



## **Weekly Headlines in World of Biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD))** **(1-15, January-2016)**

Theme	Title	Details	Press Media	Further Details
<b>AGRICULTURE AND BIODIVERSITY</b>	<i>Agroecology in Africa: Mitigation the Old New Way</i>	OAKLAND, California, Jan 11 2016 (IPS) - Millions of African farmers don't need to adapt to climate change. They have done that already.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 12 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/agroecology-in-africa-mitigation-the-old-new-way/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/agroecology-in-africa-mitigation-the-old-new-way/</a>
	<i>Potential of agroforestry can no longer be ignored</i>	The decision to plant agricultural land with trees can be a difficult one for many farmers and most will only ever be tempted to plant marginal land. Agroforestry is changing that practice in many countries and it is beginning to gain overdue attention here	<i>Irish Independent, 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.independent.ie/business/farming/potential-of-agroforestry-can-no-longer-be-ignored-34334472.html">http://www.independent.ie/business/farming/potential-of-agroforestry-can-no-longer-be-ignored-34334472.html</a>
	<i>A high quality bread wheat reference sequence will be available in less than two years</i>	The International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium (IWGSC) announced today the production of a whole genome assembly of bread wheat, the most widely grown cereal in the world, significantly accelerating global research into crop improvement. The project consisted of producing a	<i>Phys.org, 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://phys.org/news/2016-01-high-quality-bread-wheat-sequence.html">http://phys.org/news/2016-01-high-quality-bread-wheat-sequence.html</a>

		whole genome assembly of the bread wheat variety Chinese Spring based on Illumina short sequence reads assembled with NRGene's DeNovoMAGICTM software.		
	<i>Climate Change This Week: Record Hot Christmas, Cozy Cohousing, and More!</i>	Today, the Earth got a little hotter, and a little more crowded.	<i>Huffington Post, 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mary-ellen-harte/climate-change-this-week_b_8919786.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mary-ellen-harte/climate-change-this-week_b_8919786.html</a>
	<i>Gambia: Concerted Effort Needed to Tackle Land Degradation</i>	Climate Change - growing threat of global warming - is becoming apparent in The Gambia and even threatening fish production in the country.	<i>allAfrica.com, 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201601061074.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201601061074.html</a>
	<i>The role of dung beetles in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from cattle farming</i>	Agriculture is one of the largest anthropogenic sources of greenhouse gases (GHGs), with dairy and beef production accounting for nearly two-thirds of emissions	<i>Nature, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.nature.com/articles/srep18140">http://www.nature.com/articles/srep18140</a>
	<i>Namibia: Need to Promote Communal Areas Crop Farming</i>	DESPITE the importance of local seed systems to the agricultural sector, national laws do not recognise this system. This is contained in the just released Namibian National Strategic Action Plan for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (NNSAP-PGRFA), which was validated at a stakeholders workshop held in Windhoek recently.	<i>allAfrica.com, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201601050643.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201601050643.html</a>
	<i>CoP 21: The Start of a Long Journey</i>	NEW DELHI, Jan 14 2016 (IPS) - The agreement reached in December, 2015 at the 21st Conference of the Parties under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is a major step forward in dealing with the challenge of climate change	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 15 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/cop-21-the-start-of-a-long-journey/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/cop-21-the-start-of-a-long-journey/</a>
	<i>Will climate change destroy Vietnam's agriculture?</i>	Vietnamese are excited about the economic prospects in 2016 and upcoming years	<i>VietNamNet Bridge, 15</i>	<a href="http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/environment">http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/environment</a>

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	<i>Climate change disaster is biggest threat to global economy in 2016, say experts</i>	A catastrophe caused by climate change is seen as the biggest potential threat to the global economy in 2016, according to a survey of 750 experts conducted by the World Economic Forum.	<i>Guardian (UK), 14 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jan/14/climate-change-disaster-is-biggest-threat-to-global-economy-in-2016-say-experts">http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/jan/14/climate-change-disaster-is-biggest-threat-to-global-economy-in-2016-say-experts</a>
	<i>We Have No Way to Predict the Unintended Consequences of Geoengineering</i>	The historic agreement forged in Paris among 195 countries in December holds the promise of triggering a global shift to combat climate change—and harbors a hidden warning.	<i>Newsweek, 14 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.newsweek.com/geoengineering-unintended-consequences-blocking-sun-415449">http://www.newsweek.com/geoengineering-unintended-consequences-blocking-sun-415449</a>
	<i>Net loss: First Nations fisheries threatened by climate change, study says</i>	First Nations communities that have fished along Canada’s Pacific coast for thousands of years could have their catches nearly cut in half by 2050, according to a new study conducted at the University of British Columbia.	<i>CTV (Canada), 14 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/net-loss-first-nations-fisheries-threatened-by-climate-change-study-says-1.2736220">http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/net-loss-first-nations-fisheries-threatened-by-climate-change-study-says-1.2736220</a>
	<i>Jamaica’s Drought Tool Could Turn the Table on Climate Change</i>	KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan 13 2016 (IPS) - On a very dry November 2013, Jamaica’s Meteorological Service made its first official drought forecast when the newly developed Climate Predictability Tool (CPT) was used to predict a high probability of below average rainfall in the coming three months.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 13 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/jamaicas-drought-tool-could-turn-the-table-on-climate-change/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/jamaicas-drought-tool-could-turn-the-table-on-climate-change/</a>
	<i>Could artificial trees be part of the climate change solution?</i>	Real trees are forced to work harder as more carbon is released into the atmosphere. Technology could share the load	<i>Guardian (UK), 12 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/12/artificial-trees-fight-climate-">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/12/artificial-trees-fight-climate-</a>

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	<i>Study emphasizes challenges faced by marine organisms exposed to global change</i>	Along the West Coast, ocean acidification and hypoxia combine with other factors, such as rising ocean temperatures, to create serious challenges for marine life, a new study finds.	<i>Science Daily, 12 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160111135622.htm">http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160111135622.htm</a>
	<i>Giant icebergs play key role in removing carbon dioxide from atmosphere</i>	Giant icebergs are responsible for storing up to 20 percent of carbon in the Southern Ocean, a new study has found.	<i>Science Daily, 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160111135043.htm">http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160111135043.htm</a>
	<i>Climate change means more fear, less fun for global middle class - UBS</i>	BARCELONA, Jan 11 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - The erosion of wealth among the world's middle class due to climate change is a threat to economic and social stability which could spur its 1 billion members to push for action on global warming, Swiss bank UBS Group AG said.	<i>Thomson Reuters Foundation, 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.trust.org/item/20160111121612-2nbl3/?source=fiHeadlineStory">http://www.trust.org/item/20160111121612-2nbl3/?source=fiHeadlineStory</a>
	<i>Cash for the Climate Please, Caribbean Leaders Lament</i>	GEORGETOWN, Jan 8 2016 (IPS) - Funding to address the financial flows needed for adaptation and mitigation of climate change remains an issue of concern for the Caribbean.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/cash-for-the-climate-please-caribbean-leaders-lament/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/cash-for-the-climate-please-caribbean-leaders-lament/</a>
	<i>Academics call for geoengineering preparation in wake of Paris Agreement's 'deadly flaws'</i>	Scientists say failure of agreement to immediately implement emissions cuts means geoengineering must be seriously explored, despite the enormous risks it entails	<i>Business Green, 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/2441233/academics-call-for-geoengineering-preparation-in-wake-of-paris-agreement-s-deadly-flaws">http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/2441233/academics-call-for-geoengineering-preparation-in-wake-of-paris-agreement-s-deadly-flaws</a>
	<i>Opinion: The solution for the melting polar ice caps may be hiding in the rainforest</i>	There was already dramatic evidence that our planet is undeniably warming before 30 December 2015, when the world heard that the ice at the North Pole was melting. (The temperature on 30 December 2015 was, by some reports, 33°F [0.7°C], 50°F above average).	<i>Guardian (UK), 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/jan/11/climate-change-solutions-rainforest-melting-polar-ice-caps">http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/jan/11/climate-change-solutions-rainforest-melting-polar-ice-caps</a>

<i>Climate change and weeds put South Australia's plant biodiversity at risk, researchers say</i>	South Australia has six plant biodiversity hotspots but threats to conservation including climate change and weed invasion are putting them at risk, researchers say.	<i>ABC (Australia), 08 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-08/climate-change-and-weeds-puts-sa-plant-biodiversity-at-risk/7074662">http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-08/climate-change-and-weeds-puts-sa-plant-biodiversity-at-risk/7074662</a>
<i>Global food systems vulnerable to climate change</i>	VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan. 6 (UPI) -- Massive crop failure on a global scale could be a reality if food systems aren't better protected from climate change.	<i>United Press International (UPI), 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2016/01/06/Global-food-systems-vulnerable-to-climate-change/1171452117707/?spt=sec&amp;or=sn">http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2016/01/06/Global-food-systems-vulnerable-to-climate-change/1171452117707/?spt=sec&amp;or=sn</a>
<i>North American crops among those most affected by climate change</i>	Global food production is increasingly likely to be disrupted by extreme weather driven by climate change, say researchers behind a new analysis published on Wednesday in the journal Nature.	<i>Globe and Mail (Canada), 07 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/north-american-crops-among-the-most-susceptible-to-climate-change-study/article28033561/">http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/north-american-crops-among-the-most-susceptible-to-climate-change-study/article28033561/</a>
<i>Why Climate Change Could Hurt Power Production</i>	Heat waves and drought caused by climate change could hurt power production across the world, according to new research.	<i>TIME, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://time.com/4167370/climate-change-power-production/">http://time.com/4167370/climate-change-power-production/</a>
<i>Aliso Canyon leak is biggest contributor to climate change in California</i>	The single biggest contributor to climate change in California is a blown-out natural gas well more than 8,700ft underground, state authorities and campaign groups said Monday.	<i>Guardian (UK), 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/05/aliso-canyon-leak-california-climate-change">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/05/aliso-canyon-leak-california-climate-change</a>
<i>Climate change altering Greenland ice sheet</i>	Climate change over the last few years has altered the structure of the Greenland ice sheet, causing it to lose its ability to limit mass loss of ice by retaining meltwater, a new study has found.	<i>Economic Times (India), 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/science/climate-change-altering-greenland-ice-">http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/science/climate-change-altering-greenland-ice-</a>



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	<i>Climate change fears force Ontario icewine makers to adapt</i>	A late deep freeze this winter may have lifted the spirits of Ontario's icewine industry, but the province's grape growers say bigger questions about the impact of a changing climate are creeping up on their business.	<i>CBC (Canada), 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/climate-change-fears-force-ontario-icewine-makers-to-adapt-1.3389678">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/climate-change-fears-force-ontario-icewine-makers-to-adapt-1.3389678</a>
	<i>Floods Pose Challenge for South American Integration</i>	BUENOS AIRES, Jan 4 2016 (IPS) - The flooding that has affected four South American countries has underscored the need for an integrated approach to addressing the causes and effects of climate change. Above and beyond joint emergency response plans, global warming poses common problems like deforestation and the management of shared rivers.	<i>Inter Press Service News Agency, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/floods-pose-challenge-to-south-american-integration/">http://www.ipsnews.net/2016/01/floods-pose-challenge-to-south-american-integration/</a>
	<i>Gambia: 'Growing Threat of Global Warming Becoming Apparent in Gambia'</i>	The permanent secretary at the Ministry of Parks and Wildlife and Environment, Ousman Sowe, has said the growing threat of global warming, desertification, land degradation and loss of biodiversity is, no doubt, becoming increasingly apparent in The Gambia.	<i>allAfrica.com, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://allafrica.com/stories/201601051048.html">http://allafrica.com/stories/201601051048.html</a>
	<i>Here's the secret to making people care about climate change</i>	Here's a depressing statistic if you're worried about climate change: 63 percent of Americans say they're concerned about the issue, but only 47 percent think the government should do anything about it.	<i>Washington Post, 04 January 2016</i>	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2016/01/04/psychologists-have-discovered-the-secret-to-making-people-care-about-climate-change/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2016/01/04/psychologists-have-discovered-the-secret-to-making-people-care-about-climate-change/</a>
	<i>Climate change affecting vital winter roads for First Nations: Leaders</i>	OTTAWA -- Wonky weather conditions are prompting aboriginal leaders to raise concerns about the impact of climate change on winter roads, which serve as lifelines for food, fuel and other necessities in several northern communities.	<i>Toronto Sun, 04 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.torontosun.com/2016/01/03/climate-change-affecting-vital-winter-roads-for-first-nations-leaders">http://www.torontosun.com/2016/01/03/climate-change-affecting-vital-winter-roads-for-first-nations-leaders</a>

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	<i>The African results of Cop 21</i>	A few months after the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Africa expects to experience better results as far as funding for development and access to finance is concerned.	<i>Lusaka Times, 04 January 2016</i>	<a href="https://www.lusakatimes.com/2016/01/04/the-african-results-of-cop-21/">https://www.lusakatimes.com/2016/01/04/the-african-results-of-cop-21/</a>
	<i>Is eco-certification the solution to forest destruction?</i>	In September 2015, a Peruvian cargo ship dropped off 71 shipping containers of rainforest wood on the docks of Houston, Texas.	<i>Mongabay.com, 15 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/certification-problems-undermine-forest-stewardship-councils-ecofriendly-wood-products/">http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/certification-problems-undermine-forest-stewardship-councils-ecofriendly-wood-products/</a>
	<i>Countries call for new CITES protections for rosewood species</i>	This week, the 66th Standing Committee of the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is meeting in Geneva, and multiple countries are calling for parties to the convention to address the urgent conservation dilemma posed by Asian demand for rosewood, or hongmu.	<i>Mongabay.com, 15 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/countries-call-for-new-cites-protections-for-rosewood-species/">http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/countries-call-for-new-cites-protections-for-rosewood-species/</a>
	<i>Potential crisis in Sabah's amazing Kinabatangan rainforest</i>	I have spent the better part of the past 45 years promoting conservation of primates and their tropical forest habitats, and have had the opportunity to visit and experience firsthand some of the most important sites for primates on the planet.	<i>Mongabay.com, 14 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/potential-crisis-in-sabahs-amazing-kinabatangan-rainforest/">http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/potential-crisis-in-sabahs-amazing-kinabatangan-rainforest/</a>
	<i>In rainforests, battle for sunlight shapes forest structure</i>	Competition for sunlight among rainforest trees leads to the remarkably consistent pattern of tree sizes seen in tropical forests around the globe, researchers have found. The finding help refine models of how rainforests absorb carbon dioxide and hold back rising global temperatures.	<i>Science Daily, 08 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160107185003.htm">http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160107185003.htm</a>
	<i>Biodiversity views sought</i>	The Government today launched the Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan for Hong Kong public consultation on proposals for stepping up efforts to conserve biodiversity and support Hong Kong's	<i>news.gov.hk, 08 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.news.gov.hk/en/categories/environment/html/2016/01/20160108_140309.sht">http://www.news.gov.hk/en/categories/environment/html/2016/01/20160108_140309.sht</a>

		sustainable development in the next five years.		ml?pickList=ticker
<i>How an illegal logger turned forest champion in Peru</i>	Norbil Becerra once knew only one way to make a living: cutting down trees for illegal logging companies in the Peruvian Amazon, a 12-hour walk from his family in Peru's northeastern San Martín region.	<i>Thomson Reuters Foundation, 07 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.trust.org/item/20160107140449-nf31a/">http://www.trust.org/item/20160107140449-nf31a/</a>	
<i>Will Uganda be able to fulfill its pledge to protect its forests?</i>	Protected forests in northern Uganda are under strain as people clear trees for farmland and to make charcoal.	<i>Mongabay.com, 07 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/will-uganda-be-able-to-fulfill-its-pledge-to-protect-its-forests/">http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/will-uganda-be-able-to-fulfill-its-pledge-to-protect-its-forests/</a>	
<i>Study shows the causes of mangrove deforestation in Southeast Asia</i>	Southeast Asia has the greatest diversity of mangrove species in the world, and mangrove forests provide multiple ecosystem services upon which millions of people depend. Mangroves enhance fisheries by providing habitat for young fishes and offer coastal protection against storms and floods. They also store substantially higher densities of carbon, as compared to most other ecosystems globally, thus playing an important role in soaking up carbon dioxide emissions and mitigating climate change.	<i>Phys.org, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://phys.org/news/2016-01-mangrove-deforestation-southeast-asia.html">http://phys.org/news/2016-01-mangrove-deforestation-southeast-asia.html</a>	
<i>Defender of New Guinea's hidden life</i>	On a beach overlooking the luminous waters of Nagada Harbour, beneath colossal mango trees, lie the ramshackle headquarters of the Papua New Guinea Binatang Research Centre. Here, in sweaty proximity, crews of European and Papua New Guinean scientists huddle over their latest haul of forest specimens.	<i>Cosmos, 04 January 2016</i>	<a href="https://cosmosmagazine.com/life-sciences/defender-new-guineas-hidden-life">https://cosmosmagazine.com/life-sciences/defender-new-guineas-hidden-life</a>	



<b>PROTECTED AREAS/ IN- SITU CONSERVATION</b>	<i>Malaysia plans road expansion through dwindling elephant, orangutan habitat</i>	Tucked in the northeast corner of the island of Borneo, the Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary is home to some of the densest populations of megafauna in Malaysia.	<i>Mongabay.com, 15 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/malaysia-plans-road-expansion-through-dwindling-elephant-orangutan-habitat/">http://news.mongabay.com/2016/01/malaysia-plans-road-expansion-through-dwindling-elephant-orangutan-habitat/</a>
	<i>African lions likely to gain enhanced protection status</i>  <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35294840">http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-35294840</a>	African lions are set to gain greater international protection this year in the wake of the killing of Cecil by an American dentist in Zimbabwe in 2015.	<i>BBC News, 14 January 2016</i>	
	<i>Marine protected areas around the world do not support corals and fish: researchers</i>	Marine protected areas around the world are failing to protect most of the evolutionary diversity of the world's coral and fish, a new study has found.	<i>Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), 14 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.smh.com.au/environment/marine-protected-areas-around-the-world-do-not-support-corals-and-fish-researchers-20160114-gm5o9z.html">http://www.smh.com.au/environment/marine-protected-areas-around-the-world-do-not-support-corals-and-fish-researchers-20160114-gm5o9z.html</a>
	<i>Protection of marine areas to be based on science, Hunter Tootoo says</i>	Arctic-born fisheries minister says Canada will make good on international agreement on coastal waters	<i>CBC (Canada), 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/tootoo-fisheries-oceans-marine-protected-areas-1.3396175">http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/tootoo-fisheries-oceans-marine-protected-areas-1.3396175</a>
	<i>Assessing nature's carbon sinks</i>	Protected areas such as rainforests occupy more than one-tenth of the Earth's landscape, and provide invaluable ecosystem services, from erosion control to pollination to biodiversity preservation. They also draw heat-trapping carbon dioxide (CO2) from the atmosphere and store it in plants and soil through photosynthesis, yielding a net cooling effect on the planet.	<i>Phys.org, 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://phys.org/news/2016-01-nature-carbon.html">http://phys.org/news/2016-01-nature-carbon.html</a>

	<i>Experts say environment, community balance needed to protect Nunavut coast</i>	Justin Trudeau's Liberal government has promised to designate 10 per cent of Canada's oceans as marine protected areas, but in Nunavut, which sits on the Arctic Ocean, that means balancing environmental concerns with the needs of Inuit communities.	<i>CBC (Canada), 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/protecting-nunavuts-oceans-1.3389248">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/protecting-nunavuts-oceans-1.3389248</a>
<b>ENDANGERED SPECIES</b>	<i>Footage of elephants in Cambodia raises hopes for Asian species in the wild</i>	Rare footage of an elephant herd roaming through Cambodia's biggest forest sanctuary has signalled the success of a 14-year conservation programme and raised hopes for the endangered species' survival.	<i>Guardian (UK), 15 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/15/footage-of-elephants-in-cambodia-raises-hopes-for-asian-species-in-the-wild">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/15/footage-of-elephants-in-cambodia-raises-hopes-for-asian-species-in-the-wild</a>
	<i>China's craze for 'aquatic cocaine' is pushing two species into oblivion</i>	Affluent Chinese are putting two Mexican species at risk due to demand for dried swim bladders. But will this year's Cites meeting on the wildlife trade force a crackdown?	<i>Guardian (UK), 12 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/radical-conservation/2016/jan/11/china-aquatic-cocaine-vaquita-totoaba-mexico-endangered-extinct">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/radical-conservation/2016/jan/11/china-aquatic-cocaine-vaquita-totoaba-mexico-endangered-extinct</a>
	<i>Rare Caribbean lizards on the verge of extinction, says US body</i>	THE United States Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday announced that seven species of Caribbean skinks or lizards may qualify for Endangered Species Act protection.	<i>Jamaica Observer, 12 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Rare-Caribbean-lizards-on-the-verge-of-extinction--says-US-body_48363">http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Rare-Caribbean-lizards-on-the-verge-of-extinction--says-US-body_48363</a>
	<i>Rare UK butterfly under threat as elms disappear</i>	Wildlife Trust estimates tree disease has left around 1,000 mature English elms, which are the exclusive habitat of declining white-letter hairstreak	<i>Guardian (UK), 11 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/11/butterfly-white-letter-hairstreak-elm-trees-disease">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jan/11/butterfly-white-letter-hairstreak-elm-trees-disease</a>
	<i>Science-driven strategies for more effective endangered species recovery</i>	The Endangered Species Act (ESA), which quietly passed its 42nd birthday last week, has shielded hundreds of species in the United States from extinction and dramatically achieved full recovery for	<i>Science Daily, 07 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160106143036.htm">http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/01/160106143036.htm</a>

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	<i>The Endangered Species Act isn't broken, but is its implementation faltering?</i>	We've all heard them. Claims from powerful special interests and members of Congress blaming federal environmental regulations for a host of economic maladies. The Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), are vilified with alarming regularity	<i>Huffington Post, 04 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jamie-rappaport-clark/the-endangered-species-ac_b_8911226.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jamie-rappaport-clark/the-endangered-species-ac_b_8911226.html</a>
	<i>Relocation of finless porpoises in China boosts hopes for species' survival</i>	Conservationists celebrate after four critically endangered Yangtze porpoises are successfully relocated to a secure reserve	<i>Guardian (UK), 16 December 2015</i>	<a href="http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/16/relocation-of-finless-porpoises-in-china-boosts-hopes-for-species-survival">http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/16/relocation-of-finless-porpoises-in-china-boosts-hopes-for-species-survival</a>
<b>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT / MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS</b>	<i>Behind the COP21 Climate Victory; a Human Victory?</i>	Now that the fireworks have faded along with some of the afterglow from the very successful COP21 meeting in Paris we must begin in earnest in deciding what 2016 will bring.	<i>Huffington Post, 06 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-friedman/behind-the-climate-victory_b_8917086.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-friedman/behind-the-climate-victory_b_8917086.html</a>
	<i>Researchers map top 100 development questions</i>	The growing role of the private sector and emerging economies in development have made it onto a list of the biggest research needs to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), collated by academics and nongovernmental organisations.	<i>SciDev.net, 05 January 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.scidev.net/global/sdgs/news/researchers-map-top-100-development-questions.html">http://www.scidev.net/global/sdgs/news/researchers-map-top-100-development-questions.html</a>

<p><b>TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES – ARTICLE 8(J)</b></p>	<p><i>Regional Report of the Partnership between Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact and the UN-REDD Programme</i></p>	<p>Thirteen countries in Asia are preparing to get ready for REDD+. While these countries are moving ahead with REDD+ preparation, the awareness raising and capacity building of rights holders and their organizations for policy advocacy is very important</p>	<p><i>Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), 12 January 2016</i></p>	<p><a href="http://www.aippnet.org/index.php/publication-sp-2697/environment/reports/1581-regional-report-of-the-partnership-between-asia-indigenous-peoples-pact-and-the-un-redd-programme">http://www.aippnet.org/index.php/publication-sp-2697/environment/reports/1581-regional-report-of-the-partnership-between-asia-indigenous-peoples-pact-and-the-un-redd-programme</a></p>
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