



Weekly Headlines in World of Biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD))
(14-20 Oct 2015)

Theme	Title	Details	Press Media	Further Details
AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY	<i>Africa seeks agricultural transformation</i>	On the first World Food Day in 1945, people around the world celebrated the creation of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and the launch of the first co-ordinated global action to combat hunger. This year, on the 70th World Food Day, countries are mobilising behind the Sustainable Development Goals – one of which calls for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition by 2030, together with the creation of a more resilient and sustainable food system. Can it be done?	<i>Gulf Times (Qatar), 19 October 2015</i>	http://www.gulf-times.com/opinion/189/details/459360/africa-seeks-agricultural-transformation

	<i>Reformed CAP aims to respond to global food security challenge</i>	According to the European Commission, boosting innovation and research in the agricultural sector is key if EU farmers are to produce more with less, and feed billions.	<i>EurActiv.com, 16 October 2015</i>	http://www.euractiv.com/sections/innovation-feeding-world/cap-respond-food-security-challenge-318608
CLIMATE CHANGE	<i>Against climate change, nations talk, but cities act</i>	When Jean-Claude Juncker his first State of the European Union speech in September, he spoke so long about migration that he had little time left to talk about the road to Paris.	<i>EUobserver, 19 October 2015</i>	https://euobserver.com/regions/130259
	<i>Beating climate change is key to making nutritious food needed to beat hunger</i>	With hopes high that a new global climate change agreement will be signed at the UN's COP21 talks in Paris, the world faces a difficult question. How do we feed and nourish an increasing number of people while ensuring that expanded agricultural production becomes more sustainable, and does not put more strain on the world's natural resources?	<i>Guardian (UK), 19 October 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/oct/19/hunger-nutrition-climate-change-smallholder-farmers-eu
	<i>Another weird effect of climate change — too many female sea turtles</i>	Climate change is affecting wildlife in a lot of serious, and occasionally weird, ways.	<i>Washington Post, 16 October 2015</i>	http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/10/16/another-weird-effect-of-climate-change-too-many-female-sea-turtles/

<i>Which countries are doing the most to stop dangerous global warming?</i>	In November, nearly 200 countries meet in Paris for UN talks to agree a new climate deal.	<i>Guardian (UK), 16 October 2015</i> In November	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2015/oct/16/which-countries-are-doing-the-most-to-stop-dangerous-global-warming
<i>UN agency and French Government urge inclusion of food security in global climate change debate</i>	Targeted policies and investments in food security and agriculture should be at the centre of debates on climate change, according to a top UN official and the French Minister for Agriculture, speaking at the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in Rome this week.	<i>UN News Centre, 15 October 2015</i>	http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=52260#.Vh-kxGdzOUk
<i>In Paris, top officials warn climate change poses major security threat</i>	Ahead of December's climate change conference, experts have warned about the effects of climate change on world security - and how fighting global warming can help foster peace. Elizabeth Bryant reports from Paris.	<i>Deutsche Welle, 15 October 2015</i>	http://www.dw.com/en/in-paris-top-officials-warn-climate-change-poses-major-security-threat/a-18784110
<i>Why Restoring Nature Could Be the Key to Fighting Climate Change</i>	For decades, scientists and policymakers have focused on changing human behavior to address climate change.	<i>TIME, 15 October 2015</i>	http://time.com/4070683/nature-climate-change/
<i>Antarctic ice sheets face catastrophic collapse without deep emissions cuts</i>	Study finds that a global temperature increase of 3C would cause ice shelves to disappear, triggering sea-level rise that would continue for thousands of years.	<i>Guardian (UK), 15 October 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/oct/14/antarctic-ice-sheets-face-catastrophic-collapse-without-deep-emissions-cuts

	<i>A shift in climate</i>	The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has done much to alert politicians to the effects of global warming. But to push climate change up the agenda, it will need to do the same for the public.	<i>Nature, 14 October 2015</i>	http://www.nature.com/news/a-shift-in-climate-1.18545
	<i>Joint action on climate change: Facts and figures</i>	Ilan Kelman examines the history, overlaps and conflicts between climate change, development and disasters.	<i>SciDev.net, 14 October 2015</i>	http://www.scidev.net/global/climate-change/feature/joint-action-climate-change-facts-figures.html
	<i>Pacific nations beg for help for islanders when 'calamity' of climate change hits</i>	Coalition of Fiji, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Tokelau ask wealthy nations to help their people migrate and find work if they have to flee because of rising sea levels.	<i>Guardian (UK), 14 October 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/oct/14/pacific-nations-beg-for-help-for-islanders-when-calamity-of-climate-change-hits
	<i>Mexico Challenges Other Nations to Act Boldly against Climate Change</i>	Where some are planning walls, others are planning windows. Or rather, pipelines.	<i>Scientific American, 14 October 2015</i>	http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/mexico-challenges-other-nations-to-act-boldly-against-climate-change/
FOREST BIODIVERSITY	<i>Illegal logging decimating birds in Ghana: 'These numbers are shocking'</i>	Thousands of studies have measured the impact of logging on tropical biodiversity, but few have looked at illegal logging.	<i>Mongabay.com, 15 October 2015</i>	http://news.mongabay.com/2015/10/illegal-logging-decimating-birds-in-ghana-these-numbers-are-shocking/

	<i>New research shows just how much better recycled paper is for forests</i>	A new life cycle analysis shows the substantial environmental benefits of 100 percent recycled paper over paper made from virgin wood fiber.	<i>Mongabay.com, 14 October 2015</i>	http://news.mongabay.com/2015/10/new-research-shows-just-how-much-better-recycled-paper-is-for-forests/
GENDER AND BIODIVERSITY	<i>A Younger Generation Cannot March on an Empty Stomach</i>	UNITED NATIONS, Oct 16 2015 (IPS) - U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon insists there is a special role for the world's younger generation in the U.N.'s post-2015 development agenda.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 16 October 2015</i>	http://www.ipsnews.net/2015/10/a-younger-generation-cannot-march-on-an-empty-stomach/
	<i>Mauritius to kill 18,000 threatened native bats in 'disgraceful' cull</i>	The government of Mauritius has announced its plans of culling 20 percent of the endemic and vulnerable Mauritius fruit bat (<i>Pteropus niger</i>) population on the island.	<i>Mongabay.com, 16 October 2015</i>	http://news.mongabay.com/2015/10/mauritius-to-cull-18000-native-bats-nearly-40-percent-of-bat-population/
	<i>We treat one elephant culled as a tragedy, 20,000 poached as a statistic</i>	The death of a single elephant – or lion, such as Cecil – is sad. But our anger should really be aimed at the species-threatening scale of the illegal wildlife trade.	<i>Guardian (UK), 16 October 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/16/angry-one-culled-elephant-20000-poached

	<i>With Around 40% of Resource Extraction and Use Linked to World Trade, New Policies Required to Address Environmental Impacts</i>	As countries become increasingly dependent on world trade, with 40 per cent of resources extracted and used worldwide linked directly or indirectly to trade, new policies are needed to address adverse environmental impacts, according to a new report.	<i>UNEP News Centre, 16 October 2015</i>	http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26851&ArticleID=35500&l=en
	<i>Britain's forests, soil and rivers worth £1.6tn, says environment secretary</i>	Liz Truss says putting price tag on environment would help decision-making by businesses and government	<i>Guardian (UK), 15 October 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/oct/14/britain-should-embrace-natural-capital-agenda-says-liz-truss
	<i>Biodiversity stabilizes ecosystems during climate extremes</i>	International grasslands study finds benefits of multiple species under wet, dry conditions	<i>Science Daily, 15 October 2015</i>	http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/10/151014142135.htm
	<i>Re-thinking plant and insect diversity</i>	New research by biologists at the University of York shows that plant and insect diversity is more loosely linked than scientists previously believed.	<i>Science Daily, 14 October 2015</i>	http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/10/151013103231.htm

	<i>Nations List 12 Vulture Species to Tackle Population Decline in Africa</i>	A further eighteen birds of prey species have been listed at an international meeting of government representatives and experts this week in Trondheim, Norway. Seven of these species under threat are critically endangered according to the IUCN Red List.	<i>UNEP, 14 October 2015</i>	http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=26851&ArticleID=35481&l=en
ENDANGERED SPECIES	<i>How We Decide Which Animals Become Endangered</i>	The idea of extinction is pretty straightforward — a species is there, until it's not. But modern attitudes towards endangerment and extinction are hardly that simple. In fact, it wasn't long ago that the idea of endangered animals didn't even exist.	<i>Smithsonian, 15 October 2015</i>	http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/how-we-decide-which-animals-become-endangered-180956923/
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT / MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS	<i>Poverty goals? No, it's extreme wealth we should be targeting</i>	The sustainable development goals – 17 in all, starting with “end poverty, in all its forms, everywhere” – were officially adopted at the UN in New York last month. Celebrities approved immediately, experiencing the goals as a kind of moral brand-building exercise, choosing their favourite and inviting fans to favourite it too.	<i>Guardian (UK), 19 October 2015</i>	http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/19/un-poor-wealth-sustainable-development-goals
	<i>Africa: Aligning Sustainable Development Goals With Climate-Resilient Growth</i>	In December 2015 the UN will host the 21st annual Conference of Parties (COP 21) negotiations to achieve universal commitment to an ambitious, legally binding agreement on climate change.	<i>allAfrica.com, 15 October 2015</i>	http://allafrica.com/stories/201510151011.html

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