



**Weekly Headlines in World of Biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD))**  
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Theme	Title	Details	Press Media	Further Details
<b>AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY</b>	<i>Agricultural policies in Africa could be harming the poorest</i>	Agricultural policies aimed at alleviating poverty in Africa could be making things worse, according to new research.	<i>Science Daily, 09 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/02/160208140606.htm">http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/02/160208140606.htm</a>
	<i>Iran hopes for agricultural boom post-sanctions</i>	Iran plans to turn itself into a major food exporter, hoping the lifting of sanctions will boost international trade and allow investment in the agricultural sector, an official in Iran's state grain buying agency said.	<i>Reuters, 09 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/us-iran-trade-agriculture-idUSKCN0VH1NV">http://www.reuters.com/article/us-iran-trade-agriculture-idUSKCN0VH1NV</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	<i>Winds of climate change will make transatlantic flights longer, study shows</i>	Faster jet stream will add thousands of hours to journey times and increase airline fuel bills	<i>Guardian (UK), 10 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/feb/10/climate-change-will-make-transatlantic-flights-longer-study-shows">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/feb/10/climate-change-will-make-transatlantic-flights-longer-study-shows</a>

<i>Climate change is altering Siberian forests</i>	Any changes in air temperature or soil characteristics that happen over hundreds of kilometres on flat ground appear across hundreds of metres in the mountains, making mountain forests more susceptible to small climatic changes.	<i>Environmental Research Web, 09 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://environmentalresearchweb.org/cws/article/news/63996">http://environmentalresearchweb.org/cws/article/news/63996</a>
<i>Seychelles: EU Funds Second Climate Change Project for Seychelles</i>	Victoria — The successful implementation of a project in Seychelles under the Global Climate Change Alliance has resulted in a second round of funding - \$3.3 million - from the European Union (EU), a government official said Tuesday.	<i>allAfrica.com, 09 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201602091410.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201602091410.html</a>
<i>Australia to be 'isolated' from global research after CSIRO climate cuts: WMO</i>	International criticism of the CSIRO's planned deep cuts to its climate monitoring programs has intensified with the World Meteorological Organisation blasting the move as a "backward" step that would see Australia isolated.	<i>Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), 09 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/australia-to-be-isolated-from-global-research-after-csiro-climate-cuts-wmo-20160208-gmoydi.html">http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/australia-to-be-isolated-from-global-research-after-csiro-climate-cuts-wmo-20160208-gmoydi.html</a>
<i>Climate Change Is Leaving Native Plants Behind level.</i>	BERKELEY, Calif. — Willis Linn Jepson encountered a squat shrub while he was collecting botanical specimens on California's Mount Tamalpais in the fall of 1936. He trimmed off a few branches and jotted down the location along the ridge trail where the manzanita grew, 2,255 feet above sea	<i>Climate Central, 08 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.climatecentral.org/news/climate-change-is-leaving-native-plants-behind-19992">http://www.climatecentral.org/news/climate-change-is-leaving-native-plants-behind-19992</a>
<i>Europe's shift to dark green forests stokes global warming: study</i>	OSLO – An expansion of Europe's forests toward dark green conifers has stoked global warming, according to a study on Thursday at odds with a widespread view that planting more trees helps human efforts to slow rising temperatures.	<i>Japan Times, 05 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/02/05/world/science-health-world/europes-shift-to-dark-green-forests-stokes-global-warming-study/#.VrTZRGdliUI">http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/02/05/world/science-health-world/europes-shift-to-dark-green-forests-stokes-global-warming-study/#.VrTZRGdliUI</a>

<i>Climate science to be gutted as CSIRO swings jobs axe</i>	Fears that some of Australia's most important climate research institutions will be gutted under a Turnbull government have been realised with deep job cuts for scientists.	<i>Sydney Morning Herald Australia</i> ), 05 February 2016	<a href="http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/climate-will-be-all-gone-as-csiro-swings-jobs-axe-scientists-say-20160203-gml7jy.html">http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/climate-will-be-all-gone-as-csiro-swings-jobs-axe-scientists-say-20160203-gml7jy.html</a>
<i>Why climate change is really, really unfair</i>	With his 2015 encyclical “Laudato Si,” Pope Frances went further than perhaps anyone has before to reframe the entire debate around climate change by focusing on the world’s poor and the duty to protect them from environmental harms that they did not cause themselves.	<i>Washington Post</i> , 05 February 2016	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2016/02/05/why-climate-change-is-really-really-unfair/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2016/02/05/why-climate-change-is-really-really-unfair/</a>
<i>How climate change can affect our pets</i>	Climate change doesn’t just affect habitats for wildlife. It’s also affecting cats and dogs.	<i>Globe and Mail (Canada)</i> , 05 February 2016	<a href="http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/how-climate-change-can-affect-our-pets/article28592024/">http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/how-climate-change-can-affect-our-pets/article28592024/</a>
<i>Paris climate deal could 'displace millions of forest dwellers'</i>	The Paris climate agreement could make millions of forest dwellers homeless, according to a new analysis.	<i>BBC News</i> , 04 February 2016	<a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35485785">http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35485785</a>
<i>Report: Climate Change Threatens Food Fish in Northeast</i>	Fish and shellfish that humans rely on for food and that are important to the economy are on a list of Northeastern marine species considered most vulnerable to climate change, a federal government report released Wednesday and published by the journal PLOS ONE said.	<i>ABC News (USA)</i> , 04 February 2016	<a href="http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/report-82-food-fish-northeast-risk-climate-change-36696993">http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/report-82-food-fish-northeast-risk-climate-change-36696993</a>
<i>Will climate change make</i>	The koala could soon be even more endangered than	<i>Physorg</i> , 04	<a href="http://phys.org/news/2">http://phys.org/news/2</a>

<i>the koalas' diet inedible?</i>	at present, if it turns out that climate change alters the nutritional value of the only food it can eat—Eucalypt leaves	<i>February 2016</i>	016-02-climate-koalas-diet-inedible.html
<i>'Range of Zika vector will increase with climate change'</i>	DW asks emerging pathogens expert Amy Vittor about the connection between Zika and climate change. Researchers are using dengue as a reference point, as little is known about the new virus linked to a birth defect.	<i>Deutsche Welle, 03 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.dw.com/en/range-of-zika-vector-will-increase-with-climate-change/a-19022092">http://www.dw.com/en/range-of-zika-vector-will-increase-with-climate-change/a-19022092</a>
<i>Core Principals of Climate Finance to Realize the Paris Agreement</i>	UNITED NATIONS, Jan 29 2016 (IPS) - The Paris climate change conference brought together 197 countries and over 150 Heads of State – the largest convening of world leaders in history – to agree on measures and work together to limit the global average temperature rise.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 02 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/core-principals-of-climate-finance-to-realize-the-paris-agreement/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/core-principals-of-climate-finance-to-realize-the-paris-agreement/</a>
<i>Paris Agreement 'decisive turning point' on climate change, says new UN senior adviser</i>	29 January 2016 – Less than two months after 196 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopted the Paris Agreement, the global community is already seeing signs of it being a decisive turning point, according to a senior UN official dealing with climate issues.	<i>UN News Centre, 02 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=53126#.VrC8oGdliUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=53126#.VrC8oGdliUk</a>
<i>Tackling Climate Change in the Caribbean: Natural Solutions to a Human Induced Problem</i>	<i>Agency, 02 February 2016</i> UNITED NATIONS, Feb 2 2016 (IPS) - The world is still celebrating the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the main outcome of the 21st Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	<i>Inter Press Service News</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/02/tackling-climate-change-in-the-caribbean-natural-solutions-to-a-human-induced-problem/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/02/tackling-climate-change-in-the-caribbean-natural-solutions-to-a-human-induced-problem/</a>
<i>South England's 2014 floods made more likely by climate change</i>	Over the weekend Scotland was brought to its knees by storm Gertrude: the seventh named storm to hit the UK this winter and the third to be accompanied by a Met Office red “take action” warning. Now storm Henry is on the way.	<i>New Scientist, 02 February 2016</i>	<a href="https://www.newscientist.com/article/2075774-south-englands-2014-floods-made-more-likely-by-climate-change/">https://www.newscientist.com/article/2075774-south-englands-2014-floods-made-more-likely-by-climate-change/</a>
<i>Lab-bred corals reproduce</i>	AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Jan. 29 (UPI) -- Rising	<i>United Press</i>	<a href="http://www.upi.com/S">http://www.upi.com/S</a>

	<i>in the wild, a first</i>	ocean temperatures are a significant threat to coral. Perhaps second only to phytoplankton, healthy coral communities are one of the most vital components of marine biodiversity.	<i>International (UPI), 02 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.econotimes.com/Who-politicized-the-environment-and-climate-change-153018">cience_News/2016/01/29/Lab-bred-corals-reproduce-in-the-wild-a-first/7751454098923/?spt=sec&amp;or=sn</a>
	<i>Who politicized the environment and climate change?</i>	An environmental activist friend of mine recently shook her head and marveled at the extraordinary accomplishments of the last several months. "Still lots of work to be done," she said. "But wow! This has been an epic period for environmentalists!"	<i>Economic Times (India), 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.econotimes.com/Who-politicized-the-environment-and-climate-change-153018">http://www.econotimes.com/Who-politicized-the-environment-and-climate-change-153018</a>
	<i>Egypt: African Union Summit Adopts Egyptian Initiatives On Climate Change</i>	Cairo — African leaders unanimously approved on Sunday two initiatives proposed by Egypt on climate change in the continent, during the African Union summit held in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, the Egyptian state-run news agency MENA reported.	<i>allAfrica.com, 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201602012364.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201602012364.html</a>
	<i>Environment Ministers Message on World Wetlands Day Wetlands for our Future Sustainable Livelihoods" is this Years Theme</i>	The following is the text of the message of Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar, on the occasion of World Wetlands Day, being celebrated tomorrow, February 2, 2016:	<i>Business Standard (India), 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/environment-ministers-message-on-world-wetlands-day-wetlands-for-our-future-116020100800_1.html">http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/environment-ministers-message-on-world-wetlands-day-wetlands-for-our-future-116020100800_1.html</a>
<b>FOREST BIODIVERSITY</b>	<i>Better management could increase the climate benefits of European forests</i>	Europe's forest coverage has increased by 10% since 1750, but forest management methods have changed dramatically.	<i>EurActiv.com, 08 February 2016</i>	Europe's forest coverage has increased by 10% since 1750, but forest management methods have changed dramatically.

<i>Tanzania: Research - Forest Income Must Benefit Communities</i>	A Research carried out by Department of Ecology and Natural Resource Management and Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) and the School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE), University of Michigan, on Equity in Distribution of Proceeds from Forest Products from Certified Community-Based Forest Management in Kilwa District, Tanzania, has come up with some findings on the matter.	<i>allAfrica.com, 08 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201602080585.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201602080585.html</a>
<i>Bird experts highlight deforestation rates in important wildlife sites worldwide</i>	An area of forest almost the size of Scotland has been lost from important wildlife sites worldwide in just over a decade, research suggests.	<i>Times of Malta, 08 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20160208/environment/bird-experts-highlight-deforestation-rates-in-important-wildlife-sites.601683">http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20160208/environment/bird-experts-highlight-deforestation-rates-in-important-wildlife-sites.601683</a>
<i>Forests not equal when it comes to climate</i>	Two studies show how different tree species affect both carbon storage and local temperatures.	<i>Nature, 05 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.nature.com/news/forests-not-equal-when-it-comes-to-climate-1.19294">http://www.nature.com/news/forests-not-equal-when-it-comes-to-climate-1.19294</a>
<i>Gender sensitivity could aid climate change projects</i>	[NAIROBI] Men and women living in slums face different climate change impacts which, if overlooked, could further widen gender gaps in participatory development, says the preliminary findings of a continuing study	<i>SciDev.net, 04 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.scidev.net/sub-saharan-africa/gender/news/gender-sensitivity-climate-change-projects.html">http://www.scidev.net/sub-saharan-africa/gender/news/gender-sensitivity-climate-change-projects.html</a>
<i>Conservation plans that sacrifice people could fail</i>	The UN climate agreement signed off in Paris, France, in December 2015 intensified the global push to protect forests as ‘carbon sinks’ that can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.	<i>SciDev.net, 03 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.scidev.net/global/forestry/feature/conservation-plans-sacrifice-forests-indigenous.html">http://www.scidev.net/global/forestry/feature/conservation-plans-sacrifice-forests-indigenous.html</a>

	<i>New deforestation hotspot threatens southern Peru's tremendous biodiversity</i>	The lower Las Piedras River, in the far west Amazon rainforest of the Madre de Dios region of southern Peru, is an incredibly biodiverse area — but it's also the site of an increasing amount of deforestation	<i>Mongabay.com, 03 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2016/02/new-deforestation-hotspot-threatens-southern-perus-tremendous-biodiversity/">http://news.mongabay.com/2016/02/new-deforestation-hotspot-threatens-southern-perus-tremendous-biodiversity/</a>
	<i>Malawi: 'Dry Spell to Affect Survival Rate of Newly Planted Trees'</i>	Nsanje — There is fear that the dry spell that has hit most of the county's districts will affect the survival rate of trees being planted in this year's tree planting season.	<i>allAfrica.com, 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201602011450.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201602011450.html</a>
	<i>Charred heritage the burning issue</i>	IN late summer 1969, I cajoled my ageing FC Holden along the back roads of Tasmania seeking the elusive blue gum. The roads were narrow, there were few places to camp and it rained every night	<i>Mercury (Australia), 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.themercury.com.au/news/opinion/charred-heritage-the-burning-issue/news-story/a4d5f2a3a2596c307c2ed35d7c45f55b">http://www.themercury.com.au/news/opinion/charred-heritage-the-burning-issue/news-story/a4d5f2a3a2596c307c2ed35d7c45f55b</a>
	<i>Deforestation is decreasing — or is it?</i>	It started, as many things do, with a rumor. In 2013 Matt Finer, a researcher with the Amazon Conservation Association, heard from locals that someone was cutting down rainforest deep in the Peruvian Amazon, far from prying eyes.	<i>GreenBiz.com, 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.greenbiz.com/article/deforestation-decreasing-or-it">http://www.greenbiz.com/article/deforestation-decreasing-or-it</a>
	<i>Global plant conservation's phase one: The world checklist of hornworts and liverworts</i>	Although it was Charles Darwin himself who more than a century ago voiced his intention to support a complete catalogue of all known plant species, such is yet to be realised. In the present paper, however, an international research team present the first ever worldwide checklist of hornworts and liverworts, covering 7485 species from across 396 genera and representing 92 families from the two phyla.	<i>Phys.org, 29 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://phys.org/news/2016-02-global-phase-world-checklist-hornworts.html">http://phys.org/news/2016-02-global-phase-world-checklist-hornworts.html</a>

<b>PROTECTED AREAS/ IN- SITU CONSERVATION</b>	<i>The Great Bear Rainforest, B.C.'s new, giant protected area is a truce between loggers, greens</i>	Twenty years ago, the Great Bear Rainforest was a marketing term used by environmental activists to refer to a massive slice of the British Columbian coast destined for the lumber mill	<i>National Post (Canada), 03 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/the-great-bear-rainforest-b-c-s-new-giant-protected-area-is-a-truce-between-loggers-greens">http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/the-great-bear-rainforest-b-c-s-new-giant-protected-area-is-a-truce-between-loggers-greens</a>
	<i>Landmark deal to protect Canada Great Bear Rainforest</i>	Indigenous tribes, timber firms and environmental groups in western Canada have welcomed a deal to protect one of the world's largest remaining tracts of temperate rainforest.	<i>BBC News, 02 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-35467660">http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-35467660</a>
	<i>Final agreement reached to protect B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest</i>	The 20-year battle to protect the Great Bear Rainforest – the largest coastal temperate rainforest on the planet – is over, with the B.C. government set to announce Monday it has reached an agreement with environmentalists, forest companies and First Nations.	<i>Globe and Mail (Canada), 01 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/final-agreement-reached-to-protect-bcs-great-bear-rainforest/article28475362/">http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/final-agreement-reached-to-protect-bcs-great-bear-rainforest/article28475362/</a>
<b>ENDANGERED SPECIES</b>	<i>Extinct? Endangered? A new assessment for a Seychelles' cricket</i>	(Seychelles News Agency) - Listed as critically endangered and possibly extinct for more than 100 years, a cricket in Seychelles could be looking at a new lease on life as a detailed assessment of its population is planned for this year.	<i>Seychelles News Agency, 10 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/4565/Extinct+Endangered+A+new+assessment+for+a+Seychelles+cricket">http://www.seychellesnewsagency.com/articles/4565/Extinct+Endangered+A+new+assessment+for+a+Seychelles+cricket</a>
<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT / MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b>	<i>This must be 'year of traction' to propel 2030 development Agenda, says UN chief</i>	8 February 2016 – Just as 2015 was a year of “global action” with the adoption of the ambitious 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so 2016 must be a year of “global traction” to ensure that 3.1 billion people worldwide are not left behind in the race to end poverty, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said today.	<i>UN News Centre, 09 February 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=53183#.VroA_mdliUk">http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=53183#.VroA_mdliUk</a>

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