales cambian rollos por caña](#)

La Fiscalía del Medioambiente constató la alarmante deforestación en una reserva boscosa en una comunidad indígena de la parcialidad mbya guarani de la localidad de RI 3 Corrales, Dpto. de Caaguazú. Lamentó que, según denuncias, los líderes de los nativos permitían la destrucción de la naturaleza a cambio de bebidas alcohólicas y yerba mate.

[Instan al racional uso de recursos forestales en fincas](#)

"Las pequeñas fincas, hasta un máximo de 50 hectáreas, tienen un tratamiento diferenciado con respecto a la Ley de Deforestación Cero, donde el propietario de las mismas puede obtener su Plan de Manejo Forestal (PMF) bajo el asesoramiento técnico del Instituto Forestal Nacional (Infona)", explicó la ingeniera Angélica Villalba, en el marco de una charla que realizaron técnicos de la mencionada institución.

[Paraguay y representantes del PNUD firman convenio para enfrentar al cambio climático](#)

Con apoyo de las Naciones Unidas el Gobierno Paraguayo implementará acciones para enfrentar al cambio climático. Con este propósito se firmó en la Cancillería Nacional un convenio de cooperación entre las partes, informó prensa del MRE.

Philippines

[Minda: only 6% left of Mindanao's forests](#)

The Mindanao Development Authority (Minda) has raised an alarm on the vast deforestation in Mindanao, although it did not say anything about the vast mining concessions.

Russian Federation

[Cerca de 19.000 hectáreas de bosques arden en el extremo oriente de Rusia](#)

Un total de 18.875 hectáreas de bosques arden en el extremo oriente de Rusia, donde bomberos y guardabosques luchan por sofocar 35 incendios, informaron hoy las autoridades locales.

[Emergencia por los incendios en la región rusa de Arjánguelsk](#)

Los autoridades de la región rusa de Arjánguelsk han declarado el estado de emergencia ante los numerosos incendios forestales avivados por las inusuales temperaturas registradas este verano.

[Les feux de forêt reviennent en Russie](#)

La canicule revient en Russie avec des températures dépassant quarante degrés au sud et trente degrés jusque dans l'Arctique, alors que les feux de forêt dévastent à nouveau des milliers d'hectares après la catastrophe de l'été 2010, ont indiqué les autorités.

[Más de mil 300 hectáreas de bosques en Siberia son afectadas por incendios](#)

Voluntarios y miembros del cuerpo de bomberos ruso tratan de extinguir un incendio forestal que ya ha dañado más de mil 300 hectáreas de terreno, aunque ya no hay amenaza de que las llamas afecten zonas pobladas.

[Rusia. El fuego se acerca a 60 kilómetros de la capital de la república Saja](#)

Más de 1.300 personas trabajan para apagar 23 incendios forestales en la República Saja (Yakutia), en Rusia, donde el fuego llegó a 60 kilómetros de la capital regional, Yakutsk.

[Russie: Vague de chaleur, premiers incendies signalés](#)

La Russie connaît une vague de chaleur marquée par des feux de forêt qui se propageaient rapidement, faisant craindre une répétition des incendies de l'été dernier qui avaient ravagé un quart des récoltes et rendu l'air irrespirable à Moscou.

Rwanda

[Chimpanzee population up by 54 percent](#)

A scientific team managing Gishwati Forest has disclosed that Rwanda's endangered chimpanzees increased by 54 percent in the last two and half years.

[Experts to discuss forest restoration](#)

The Ministry of Natural Resources will host an international workshop on forest landscape restoration. According to a press statement from the ministry, the objective of the workshop is to have a nationwide restoration initiative.

[Forest restoration an important milestone - Kamanzi](#)

The Minister of Natural Resources, Stanislas Kamanzi, has described the border-to-border restoration of the forest landscape initiative that the country has embarked on as an important milestone.

Spain

[Aprueban el compensar con ayudas las áreas que actúan como sumideros de CO2](#)

El Congreso de los diputados de España aprobó una proposición No de Ley presentada por el Grupo Socialista que recomienda compensar con ayudas y subsidios los espacios boscosos y de cultivo que actúan como sumideros naturales de CO2.

[Biomasa y 500.000 empleos en España para el año 2030](#)

El sector de la biomasa forestal española podría crear más de medio millón de puestos de trabajo en España durante los próximos 17 años, según las estimaciones difundidas por la Asociación Española de Valorización Energética de Biomasa (AVEBIOM), quien critica además la falta de atención oficial a este recurso.

[Cantabria reivindica la protección de los bosques "como responsabilidad ética"](#)

La consejera de Ganadería, Pesca y Desarrollo Rural, Blanca Martínez, ha asegurado hoy que garantizar la conservación y la protección de los bosques es "una responsabilidad moral y ética" ante los ciudadanos cántabros "y las generaciones venideras".

[Clonan siete árboles forestales que mejoran frente a incendios](#)

La organización ambientalista ADP ha conseguido sumar siete nuevos clones para asegurar la viabilidad del proyecto Fènix Verd, que parte de árboles forestales insólitos y muy especiales, desde multitud de enfoques, que los hace tan únicos y excepcionales (incluso en el ámbito planetario) como útiles para la sociedad.

[El bosque extiende sus raíces](#)

Hay pocas actividades económicas que hayan sufrido tanto durante la crisis como el sector forestal vasco. Englobado dentro de la agricultura pero pendiente siempre de dar un salto de calidad hacia una industrialización de los procesos, muchas empresas han reducido a la mitad sus plantillas. El monte daba trabajo a algo más de 7.000 personas hace unos años, hoy los agentes más optimistas estiman que unas 3.600 personas viven del negocio.

[El Gobierno de Navarra restaurará la zona afectada por el incendio de Arraiza](#)

El Gobierno de Navarra costeará y llevará a cabo la restauración de la zona afectada por el incendio declarado el pasado 5 de julio en las inmediaciones de Arraiza, que afectó a un total de 230 hectáreas.

[Feux de forêts en Espagne: des campings évacués](#)

Des pompiers luttent ce mardi contre un feu de forêt dans le nord-est de l'Espagne qui a entraîné l'évacuation de dizaines de campeurs et l'arrêt du trafic sur la ligne à grande vitesse entre Madrid et Barcelone.

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[Las preferencias sexuales de los urogallos](#)

Una investigación del Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) ha elegido los bosques de la Cordillera Cantábrica para analizar la relación entre el comportamiento del macho urogallo durante el cortejo sexual y la calidad de su entorno.

[Los urogallos eligen las zonas más vírgenes y antiguas para desplegar cortejo](#)

Los urogallos eligen las áreas menos alteradas por el hombre y las más antiguas para desplegar su cortejo sexual, lo que puede servir de parámetro para conocer el estado de conservación de un ecosistema y de su biodiversidad.

[PEFC España y CECU Madrid firman un convenio en materia de compra verde](#)

La Asociación para la promoción de la certificación forestal española (PEFC España) y la Confederación de Consumidores y Usuarios de Madrid (CECU Madrid) han firmado un convenio de colaboración cuyo principal objetivo es enmarcar y coordinar la actuación de ambas instituciones en transferencia de conocimiento, información y actuaciones, en medio ambiente y, más concretamente, en Consumo Responsable con productos procedentes de bosques certificados.

[Un bosque de árboles singulares para fechas inolvidables](#)

Un bosque lleno de árboles singulares que se han plantado coincidiendo con fechas o eventos significativos para la Universidad de Salamanca.

Switzerland

[Elle bat la fusée Ariane!](#)

La tour d'observation du Genevois, entièrement en bois de chêne, sera construite à Satigny (GE). Elle culminera à 60 mètres.

[Une tour en bois de 60 m dominera le Genevois](#)

Avec ses 60 mètres de haut, fichée au milieu de la plus grande commune viticole de Suisse, la Tour d'observation du Genevois devrait devenir un haut lieu du tourisme régional. Depuis là en haut, la vue circulaire sur le bassin lémanique et ses montagnes est exceptionnelle.

Uganda

[Ivory worth Sh110 million impounded at border](#)

Security operatives at Katuna border town in Kabale District have impounded ivory worth about Shs110 million after it was allegedly smuggled into Uganda by a Guinean from Burundi.

[Population of elephants rising](#)

Poaching is a blow to the recovering population of elephants in Uganda, currently estimated at 5,000. Following years of political turmoil and civil unrest, the population of elephants had reduced to 2,000 in 1982.

[UWA recovers land that had been lost to poaching](#)

THE Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) has recovered a 400 square kilometer poaching-prone zone in the Queen Elizabeth Conservation Area (QECA).

Ukraine

[Chernobyl: A field trip to no man's land](#)

"I had nightmares when I first came here," says Andrea. "You feel this sort of constant invisible threat. But you do get used to it. Now, I actually quite enjoy these field trips."

[Chernobyl's Przewalski's horses are poached for meat](#)

A herd of Critically Endangered wild Przewalski's horses in the Chernobyl exclusion zone is under threat from poachers, say scientists.

[Chernobyl's wildlife sanctuary](#)

A large, rusted iron gate swings open and we drive into Chernobyl's fire station. The place is still manned. Firemen patrol the exclusion zone surrounding the nuclear power plant checking for wildfires in this now very overgrown wilderness.

United Kingdom

[A comeback for the blue iguana](#)

What do golden lion tamarins, red wolves and, now, blue iguanas all have in common? In addition to sharing a flamboyant fashion sense, these animals are all examples of species brought back from the brink of extinction by captive breeding programs.

[Badger cull critics joined by campaign group 38 Degrees](#)

Following 500,000-strong petition against woodland sell-off, group targets proposed method of tackling bovine TB

[Badger cull decision due](#)

Environment secretary expected to green-light killing of creatures within strict limits in bid to protect cattle from bovine TB.

[Badger cull heads for further consultation](#)

There will be no culling of badgers in England this year to curb cattle tuberculosis, the government has said.

[Badger cull: Caroline Spelman 'strongly minded' to allow shooting](#)

Environment secretary says farmers will be allowed to kill badgers if pilot schemes confirm shooting is humane and effective.

[Badger cull: Spelman dodges bullet, badgers do not](#)

Plans to curb TB in cattle by shooting free running badgers are careful enough to avoid political flak, but legal challenges and protests may yet kill the culls.

[Badger cull to start in pilot areas](#)

Tens of thousands of badgers could be killed under plans to allow farmers to shoot the protected animals in England.

[Cardiff University Otter Project roadkill study results](#)

Scientists in Wales have shed new light on the social lives of otters by studying roadkill found by the public.

[Caroline Spelman fires starting gun on badger cull](#)

Badgers will be shot in a bid to limit the spread of TB in cattle, the Government is expected to announce. Groups of farmers will be licensed to organise the widespread shooting of badgers in the West Country, the worst-affected region, where nearly a quarter of all cattle farms were hit by tuberculosis infections last year.

[Forestry Commission warn of loss of ancient woodland if high speed rail goes ahead](#)

Almost 30 hectares of ancient woodland would be destroyed by the high speed rail line from London to Birmingham, the Forestry Commission has warned.

[Growing popularity of log-burning stoves fuels rise in timber thefts](#)

Timber thefts are on the rise in rural areas as the popularity of log-burning stoves increases demand for firewood.

[It's a bad time to be a badger](#)

I don't know if it's right or wrong to cull badgers, but the evidence of their increased numbers is to be seen everywhere in the country.

[London Zoo baby lorises get their first health check](#)

Two of the newest arrivals at London Zoo had their first health checks. The baby slender lorises, aged five months and eight months, were checked by the vet team to determine their sex and fit them with microchips.

[Rare bog spider found at Wester Moss reserve](#)

A rare bog sun-jumper spider has been discovered at a nature reserve near Stirling.

[Rat race: Scilly islands back plans to get rid of 3,100 rodents](#)

Conservationists on British archipelago to poison brown rats, which are wreaking havoc on precious bird populations.

[Roadkill Couture: ethical pelts or revolting wraps?](#)

A new shop in Brighton stocks clothes created from the skin, feathers, fur and bones of animals killed by cars.

[Sir David Attenborough says only wildlife most people see today are rats and pigeons](#)

City-dwellers are now so "divorced from nature" the only wild animals they are likely to see is a rat or a pigeon, according to Sir David Attenborough.

[The problem with badger culls](#)

We need a badger cull trial held in the real world ... to give us answers that matter, on results we care about, with the intervention we're actually using.

[UK launches woodland carbon code](#)

The UK Forestry Commission has published guidelines for schemes that plant trees in order to absorb carbon.

United Republic of Tanzania

[Country's timber shortage fuels deforestation](#)

Tanzania is suffering from high global prices of forest products because of increased deforestation. A research released by the World Trade Organization (WTO) last week said high timber prices and deforestation intricately linked.

[FSC certification helps to stop forest 'bleeding'](#)

The sound of a saw cutting deep into the kiaat tree (*Pterocarpus angolensis*, also called "bloodwood") in a forest in Kisangi village in southern Tanzania fills the air. Sweat drips from the body of 56-year-old Rafii Hashim as he pushes the saw rhythmically back and forth to ensure a smooth cut.

[Maasai express concern over man-eaters](#)

The hunter may have become 'the hunted' in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, where the Maasai community elders claim that their people are now being killed and eaten by wild animals, especially lions.

[Promote use of efficient stoves to save forests](#)

Firewood is the most common source of energy used in Tanzanian homes, and in some cases people, especially those living in the rural areas, have never known any other form of energy. But the use of firewood has disadvantages, and serious ones too.

[State urged to promote efficient stoves](#)

Tanzania should consider allocation of adequate funds from the Budget for improving the use of renewable energy, particularly charcoal and firewood, to avoid tens of thousands of deaths.

[Uranium mining project to kick off after selous boundaries are altered](#)

Tanzania has up to June next year to modify the boundaries of the Selous Game Reserve - a World Heritage Site - before it can start mining uranium.

United States of America

[Alabama snail makes comeback from endangered list](#)

A snail in Alabama has become the first in U.S. history to recover from the brink of extinction and is now merely threatened rather than an endangered species.

[American West's whitebark pine risks extinction: U.S.](#)

An iconic species of the American West, the whitebark pine, is at risk of extinction from climate change and disease, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said, but no immediate action is planned.

[Atlanta finds its identity as tree haven is threatened](#)

The sprawling canopy of magnolias, water oaks and pines that earned Atlanta the nickname "The City in a Forest" is looking significantly thinner these days.

[Authorities will not hunt bear in Alaska attack](#)

Alaska wildlife managers have no plans to hunt down a bear that attacked a group of seven young backpackers over the weekend in a remote stretch of backcountry, a state biologist said.

[Climate change and the plight of the whitebark pine](#)

For centuries, the whitebark pine, *Pinus albicaulis*, has grown on hundreds of thousands of acres across the West. It is a keystone species of an entire ecosystem — one now seriously at risk. Most of the whitebark pines in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks are dead. It has been declared an endangered species in Canada. And, last week, the Fish and Wildlife Service stated that the whitebark pine “warranted” listing as threatened or endangered, making it one of the very few species officially acknowledged as threatened by climate change.

[Climate change to spawn more wildfires](#)

Large fires are predicted for the Rockies and Yellowstone with the potential to push the area over a tipping point.

[EE UU: Incendios por cambio climático cambiarán parque Yellowstone](#)

Los densos bosques de altos pinos taeda son actualmente una característica dominante de este parque, un pintoresco destino turístico que se extiende por los estados de Idaho, Montana y Wyoming.

[Environmentalists, government debate wolf in court](#)

Environmentalists went to federal court seeking to restore endangered species safeguards for some 1,200 gray wolves in Montana and Idaho removed from protection by an unprecedented act of Congress.

[Gaz de schiste: le liquide de fracturation néfaste pour la forêt](#)

Une expérience menée dans une forêt de Virginie Occidentale confirme que le liquide de fracturation utilisé dans l'extraction du gaz de schiste est néfaste pour l'environnement.

[Grizzly bear mauls teenagers in Alaska](#)

Two students suffer life-threatening injuries after animal attacks group on survival course in Alaskan wilderness.

[Habitat loss imperils monarch butterflies](#)

If you see a monarch butterfly lighting in your backyard this year, take an extra moment to enjoy it. The monarchs' numbers have been cut in half in recent years, some researchers say, and they put much of the blame on hardier farm crops here in the Midwest.

[Hordes of hungry bats both delight and darken Austin](#)

There are 1.5 million bats living under a bridge in downtown Austin, and a historic Texas drought is making them hungrier than ever.

[Huge Arctic fire hints at new climate cue](#)

An exceptional wildfire in northern Alaska in 2007 put as much carbon into the air as the entire Arctic tundra absorbs in a year, scientists say.

[Human run-ins with bears may portend deeper changes](#)

Griffin W. Smith of Colorado Springs surprised a black bear in his kitchen last week. The bear was drinking from a dog dish. “But when a bear is in your kitchen, it seems bigger,” said Mr. Smith, 21, a biology major who was at home last week from college when he came downstairs for breakfast and found a black bear by the refrigerator, slurping from the dog’s dish.

[Idaho plans for extensive wolf hunts, trapping](#)

Idaho will open its wolf population, now estimated at about 1,000 animals, to extensive hunting and trapping to reduce their numbers to no fewer than 150 under a plan approved by the state Fish and Game Commission.

[Lions, check. Giraffes, check. Squirrels, check. Squirrels?](#)

Nobody goes to the zoo to see squirrels, which are often the only animals not confined. And getting a good look at a springsnail requires one to squint hard, preferably into a magnifying glass. But both creatures are among the latest additions to the Phoenix Zoo, where they are being held in safekeeping because of a worse-than-average fire season that has threatened their fragile habitats.

[More big Yellowstone fires predicted with climate change](#)

The size and frequency of wildfires in the northern Rocky Mountains will increase so much with global warming that it will profoundly alter the landscape of Yellowstone National Park and its environs, predicts a new study.

[More wildfires will transform US national park: study](#)

Climate change is likely to cause more frequent wildfires and may transform the forests and ecosystem of the iconic Yellowstone national park in the coming decades, a US study said.

[New rule would allow tribes to gather plants, minerals from National Parks](#)

The National Park Service is proposing a rule that would allow American Indian tribes to remove plants and minerals from national parks for traditional uses, a break from a Reagan-era policy that barred such activities, according to a draft obtained by Greenwire.

[No protection for pines in peril](#)

The Fish and Wildlife Service said that the whitebark pine, devastated by bark beetles and fungus, deserved to be listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. But it said it could not spare money and staff time to do so and to give the trees the protections that come from a listing.

[Officials seize one ton of smuggled elephant ivory](#)

Federal officials seized roughly a ton of ivory in one of the largest U.S. seizures on record and arrested the owner of an African art store accused of smuggling carved elephant tusks into the United States, authorities said.

[Pa. wind turbines deadly to bats, costly to farmers](#)

The butterfly effect suggests the flapping of a tiny insect's wings in Africa can lead to a tornado in Kansas. Call this the bat effect: A bat killed by a wind turbine in Somerset can lead to higher tomato prices at the Wichita farmers market.

[Pacific Northwest Trees Struggle for Water While Standing in It](#)

Contrary to expectations, researchers have discovered that the conifers of the Pacific Northwest, some of the tallest trees in the world, face their greatest water stress during the region's eternally wet winters, not the dog days of August when weeks can pass without rain.

[Philadelphia art dealer 'smuggled tonne of ivory'](#)

An art dealer has been arrested and accused of smuggling a tonne of African ivory into the US for sale at his Philadelphia store.

[Reforestation's Cooling Influence Is a Result of Farmers' Past Choices](#)

Decisions by farmers to plant on productive land with little snow enhances the potential for reforestation to counteract global warming, concludes new research from Carnegie's Julia Pongratz and Ken Caldeira. Previous research has led scientists and politicians to believe that regrowing forests on Northern lands that were cleared in order to grow crops would not decrease global warming. But these studies did not consider the importance of the choices made by farmers in the historical past.

[Scientists fight a deadly oak-tree disease](#)

On a hot summer day in 2008, a pair of plant disease researchers made an extraordinary discovery as they toured a hillside forest in San Mateo County: a stand of trees that had not been infected by the killer disease known as sudden oak death.

[Severe weather among threats to Minnesota's urban forest](#)

Beset by forces from road salt to roaring winds, trees in Minnesota have taken a beating this year, and some foresters think more of the same lies ahead.

[Snakes threaten Hawaii's fragile island ecosystem](#)

Hawaii has been largely successful in preventing snakes from entering the island paradise over the years and avoiding the grave danger they present to tropical birds, colorful plants and the vibrant environment that draws millions of tourists to the state each year.

[U.S. lawmakers find something to agree on: endangered species](#)

This just in: the U.S. House of Representatives agreed on something. A bipartisan majority of the House voted to preserve funding for the Endangered Species Act and the animals and plants it protects.

[U.S. Northwest Forest Plan Has Unintended Benefit – Carbon Sequestration](#)

The U.S. Northwest Forest Plan enacted in 1993 was designed to conserve old-growth forests and protect species such as the northern spotted owl, but researchers conclude in a new study that it had another powerful and unintended consequence -- increased carbon sequestration on public lands.

[Western forests: whitebark pine in danger of extinction](#)

Whitebark pine can live for hundreds of years in the West's harsh alpine environments, but it may not survive disease, bugs and climate change. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that the tree was in such widespread decline that it deserved a place on the endangered species list, although the agency declined to officially list it.

[Western pine merits protection, agency says](#)

The devastation that bark beetles and fungus have wreaked on hundreds of thousands of acres of whitebark pine trees in the northern Rockies has been tracked and chronicled for 30 years. Now the Fish and Wildlife Service has weighed in with a finding that climate change threatens the long-term survival of the species.

[Whitebark pine tree faces extinction threat, agency says](#)

The Fish and Wildlife Service determined that whitebark pine, a tree found atop mountains across the American West, faces an "imminent" risk of extinction because of factors including climate change.

[Whitebark pines ailing, but don't get protections](#)

A high-elevation pine tree devastated by disease, beetles, and climate change warrants greater protection under the Endangered Species Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service said. But the agency said it will not immediately list the whitebark pine as threatened or endangered because of higher priorities and a lack of funding.

[Yellowstone River oil spill takes toll on wildlife](#)

Wildlife officials captured an oiled hawk Tuesday and were trying to capture more than a dozen other animals that might have been harmed by a broken Exxon Mobil pipeline that spilled an estimated 1000 barrels of oil into the Yellowstone River in Montana.

Viet Nam

[Coastal commune goes green](#)

The central province of Thua Thien-Hue has found a viable way to preserve biodiversity and develop ecotourism by combining coastal afforestation with aquaculture.

[Community of rare gibbons discovered in Vietnam](#)

The lively morning calls of a rare species of gibbon has led to the discovery of the only known 'viable' community of the critically endangered northern white-cheeked crested gibbon (*Nomascus leucogenys*) in the remote forests of Vietnam's Pu Mat national park, Conservation International (CI) says.

[Dong Nai grows greener - and greener](#)

Authorities in the southern province of Dong Nai have set long-term targets for building a green sustainable economy, with strategies that protect and expand the forest cover.

[Protected trees axed for farms](#)

Local authorities must take prompt action to prevent households from contributing to deforestation in Dac Lac Province's Ea Mroh Commune, according to a land surveyor.

[Vietnam: on the trail of a declining timber species](#)

Farming and defoliants stripped the Vietnamese landscape of its treasured tree. Now there are efforts to bring it back.

Zimbabwe

[Environmental group warns of serious poaching threat](#)

A wildlife and conservation group in Zimbabwe has warned that poaching is reaching critical levels, which threatens not only the welfare of the country's wildlife, but also future tourism.

[Parks ready for queleas](#)

The Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority is prepared to control quelea birds, which usually cause havoc during the winter cropping season.

[South Sudan wildlife, tourism delegation in the country](#)

A delegation from South Sudan's Ministry of Wildlife Conservation and Tourism is in the country to acquaint itself with the way Zimbabwe manages its wildlife and tourism while taking the opportunity to seek investors in the sector.

[Veld fires destroy 5000 hectares](#)

At least 5 000 hectares of gazetted forests have been destroyed by veld fires since the start of the fire season in May this year, Forestry Commission deputy general manager in charge of the Conservation and Extension Division, Mr Abedinigo Marufu has revealed.

[Veldfire wreaks havoc](#)

At least 18 families were left homeless when a raging veldfire swept across Matau communal lands in Hurungwe destroying homesteads and property worth thousands of dollars.

World

[A forbidding kingdom of snow leopards](#)

Thomas McCarthy, director of the snow leopard program for the conservation group Panthera, has spent nearly two decades crisscrossing the absurdly rugged Himalayan plateau to study a magnificent, densely furred, rosette-stenciled cat that may well be the world's most reliable no-show.

[A slow start for the for carbon credit market](#)

As U.N. talks keep failing to agree how to raise money to protect forests, private investors are testing a trade in credits to slow the deforestation that emits as much carbon as all the world's cars, ships, trucks and planes.

[Africa sends fiery warning to poachers](#)

Africa sent a strong message to poachers of its elephants by setting ablaze nearly five tonnes of contraband ivory worth millions of shillings.

[African stove to generate 5.6 million emission credits](#)

Leading African carbon marketing advisory and brokerage group, Ecosur Afrique, has announced the signing of a forward sale of 5,600,000 carbon credits over seven years between WESD Capital, a Congolese private equity firm, and VITOL SA, a leading Geneva, Switzerland-based energy trader.

[Chile y Argentina realizan estrategia para detener la deforestación y degradación de bosques](#)

Uno de los objetivos de la iniciativa es promover una política nacional para el manejo y conservación con una inédita participación ciudadana.

[Climate Conversations - feeding a hungry world with trees](#)

A couple of decades ago, when my colleagues began urging African farmers to plant trees in the middle of their maize fields, many agricultural development specialists thought we were a bit deranged. People can't eat trees. So what good would planting one do for the food security of rural families and villages?

[El murciélago, de animal de fama diabólica a efectivo "insecticida biológico"](#)

Tienen mala prensa en Occidente, fruto quizá de la envidia que generan por ser el único mamífero volador, pero los murciélagos, a los que la ONU ha dedicado este año, son un buen aliado en la lucha contra plagas y ciertas enfermedades emergentes gracias a su voraz dieta, basada sobre todo en insectos.

[How WWF works with the logging companies](#)

In 2007 I visited a logging camp in the DRC. To my surprise there was a WWF office right in the middle of it.

[Illegal wildlife trade is far more terrifying than just snakes on a plane](#)

The snakes found at Bangkok airport are part of a £6bn trade decimating ecosystems and endangering rare species.

[La Amazonia en peligro de deforestación](#)

Los ocho países amazónicos emprenderán en agosto el primer proyecto regional para cuantificar de una manera "comparable" la deforestación de esa región y sus recursos hídricos, informó la Organización del Tratado de Cooperación Amazónica (OTCA).

[La CE autoriza los primeros sistemas de sostenibilidad de los biocombustibles](#)

La Comisión Europea autorizó los primeros sistemas de garantía de sostenibilidad de biocombustibles, con los que se quiere asegurar que los carburantes de origen vegetal no dañan entornos naturales y contaminan menos que los fósiles.

[La déforestation beaucoup plus responsable du réchauffement climatique](#)

On le savait, les arbres sont de vrais puits de carbone. Mais selon une récente étude, même les projets de reboisement n'auront qu'un faible impact sur le réchauffement climatique.

[Les agrocarburants recevront des certificats de durabilité](#)

La Commission européenne a donné son agrément pour cinq ans à sept entreprises de certification, lesquelles seront chargées d'attester de la durabilité des agrocarburants importés dans l'Union européenne. Une fois certifiés, ceux-ci pourront être commercialisés dans l'ensemble des pays membres.

[Les agrocarburants seraient-ils nuisibles?](#)

Le biodiesel que l'on retrouve dans les pompes à essence européennes comporte actuellement une part non négligeable de carburant "sale", contribuant à la déforestation, selon un rapport publié par Greenpeace.

[Maneaters most likely to strike after full moon](#)

Lions and other predators may be at their most dangerous when the moon begins to wane, finds study of 500 attacks in Tanzania.

[Overfed, overgrazed and difficult to overcome](#)

I would like to say I wrote this column while running, or at least walking in a staunch and punishing manner, but in truth I have not perfected the trick of typing fluently during exercise. Still, among the upper-middles the treadmill desk is the new botox, said to achieve miracles by aping (as it were) our inner savannah-dwelling primates.

[Plant evolved a bat beckoning beacon](#)

A rainforest vine has evolved dish-shaped leaves to attract the bats that pollinate it, scientists have found.

[Quel lien entre les grands singes, la forêt et nous ?](#)

Sabrina Krief, primatologue et chercheur au Muséum d'Histoire naturelle est notre invitée pour tenter de répondre à la question: 'Quel lien entre les grands singes, la forêt et nous?'

[Region unites in new drive to fight poaching](#)

Diplomats are lobbying African governments to join the regional anti-poaching body - the Lusaka Agreement Task Force - to save economies millions of dollars that would otherwise have been lost to illicit animal and plants trade.

[This U.N. program should have taxpayers seeing REDD](#)

While the Obama administration's push to regulate domestic greenhouse gas emissions has mostly stalled, the worldwide fight for carbon suppression continues. Consider an ambitious United Nations effort that, while not widely known in the U.S., has implications for developing world economic growth and for American taxpayers.

[Twin track for forest assurance](#)

Although it usually happens by accident rather than design, the good cop/bad cop routine is perhaps one of the environment movement's most useful strategies.

[World's Forests' Role in Carbon Storage Immense, Research Reveals](#)

Until recently, scientists were uncertain about how much and where in the world terrestrial carbon is being stored. In the July 14 issue of Science Express, scientists report that, between 1990 and 2007, the world's forests stored about 2.4 gigatons of carbon per year

[WWF accorde trop facilement son label](#)

Il y a du laisser-aller au WWF... C'est du moins ce qu'affirme un rapport publié par Global Witness, une ONG qui lutte contre le pillage des ressources naturelles dans les pays en développement.

[WWF accused of failing to regulate sustainable timber scheme](#)

Investigative group claims that members of group's Global forest and trade network are involved in 'highly destructive activities'.

[WWF slammed over destruction of forest](#)

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has been accused of allowing timber companies to get away with destructive forestry practices despite being members of its sustainable timber programme.

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