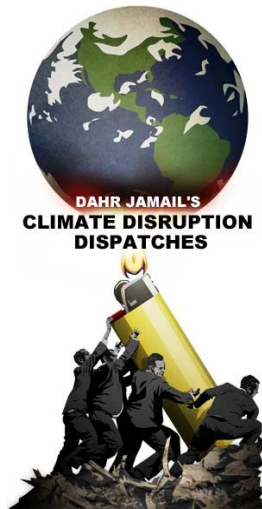


Here are some more articles and replies. In order to simplify, our comments are written in Times New Roman and in block while the letters are in Arial.

Climate Disruption Dispatches, With Dahr Jamail

By Dahr Jamail, Truthout | Climate Change Series



The reality of Anthropogenic Climate Disruption (ACD) continues to outstrip our ability to model worst-case scenarios, as it is happening so much faster than was ever anticipated. Sixty-three percent of all human-generated carbon emissions have been produced in the last 25 years, but science shows us that there is a 40-year time lag between global emissions (our actions) and climate impacts (the consequences). Hence, we haven't even begun to experience the worst of our emissions, and won't, until at least 2054.

Since the industrial revolution began, the human species has increased the average global temperature by .85 degrees Celsius. In December 2010, the UN Environment Program predicted up to a 5 degrees Celsius increase by 2050. This is a shocking piece of information, because a 3.5 degrees Celsius increase would render the planet uninhabitable for humans due to collapsing the food chain at the level of oceanic plankton and triggering temperature extremes that would severely limit terrestrial vegetation, and hence, our ability to feed ourselves. And even higher temperature increases have been predicted.

The four life-giving aspects of the planet: Earth, Water, Air and Fire, are under assault from the **ecocide** that "industrial civilization" has wrought upon the globe, coming in the forms of ACD and the myriad other methods of polluting the planet.

Humans have never lived on a planet with temperatures 3.5 degrees Celsius above baseline, and many scientists believe it would be impossible to do so. An increasing number of climate change scientists now fear that our situation is already so serious, and so many self-reinforcing feedback loops are already in play, that we are in the process of causing our own extinction. Worse yet, some are convinced that it could happen far more quickly than generally believed possible - even in the course of just the next few decades.

Approximately 55 million years ago, a 5-degree Celsius increase in global temperatures occurred in only 13 years, and a scientific report published last year revealed that in the near-term, Earth's climate will change 10 times faster than at any other moment in the last 65 million years. Science already shows that we are currently experiencing change 200 to 300 times faster than any of the previous major extinction events.

Have we already reached a point where Earth is in hospice? If so, we as a species may very well already be teetering on the threshold of our very extinction.

Most media will not report on the grave nature of our situation. But Truthout will.

In light of the severity of this crisis, Truthout is showing its commitment to honest reporting of the most important story of our time by launching Dahr Jamail's monthly Climate Disruption Dispatches, to chronicle ongoing evidence and impacts of ACD as they have manifested around the globe for the previous 30 days. We hope that these dispatches will become a useful resource for other journalists, scientists and readers who wish to stay abreast of the latest ACD developments.

Consider this a monthly inventory of each month's new evidence of what the Western mode of living and generating financial profits is costing Earth.

Perhaps future generations will look upon this as a log of what we witnessed being done to the planet.

As Casualties Mount, Scientists Say Global Warming Has Been "Hugely Underestimated"

'Truthout showing its commitment to honest reporting,' it might then like to add by publishing the effects wind-farms are having on the bird and bat populations throughout the world. The word 'ecocide' sums up a treat exactly what many of today's very misguided conservationists are doing; ex-number of million birds and bats every year, ecocide, genocide, whatever you want to call it. 'Ex-number' of course because there really are no figures other than we know it's astronomically high. Corpses are quickly seized upon by predators, or are hidden away from view by the industry itself. Off-shore of course there really is no way of recording at all unless someone was out there filming from a boat.

David Cameron's speech last Friday, briefly brushing onto the climate change issue, mentioned 'least cost; least cost for consumers, least cost for jobs and least cost for the economy etc. Sadly he didn't mention 'least cost' for the bats and birds although I'm sure it was teetering on the tip of his tongue. Although we do not oppose green-energy (see Zero-Carbons, the options) we very much question those who see global-warming as the one and only possible cause for the diminishing numbers.

We covered the seas, ie. seabird colonies unable to feed their chicks etc., just one of the multi-facet problems driving species into decline today. Industrial fishing, scallop dredging, the millions of tons of dioxins paper-mills are dumping into the oceans each year, pesticides leaching into the same oceans from every country around the world, all of that quickly dismissed and out of the window of course. IT'S ALL DOWN TO GLOBAL-WARMING the conservation organisations would have us believe. Wake up and get real is what I say!!!!

The RSPB. was on the TV. the other night, papering over the cracks, shuffling the deckchairs around like they do; what a sad and a sorry bunch they are. What I want to know is, once most of the birds have gone, and it's getting pretty damn close to that right now, what are they going to say or do about it then? They're going to be nailed to a bloody cross! Governments, corporates and farmers, with the RSPB's. absolute and unwavering approval, have been poisoning and raping the countryside for decades (see Defra Extra). Lulling everyone to sleep, having been well and truly infiltrated by the corporate genocidists around forty five years ago, hijacking the Avocet logo, they've been conning the world ever since. With bird numbers then so depleted I honestly thought it could never get much worse that was until we began to realise the effects wind-farms were having.

As I've always said, don't just take my word for this. Go onto the high moors that should be filled with the sounds of Curlews, Golden Plovers and Skylarks and see what's there now. Go to a lake that should be filled with waterbirds or walk down a lane where you should see Turtle Doves, Song Thrushes and Bullfinches. Or go into the forests that should be filled with birds of all descriptions. Take the opportunities to look for yourselves to see what's actually out there anywhere you care to look.

Keep your eyes open to what's all around you, ie. an empty void of nothingness, and compare that to what your being force-fed on the telly and by the media, which they themselves incidentally have been force-fed by these same bent-minded so-called experts.

From: info@oregonrighttoknow.org
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Date: Wed, 22 Oct 2014 13:22:19 -0400
Subject: We're OUTRAGED (and you will be too!)

This month, our friends at Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps are running a full page advertorial (PDF) by company president David Bronner about the skyrocketing use of pesticides on GMO crops. The full-page ad will appear in The New Yorker, Scientific American, Harpers, Harvard, The Nation, Mother Jones, The Progressive, and Thrive.

But one place you won't be seeing the ad is in Science magazine. Why? A Science magazine representative stated: "This has gone up the ladder quite far and our CEO along with the board have come back saying that we cannot accept the ad. "We're concerned about backlash from our members and potentially getting into a battle with the GMO industry." WHAT?!

We've known for some time that journalists covering genetic engineering are all too happy to write pro-GMO puff pieces that give cover to the chemical industry while ignoring the damage that pesticide tolerance is doing to our health and the environment – but this is a new low. Add your name. Tell Science to stop carrying water for the chemical industry and run David Bronner's ad about GMOs!

It's outrageous! Instead of allowing their readers to see valuable information about the impact that genetically engineered crops – and the massive doses of toxic pesticide that come with them – Science continues to provide cover to big chemical companies at the expense of consumers and our environment. Add your name to help us fight back:

Tell Science magazine: Stop doing the chemical industry's bidding and run David Bronner's ad!

Thank you, Oregon Label GMOs 2014

<http://blogs.prevention.com/marias-farm-country-kitchen/2014/10/02/setting-the-record-straight-on-skyrocketing-pesticide-use-on-gmo-crops/>

From: cortesavizanda@gmail.com
To: h.pagan.pla3@aim.com
Sent: Wed, Oct 15, 2014 2:12 pm
Subject: Re: '6 Britain's Response to the Biodiversity Action Plan.' cont'd.

Dear Henry,

Reading your article on diclofenac you may like to see links I am working on with vultures and other scavengers.

<https://sites.google.com/site/ainaracortesavizanda/>

<http://theoeco.fc.ul.pt>

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Many thanks Ainara

From: foe@foe.org
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Date: Wed, 22 Oct 2014 12:09:41 -0400
Subject: Tell Lowe's: Give bees treats, not tricks



So far, nearly 30,000 people across the U.S. and Canada have pledged to swarm Lowe's stores for Halloween on October 29-31. We'll take one simple action to protect bees by delivering a Halloween card asking Lowe's to give bees, "treats, not tricks" and stop selling bee-killing pesticides and garden plants pre-poisoned with these harmful chemicals.

Will you join us? Delivering a Halloween card is easy. Sign up now and we'll send you a printable card and step-by-step guide to help make the delivery! Bees are in crisis, but together we can make a big difference for these small creatures essential to one in three bites of food we eat. See our email below for more on this important week of action! This Halloween, help save bees: Sign up to deliver a card to Lowe's! Treat-or-treat. Tell Lowe's to give the bees something good to eat!

Bees are responsible for one out of every three bites of food we eat, but they are dying at alarming rates. A growing body of science shows that neonicotinoid (neonic) pesticides are a key contributor to bee declines and are harming birds, butterflies, reptiles, earthworms and soil microbes, which are essential for healthy ecosystems and food production. But Lowe's continues to sell neonicotinoid pesticides and plants pre-treated with them – contributing to the decline of bees. Halloween is right around the corner, and thousands of people across the U.S. and Canada will be knocking on Lowe's door October 29-31. Join us. Deliver a Halloween card asking Lowe's to give bees treats, not tricks, and take bee-killing pesticides and plants pre-treated with these harmful chemicals off their shelves.

Over a dozen retailers across the country recognize that neonics are a problem and are doing their part to start fixing it. BJ's Wholesale Club, a store with over 200 stores in 15 states eliminated neonics from its store. Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer agreed to label all plants treated with neonics by the end of 2014 and is working with its suppliers on alternatives to protect bees. These stores demonstrate Lowe's can make the shift!

But Lowe's isn't listening to clear science or its customer base. Thousands of you have signed petitions, made calls and taken action on social media asking Lowe's to be a pollinator champion and stop selling "poisoned plants" and bee-killing pesticides. We need your help to ramp up the pressure. Pledge to take one simple action to save bees: Deliver a Halloween card asking Lowe's to take the bee-killers off its shelves.

Just this month, Ontario Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller said neonicotinoids are "the biggest threat to the structure and integrity of the ecosystem that I have encountered in my life, bigger than DDT." We need to stop Lowe's from continuing to be a "Little Shop of Horrors" housing these bee-toxic pesticides. Delivering a card to store managers is easy and fun. We'll send you a printable card and step-by-step guide to help you. Sign up now!

Tiffany Finck-Haynes and Lisa Archer, Food and Technology Program, Friends of Earth

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From: defenders@mail.defenders.org
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Date: Mon, 20 Oct 2014 05:00:48 -0500
Subject: Tell FWS to take the Idaho wolf crisis seriously



Wolf War in Idaho

Time is running out for Idaho's wolves

Tell FWS to reassess the status of wolves in the Northern Rockies TODAY!

Time is running out for Idaho's wolves...and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has its head stuck in the sand!

More than five months have passed since Defenders formally requested FWS conduct an urgent review to reassess the status of wolves in the Northern Rockies, based on the aggressive management of wolves by the state of Idaho.

The silence has been deafening.

Tell FWS to do its job and conduct an immediate status review of the Northern Rockies' beleaguered wolves!

Less than five years after losing federal protection, it is clearer than ever that Idaho refuses to manage its wolf population responsibly.

The call for this status review is an important step toward restoring Endangered Species Act protection to wolves in Idaho and other Northern Rockies states.

Instead of managing their wolves like other wildlife, the state of Idaho has declared war on them. In the three years since Congress stripped Idaho's wolves of protection, the state has:

- Used aerial gunning to wipe out entire packs, including those on national forest lands, to artificially boost elk numbers for hunters;
- Driven the number of breeding wolf pairs from 40 down to 20 statewide by the end of 2013;
- Tossed out the state wolf population management plan that called for a minimum of 518 to 732 wolves statewide;
- Allowed hunting of wolves to nearly year round in alternating areas within the state; and
- Passed a "kill wolves" law, HB470, allocating more than half a million dollars for the sole purpose of killing as many wolves as possible.

Tell FWS to get to work!

The Governor of Idaho has made no secret of his intention to reduce the state's wolf population by almost 80 percent.

We warned this would happen – when federal protections are removed in wolf hostile states, anti-wolf state politics take over and wolves die.

Please take action immediately by telling FWS to reassess the status of wolves in the Northern Rockies!

Sincerely,

Jamie Rappaport Clark, President, Defenders of Wildlife

Please write to the following. Thank you.

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<http://www.mydaily.co.uk/2014/10/21/renee-zellweger-unrecognisable-plastic-surgery-elle-women-in-hollywood/>

The surgeon who did this has robbed the world of a beautiful woman.

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To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
From: mangroveap@olympus.net
Date: Thu, 23 Oct 2014 17:13:00 -0700
Subject: Re: Question Your Shrimp

<http://questionyourshrimp.com>

Please watch the video.

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From: act@fwwatch.org
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Date: Thu, 18 Sep 2014 16:17:17 -0500
Subject: Rogue GMO Wheat... and the USDA Doesn't Know Where It Came From

Tell the USDA to Stop GMO Field Trials!

These GMO Test Crops Aren't Staying Put

Put a Moratorium on GMO Field Trials!

A few weeks ago, the USDA quietly announced that unapproved GMO wheat had been found growing at a Montana State University research center.

The very same day, they released a report on a similar incident from last year — GMO wheat was discovered by a farmer in Oregon, even though it was never approved. Their report said that they don't know where this GMO wheat came from. Tell the USDA if they can't keep track of these GMO crops, they shouldn't allow them to be planted!

GMO crops that have not yet been approved for sale are being grown all over the country in "field trials." But since these crops don't stay put — because their pollen gets picked up in the wind and is blown to a neighboring field or because a heavy rain washes away the crops — these unapproved crops show up again and again where they don't belong.

The USDA is responsible for keeping track of these experimental crops. But not only is the USDA unable to keep track, they are also lax with companies that are breaking the rules. Since 2010, the USDA has only issued two penalties, despite sending out nearly 200 notices to companies not following the rules for field trials. The USDA can't control these GMO crops and can't ensure that they won't end up in our food system, so they shouldn't allow field trials at all.

The consequences of these rogue GMO crops popping up outside of test sites aren't all known: these crops haven't been approved for commercial production because the USDA doesn't know what impacts they might have on human health or the environment. We do know that these GMO crops are causing real problems for farmers who aren't even involved in the field trials. The discovery of GMO wheat in Oregon caused farmers to lose their export markets. Farmers and consumers should not be at risk because of these runaway GMO crops.

Since the USDA can't control whether these GMO crops end up outside the trial areas, and they aren't enforcing the rules that are meant to keep our food safe, the USDA must put a stop to field trials of GMO crops before more incidents like this occur.

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Food & Water Watch
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Please write to the following. Thank you.

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Concluding: We print any letters here from all sides of both arguments. So long as it's relevant to subject matters, and provided it's not obscene, we will print it. If you disagree with anything that's said, please write in. This is a public arena so please feel free to have your say.