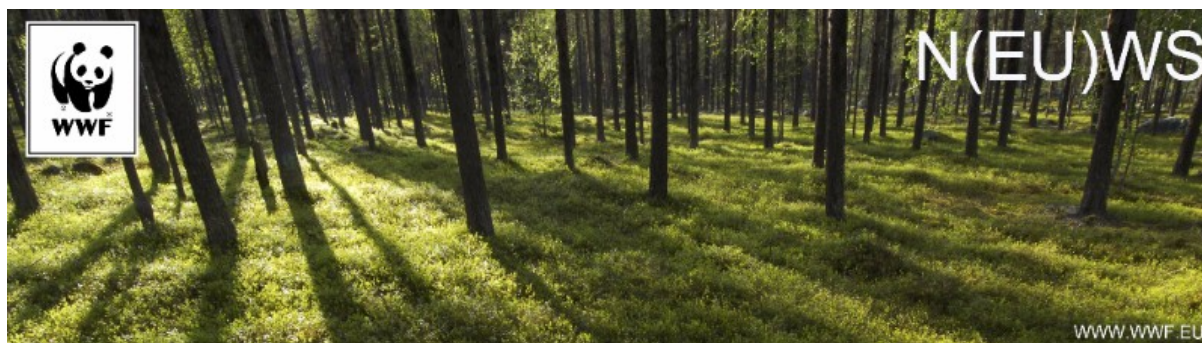


Sign up to our monthly newsletter!

[View it in your browser](#)



WWF Europe Newsletter, October 2015, Issue 9

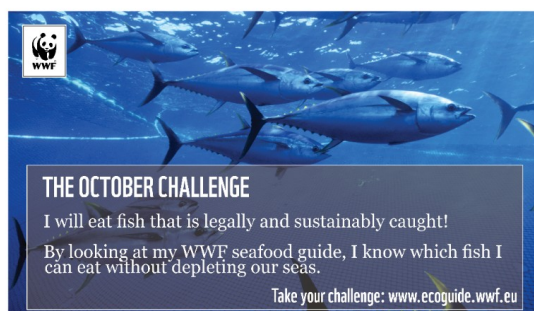
A valuable violin that could still come from illegal wood

By Anke Schulmeister, Senior Forest Policy Officer, WWF

If you are about to furnish your dining room, while you can be fairly certain that your table will be made of legally-harvested wood, there is still a chance that the wood in your chairs is illegally sourced. The same could happen

if you want to buy a new violin for your talented child. Two years ago the EU adopted a strong piece of law to stop illegal wood from reaching our homes, but few people know that some products like chairs, books and musical instruments are still left out.

How can such a strange loophole be closed this year using the current review of the EU Timber Regulation? [Read more](#)



Want to know which fish you can eat without depleting our seas? Look at the WWF [seafood guide](#) and take the October [ecoguide](#) challenge!

LATEST NEWS

Europe's nature still mown down by political inaction

2 October - EC Mid-Term Review of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 shows no significant progress, like on agriculture, in the last

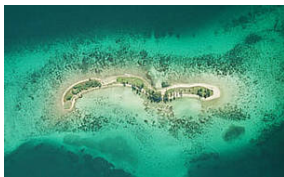


years to halt the loss of biodiversity and restore ecosystems.



"Yellow card" to the Comoros and Taiwan

1 October - NGOs welcomed the Commission warning to both countries for insufficient action to combat illegal fishing exposing them to possible trade bans into the EU and other sanctions.



A third of all natural World Heritage Sites under threat

1 October - WWF finds nearly one in three world heritage sites, including the Great Barrier Reef, at risk from oil, gas and mining exploration, with threat rising to an alarming 61% in Africa.



Shell cuts losses, abandons offshore Arctic drilling

28 September - WWF hopes this shows oil investments are not worth and that funds will instead be shifted to low-carbon solutions, for the benefits of Arctic life and livelihoods.



Success of development in world leaders' hands

27 September - Now all countries need to focus on fulfilling the new global sustainability roadmap at home and make the right choices, committing to a total economic, social and environmental overhaul.

TOP TWEETS @WWFEU



MULTIMEDIA

100% renewables: people power, climate solutions



Watch the [video](#) and look at the [photos](#) of the **climate tug of war** between citizens spearheading the energy transition and representatives of the dirty fossil fuels industry.

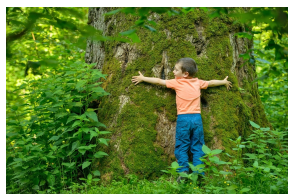
On the 18th of September, civil society groups, including WWF staged a stunt



outside of the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

The action targeted the EU Environment Council held on the same day, where EU environment Ministers met to agree on the EU's position for the Paris climate summit in December.

STORIES FROM AROUND EUROPE



Footpath of stories on Europe's ancient forest

WWF-Romania and partners launched their first crowdfunding campaign 'Footpath of stories'. In the heart of the Crăiască Forest (the Princely Forest), a new ecotourism and experiential learning trail will help people discover and protect ancient oak trees and a variety of birds. [Read more](#)



As sea ice retreats, tens of thousands of walrus gathered

As Arctic sea ice reaches the fourth lowest extent on record, stunning photos from Alaska's Arctic coast again show 35,000 walrus gathered on shore near the community of Point Lay. The village is working to protect the herd from disturbance. [Read more](#)

More on WWF's activities:

[Climate & Energy - EU & the world](#) - [Natural Resources](#) -

[General EU Affairs](#) - [Sustainable Economies](#)



Twitter



Website



YouTube



Email

This newsletter is produced by WWF European Policy Office.

The WWF European Policy Office contributes to the achievement of WWF's global mission by leading the WWF network to shape EU policies impacting on the European and global environment.

EU Transparency Register Nr: 1414929419-24

You receive this newsletter as you are representing citizens, governments and/or public institutions and are making important decisions on the future of the planet's natural environment, or you signed up directly via our website.

Copyright © 2015 WWF European Policy Office, All rights reserved.

[Sign up](#) - [unsubscribe to this newsletter](#)