

DURING COP 11 ARTICLES

INTERNATIONAL MEDIAS

In Hyderabad, a Focus on the World's Shrinking Biodiversity

New York Times,

If it's Thursday, it must be Tree Diversity Day – at least for the nature lovers milling about the ballroom of a massive conference center in Hyderabad, home of the 11-day United Nations Conference on Biodiversity.

More: <http://india.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/11/in-hyderabad-a-focus-on-the-worlds-shrinking-biodiversity/>

Meeting puts socioeconomic impact on biosafety agenda

SciDev.net,

An international treaty meeting on biosafety has recommended to include the socioeconomic aspects of living modified organisms (LMOs) along with scientific research on their impact on health and biodiversity.

More: <http://www.scidev.net/en/agriculture-and-environment/biodiversity/news/meeting-puts-socioeconomic-impact-on-biosafety-agenda-1.html>

Biodiversity data gaps 'need bridging' to meet global targets

SciDev.net,

Global biodiversity targets are in danger of being missed because of inadequate capacity and tools to gather and assess data, an international conference has heard.

More: <http://www.scidev.net/en/agriculture-and-environment/biodiversity/news/biodiversity-data-gaps-need-bridging-to-meet-global-targets.html>

India Ignoring Coastal Biodiversity – NGOs

Inter Press Service News Agency,

Indian civil society organisations see in the 11th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP11) to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), underway in this south Indian city, a rare opportunity to highlight alleged neglect of biodiversity along the country's extensive coastal and marine areas.

More: <http://www.ipsnews.net/2012/10/india-ignoring-coastal-biodiversity-ngos/>

UN High-Level Meeting In India On Biodiversity Addresses Access And Benefit-Sharing

Intellectual Property Watch,

At the ongoing 11th Conference of the Parties (COP11) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Hyderabad, the hot topic is funds and how to mobilize it. The mega-conference is taking place in the shadow of a global economic slowdown, and delegates gathered at this southern Indian city are most concerned about how to drum up funds to tackle the world's shrinking biodiversity – the variety of animal and plant life on earth.

More: <http://www.ip-watch.org/2012/10/12/un-high-level-meeting-in-india-on-biodiversity-sees-need-for-capacity-building-on-access-and-benefit-sharing/>

Biodiversity conference mulls true cost of nature

Agence France-Presse,

Should European farmers pay for pollination provided by bees? Should city dwellers in Brazil pay for the abundant rain generated over the Amazonian forest? And if mangroves are a shield against tsunamis, shouldn't seaside resorts in Thailand be paying for them?

More: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g2nK4Lu3tS-D2FvoorriOm0kvRhA?docId=CNG.baa915600d9ea8f2d7f38b8c90769d17.2d1>

India Pledges Millions for Global Biodiversity

New York Times,

India will be the first nation to contribute funds toward international targets aimed at protecting the world's biodiversity, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Tuesday.

More: <http://india.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/16/india-pledges-millions-for-global-biodiversity/>

Ministers meet for crunch biodiversity money talks

Agence France-Presse,

More than 70 environment ministers meet in India on Wednesday for key talks on halting the depletion of Earth's natural resources, under pressure to put up the money to match their political pledges.

More:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jBL6vty1bAKhSryq6nJV7_RFEYtq?docId=CNG.6baa276bcd398b4c7b71c449ec5efc6e.241

Scientists have 'limited knowledge' of how climate change causes extinction

Guardian (UK),

Review finds loss of plants and animals due to global warming is already widespread, but the causes are poorly understood

More: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/oct/17/climate-change-extinction?intcmp=122>

Africa: Vital Economic and Environmental Role of Wetlands Must Be Recognized to Avoid Further Degradation and Losses

allAfrica.com,

The key role that rapidly diminishing wetlands play in supporting human life and biodiversity needs to be recognized and integrated into decision-making as a vital component of the transition to a resource-efficient, sustainable world economy, according to a new TEEB report released today.

More: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201210170284.html>

Half of all wetlands 'destroyed since 1900'

Agence France-Presse,

An alarming 50 percent of the world's wetlands have been destroyed in the last 100 years, threatening human welfare at a time of increasing water scarcity, a new report said.

More:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g40ChIHFOXdNVEexyzVqP84_B2ag?docId=CNG.a851799221f9d9ee17343edaa7654651.701

India commits \$50m to biodiversity conservation

Gulf News ,

The Indian government on Tuesday came out with the Hyderabad Pledge while committing \$50 million (Dh183 million) towards biodiversity conservation in the country over the next two years.

More: <http://gulfnews.com/news/world/india/india-commits-50m-to-biodiversity-conservation-1.1090246>

Conference reveals new facts about marine life

Kuwait News Agency,

New facts about marine life enable scientists to locate some of the ocean's most ecologically and biologically significant areas (EBSAs), in the planet's most remote places.

More: <http://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2268974&language=en>

Conference seeks to curb exploitation of high seas

Agence France-Presse,

AFP - Long spared because of their remoteness, the high seas have become an important hunting ground for fish trawlers and oil prospectors, putting at risk many marine species that call these waters home.

More: <http://www.france24.com/en/20121017-conference-seeks-curb-exploitation-high-seas>

India to Conserve Biodiversity at Grassroots

Inter Press News Agency,

India's National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) is actively promoting decentralised grassroots livelihoods as the best way to conserve biodiversity as mandated by the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit sharing (ABS).

More: <http://www.ipsnews.net/2012/10/india-to-protect-biodiversity-at-grassroots/>

What's wrong with putting a price on nature?

Guardian (UK),

Pricing the financial value of services nature provides for free – such as clean water – may be the best way to save species

More: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/oct/18/what-wrong-price-on-nature?newsfeed=true>

D-Day dawns for crunch biodiversity talks

Agence France-Presse,

Two years after the world set targets for turning back the loss of Earth's dwindling natural resources, rich countries face pressure on Friday to come up with the money to make this possible.

More: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iB1H8SGu-UCnwIp8LFz5MeLbVGkq?docId=CNG.50d95708ef632c2d36a67d73a7c9ff02.5c1>

Shadow Over Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Inter Press News Agency,

With negotiations to mobilise resources for preservation of biodiversity at a major United Nations conference going nowhere, the Group of 77 and China have hinted at possible suspension of the 'Aichi targets' under the Nagoya Protocol.

More: <http://www.ipsnews.net/2012/10/shadow-over-aichi-biodiversity-targets/>

FAO to partner CBD on biodiversity

SciDev.net, 22 October 2012

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will work together on programmes that address climate change, food security and biodiversity loss.

More: <http://www.scidev.net/en/south-asia/news/fao-to-partner-cbd-on-biodiversity.html>

UN biodiversity conference reviews progress in global agreement to protect earth's ecosystem

FOX News, Delegates from nearly 200 countries worked Tuesday to implement an agreement on protecting the Earth's ecosystems at a biodiversity conference in southern India.

More: [UN biodiversity conference reviews progress in global agreement to protect earth's ecosystem Read more: http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/10/16/un-biodiversity-conference-reviews-progress-in-global-agreement-to-protect/#ixzz2A3xBaPp5](http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/10/16/un-biodiversity-conference-reviews-progress-in-global-agreement-to-protect/#ixzz2A3xBaPp5)

Biodiversity data gaps 'need bridging' to meet global targets

AlertNet (USA),

The information "is still not there", Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, executive secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), told a session on scientific approaches to biodiversity at the CBD's 11th Conference of Parties (COP 11) in Hyderabad, India, this week (9 October).

More: <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/biodiversity-data-gaps-need-bridging-to-meet-global-targets>

UN Strategizes to Fund Biodiversity Recovery in 100 Countries

Environment News Service (ENS),

Delegates from 170 governments meeting in Hyderabad today adopted a new environmental strategy to address the unprecedented levels of biodiversity loss throughout the world. Environment News Service (<http://s.tt/1qsZx>)

More: <http://ens-newswire.com/2012/10/18/un-strategizes-to-fund-biodiversity-recovery-in-100-countries/>

African states urged to incorporate green mechanisms to infrastructural development

Ghana News Agency (GNA), Mr Bakary Kante, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions (DELIC) charged to with carrying out the functions of United Nations Environmental Programme, has urged African countries to incorporate green environmental mechanisms to infrastructural development.

More: <http://www.ghananewsagency.org/details/Social/African-states-urged-to-incorporate-green-mechanisms-to-infrastructural-development/?ci=4&ai=50655>

UN biodiversity conference reviews progress in global agreement to protect earth's ecosystem

Washington Post,

Delegates from nearly 200 countries worked Tuesday to implement an agreement on protecting the Earth's ecosystems at a biodiversity conference in southern India.

More: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/un-biodiversity-conference-reviews-progress-in-global-agreement-to-protect-earths-ecosystem/2012/10/16/409ec660-1759-11e2-a346-f24efc680b8d_story.html

Marine Protected Areas increase 10-fold in a decade

BBC News,

A report to a UN meeting on biodiversity in Hyderabad reports that more than 8.3 million sq km - 2.3% of the global ocean area - is now protected.

More: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-19922055>

400 new species 'at risk', UN conference told

Arab News (Saudi Arabia),

More than 400 plants and animals were added to a "Red List" of species at risk of extinction on Wednesday, raising the alarm as more than 70 environment ministers met for a global conference.

More: <http://arabnews.com/400-new-species-%E2%80%98-risk%E2%80%99-un-conference-told>

Negotiators struggle to pin down biodiversity deal

Agence France-Presse,

Negotiators at a UN summit locked horns Friday over the extent to which wealthy nations should bankroll ambitious targets for reversing the loss of Earth's dwindling natural resources.

More: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jyebksxK-rwWr6w9QoBdX0nAfy9w?docId=CNG.bbc3cf4e096e4108d90e426d850d8acf.281>

NATIONAL MEDIAS (India)

UNDP unveils robust environmental strategy

Times of India,

The UN Development Programme (UNDP) on Thursday unveiled a robust environmental strategy to address unprecedented levels of global biodiversity loss.

More: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/developmental-issues/UNDP-unveils-robust-environmental-strategy/articleshow/16866478.cms>

International initiative to conserve medicinal plants launched

Business Standard (India),

A unique international initiative to conserve medicinal plants and promote traditional knowledge related community level health was launched at the ongoing United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity here today.

More: <http://www.business-standard.com/generalnews/news/international-initiative-to-conserve-medicinal-plants-launched/70321/>

Half of world's biodiversity zones still unprotected: UN

Zee News (India),

Despite the growing number of nature reserves, national parks and other protected areas across the globe, half of the world's richest bio-diversity zones remain entirely unprotected, a report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said.

More: http://zeenews.india.com/news/eco-news/half-of-world-s-biodiversity-zones-still-unprotected-un_806411.html

New UNEP Goodwill Ambassador wants end to 'collateral damage'

The Hindu,

Environmental economist Pavan Sukhdev, who stresses eco-friendly agriculture, solar power and protection of biodiversity and ecosystem services as free sources of income for the poor, is the new Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

More: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/new-unep-goodwill-ambassador-calls-for-green-accounting/article4005842.ece>

Biodiversity needs action on money front

Business Line,

Even before the Eleventh Conference of Parties (CoP-11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was inaugurated at Hyderabad, the battlelines were drawn in the two pre-inaugural press meetings.

More: <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/biodiversity-needs-action-on-money-front/article3999619.ece>

Brazil blames developed nations for standoff on resource mobilisation

The Hindu,

Brazil has blamed developed nations for the standoff with developing countries on the crucial issue of resource mobilisation, at the U.N.'s 11 Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11) under way here.

More: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/brazil-blames-developed-nations-for-standoff-on-resource-mobilisation/article3994864.ece>

Biodiversity: India's double standard questioned

Times of India

Castigating the Indian government for its double standard in conserving biological diversity and despoiling forests in the name of economic growth, Greenpeace on Monday urged to issue moratorium on coal mining till alternative renewable sources of energy are explored.

More: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/the-good-earth/Biodiversity-Indias-double-standard-questioned/articleshow/16826955.cms>

Why everyone loses from US boycott of the UN biodiversity agreement

The Third Pole,

The US is one of the only three countries worldwide not to have ratified the UN convention on biodiversity. As another round of negotiations begins, William J Snape III explains what both sides stand to lose.

More: <http://www.thethirdpole.net/why-everyone-loses-from-us-boycott-of-the-un-biodiversity-agreement/>

Biodiversity funds: Poor nations pool in the lion's share

Daily News & Analysis (Mumbai),

Lauding the efforts of developing countries, the United Nations on Wednesday said their monetary contribution is significant as compared to the developed nations for conservation of biodiversity.

More: http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_biodiversity-funds-poor-nations-pool-in-the-lions-share_1753591

Countries chase elusive targets

The Hindu,

The ongoing Eleventh Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Hyderabad is looking at the world's progress on saving diverse species in different ecosystems.

More: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/countries-chase-elusive-targets/article3995054.ece>

'Indian economic policies destroying biodiversity'

Indo-Asian News Service (IANS), Hyderabad : India's economic policies are destroying biodiversity and livelihoods on an unprecedented scale, civil society groups warned Tuesday.

More: http://twocircles.net/2012oct16/indian_economic_policies_destroying_biodiversity.html

No consensus on resource mobilization for biodiversity

Zee News (India),

The discussions in the 'contact group' formed at the ongoing UN convention on biodiversity to try and arrive on the same page over the issue of resource mobilisation for biological diversity have come to an end following a 'no consensus' situation.

More: http://zeenews.india.com/news/eco-news/no-consensus-on-resource-mobilization-for-biodiversity_805949.html

GEF funding \$73 million biodiversity projects in India

Daily News,

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is providing \$73 million for biodiversity conservation projects in India and remains committed to work with the country, a top official said.

More: <http://india.nydailynews.com/business/db16d60270d64ea6e8f6203cb6a68c89/gef-funding-73-million-biodiversity-projects-in-india#ixzz2A3tYc87T>

Hyderabad to be first Indian city with a biodiversity index

Zee News (India),

The city of the Charminar became the first in India to have a City Biodiversity Index. The index is meant to be used as a self-assessment and monitoring tool in matters relating to biodiversity in urban areas.

More: http://zeenews.india.com/news/himachal-pradesh/hyderabad-to-be-first-indian-city-with-a-biodiversity-index_805793.html

India commits \$50 mn for biodiversity conservation

Live Mint,

India has committed \$50 million to strengthen the institutional mechanism for biodiversity conservation in the country and has also earmarked funds to promote similar capacity building in other developing countries, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Tuesday.

More: <http://www.livemint.com/Politics/1FGEbP7QxMY1IXSNPp6GSK/India-commits-50-mn-for-biodiversity-conservation.html>

Include the poor in biodiversity conservation

The Hindu,

Protecting biodiversity is humanity's insurance policy against the unprecedented biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation which has occurred in recent decades, undermining the very foundations of life on earth.

More: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/include-the-poor-in-biodiversity-conservation/article3985358.ece>

In hot water -- coastal and marine biodiversity

The Hindu,

Hundred and ninety three countries which are parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) are meeting in Hyderabad between October 8 and 19, 2012 during the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 11) to the Convention.

More: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/open-page/in-hot-water-coastal-and-marine-biodiversity/article3995001.ece>

Red marks in India's green report card

The Hindu,

Who knew the term biodiversity 20 years ago? Hardly anyone. The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was opened for signature at the now famous "Earth Summit" at Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

More: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/red-marks-in-indias-green-report-card/article4003291.ece>

UN biodiversity summit: Developing nations to demand more cash to protect nature

The Third Pole,

The UN biodiversity summit opens this week with host India seeking more money to protect wildlife and improve livelihoods of those dependent on forests

More: <http://www.thethirdpole.net/un-biodiversity-summit-developing-nations-to-demand-more-cash-to-protect-nature/>

Wetlands of international importance designated in Bhutan

The Third Pole,

Just a few weeks before the UN Convention on Biological Diversity was scheduled to start its summit in neighbouring India, Bhutan designated its first two wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

More: <http://www.thethirdpole.net/wetlands-of-international-importance-designated-in-bhutan/>

Ganga river dolphin faces extinction

The Third Pole

The revered Ganga river dolphin will follow its Chinese cousin into oblivion unless radical action is taken against pollution and dangerous fishing techniques.

More: <http://www.thethirdpole.net/ganga-river-dolphin-faces-extinction-4/>

Developed countries urged to allocate resources for biodiversity

IANS

The governments participating in the United Nations conference on biological diversity, which concludes here Friday, have stressed the need for developed countries to allocate substantial financial resources for developing countries for biodiversity conservation.

More: http://twocircles.net/2012oct19/developed_countries_urged_allocate_resources_biodiversity.html