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### **Forthcoming FAO events**

#### **December**

##### [Forest Day 5](#)

Durban, South Africa - 4 December 2011

### **Other forest-related events**

#### **December**

##### [Conference on NWFP \(Non Wood Forest Products\) for Sustained Livelihood](#)

Bhopal, India - 17-19 December 2011

#### **May 2012**

##### [Convención Tropico 2012](#)

La Habana, Cuba - 14-18 May 2012

##### [Forests for People – International experiences and the vital role for the future](#)

Alpbach, Tyrol, Austria - 22-24 May 2012

#### **July 2012**

##### [World Forestry Center International Educators Institute \(IEI\)](#)

Portland, Oregon, USA - 08-14 July 2012

### **FAO Forestry announcements**

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[Forests through your lens](#)

We want to get an impression or image which best explains what the forest means to you and why you decided to devote your life to serve forests. We would like to get a better idea of you, the people who work in forests and what links you to the forest.

[Les forêts à travers votre objectif](#)

Nous souhaitons obtenir une impression ou une image qui explique le mieux ce que la forêt signifie pour vous et la raison pour laquelle vous avez décidé de consacrer votre vie à servir les forêts. Nous aimerions acquérir une meilleure idée de vous, les personnes qui travaillez dans les forêts, et de ce qui vous lie à la forêt.

[Los bosques a través de su lente](#)

Queremos tener una idea o imagen que mejor explique lo que significan los bosques para usted y el por qué decidió dedicar su vida a servir a los bosques. Nos gustaría también tener una mejor idea de usted, de las personas que trabajan en los bosques y lo que le vincula con el bosque.

## **FAO Forestry vacancies**

[Asesor Técnico Principal \(Monitoreo Forestal y de Carbono. Programa ONU-REDD\)](#)

[Java Programmer/System Developer](#)

## **FAO in the news**

[Accélération de la déforestation \(FAO\)](#)

Le Figaro, 30/11/11

Le rythme de la déforestation s'est accéléré sur la planète depuis l'an 2000, avec la perte de 6,4 millions d'hectares par an, a déploré dans un rapport paru aujourd'hui la FAO, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Agriculture et l'Alimentation.

[Africa biofuel investment under scrutiny](#)

Voice of America, 16/11/11

Energy companies around the world have been buying up land in Africa to grow crops that can be converted into fuel. While these biofuels have been touted as a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels, more environmental groups want the investment curbed - warning that biofuels are causing more harm than good.

[Aumentó la pérdida de bosques en América del Sur desde el 2000, según FAO](#)

Univision, 30/11/11

El uso de la tecnología satelital proporcionó una imagen más precisa de los cambios que se producen en los bosques del mundo y demostró que se aceleró la pérdida de bosques desde el año 2000 en América del Sur, indicó en un estudio la FAO.

### [Contrebande de bois au Mozambique: 1.500 conteneurs saisis depuis janvier](#)

20 Minutes, 18/11/11

Les douanes du Mozambique ont saisi plus de 1.500 conteneurs contenant des grumes depuis janvier dans le cadre de la lutte contre le bois de contrebande destiné au marché chinois, a indiqué vendredi la presse, citant le ministère de l'Agriculture.

### [Global net forest loss smaller than thought: FAO](#)

Reuters, 30/11/11

The global net loss of forest over 1990-2005 was smaller by a third than earlier estimated but deforestation still threatens environment and food security, the United Nation's food agency said on Wednesday unveiling new satellite-based data.

### [La déforestation s'est accélérée depuis l'an 2000](#)

20 Minutes, 30/11/11

Le rythme de la déforestation s'est accéléré sur la planète depuis l'an 2000, avec la perte de 6,4 millions d'hectares par an, a déploré dans un rapport paru mercredi la FAO, l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'Agriculture et l'Alimentation. Indiquant avoir utilisé les techniques d'imagerie satellitaire les plus récentes, la FAO a souligné qu'entre 1990 et 2000, environ 4,1 millions d'hectares de forêts disparaissaient chaque année et que la moyenne a grimpé à 6,4 millions entre 2000 et 2005.

### [La FAO demuestra que la pérdida de masa forestal es menor que la esperada](#)

ADN, 30/11/11

La pérdida de masa forestal entre 1990 y 2005 fue menor de lo esperado, según desvela un estudio publicado por la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO) y realizado mediante la tecnología satelital.

### [La Roumanie veut mieux protéger ses vastes forêts vierges](#)

AFP, 23/11/11

Des hêtres centenaires et majestueux grattent le ciel au coeur des Carpates. La Roumanie, qui compte la plus grande surface de forêts vierges de l'Union européenne, veut mieux protéger ce "trésor" pour le climat et la biodiversité, une tâche ardue.

### [La technologie satellitaire livre de nouvelles estimations sur les pertes de couvert forestier](#)

FAO, 30/11/11

Une nouvelle enquête de la FAO basée sur l'imagerie satellitaire offre une image plus précise de l'évolution des forêts du monde et révèle notamment que l'utilisation des terres forestières a diminué entre 1990 et 2005.

### [La tecnología satelital produce nuevas estimaciones de la pérdida de bosques](#)

FAO, 30/11/11

Un nuevo estudio basado en tecnología satelital, publicado por la FAO, proporciona una imagen más precisa de los cambios que se producen en los bosques del mundo, y muestra que el uso de tierras forestales disminuyó entre 1990 y 2005.

### [L'arbre, allié de taille](#)

Le Monde, 20/11/11

Donnez-moi un arbre et je sauverai le monde, nous dit le botaniste Francis Hallé, qui vient de publier Du bon usage des arbres. Un plaidoyer à l'attention des élus et des énarques (Actes Sud). Prenons-le au

mot. Par quel arbre commencer ? Le platane que planta Buffon en 1785, à l'entrée du Jardin des plantes, à Paris. Les visiteurs peuvent constater sa grande forme 226 années après, alors qu'il n'a jamais été taillé.

#### [Le rythme de déforestation s'est accéléré depuis l'an 2000](#)

France 24, 30/11/11

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#### [Los bosques perdieron 10 hectáreas por minuto entre 1990 y 2005](#)

Prensa Latina, 30/11/11

Los bosques del mundo perdieron una media de 4,9 millones de hectáreas al año o casi 10 hectáreas por minuto entre los años 1990 y 2005, reveló hoy la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO).

#### [Los poderes locales y el patrimonio forestal](#)

Carta Local, 25/11/11

Este año celebramos el Año Internacional de los Bosques establecido por la Asamblea General de Naciones Unidas en 2006. A lo largo del año se ha multiplicado las iniciativas públicas y privadas y a todos los niveles desde el global al local con el objetivo de elevar la conciencia social sobre la realidad de los bosques y sus vitales aportaciones a la calidad de vida y al funcionamiento del Planeta con el objetivo de situar a los bosques en el centro del debate social y, por ende, político.

#### [Lutte contre la désertification et la dégradation des terres](#)

Agence Tchadienne de Presse, 17/11/11

Comment ralentir l'avancée vertigineuse du désert dans la zone saharienne, tel est l'objectif des pays d'Afrique dangereusement menacés par le phénomène. Pour des actions d'envergure, la grande muraille verte a été créée en 2005 pour contribuer à l'élaboration d'un programme spécifique devant stopper les effets pervers de la désertification.

#### ['Nigeria loses 400,000 hectares of forest land to deforestation'](#)

This Day, 28/11/11

After been ranked as the most dubious country in terms of deforestation, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has said that Nigeria has lost about 400,000 hectares of forest land to deforestation.

#### [Nigeria to fight deforestation](#)

Daily Times, 27/11/11

A programme aimed at tackling deforestation in Nigeria, REDD+, has received \$4 million in funds from the UN.

#### [Protecting Mongolia's forests: Video](#)

FAO, 22/11/11

Almost 12% of Mongolia is covered by forests, providing important resources for people and wildlife. Through a participatory forest management pilot project in 5 provinces, local people have received training on forest assessment, marketing of forest products, management planning, mapping and fire prevention. Funded by the Royal Government of the Netherlands and implemented by FAO through the

Mongolian Ministry of Nature and Environment, this project has successfully reduced illegal logging, hunting and enabled more sustainable management of community woodland resources.

#### [Satellite technology yields new forest loss estimates](#)

FAO, 30/11/11

A new, satellite-based survey released by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) provides a more accurate picture of changes in the world's forests, showing forest land use declined between 1990 and 2005.

#### [Sudamérica, la peor en deforestación a nivel mundial](#)

BBC, 30/11/11

De los 5 millones de deforestación neta anual a nivel global, 4 millones se perdieron en Sudamérica. La deforestación es menor de lo que se pensaba a nivel global, pero la situación más grave sigue siendo la de Sudamérica, según un estudio divulgado este miércoles por la Organización de Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación, FAO.

#### [World deforestation rate 'accelerating': UN](#)

AFP, 30/11/11

The world's deforestation rate has accelerated to 6.4 million hectares a year, a new UN survey showed on Wednesday, but Asia showed net gains in forest land-use largely due to extensive planting in China.

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## **Press review/ Revue de presse/ Informe de prensa: 16-30 November 2011**

### **International Year of Forests**

#### [Celebran el Año Internacional de los Bosques plantando un centenar de pinos y plantas autóctonas](#)

La Verdad, 24/11/11

Cartagena celebra el Año Internacional de los Bosques plantando un centenar de pinos y plantas autóctonas. Será el domingo 27 de noviembre a partir de las diez de la mañana, y se llevará a cabo alrededor del Ecoparque de La Vaguada en Cartagena, con un centenar de pinos piñoneros y planta autóctona cedidos por la Asociación Naturalista del Sureste (ANSE), según fuentes municipales.

#### [Empresas que cuidan los bosques](#)

Cronista, 24/11/11

Argentina pierde 300.000 hectáreas de bosques nativos por año, equivalentes a 40 canchas de fútbol por hora. La deforestación aumenta las emisiones de gases invernadero, responsables del cambio climático y por eso la ONU declaró al 2011 Año Internacional de los Bosques. El rol de la certificación FSC y sus ventajas a la hora de exportar.

#### [First National Forestry Congress begins today](#)

Press information Bureau, 22/11/11

Smt. Jayanthi Natarajan appealed for more scientific analysis of the issues relating to forest management in the country in the midst of ever increasing pressure on the forests and climate change threat. Inaugurating the first Indian Forest Congress here today, Smt. Natarajan, Minister of State for Environment & Forests (Independent charge) said that in India agro and farm forestry has been promoted in recent years through various schemes and Externally Aided Projects to bridge the gap between demand and supply for timber and fuel wood and also as an alternative livelihood option to enhance the income farmers.

#### [For every child a tree](#)

The Zimbabwean, 29/11/11

The global theme for the International Year of Forests is "Forests for People". Zimbabwe will commemorate this important year under the theme "Promoting Forests for People".

#### [Gandia celebra el año de los bosques con charlas](#)

Las Provincias, 17/11/11

Gandia celebra el Año Internacional de los Bosques con un ciclo de conferencias, excursiones y una exposición fotográfica a lo largo de noviembre y diciembre. El concejal de Cultura y Educación, Vicent Gregori, y Xavi Ródenas, consejero de Medio ambiente del CEIC Alfons el Vell presentaron la programación.

#### [Gestión sostenible de bosques africanos para fomentar el desarrollo social](#)

Diario vasco, 17/11/11

El II Seminario Internacional "La gestión forestal como herramienta de cooperación y desarrollo rural" inaugurado hoy en Madrid, evalúa los cinco años de colaboración internacional en el África Subsahariana para la administración sostenible de los bosques.

#### [La halle au blé de Montier-en-Der accueille huit expositions sur le thème de la forêt Bien plus que des arbres](#)

L'Union, 19/11/11

A l'occasion de l'année internationale des forêts, le festival de photo de Montier a consacré un site à ce thème-là : la halle au blé. Petite visite.

#### [La poesía de los árboles inunda el otoño](#)

20 Minutos, 21/11/11

Poco, muy poco, se está haciendo este año para conmemorar el Año Internacional de los Bosques. Una muestra más del escaso aprecio que le tenemos a estas formidables factorías de oxígeno y biodiversidad. Pero como ocurre siempre en nuestro cada vez más culturalmente desértico país, aún es posible descubrir oasis de loables iniciativas. Como la exposición que hoy quiero recomendaros encarecidamente (creo que esta palabra ya está moribunda): El lenguaje de los árboles en español.

#### [Los niños debaten en el pleno infantil del Ayuntamiento de Málaga sobre la crisis y la violencia de género](#)

20 Minutos, 22/11/11

Medidas para combatir la crisis económica, la prevención de la violencia de género y la conmemoración del Año Internacional de los Bosques han centrado las intervenciones de los menores que han participado este martes en el Ayuntamiento de Málaga en el pleno infantil municipal.

### [Silent forests and famine in east Africa](#)

The Guardian, 25/11/11

Deforestation and replacing indigenous woodland with exotic trees has had a catastrophic effect on climate change.

### [Students root for green cover](#)

The Hindu, 16/11/11

From promoting afforestation, depicting how trees sustain the ecological balance of life and illustrating the aftermath of deforestation, school children demonstrated their creativity on canvas to root for preserving the earth's green cover at a drawing contest organised by the Anna Science Centre-Planetarium here on Monday.

### [Une clôture en trois temps](#)

Le Bien Public, 22/11/11

Après une animation estivale de grande qualité, Châtillon-Scènes souhaite terminer en beauté son festival Forêt et Patrimoine. Cette clôture se déroulera en trois temps et fera appel aux jeunes, à la musique et à la danse populaire.

### [Une exposition autour du bois](#)

Le Bien Public, 22/11/11

La bibliothèque Gérard-Dubois accueille jusqu'au 14 janvier, dans le cadre de l'Année internationale de la forêt, une exposition que la responsable de la bibliothèque, Marie-Jo Chalimon, a intitulé "Promenons-nous dans les bois".

## **Angola**

### [National Institute for Forests Development happy about reforestation process in Huambo](#)

All Africa, 22/11/11

About 3000 trees have been planted between 5 and 15 November by the Huambo provincial brigade of the National Institute for Forests Development (IDF), in the ambit of reforestation campaign that will continue until February 2012.

## **Argentina**

### [Al rescate de los bosques, nueva tendencia de la RSE](#)

Misiones Online, 22/11/11

Las empresas ya se volvieron aliadas en la lucha contra el cambio climático. En esta cruzada, no pueden dejar de lado a un socio clave: los bosques. Protección de hectáreas en peligro y plantación de árboles, algunas de las estrategias.

### [Analizaron la situación de bosques de Jujuy](#)

El Tribuno, 22/11/11

La profesional invitada puso sobre la mesa las deficiencias cometidas a la hora de poner en marcha programa de ordenamiento.

### [Estudian cómo recuperar bosque en Potrero de Yala](#)

El Tribuno, 18/11/11

El premio otorgado a un investigador y docente de la Facultad de Ciencias Agrarias de la Universidad Nacional de Jujuy (Unju), dará un nuevo impulso a su trabajo iniciado en el Parque Provincial Potrero de



Yala tendiente a la recuperación del bosque, experimentando y observando una porción que tenga intervención del hombre y otra que no la tenga.

#### [La Dirección de Bosques intensificará los controles en toda la provincia](#)

El Liberal, 22/11/11

El titular de la Dirección de Bosques, Publio Araujo, indicó que su repartición intensificará los controles en toda la provincia, para hacer cumplir la Resolución 2549 que suspende por 180 días los desmontes, incluso de aquellos planes productivos en marcha o que hayan sido autorizados por el gobierno.

#### [Ley de bosques en la mira](#)

Rio Negro, 17/11/11

La ONG Alerta Angostura advirtió ayer supuestas intenciones del Ejecutivo Provincial de vetar la Ley de Ordenamiento Territorial de Bosques Nativos, sancionada por unanimidad día atrás por la Legislatura Neuquina.

#### **Australia**

##### [Fire in rainforest - anathema or saviour?](#)

ABC, 16/11/11

Claims emanating from Far North Queensland warn that World Heritage listed rainforest is dying. A former forestry worker says large tracts of North Queensland rainforest have been reduced to "wasteland" - and he's blaming the failure of authorities to act.

##### [Palm oil with a conscience](#)

Mosman Daily, 23/11/11

A new initiative to help consumers choose certified palm oil was launched at Taronga Zoo yesterday. Palm oil production has caused major deforestation - mainly in South-East Asia where a lot of uncertified palm oil trees are being cut down, destroying the natural habitat of animals such as the endangered Sumatran tiger (pictured) and orangutan.

##### [Western Australia bushfires force residents onto beach](#)

The Guardian, 25/11/11

Schools and some main roads have been closed in the area around the bushfire in Margaret River, Western Australia, which has destroyed 4,000 hectares of forest. Some residents sought refuge in local community centres and others were forced to spend the night sleeping on the beach as flames reached nearby sand dunes.

#### **Bangladesh**

##### [Existence of country in perils: Fakhrul](#)

The Daily Star, 21/11/11

Acting BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on Monday cautioned the nation about its existence in the absence of due share of waters of the common rivers. "It is now the question of our existence. The process of desertification of the country's eastern zone has begun with construction of Tipaimukh Dam on Barak River by India." said Fakhrul.

#### **Bhutan**

##### [As glaciers melt, Bhutan faces risk of 'mountain tsunamis'](#)

Time, 16/11/11

The Kingdom of Bhutan, tucked between India and China in the foothills of the Himalaya mountain range, is paying the price for global industrialization. To the north of the country, a chain of Himalayan glaciers is rapidly retreating — by between 20 m and 30 m per year. Experts blame climate change and predict that by 2035, the glaciers could be gone altogether.

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

#### [Alertan ante amenaza de una deforestación](#)

Los Tiempos, 19/11/11

Hace menos de 10 días, el Parque Nacional Tunari (PNT) fue otra vez víctima de un incendio que tardó más de cinco horas en apagarse. Es el tercer desastre de ese tipo en el mismo lugar en menos de tres meses y en dos años el PNT registra casi una veintena de incendios, muchos de ellos provocados.

#### [Bosques y financiamiento en agenda de Bolivia en Durban](#)

Prensa Latina, 29/11/11

Bolivia viene a la XVII conferencia de Naciones Unidas sobre cambio climático con propuestas para reforzar el papel de los bosques en materia ambiental y definiciones en el tema del financiamiento, informó hoy un diplomático de ese país sudamericano.

#### [Postura boliviana será más flexible que en Cancún](#)

Opinión, 20/11/11

La postura boliviana en la Cumbre de Durban (Sudáfrica), que se desarrollará del 28 noviembre al 9 diciembre de 2011 será más flexible que la presentada en Cancún (del 29 de noviembre al 10 de diciembre de 2010). En el evento principalmente se tratará sobre los niveles permitidos de contaminación provenientes de los gases de efecto invernadero. Bolivia llevará una propuesta de un máximo de 300 partículas por millón en la emisión de gases de efecto invernadero.

### **Brazil**

#### [Amazonie: crime et déboisement](#)

Les Inrocks, 23/11/11

Le 24 mai 2011, alors que le Congrès approuvait un projet de loi assouplissant les règles de déboisement en Amazonie, Zé Cláudio Ribeiro et Maria do Espírito Santo, un couple d'activistes environnementalistes, étaient assassinés devant leur maison dans l'État du Para. Un mois après les faits, deux journalistes se sont rendus dans la ville de Marabá, anciennement située au cœur de la forêt amazonienne et aujourd'hui entourée par des kilomètres de pâturages.

#### [Amazonie: un village d'indiens yanomami isolés, menacés par les chercheurs d'or](#)

AFP, 22/11/11

L'organisation de défense des indiens Survival International a diffusé mardi les premières photos aériennes d'un village d'indiens yanomami isolés au cœur de l'Amazonie brésilienne et menacés par le retour des chercheurs d'or clandestins.

#### [An assault on the Amazon](#)

The New York Times, 16/11/11

When Xingu National Park was established in 1961, its founders placed the headwaters of the rivers outside the park's boundaries. At the time, nobody suspected that the forests could be destroyed. But in only 50 years, the impossible has come to pass: almost 20 percent of the Amazon rainforest has been destroyed and even more has been severely degraded.

### [Brasil pide a países amazónicos asociar la ecología al desarrollo social](#)

EFE, 22/11/11

El canciller brasileño, Antonio Patriota, inauguró hoy la XI Reunión de Ministros de Relaciones Exteriores de la Organización del Tratado de Cooperación Amazónica (OTCA) con un llamamiento a asociar el cuidado medioambiental al desarrollo social.

### [Brazil indigenous Guarani leader Nisio Gomes killed](#)

BBC, 19/11/11

An indigenous leader in western Brazil has been shot dead in front of his community, officials say.

### [Brazil 'risks loss of forest area equal to Germany, Italy and Austria'](#)

The Telegraph, 23/11/11

An area of forest equal to Germany, Italy and Austria combined could be lost forever if Brazil's senate approves new laws on land clearance to be voted on within days, conservationists have warned.

### [New weapon launching in fight against deforestation](#)

3 News, 22/11/11

Brazil is putting itself at the forefront of efforts to better track deforestation and the threat posed by climate change as delegates prepare to meet in South Africa for a key summit on global warming.

### [The biome faces a variety of increasing threats](#)

Financial Times, 28/11/11

The Amazonian biome faces multiple threats, ranging from deforestation to climate change. Although the forest's vastness can give a false sense of security, many of the forces leading to its destruction are expected to increase.

### [Vale halts dealings with company over deforestation](#)

Reuters, 24/11/11

Brazil's Vale, the world's largest iron ore miner, said on Thursday it had suspended its business with an Amazon-based pig-iron producer accused by the government of illegal deforestation.

## **Cameroon**

### [Agro-forestry - Heifer, peace corps sign mou](#)

All Africa, 20/11/11

Heifer International Cameroon, an integrated animal-agriculture development organisation and the American Peace Corps, Cameroon last Friday November 18 in Yaounde signed Memorandum Of Understanding, MOU, to formalise their long-standing relationship to collaborate in the placement of agro-forestry volunteers by Peace Corps to live and work in communities where Heifer is assisting farmers.

### [Cameroon's captive gorillas hope for return to the wild](#)

AFP, 22/11/11

The gorillas and chimpanzees of Cameroon's Mefou national park were taken in after losing their parents to poachers, or being injured themselves. The charity looking after them hopes to one day release the animals into their natural habitat, while trying to educate local people about the impact of deforestation and poaching.

### [Desertification - gov't steps up reforestation efforts](#)

All Africa, 20/11/11

In a bid to check the growing threat to human and animal life, and the environment as a result of deforestation, government in 2010 financed the planting of more than 106,000 trees across the country by local councils and the civil society.

### **Chile**

#### [Chile compra 107,000 hectáreas de bosques en Brasil](#)

El Economista, 30/11/11

Celulosa Arauco, la firma forestal de Empresas Copec —la mayor empresa de combustibles de Chile, controlada por el Grupo Angelini—, compró 107,000 hectáreas de bosques en Brasil, específicamente en Jaguaiaíva, en el estado de Paraná.

### **China**

#### [El gibón de Hainan casi extinguido por prácticas ilegales según Greenpeace](#)

Univision, 22/11/11

La tala ilegal de los bosques de Hainan, isla del sur de China, para convertirlos en plantaciones de pulpa de papel y madera de eucalipto y acacia, ha llevado casi a la extinción al gibón de Hainan, una de las especies más amenazadas del mundo.

### **Colombia**

#### [Espaldarazo francés para el medio ambiente del Huila](#)

Diario de Huila, 19/11/11

Un espaldarazo al cuidado del medio ambiente en el Huila le dio el embajador de Francia Pierre Jean Vandoorne y al secretario Consejero de Cooperación de la Embajada de Alemania, Gunnar Schneider durante una reciente visita donde les fue presentado el Proyecto desarrollo sostenible y reducción de la deforestación y de la degradación de los bosques del Macizo Colombiano “Proyecto REDD Corredor Biológico”.

#### [Tala acabó con el 10% de los bosques colombianos](#)

El Heraldo, 29/11/11

La tasa de pérdida de bosque natural en el país, en los últimos cinco años, es de 238 mil hectáreas por año, advirtieron ayer el Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible y el Instituto de Hidrología, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales de Colombia, Ideam.

### **Comoros**

#### [La forêt comorienne risque de disparaître d'ici dix ans](#)

Linfo, 22/11/11

Les forêts naturelles comoriennes disparaissent à un rythme vertigineux qui conduira à son extinction totale d'ici 10 ans si aucune mesure n'est prise. Chaque année, près de 1 277ha de forêt disparaissent aux Comores.

### **Côte d'Ivoire**

#### ["La Côte d'Ivoire a le taux de déforestation le plus élevé au monde", selon le directeur de la Sodefor à Abengourou](#)

Agence Ivoirienne de Presse, 17/11/11

Le directeur du Centre de gestion de la Société de développement des plantations forestières (SODEFOR) d'Abengourou, M. N'Guessan Koffi Abraham, a indiqué mercredi, lors d'une conférence de

presse à Abengourou, que la Côte d'Ivoire a un taux de déforestation de 35%, "le plus élevé au monde", a-t-il souligné.

[Nabo Clément ordonne à la police forestière: "Il faut réaffirmer l'autorité de l'Etat dans les forêts classées"](#)

Abidjan, 21/11/11

Il faut se rendre dans la forêt classée d'Anguédédou pour trouver une explication à la pénurie d'eau qui sévit à Yopougon. Une grande partie des forages de la Sodeci, qui s'y trouvent, ne sont plus fonctionnels du fait des multiples agressions que la forêt d'Anguédédou subit chaque jour. En 2004, l'ancien ministre des Eaux et Forêts, Assoa Adou, a pris la décision de déclasser 400 hectares de cette forêt classée au bénéfice de onze villages ébrié qui les ont vendus à des sociétés de promotion immobilière.

Conséquence? La réduction drastique, comme peau de chagrin, de la nappe phréatique. Samedi, le ministre des Eaux et Forêts, Bouéka Nabo Clément, a chaussé ses bottes pour aller prendre la pleine mesure de l'impact de cette agression.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

[Congo's forests depend on Durban](#)

The Guardian, 30/11/11

An international effort is required to protect forests in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from logging and mining.

[The future of the forests in poetry competition closes with great success](#)

All Africa, 18/11/11

The The Future of Forests in Poetry contest organized by Greenpeace Africa in Democratic Republic of Congo, was a great triumph and united many Congolese citizens for a good cause.

**Ecuador**

[To save a mockingbird](#)

The Guardian, 28/11/11

Conservationists are attempting to reintroduce the mockingbird that inspired Darwin to the island of Floreana in the Galápagos.

**El Salvador**

[Bosques salados, en agonía](#)

El Diario de Hoy, 24/11/11

En la zona protegida de la Bahía de Jiquilisco sólo se cuenta con cinco guarda recursos, tres son voluntarios.

**Ethiopia**

[Etiopía presenta un plan de economía verde](#)

EFE, 18/11/11

Etiopía presentó hoy un ambicioso plan de crecimiento basado en la economía verde valorado en 150.000 millones de dólares, que se aplicará durante un periodo de veinte años.

**France**

["Born to be wild" s'affiche à la Cité des Sciences](#)

RFI, 22/11/11

Le film Born to be wild, projeté en Imax à la Géode de la Cité des Sciences à Paris (porte de la Villette), en partenariat avec le Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, invite le spectateur à se plonger jusqu'au jusqu'en octobre 2012 dans l'univers de ces animaux à la fois si proches de nous et si fragiles.

#### [Gestion des forêts: un contrat d'objectifs pour améliorer les finances de l'ONF](#)

AFP, 22/11/11

L'Office national des forêts (ONF), gestionnaire des forêts publiques, a signé un "contrat d'objectifs et de performance" pour les cinq ans à venir avec l'Etat et les communes forestières qui vise un retour à l'équilibre d'ici 2016 des finances de l'établissement public.

#### [Gourdon. Forêt : un programme pour les propriétaires](#)

La Dépêche, 18/11/11

Répartit sur 14 communes, le massif forestier de Quercy-Bouriane représente 7,800 ha. Cette forêt appartient à plus de 4 000 propriétaires. Elle est très morcelée et quand on y regarde de plus près, elle ne fait pas l'objet d'exploitation ou d'amélioration régulière.

#### [La filière bois au premier rang des régions françaises](#)

Le Pays, 19/11/11

Le Syndicat mixte de l'Aire urbaine (Smau) a présenté à une vingtaine d'élus le rôle de la forêt communale en tant que levier de développement local.

#### [La forêt française largement sous-exploitée](#)

Le Figaro, 22/11/11

Premier pays européen pour le volume de bois qu'elle détient dans ses forêts, la France valorise encore trop peu ses arbres, notamment ses chênes. Ils partent en grumes en Chine ou au Portugal pour revenir en meubles.

#### [Les élus face à la forêt](#)

Sud Ouest, 22/11/11

L'association canaulaise tenait son assemblée générale samedi matin, suivie par un débat avec des élus. Retour sur les points principaux de la discussion.

#### [Les forêts françaises se portent globalement bien, mais certaines sont déjà en crise](#)

National Geographic, 24/11/11

Dans 50 ans, devra t-on troquer notre cher sapin de Noël contre un cactus ? Les forêts françaises sont-elles menacées de disparition ? Heureusement, non. Pourtant, certaines espèces sont vulnérables face aux aléas climatiques.

#### [Office national des forêts La récolte des faines s'est achevée il y a peu](#)

L'Union, 17/11/11

Les amoureux de la nature ont probablement observé, lors de balades en forêt domaniale de Retz, la présence de filets posés à même le sol. Il s'agissait d'une récolte de fruits (les faines) sous des hêtres classés.

#### [Plus de 6 000 hectares de forêt brûlés en Nouvelle-Calédonie](#)

Linfo, 21/11/11

Les incendies de forêts ont ravagé plus de 6 000 hectares de végétation depuis le 15 septembre en Nouvelle-Calédonie, a indiqué aujourd'hui la Sécurité civile qui déplore un phénomène qui s'est intensifié avec l'arrivée de la saison chaude.

#### [Port-la-Nouvelle : l'huile de palme toujours pas d'actualité](#)

L'Usine Nouvelle, 16/11/11

Dans l'Aude, sur le deuxième port méditerranéen pour l'importation des produits pétroliers, le projet d'implantation d'une usine d'huile de palme en est encore à ses balbutiements. Si le projet est mené à son terme, il s'agirait de la première usine spécialisée dans l'importation, le stockage et le traitement de cette huile en France. Les écologistes s'en mêlent.

#### [Pour retrouver le chemin de la forêt](#)

Sud Ouest, 22/11/11

Suite au désastre Klaus, on pouvait craindre que les gens tournent le dos à la forêt. Tous les arguments économiques, poétiques et patrimoniaux ont été balayés en une nuit emportant avec eux une bonne part de la présence humaine dans le plus grand massif d'Europe.

#### [Premier prix pour la forêt hantée d'une Bollwilleroise](#)

L'Alsace, 17/11/11

Le concours photos de notre journal sur le thème « Forêt hantée, forêt enchantée » a été un succès avec 600 images envoyées.

### **Ghana**

#### [Safeguard measures in the Redd Readiness Process](#)

All Africa, 17/11/11

A National Consultation and Participatory Working Group has been constituted to incorporate the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) into Ghana's Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) Readiness Preparatory Plan (R-PP). The group was formed in May 2010 following a series of stakeholder consultations held from mid-2009 to early-2010 to formulate the Ghana R-PP.

#### [Towards COP17: support safeguard information systems for REDDplus](#)

Ghana Business News, 22/11/11

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will meet in Durban, South Africa from November 28, 2011 to December 9, 2011 to hold yet another round of negotiations on addressing the climate change crisis.

### **Greece**

#### [Wood-burning stoves all the rage in austerity Greece](#)

Reuters, 23/11/11

Once a symbol of poverty, the lowly wood burning stove is making a comeback among cash-strapped Greeks horrified by the soaring costs of central heating as winter begins.

### **Guatemala**

#### [Deforestación se redujo 46 por ciento](#)

Prensa Libre, 16/11/11

El Consejo Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (Conap) dio a conocer que en un año la deforestación se redujo en un 46 por ciento.

### [Destacan plan de bosques](#)

Prensa Libre, 24/11/11

El plan de incentivos forestales ha logrado el rescate de más de 15 mil hectáreas de bosque y generado empleos, reveló el Instituto Nacional de Bosques (Inab) en su informe sobre los incentivos forestales que han promovido la reforestación y conservación, todo esto en terrenos privados que no superan las 15 hectáreas.

### **Guyana**

#### [How Guyana gold mining threatens its green future](#)

BBC, 26/11/11

Almost everyone in Port Kaituma is making money from gold. From the miners who head out to the camps in the surrounding jungle to the owners of the bars and stores where the miners spend their money.

#### [What's happened to Guyana's rainforest deal with Norway?](#)

The Ecologist, 25/11/11

Back in 2009 it was heralded as a potential model for REDD+ and reducing rates of deforestation but Norway's deal with Guyana appears to have made little progress.

### **India**

#### [Coal delay will switch off new power plants: Montek](#)

The Hindu, 29/11/11

Warning that delayed forest clearance for captive mines could adversely impact development and financing of a large number of power projects, Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia has said India risks missing the 1,00,000-MW capacity addition target for the 12th Plan.

#### [Green Bill seeks a new lease of life](#)

IBN Live, 18/11/11

While the government is organising Vanamahotsava and launching tree plantation drives, it remains lethargic in enacting the Tree Preservation Bill. Despite the Supreme Court order of May 12, 2001, directing state governments to formulate rules and guidelines to regulate felling in non-forest areas, including plantations in private land, Puducherry administration is yet to enact Puducherry Preservation of Trees Act.

#### [Greening project office at Nanmangalam](#)

The Hindu, 17/11/11

The headquarters of the Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project will be established at Nanmangalam Reserve Forest at a cost of Rs.8 crore, Forest Minister K. T. Pachamal said on Wednesday.

#### ['Illegal deforestation by mining firm'](#)

The Times of India, 30/11/11

The Panchwadi Bachao Samiti (PBS) has lodged a complaint with the forest department against illegal cutting of mangroves and forest trees along the Zuari river in the village allegedly by a mining company to facilitate construction of a mining bypass road.

#### [Indian elephants: Karnataka move put on hold](#)

BBC, 18/11/11



The Indian authorities have put on hold a plan to relocate wild elephants in the southern state of Karnataka.

#### [Industry supports regulation, but against ban on mining](#)

The Times of India, 22/11/11

Amidst falling coal production due to restrictions on mining by the ministry of environment and forests (MOEF), industrialists have called for a more liberal stance, to reduce dependence on imports.

#### [Pune edit: walk the talk on greening the hills](#)

DNA, 18/11/11

Irrespective of the polemics surrounding the proposed bio-diversity park (BDP) in the city, some action has already taken place in bits and pieces.

#### [Report warns of coal mining threat to Maharashtra tigers](#)

The Pioneer, 23/11/11

Coal mining poses a serious threat to tigers in Chandrapur region of Maharashtra near the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) and must be reined in, says a report by the Fact Finding Mission of Greenpeace India.

#### [State schemes yield no result](#)

Deccan Chronicle, 16/11/11

The threat of desertification is looming large in the drought prone district as several government schemes to promote forestation are not yielding the expected results for decades.

#### [UN-backed coal power station linked to deforestation and land grabbing](#)

The Ecologist, 29/11/11

An Ecologist investigation reveals how the largest coal power plant to be awarded UN carbon credit funds is displacing poor communities and destroying forest in India.

### **Indonesia**

#### [Aceh chief sued over plantation in forest](#)

Jakarta Globe, 25/11/11

A leading environmental group is suing Aceh Governor Irwandi Yusuf for allegedly approving a permit for a palm oil plantation inside a protected peat forest.

#### [Australia eyes carbon credits from Indonesia's forests](#)

The Jakarta Post, 25/11/11

Efforts to prevent the deforestation and degradation of Indonesia's forests could yield much-needed carbon credits that Australia will be looking to purchase to help meet its emissions targets, says Australian Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Minister Greg Combet at a talk at the Australian National University (ANU) on Friday.

#### [Déforestation: 600M\\$ US pour l'Indonésie](#)

Le Figaro, 19/11/11

La secrétaire d'Etat américaine Hillary Clinton a annoncé aujourd'hui une aide de 600 millions de dollars (440 millions d'euros) à l'Indonésie, 3e émetteur de gaz à effet de serre dans le monde, pour la lutte contre la déforestation et le développement des énergies nouvelles.

[Fresh wave of killings by hunters takes Indonesian orangutan to the brink of extinction](#)

The Guardian, 27/11/11

Conservationists urge authorities to take action as report finds great ape population of Kalimantan region gravely endangered.

[Hervé Gaymard en visite dans la forêt de Tronçais \(Allier\)](#)

La Montagne, 21/11/11

Les élus, les forestiers et les Amis de Tronçais ont reçu lundi l'appui de l'ancien ministre Hervé Gaymard, président de l'ONF, pour défendre leur forêt.

[Indonesian plantation workers arrested over orangutan deaths](#)

The Guardian, 23/11/11

Police official says suspects admitted chasing primates with dogs before shooting, stabbing or hacking them to death.

[Ministry on the defensive after scathing deforestation report](#)

The Jakarta Post, 26/11/11

The government says that a global risk analysis and mapping company has compiled a "misleading" report claiming that the rate of deforestation in Indonesia was one of the worst in the world.

[Rare photos of wild cats in threatened forest: WWF](#)

Reuters, 16/11/11

Rare photos of five different wild cats, including the endangered Sumatran tiger, have been caught on camera in an Indonesian forest threatened by deforestation, and the area must be protected, environmental group WWF said on Wednesday.

[REDD+ a key point at Durban meeting: WWF](#)

The Jakarta Post, 23/11/11

Environmental NGO World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Indonesia has urged that improvements be made to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) infrastructure and management.

[Retirement islands for orangutans](#)

The New York Times, 25/11/11

An innovative plan to create man-made islands for sick and injured orangutans in Indonesia is offering hope of a better life for animals who have previously been destined to spend their remaining days in cages.

[Seizures from illegal Indonesian loggers show deforestation impact](#)

Jakarta Globe, 27/11/11

With millions of hectares of forests being cleared each year to make way for palm-oil plantations, even illegal loggers are now starting to see the impact of dwindling rainforests in Indonesia.

[University becomes mangrove center](#)

The Jakarta Post, 16/11/11

Jenderal Soedirman University (Unsoed) in Purwokerto, Central Java, is to be developed into a referral center for mangrove management. The university will develop a draft mangrove conservation regulation

in Cilacap, and also spatial data centering on the development of mangrove forest areas and preservation-based coastal community development.

## **Israel**

### [Afforestation in Israel](#)

The Jerusalem Post, 28/11/11

Humans have lived in all regions of Israel, including the semi-arid and arid ones, since before Biblical times, with varying degrees of success. Some societies succeeded in developing very effective water-management systems and sustained prosperous economies even under relatively harsh climatic conditions. However, in the last hundred years, human activities and overexploitations of natural resources have driven the land toward desolation, producing severe land degradation, erosion, and salination.

### [Frog jumps back from extinction in Israel](#)

Reuters, 17/11/11

They thought it had croaked. But missing for a half-century and listed as extinct in 1996, the Hula painted frog has been spotted again in northern Israel, its only known habitat.

### [JNF to host afforestation event at Durban](#)

The Jerusalem Post, 30/11/11

Jewish National Fund event to focus on adapting forest practices to the effects of climate change in climate summit.

## **Kenya**

### [Greening Kenyan politics through Wangari's vision](#)

All Africa, 28/11/11

This week, Kenya and the world will recommit to tackling climate change in two very fundamental ways.

### [Kenya – ensuring Wangari Maathai's legacy branches out](#)

The Guardian, 24/11/11

Illegal logging and drought have ravaged Kenya's forests and threaten its water supply, now the government has embraced Maathai's Green Belt Movement, planting 450m trees this year.

### [Kenya seizes container with 87 elephant tusks](#)

Reuters, 26/11/11

Kenyan authorities have seized a container loaded with 87 elephant tusks and disguised as soapstone carvings destined for Hong Kong, a customs official said.

### [Mau reclamation gets Sh276 million boost](#)

All Africa, 29/11/11

The European Union has set aside Sh276 million for the rehabilitation of the Mau forest even as the Lands Ministry seeks land to resettle those evicted from the water tower.

### [Rampaging lions kill six cows, sheep in Laikipia](#)

All Africa, 29/11/11

A pride of lions has killed six cows and an unknown number of sheep at Matwiku and Ng'arua locations in Laikipia West district in the past one week. The stray lions believed to be emanating from Laikipia

Nature Conservancy, a private wildlife sanctuary, have been roaming freely in the villages hunting livestock at will after escaping from the ranch.

#### [Taita forests destroyed](#)

All Africa, 22/11/11

The Kenya Forest Services (KFS) has raised alarm over wanton environment destruction of forests in Taita Taveta County following cultivating on hill top areas.

#### **Lebanon**

##### [One-year program to produce strategy to fight deforestation](#)

The Daily Star, 18/11/11

The first National Forest Program was launched Thursday, by the agriculture minister in cooperation with the German Development Cooperation agency (GIZ) in order to tackle the urgent issue of deforestation.

##### [Poverty drives deforestation in northern Bekaa Valley](#)

The Daily Star, 26/11/11

With the beginning of winter, residents of villages and towns in northern Bekaa, many of whom are unable to afford fuel, are turning to wood from the area's forests. While burning firewood is the only option for many to stay warm, the practice is driving deforestation and striking a blow to local conservation efforts.

#### **Madagascar**

##### [Air France: lutte contre la déforestation à Madagascar](#)

Challenges, 24/11/11

La compagnie Air France rappelle qu'elle finance depuis 2008 un vaste projet de lutte contre la déforestation à Madagascar. En partenariat avec la Fondation GoodPlanet et le WWF, Air France participe à ce projet dans lequel la protection de plus de 500.000 hectares de forêts est en jeu.

##### [Bush meat: when conservation and child nutrition collide](#)

NPR, 22/11/11

With its big, round eyes and bushy tail, the aye-aye lemur looks like a cross between a monkey and a squirrel. To many people in Madagascar, it's a tasty, traditional meal, and an excellent source of protein and iron.

#### **Malawi**

##### [K28m set aside for public works in Mzimba](#)

The Daily Times, 23/11/11

The M'mbelwa District Council has set aside K28.2 million for public works in afforestation, roads construction and food security in Mzimba using the Local Development Fund (LDF) for the 2011/12 fiscal year.

#### **Malaysia**

##### [Déforestation de Bornéo](#)

COOP Coopération, 21/11/11

Depuis les années 1980, les Penan de Bornéo se battent pour préserver leurs terres, menacées par la déforestation et la culture de palmiers à huile. Mais avec peu de succès, comme l'explique le chasseur penan Pisang.

### [La industria de biomasa creará 70.000 empleos en Malasia](#)

EFE, 22/11/11

La industria de la biomasa creará 70.000 empleos y llegará a generar un valor de 9.300 millones de dólares o 6.900 millones de euros) en el año 2020, afirmó el primer ministro, Najib Razak.

### **Mexico**

#### [Adopta un árbol de Navidad sin cortarlo](#)

CNN Expansión, 23/11/11

Verde Navidad combate la deforestación al ofrecer la opción de volver a plantar pasada la temporada; 1.9 millones de pinos mueren anualmente por las fiestas y cada uno tarda hasta 7 años en crecer.

#### [Birdwatching in Yucatán, Mexico](#)

The Guardian, 25/11/11

In the Celestún biosphere reserve, in Mexico's Yucatán peninsula, Kevin Rushby's family spot so many exotic birds they can't keep up. So why do they have it all to themselves?

#### [Depredan talamontes el bosque de San Juan Bautista](#)

Cambio de Michoacán, 21/11/11

De entre tres a cinco árboles diarios sustraen talamontes que saquean el bosque de la comunidad de San Juan Evangelista, que cuenta con 263 hectáreas de bosque en los cerros de La Charanda y de La Cruz, informó el presidente del Comisariado de la comunidad de San Juan Bautista, Juan Manuel Téllez Galván.

#### [Iguanas, armadillos e insectos, fuerte de la gastronomía mexicana](#)

EFE, 18/11/11

Carne de iguana y armadillo, crujientes insectos recién "recolectados" como las hormigas chicanas, gusanos de maguey y más variedades de chile de las que uno pueda recordar se ofrecen al visitante del Mercado de San Juan de México DF, que guarda los secretos de la gastronomía más exótica del país.

#### [Los santuarios de la mariposa monarca, de milagro ecológico a reclamo turístico](#)

EFE, 19/11/11

Con la llegada del otoño, la reserva de la biosfera que une el Estado de México con el de Michoacán (centro del país) acoge a millones de mariposas monarcas procedentes de Canadá y Estados Unidos en busca de mejores climas, una milagrosa peregrinación convertida ahora en atractivo turístico.

#### [Mariposas monarca arriban a los bosques de Michoacán y del Edomex](#)

El Diario Grande de Michoacán, 18/11/11

Los comuneros de los bosques del Estado de México y Michoacán en la entrada del invierno aprecian maravillados la llegada de millones de mariposas que cubren los cielos y que parece cubren el sol, y acompañan con su colorido a los bosques brumosos y fríos de las zonas serranas de estos estados.

#### [Millions of butterflies begin annual migration to Mexico](#)

Reuters, 22/11/11

As Monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico's forested mountains in Michoacan, biologists fear droughts in the U.S. and Mexico will affect their numbers.

#### [Mitigarán efectos de cambio climático con REDD](#)

El Financiero, 23/11/11

Con el objetivo de trabajar en forma coordinada en acciones y programas para mitigar los efectos del cambio climático, representantes de la sociedad civil y dependencias ecológicas encabezaron la instalación del Consejo Consultivo "Reducción de Emisiones por Deforestación y Degradación (REDD)" de la península Yucatán, convirtiéndose en la primera zona del país en conjuntar este tipo de esfuerzos.

#### [Proponen pagar a propietarios forestales que preserven bosques](#)

Diario Portal, 23/11/11

Como una estrategia para combatir la deforestación y coadyuvar así a reducir los efectos del cambio climático, el diputado federal mexicano, José Ignacio Pichardo Lechuga, propuso otorgar estímulos económicos a propietarios forestales que cuiden de los bosques.

#### [Se consolida grupo étnico lacandón: Elías Chambor Yuk](#)

El Heraldo de Chiapas, 22/11/11

El grupo étnico lacandón que habita en las comunidades Lacanjá Chanzayab, Nahá y Metzabok, en el municipio de Ocosingo, se han consolidado al alcanzar los 500 mil habitantes en los últimos cinco años. "Nuestra fortaleza está en el cuidado de la Selva Lacandona, aunque en algunas regiones existe cero aprovechamiento de los recursos naturales", dijo el presidente de la Cooperativa Jaguar Onajudado II y guía turístico, Elías Chambor Yuk.

#### [Siguen trabajos de saneamiento en el Bosque de Chapultepec](#)

Televisa, 19/11/11

El proyecto incluye la renovación del arbolado y construcción de los puentes que conectarán a la primera y segunda secciones del bosque.

#### [Urge tener estrategias para restaurar los bosques: Fabiola López](#)

La Crónica de Hoy, 16/11/11

La investigadora Fabiola López Barrera desarrolla un sistema para mejorar la función de los ecosistemas dañados, "porque se deben tener estrategias ante la intensa pérdida fragmentación y degradación de los bosques en los paisajes rurales en nuestro país".

### **Mongolia**

#### [Hopes for a breakthrough in plans to protect world's oldest nature reserve](#)

The Guardian, 29/11/11

World Bank and Mongolian authorities will meet to discuss controversial property deals that have encroached on Bogd Khan.

#### [Nomad's land: herding reforms on the Steppe](#)

Al Jazeera, 22/11/11

Mongolia faces desertification and climate change, but new ways of managing pasture land could help.

### **Mozambique**

#### [Forestry inspection stepped up, claims Pacheco](#)

All Africa, 17/11/11

Despite opposition claims that Mozambican forests are being devastated by illegal logging, in fact the government is stepping up its inspection of the forests and has seized thousands of cubic metres of wood that was logged illegally, Agriculture Minister Jose Pacheco said on Thursday.

## **Namibia**

### [Elephant poaching on the increase](#)

All Africa, 18/11/11

The elephant was killed with an automatic weapon. Spent cartridges were still to be found in the sand, just 500 metres south of the Angolan border in Caprivi's Bwabwata National Park. She was one of nine elephants killed for their tusks in the last few months in the park. A five year old female. A tragedy.

### [Elephants cause extensive damage](#)

All Africa, 29/11/11

Residents of Daures Constituency in the Erongo Region are living in constant fear after spotting at least 30 elephants that caused extensive damage to property over the weekend.

### [Jumbo sized meal for Gam residents](#)

All Africa, 30/11/11

Gam residents in the Otjozondjupa have been feasting on meat from a trophy hunted elephant over the past two days. This was possible through the Ondjou Conservancy, which availed the elephant on request from conservancy members.

### [Swakopmunder 'adopts' young rhino](#)

All Africa, 17/11/11

Inspired by the story of the black rhino in Namibia, Nicky Schubert, a 28-year-old Swakopmund resident, made history recently when she was the first individual Namibian to 'adopt' a black rhino.

## **New Zealand**

### [Alien rats take on prey's role](#)

BBC, 16/11/11

Invasive rats are compensating for the loss of native pollinators in New Zealand, scientists report.

## **Nigeria**

### [Deforestation - Nigeria ranked worst in the world](#)

This Day, 21/11/11

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has ranked Nigeria as the worst country in the world in terms of deforestation.

### ['FG loses 400,000 hectares of forest land to deforestation'](#)

All Africa, 28/11/11

After been ranked as the most dubious country in terms of deforestation, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) has said that Nigeria has lost about 400,000 hectares of forest land to deforestation.

### [FG, Northern frontline states dialogue on desertification](#)

All Africa, 24/11/11

Commissioners of environment from 11 northern frontline states have presented a resolution to the federal government that would assist in tackling the challenges of desertification.

### [Hippopotami terrorise villagers, kill one, destroy farmlands](#)

All Africa, 26/11/11

Residents of Jebba community, one of the host communities of the three hydro electric power dams in Niger State now live in fear of possible attack by hippopotami that had so far killed a villager and destroyed farm lands.

#### [La Unesco premia al instituto forestal de Nigeria por su defensa del bosque](#)

EFE, 17/11/11

El Instituto de Investigaciones Forestales de Nigeria recibió hoy en Budapest el premio Sultán Qaboos de la Unesco, una distinción otorgada por labores relacionadas con la gestión y la preservación del medio ambiente.

#### [Nation comes top of world deforestation index](#)

All Africa, 24/11/11

Rates of deforestation are highest in Nigeria, Indonesia and North Korea while China and the United States, the top two greenhouse gas polluters, have the lowest, a global ranking released on Thursday shows.

#### [Nigeria loses 3.5 percent of forest land annually](#)

Daily Times, 25/11/11

Nigeria is losing up to 400,000 hectares of forest land to deforestation and selective exploitation of forests for economic or social reasons, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture has revealed.

#### [Nigeria's forestry research institute wins UNESCO prize](#)

Africa STI, 29/11/11

The Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria has been awarded the Sultan Quaboos Prize for Environmental Preservation 2011, administered through UNESCO, at the just concluded World Science Forum in Budapest.

#### [Sand dunes - Kebbi seeks FG intervention](#)

All Africa, 17/11/11

The Kebbi State government is seeking federal government intervention in addressing the challenges of sand dunes, erosion and flooding ravaging the state.

#### [UN approves U.S\\$4 million for the country's REDD programme](#)

All Africa, 27/11/11

The Minister of Environment Hajiya Hadiza Mailafiya has stated that the United Nations has approved Nigeria's Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) programme with a funding of 4 million dollars. She made this statement in Abuja yesterday during the Press briefing on Nigeria's preparation towards United Nations climate change conference in Durban, South Africa.

#### [WHO projects 1.5 million cooking stove deaths in Nigeria](#)

Malaysian National News Agency, 24/11/11

The World Health Organization (WHO) has projected 1.5 million annual premature deaths in Nigeria because of household air pollution from traditional cooking stoves, a Ministry of Environment official says.

### **Pakistan**

#### [33,589-acre forestland in Sindh illegally encroached, PA told](#)

The News International, 21/11/11



The Sindh Assembly was informed on Monday that Sindh Forest Department has got vacated 27,026.55 acres of land in various districts of the province since April 2008, while a major portion of land measuring 33,589.50 acres is yet to be recovered from encroachers.

[Going, going, gone: Govt breaks all records, sells one acre of forest for Rs9](#)

The Express Tribune, 22/11/11

Members of the Sindh Assembly were stunned to hear that the government had auctioned off thousands of acres of forest land for Rs9. Its market value would be at least Rs100,000.

**Panama**

[El respeto al ambiente para un desarrollo económico](#)

La Estrella, 21/11/11

Siempre ha existido la discusión entre el límite de los sacrificios ambientales para lograr un crecimiento de la economía, pero es necesario garantizar la existencia de los recursos.

**Paraguay**

[Descartan opción de arrasar con camalotal en el Ypacaraí](#)

ABC Digital, 17/11/11

La posibilidad de limpiar de camalotes el lago Ypacaraí quedó descartada tras una reciente reunión entre el ministro de la Seam, Óscar Rivas, y los intendentes de los municipios afectados por el aumento del volumen de agua. Una alternativa propuesta es la reforestación de todo el perímetro del lago, en las ciudades de San Bernardino, Ypacaraí, Areguá y otras.

[Japón dona US\\$ 7 millones para preservar bosques de Paraguay](#)

Diario Popular, 30/11/11

El Gobierno del Japón, a través de su embajador en Paraguay, confirmó un aporte de 7 millones de dólares para la realización de un proyecto de preservación de bosques en el país.

[La Seam gastará US\\$ 4,7 millones en estudios sobre los bosques](#)

ABC Digital, 25/11/11

La Secretaría del Ambiente (Seam) recibirá en breve unos 4,7 millones de dólares de un programa de las Naciones Unidas, que destinará exclusivamente a la realización de estudios que le permitan conocer la situación de los bosques, no así a la implementación de planes de ejecución inmediata que apunten a detener la deforestación.

[Programa ONU - RED realizará talleres en Paraguay](#)

ABC Digital, 19/11/11

Responsables del Programa ONU- REDD, impulsado por las Naciones Unidas con el objetivo de apoyar acciones tendientes a mitigar las causas subyacentes de la deforestación y degradación de bosques, realizarán talleres los días 21, 22 y 23 de noviembre del corriente año.

**Peru**

[Peru tribes put Brazil dam projects at risk: report](#)

Reuters, 30/11/11

Four out of five hydropower projects being built in Peru by Brazilian companies are unlikely to take off as pressure from indigenous tribes and social groups in the Andean country mount, Brazilian newspaper Valor Economico reported on Wednesday.

### [Peruvian Amazon could become global centre of 'carbon piracy': report](#)

The Guardian, 30/11/11

Warnings that illiterate communities are being pressured to sign up to offsetting schemes in the rush to tap into the potentially vast new global carbon market for forest-rich countries.

### [Proponen declarar intangibilidad de los bosques de Alto Purús](#)

La Republica, 22/11/11

El congresista de Gana Perú Teófilo Gamarra Saldívar consideró que de esta manera el parque nacional será más turístico, y se contribuirá en sensibilizar a la población de la región Ucayali.

## **Philippines**

### [Climate change and Philippine deforestation](#)

The Manila Times, 20/11/11

The greatest hope we have for saving our planet from catastrophe is the dedication of those environmentalists and scientists who love creation and work tirelessly to protect it from the irresponsible tycoons of industry and corrupt politicians who cause global warming. Many choose to deny the scientific evidence that climate change is underway and damaging our world. They only have to ask the people of Bangkok why they are experiencing the worst floods in living memory.

## **Romania**

### [La Roumanie veut protéger ses vastes forêts vierges](#)

20 Minutes, 24/11/11

Des hêtres centenaires et majestueux grattent le ciel au coeur des Carpates. La Roumanie, qui compte la plus grande surface de forêts vierges de l'Union européenne, veut mieux protéger ce «trésor» pour le climat et la biodiversité, une tâche ardue. «Une des sources les plus importantes pour lutter contre le changement climatique sont les forêts», a rappelé le ministre de l'Environnement roumain Laszlo Borbely à quelques jours de la conférence sur le climat en Afrique du Sud.

## **Rwanda**

### [Experts call for concerted efforts towards reforestation](#)

All Africa, 25/11/11

Various environmental experts have called upon the government and other stakeholders to draw more strategies to increase the country's forest cover.

### [Over 20,000 trees planted in Busoro sector](#)

All Africa, 30/11/11

As part of the ongoing national tree planting drive, residents of Busoro Sector, on Monday, joined Police officers in the area in planting over 21,000 trees in Rukingiro Cell, which is part of the sector.

### [PM launches national tree planting in Kirehe](#)

All Africa, 20/11/11

The National Tree Planting was yesterday officially launched in Kirehe District by the Prime Minister, Pierre Damien Habumuremyi.

### [Prioritise environmental conservation](#)

All Africa, 21/11/11

The premier said that government was committed to planting trees and protecting forests in the country. It is in the interest of all Rwandans that the country increases its forest cover. However, planting trees is one thing and owning the activity is another.

#### [Prison waste cuts costs in Rwanda](#)

Reuters, 21/11/11

A prisoner ignites a faint blue flame under one of 10 massive stoves in a prison kitchen in eastern Rwanda to start preparing a maize and bean lunch for the inmates.

#### [RDB to restock rhinos, lions in Akagera park](#)

All Africa, 19/11/11

Rwanda Development Board (RDB) will next year import Rhinos and Lions from South Africa as away of restocking the Akagera National Park's wild life population.

#### [Rusizi women pledge to protect newly planted trees](#)

All Africa, 29/11/11

Women from Mururu sector in Rusizi District planted more than 700 trees as part of activities to mark the just concluded national tree-planting drive.

#### [Tree planting part of nation building - Senate president](#)

All Africa, 28/11/11

Senate president, Dr. Jean Damascene Ntawukuliryayo, over the weekend, urged the residents of Gatenga Sector in Kicukiro District to value the tree planting exercise, saying it is part of nation building.

#### [Veterans to plant 140,000 trees in Kayonza](#)

All Africa, 18/11/11

Hundreds of residents and veterans Wednesday started planting trees on bare hills and mountains in Rwimishinya village, Kayonza District. The tree planting exercise also attracted Lt Gen Fred Ibingira, Chief of Staff of the Reserve Forces.

### **Senegal**

#### [Prospects and pitfalls along a Great Green Wall](#)

All Africa, 29/11/11

Former goat-herder Samba Ba proudly points to a row of metre-high acacia trees growing amid the fine grasses that are the only other vegetation in this part of northern Senegal's arid savannah. "Planting trees is a blessing - trees mean life. We call this the Nile River of the Sahel."

### **Sierra Leone**

#### [Africa belongs to Africans](#)

Al Jazeera, 26/11/11

When will Sierra Leoneans be able to benefit from their own natural resources, instead of being cursed by them?

### **South Africa**

#### [Climate change not sparing migratory birds](#)

Xinhua, 19/11/11

Everyone has noticed that the weather is unusual around spring time of year. Depending on where you live in South Africa and who you're asking, it's hotter, colder, wetter or drier than you can remember. So, as spring becomes the new summer the question being asked is, what's going on?

#### [Climate change: South Africa has much to lose](#)

Associated Press, 24/11/11

Imagine the savannas of South Africa's flagship Kruger Park so choked with brush, viewing what game is left is nearly impossible. The Cape of Good Hope without penguins. The Karoo desert's seasonal symphony of wildflowers silenced.

#### **Spain**

#### [Clonación de árboles: futuro de plantaciones forestales y nuevos fármacos](#)

EFE, 25/11/11

Plantaciones forestales intensivas, síntesis de nuevos fármacos, regeneración de plantas y forestación urbana son algunas de las aplicaciones derivadas de la clonación "in vitro" de árboles, compleja técnica que permite obtener ejemplares idénticos para perpetuar la valiosa información genética.

#### [El mayor bosque de España se sostiene gracias a los vecinos](#)

Público, 30/11/11

La mayor masa boscosa de la Península no ha sufrido un incendio serio en los últimos cien años. Los habitantes de Tierra de Pinares (entre Burgos y Soria) sienten el bosque como algo suyo, y de hecho lo es, porque son tierras comunales. Esta implicación, además de ser el mejor extintor, ha convertido a los pinares a los pies de los Picos de Urbión en un bosque modélico que, ahora, quiere convertirse en Reserva de la Biosfera.

#### [España, "un paraíso" para los aficionados a las setas](#)

EFE, 27/11/11

El periodista y divulgador Juan Antonio de la Rica Castedo ha asegurado hoy que España es "un paraíso" para los micólogos por su variedad de climas y hábitats, que la convierten en un país "único" para los aficionados a las setas.

#### [La euroregión ya tiene bosque](#)

La Voz de Galicia, 24/11/11

La cuenta atrás para que en diciembre se formalice oficialmente la eurociudad Tui-Valença arranca con la plantación de cientos de árboles autóctonos.

#### [La trufa negra de Huesca es el oro de los bosques](#)

Heraldo, 22/11/11

Un libro, que ha sido editado por la Diputación Provincial de Huesca, nos habla del cultivo, la recolección, la comercialización, la gastronomía y también de la vinculación humana con este hongo subterráneo.

#### [La Xunta prohibirá plantar eucaliptos en medio de bosques de especies autóctonas](#)

Faro de Vigo, 28/11/11

La Xunta aumentará las restricciones sobre los eucaliptos. La nueva Ley de Montes prohibirá plantar estos árboles en zonas de bosques autóctonos. No se podrán intercalar estas especies, consideradas invasoras, con árboles frondosos caducifolios, característicos de Galicia, como los castaños, los robles, los nogales, abedules o alisos...

### [Repoblarán con especies autóctonas dos hectáreas de la Font Roja](#)

EFE, 22/11/11

La Conselleria de Infraestructuras, Territorio y Medio Ambiente ha organizado una jornada de repoblación con especies autóctonas en dos hectáreas del parque natural de la Font Roja, en el municipio alicantino de Alcoy, con la finalidad de mejorar la biodiversidad de ese enclave.

### [Seeds survive being eaten twice](#)

BBC, 23/11/11

The unfortunate lizard in this shrike's beak has a belly full of fruit seeds. And scientists working in the Canary Islands have found that those seeds often survive being "eaten twice", going on to germinate.

### [Un bosque especies autóctonas, primera iniciativa de Eurociudad Valença-Tui](#)

EFE, 23/11/11

Más de un centenar de escolares de Valença do Minho (Portugal) y Tui han participado hoy en la plantación de un bosque de especies autóctonas en una superficie de casi 1.500 metros cuadrados a ambos lados del río Miño.

### [WWF considera que reforestar la comarca de La Mancha es de "máxima prioridad"](#)

ABC, 17/11/11

La organización ecologista WWF España considera que reforestar la comarca de La Mancha toledana es de "máxima prioridad" porque en la actualidad estos bosques tan sólo cubren un nueve por ciento de su superficie original, según el informe "Los bosques que nos quedan".

### [WWF "planta en red" 1.750 arboles en toda España](#)

EFE, 25/11/11

El grupo ecologista internacional WWF se ha comprometido a plantar 1.750 árboles en un solo día y en ocho diferentes puntos de España como parte de su campaña de restauración de bosques "plantación en red".

## **Sudan**

### [Gum arabic potential cure for Sudanese ills](#)

AFP, 25/11/11

Since he was 14, Al-Amin has tapped gum arabic, the resin of an acacia tree that thrives in Sudan's conflict states -- "manna" from heaven for some, a key ingredient in Coca-Cola for others.

### [Sudan – battling the twin forces of civil war and climate change](#)

The Guardian, 21/11/11

Water stress and a food security crisis looms in Sudan, where millions of hectares of semi-desert has turned into desert.

### ["U.S. Imports 70 percent of Africa Gum Arabic Production", Interview](#)

Sudan Vision, 16/11/11

Gum Arabic commodity is one of the most important Sudanese export items. Trading in the commodity has flourished since early twentieth century. The Gum Arabic trees belt provides means of living and stability for citizens living in Kordofan, Darfur, central, east and west of Sudan.

## **Tunisia**

### [Botulism alert amongst wild birds](#)

All Africa, 18/11/11

Over 15,000 wild birds died mysteriously over the last two months in Ichkeul Park and Sijoumi Lake, both important stop over points for migratory birds in North Africa.

## **Uganda**

[Guereza colobus monkeys join dawn chorus to 'show off'](#)

BBC, 28/11/11

Scientists have revealed some of the secrets of the loud, growling monkey dawn chorus in the forests of Uganda.

## **United Kingdom**

[Access to wildlife should be a right, not a privilege](#)

The Guardian, 16/11/11

Evidence is growing that access to a wildlife-rich environment is essential for children's health and wellbeing.

[Amazon exhibition at Somerset House](#)

The Ecologist, 18/11/11

Sebastião Salgado and Per-Anders Pettersson's work offers a compelling insight into a threatened way of life, says The Ecologist's Green Living Editor Ruth Styles

[Beavers released in Machynlleth enclosure](#)

BBC, 21/11/11

That's no longer strictly true as two female European beavers have been introduced into a 2.5 acre enclosure over the weekend in Cwm Einion near Machynlleth. These beavers could be the first of many to be "set free" in as natural environment as possible.

[Breeding hopes for Barbary lions at Port Lympne](#)

BBC, 23/11/11

Conservationists at a Kent zoo have started attempts to breed an endangered species of lion. Port Lympne Animal Park has brought in a new female Barbary lion from Madrid, and are hoping she will mate with their resident male, Milo.

[Conservationists call for urgent restoration of UK peatlands](#)

The Guardian, 16/11/11

New report warns that losing just 5% of British peatland would equal UK's annual carbon emissions and risk climate targets.

[Consumers turn to speciality meats as game sales soar](#)

The Guardian, 29/11/11

UK sales of venison, wood pigeon, quail and rabbit are predicted to reach a record £84m this year.

[Deer most recognised Scottish animal, survey finds](#)

BBC, 23/11/11

Deer are the type of wildlife the public associate most with Scotland, according to a survey commissioned by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

### [Healthy woodlands 'need quality not quantity'](#)

BBC, 25/11/11

There needs to be a greater focus on woodland management rather than just paying attention to the number of trees being planted, a report has concluded.

### [Llyndy Isaf farm in Wales saved by National Trust after £1m appeal](#)

The Guardian, 16/11/11

Beautiful land and lake where wildlife thrives, and where legend says dragons fought, saved following 20,000 donations.

### [Threave and Rockcliffe 'creepy-crawlies' study complete](#)

BBC, 17/11/11

A study of invertebrates on two Dumfries and Galloway estates has found three species that are new to Scotland.

### [Unlocking the genetic secrets of the UK's fungi](#)

BBC, 18/11/11

Fungi might be one of the world's most diverse kingdoms of life, but we know surprisingly little about them. Now this is about to change with scientists creating the first genetic library of the UK's fungi.

### [Why not all game is fair game](#)

The Guardian, 20/11/11

How much more sustainable is it to eat game instead of normal meat?

## **United Republic of Tanzania**

### [Factors behind loss of biodiversity in Tanzania](#)

The Citizen, 19/11/11

On December 22, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2011-2020 the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity through its resolution 65/161, whose purpose is to reduce the current loss of biodiversity. The Oxford dictionary defines biodiversity as the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable.

### [Harmonisation of wildlife laws a most welcome move](#)

All Africa, 16/11/11

Countries in Southern and Eastern Africa have put in place a plan to join forces in their anti-poaching war and the ever-increasing illegal trade in wildlife products. The new strategy entails a harmonisation of wildlife laws that would ensure anti-poaching strategies being created can be implemented across the region without any parochial legal hitches.

### [Let's protect forests](#)

All Africa, 26/11/11

Pressure on forests has progressively escalated, causing negative impacts on the economy and marginal communities depending on trees.

## **United States of America**

### [A quiet push to grow crops under cover of trees](#)

The New York Times, 21/11/11

On a forested hill in the mountains north of Montana's capital, beneath a canopy of pine and spruce, Marc and Gloria Flora have planted more than 300 smaller trees, from apple and pear to black walnut and chestnut.

#### [Alaska officials postpone decision on wolf kills](#)

Reuters, 16/11/11

Alaska wildlife managers have postponed a decision on a controversial proposal to kill wolves in a region south of Anchorage, a state spokesman said on Wednesday.

#### [Appeals court keeps Yellowstone grizzlies on threatened list](#)

The New York Times, 23/11/11

The government may not yet go ahead with its plan to remove grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone region from the endangered species list because of the Endangered Species Act, an appellate court found on Tuesday.

#### [¿Es posible restaurar los Everglades? Claves de la restauración ambiental más costosa de la Historia](#)

EFE, 19/11/11

Los Everglades, el mayor humedal de Estados Unidos, afrontan el proyecto de restauración ambiental más costoso de la Historia con el reto de eludir dos amenazas, la presión humana y el cambio climático, y salvar un santuario natural del que depende el agua que beben 7 millones de personas.

#### [From shore to forest, projecting effects of climate change](#)

The New York Times, 16/11/11

While the long-term outlook for grape-growers in the Finger Lakes region is favorable, it is less than optimal for skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts in the Adirondacks. Fir and spruce trees are expected to die out in the Catskills, and New York City's backup drinking water supply may well be contaminated as a result of seawater making its way farther up the Hudson River.

#### [Ladybug, ladybug, welcome back home: good news for the Official State Insect](#)

The New York Times, 24/11/11

It is not just any bug, but the native nine-spotted ladybug. And its reappearance is something of a relief, because it is the official New York State insect, even though the last recorded sighting of it in New York was 29 years ago.

#### [Officials seek new ways to cull bison](#)

The New York Times, 20/11/11

As many as 360 migrating wild bison would be shot by hunters in Montana, captured for slaughter or shipped elsewhere this winter under a proposal from Yellowstone National Park officials seeking an alternative to the indiscriminate slaughters of previous years.

#### [Un feu de forêt à Reno fait au moins 17 blessés et un mort](#)

La Presse, 19/11/11

Un feu de forêt alimenté par des vents violents a détruit au moins 32 maisons et forcé l'évacuation, pendant une partie de la journée de samedi, de près de 10 000 personnes au sud-ouest de Reno, dans le Nevada.

#### [U.S. seeks to protect old-growth forests to save caribou](#)

Reuters, 29/11/11



The U.S. government proposed protecting old-growth forests in Idaho and Washington state on Tuesday to save the nation's dwindling population of mountain caribou, popularly known as wild reindeer.

### **Viet Nam**

#### ['Cure for cancer' rumour killed off Vietnam's rhinos](#)

The Guardian, 25/11/11

The belief that powdered rhino horn cured cancer is being blamed for surge in demand that has wiped out three species.

### **Zimbabwe**

#### [100 elephants die in Hwange](#)

All Africa, 18/11/11

Severe drought has killed an estimated 100 elephants worth US\$2 million in Hwange National Park in the past month or so, and is threatening thousands other jumbos in the country's largest wildlife sanctuary.

#### [Hwange elephant deaths linked to poor park maintenance](#)

All Africa, 21/11/11

The deaths of an estimated 100 elephants in the Hwange National Park is being linked to poor park maintenance, amid warnings that Zimbabwe's wildlife is facing a serious disaster.

#### [Hwange's jumbos under threat](#)

All Africa, 25/11/11

The first shafts of daybreak sun colour the fluffy grass heads, rippling across the plain in a russet hue, juxtaposing itself with stunted mopane bush shrubbery, whose graze line resembles a schoolboy's fresh hair cut.

#### [No trees in 50 years](#)

The Zimbabwean, 16/11/11

A cocktail of power cuts, ad hoc deforestation and veld fires has seen the loss of 330 000 hectares of trees annually, while Forestry Commission sapling nurseries wither through lack of investment from the cash-strapped parastatal.

#### [Scores of elephants die in Zimbabwe heat wave](#)

Associated Press, 23/11/11

Scores of elephants have died in a three-month heat wave that has dried up watering holes in western Zimbabwe, wildlife authorities said Wednesday. Rangers in the Hwange National Park have counted 18 calves and 21 adolescent elephants among the dead animals, the state Parks and Wildlife Authority said in statement.

#### [Stop deforestation](#)

The Financial Gazette, 16/11/11

Last weekend I had a rare opportunity of coming face to face with the sad reality of deforestation. I was perturbed and upset at the same time. My car broke down when I was coming from my rural home in Gutu. It was in the middle of a former commercial farm that was taken-over during the land reform programme. When I failed to fix it so that I could proceed with the journey I phoned Harare to send a recovery team. While I waited I decided to look for some water from nearby homesteads. Upon arrival I was greeted by stacks of firewood neatly packed against the walls of the huts.

### [Stop the wanton destruction of trees](#)

The Standard, 30/11/11

Imagine travelling past grassy stretches of bare land, with no trees in sight, save for a eucalyptus tree here and there! As near impossible as it might sound to some, it is the sad reality in most parts of Zimbabwe, a country currently in grave danger of serious desertification.

### [The last natural vestige of wildlife](#)

All Africa, 18/11/11

On entering the main gate, stunted mopane bush shrubbery and fresh game dung give valuable clues to what happens in this perfect theatre of the jungle. The wafting air atones for nothing other than the hair-raising timid smell of the wilderness, sending a flashing chill down the spine.

## **World**

### [30 millones viven en la Amazonía](#)

El Comercio, 16/11/11

Por unos días, la Amazonía copó titulares de periódicos y despachos de agencias de noticias. Había una razón para ello. Esta extensa región del planeta encabezó el listado del concurso internacional 'Las nuevas siete maravillas del mundo'.

### [After rhino horn seizure, conservationists seek enforcement](#)

The New York Times, 21/11/11

Authorities at the Hong Kong International Airport made a record seizure of illegal rhino horns last week, estimated to be worth about \$2.2 million, officials said.

### [Amazon countries vow to enhance conservation efforts](#)

AFP, 23/11/11

Eight South American countries pledged Tuesday to boost cooperation to protect one of the planet's largest natural reserves from deforestation and illegal trafficking in timber and minerals.

### [Amphibians face raised extinction threat](#)

The Independent, 17/11/11

Many of the world's amphibians, which include frogs, toads, newts and salamanders, could die out faster than expected this century, a study has found.

### [Amphibians facing 'terrifying' rate of extinction](#)

The Guardian, 16/11/11

Researchers say tropical regions of richest diversity are most at risk of losing frogs, toads, newts and salamanders.

### [Árboles "in vitro", una oportunidad para bosques y ciudades](#)

EFE, 26/11/11

Plantaciones forestales intensivas, síntesis de nuevos fármacos, regeneración de plantas y forestación urbana son algunas de las aplicaciones derivadas de la clonación "in vitro" de árboles, compleja técnica que permite obtener ejemplares idénticos para perpetuar la valiosa información genética.

### [Asia to face fresh water challenge over the next decade](#)

The Nation, 21/11/11

Water is a vital, finite and irreplaceable resource and is essential to all life. It brings good harvests, health, prosperity, and ecological abundance. An organism doesn't have to be told how important water is to their existence. An amphibian knows to lay their eggs in water or else there will be no new born. Even flies know to lay their eggs in fresh water. The only organism that doesn't understand the importance of water is humans, especially in industrialized countries. Water is the most critical resource issue of our lifetime and our children's lifetime.

#### [Autumn's birds delay migration](#)

BBC, 21/11/11

Geese, ducks and swans that spend winter in wetlands of Northern Europe are changing their migration patterns as temperatures rise, say scientists.

#### [Bosques y cambio climático, pidiéndole peras al olmo](#)

Pública, 17/11/11

A pesar del origen presuntamente sabanoide de la especie Homo sapiens, los bosques gustan, asombran y entusiasman a personas de todas las edades, culturas y países. Pero, además, los bosques cumplen un número amplio de funciones y brindan abundantes servicios que son cada vez más demandados por la sociedad.

#### [Déforestation: L'Oréal, bon élève](#)

Le Figaro, 22/11/11

Les principaux industriels européens concernés et les enseignes de distribution privilégient de plus en plus l'huile de palme durable pour freiner la déforestation mais les efforts sont trop lents, a indiqué aujourd'hui le Fonds mondial pour la nature (WWF).

#### [Elephant and bee researcher nets green prize](#)

BBC, 23/11/11

A British scientist has won a coveted environment research prize for showing how bees can be used to reduce conflict between people and elephants.

#### [En Europa venden únicamente cigarrillos que se apagan solos](#)

La Nación, 23/11/11

Lo dispuso la UE para prevenir incendios forestales; ya se usa en Canadá.

#### [En peligro de extinción, 16 mil especies en América](#)

Informador, 23/11/11

De las 40 mil especies de animales que se tienen descritas en el Continente Americano, el 40 por ciento, es decir 16 mil, se encuentran en algún grado de extinción, aseguró hoy Gerardo Ceballos González, investigador del Instituto de Ecología de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

#### [EU biofuel target seen driving species loss: study](#)

Reuters, 16/11/11

A European Union target to promote the use of biofuels will accelerate global species loss because it encourages the conversion of pasture, savanna and forests into new cropland, EU scientists have warned.

#### [Forest-dependent communities lobby for end of Redd+](#)

All Africa, 29/11/11

Organisations working with indigenous peoples living in forests say the United Nations programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD+) is just another way for big corporates to reap huge profits.

### [Gestión sostenible de bosques africanos para fomentar el desarrollo social](#)

EFE, 17/11/11

El II Seminario Internacional "La gestión forestal como herramienta de cooperación y desarrollo rural" inaugurado hoy en Madrid, evalúa los cinco años de colaboración internacional en el África Subsahariana para la administración sostenible de los bosques.

### [Global trade spreads a fatal amphibian disease](#)

The New York Times, 24/11/11

A recent study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science reported that global trade in amphibians is one of the big culprits in spreading a fungal disease known as chytrid, responsible for the stunning die-off of amphibians across the world.

### [Gobiernos coordinan conservación de Amazonía antes de cumbre climática 2012](#)

Univision, 22/11/11

Cancilleres de los países amazónicos se reúnen este martes en Manaus, Brasil, para revisar los planes de desarrollo y conservación de la mayor selva tropical del planeta, y discutir una propuesta común para la cumbre ambiental de la ONU en 2012.

### [How \(some\) deforestation might slow warming](#)

Time, 16/11/11

Deforestation is a major cause of climate change, responsible for perhaps 15% (PDF) of the world's overall greenhouse gas pollution. That's because trees sequester carbon, and when those trees are cut down or burned, they release that carbon back into atmosphere. And as we lose trees, we lose a valuable carbon sink—each year the Amazonian rainforest locks in an estimated 1.5 gigatons of carbon dioxide, without which we'd be living in a much hotter and less pleasant planet.

### [Jeffrey Sachs stung by the corrosive mix of palm oil and publicity](#)

The Guardian, 17/11/11

The tale of the world's biggest palm oil producer, discredited TV shows and the renowned economist and his institute reveals a ruthless global PR campaign.

### [La Cuenca del Congo se vuelca en la certificación del bosque tropical](#)

EFE, 19/11/11

En los últimos cinco años, la Cuenca del Congo ha incrementado en cinco millones el número de hectáreas de bosque certificado FSC, un mecanismo que contribuye a la conservación de la biodiversidad y al desarrollo de las sociedades dependientes de las masas forestales tropicales.

### [La deforestación puede enfriar el clima local en las latitudes septentrionales](#)

ABC, 18/11/11

Las temperaturas superficiales en áreas sin bosques son más frías debido a que la capa de nieve refleja los rayos del Sol hacia el espacio exterior.

### [La deforestación también puede bajar la temperatura](#)

El Nacional, 22/11/11

En latitudes altas puede tener un efecto de enfriar o bajar la temperatura, pero no hay indicios de que esto suceda en latitudes bajas, donde la deforestación tendría el efecto opuesto.

['La forêt des pluies': "Dans dix ans, on ne pourra plus faire ce film, car il n'y aura plus de forêt primaire"](#)

20 Minutes, 22/11/11

Le botaniste Francis Hallé, spécialiste des forêts tropicales, fait partie de l'aventure du film 'La forêt des pluies' de Luc Jacquet...

[Le fanatisme écolo est has been, place au fanatisme anti-écolo](#)

L'Express, 21/11/11

Dans son dernier essai, Le Fanatisme de l'Apocalypse Pascal Bruckner, s'attaque à un supposé fanatisme écologique, devenu selon lui majoritaire, anti-humaniste, prônant la disparition de l'homme pour le bien-être de la nature. Mais le plus insensible à la préservation de l'humanité est-il vraiment l'accusé?

["Les changements climatiques nuisent à la productivité des forêts"](#)

Le Vif, 24/11/11

Les changements climatiques nuisent à la productivité de la forêt par des périodes accrues de sécheresse. Ils conduisent aussi à des dérangements jamais constatés auparavant, comme de graves dégâts de tempêtes, des feux de forêt incontrôlables ou de nouvelles maladies des arbres, avec un grand impact régional, indique jeudi l'Université catholique flamande de Louvain. La K.U.Leuven plaide dès lors pour une meilleure politique des forêts.

[Los gobiernos redoblan sus compromisos a favor de la Amazonía](#)

AFP, 22/11/11

Los países amazónicos trabajarán de la mano para conservar la mayor selva tropical del planeta, amenazada por la tala de bosque y el tráfico ilegal de recursos, y para el éxito de la cumbre climática de Río en 2012, acordaron los ministros de Relaciones Exteriores reunidos el martes en Manaus, Brasil.

[Medical myth is dooming the rhino to extinction](#)

The Independent, 18/11/11

Can nobody stop it? Can no major political leader or other public figure realise what is happening and have the guts or find a moment to speak out about the horrific, heartless, headlong slaughter of the world's rhinos which is now running out of control?

[Ministros de países amazónicos discutirán proyectos de desarrollo regional](#)

EFE, 21/11/11

Ministros y delegados de Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Perú, Surinam y Venezuela, que forman la Organización del Tratado de Cooperación Amazónica (OTCA), debatirán mañana proyectos de desarrollo en esa región, que atesora uno de los ecosistemas más delicados y amenazados del planeta.

[Mitad del aceite de palma certificado se queda sin vender, afirma el WWF](#)

ABC, 22/11/11

Compañías de Europa, Estados Unidos y Japón compran más que nunca aceite de palma certificado, pero esta demanda todavía es insuficiente y la mitad de la producción sostenible se queda sin vender, reveló hoy el Fondo Mundial para la Naturaleza (WWF).

[Nigeria, Indonesia top deforestation list, China lowest](#)

AlertNet/Reuters, 24/11/11

Nigeria, Indonesia and North Korea have the world's highest rates of deforestation while China and the United States, the top two greenhouse gas polluters, have the lowest, a global ranking released on Thursday shows.

#### [Países amazónicos renuevan su compromiso medioambiental, con acento social](#)

EFE, 23/11/11

Ministros de Brasil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guayana, Perú, Surinam y Venezuela renovaron hoy su compromiso con el cuidado de la Amazonía y acordaron remarcar el acento social en sus planes para el mayor pulmón verde del planeta.

#### [Retail and food industry improving palm oil sourcing, says WWF](#)

The Guardian, 22/11/11

WWF praises companies such as Cadbury and Unilever for using sustainable palm oil, but says situation is still bad.

#### [Snack on that! Are insects the future of food?](#)

The Ecologist, 18/11/11

With seven billion people to feed, agriculture is feeling the strain. So are creepy crawlies the solution? The Ecologist takes a closer look.

#### [The artists' artist: wildlife film-makers](#)

The Guardian, 23/11/11

Five wildlife film-makers nominate their favourite living artist in their field.

#### [Triple threat paints grim future for frogs](#)

Associated Press, 16/11/11

Frogs, salamanders and other amphibians may eventually have no safe haven left on the globe because of a triple threat of worsening scourges, a new study predicts.

#### [Urgent action needed to save migratory birds](#)

The Independent, 21/11/11

Scientists seek to halt rapid decline in turtle doves, nightingales, cuckoos and warblers.

#### [Wood fires fuel climate change – UN](#)

The Guardian, 27/11/11

Log burning and diesel vehicles two of the biggest culprits in developed world in generating pollution causing black carbon.

#### [World wildlife hubs for migratory species at risk](#)

All Africa, 21/11/11

The world is covered by billions of invisible migratory pathways. On land, in the water and in the air, animals on the move depend on the availability of critical sites along their annual journeys. These world wildlife hubs are vital for the animals to refuel and reproduce, one missing link can jeopardize an entire population.

[WWF: More firms should buy eco-friendly palm oil](#)

Businessweek, 22/11/11

A conservation group says more companies in Europe, Australia and Japan should buy palm oil from environmentally responsible sources.

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