

**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 and articles are in Arial.**

# **Lay Off The Hedges Campaign**



**The Perverse and Widespread Practice of Hedge-Flailing**

**Each and every year, and for whatever reason, the hedge-flailers are out in force. Widely limiting any habitat potential, killing insects, destroying berries and wrecking trees. In terms of damage it is certainly up there with pesticides, grassland mismanagement, alien species and wind-farms and is a major reason as to why there's no wildlife in the countryside today.**



**Neat and Tidy but an Ecological Void; no Insects, no Berries and no Cover**



**Close Up we can see just how Smashed to Pieces and Open to Disease some hedges become**



**Traditional Hedge-Laying Complete with the all important Stock-Proof Fencing is a Practice everyone should encourage and support**

**The object is to create an aesthetically pleasing, livestock-proof barrier.**

**Each section, once laid however, should then be left to take on its own form and character, offer as much shelter and habitat as is possible as well as providing the maximum number of berries and insects for birds. This can hardly happen if a hedge is sliced to pieces each and every year. The decimation of insects in their own right is yet another issue of course, the numbers of Brown Hairstreak Butterflies throughout the UK. are down to critical levels.**

**Hedge-flailing might well be the commonly accepted good-hedge policy in the modern countryside of today but it is very misguided. If all that energy were directed into pond digging or to keeping their tracks and footpaths in some sort of order, many of which are in a truly disgusting state, things would be much improved.**

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Subject: State of Emergency for Wildlife



**They're going after wolves.** Bills and amendments are pending to strip gray wolves of federal protections in parts of the Northern Rockies, the Pacific Northwest and the Great Lakes. Hundreds of wolves will be shot in the coming weeks in Montana and Idaho alone, where federal protections have already been stripped – can you imagine how much worse it will be if these protections disappear in other areas overnight?

**They're going after elephants.** At a time when poachers are killing an elephant every 15 minutes, the gun lobby wants to make it easier for illegal ivory to flow into our country.

**They're going after the very foundation of wildlife protection.** More than 80 bills or amendments are pending to weaken or destroy the Endangered Species Act. And without strong opposition from the conservation community, many of them may have the votes to pass!

Sincerely,

Jaime Rappaport Clark , President, Defenders of Wildlife

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Subject: Earth Clamoring for Beautiful Solutions | Your Week In Review

## **Standing Before Congress, Pope Francis Calls Out the 'Industry of Death'**

“Being at the service of dialogue and peace also means being truly determined to minimize and, in the long term, to end the many armed conflicts throughout our world,” the pope said. Then he asked the critical question: **“Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society?”**

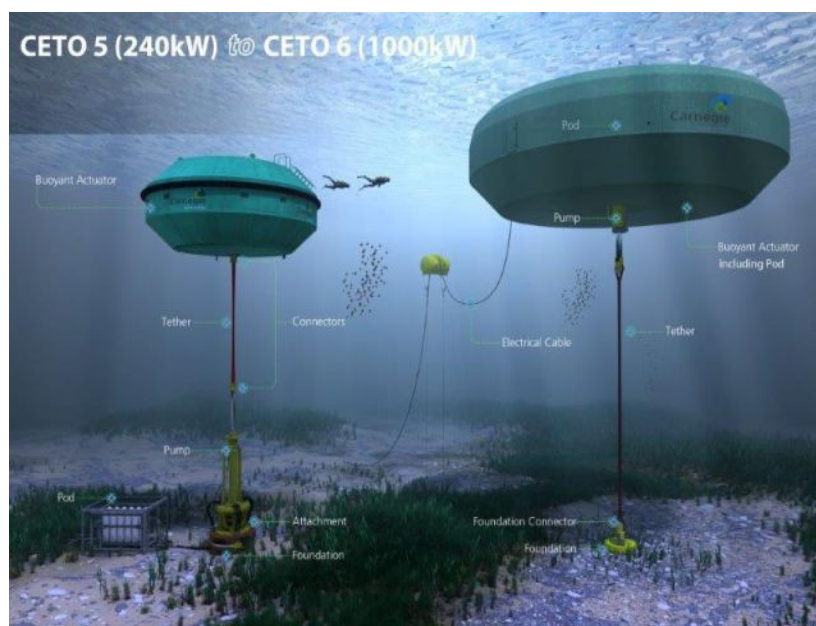
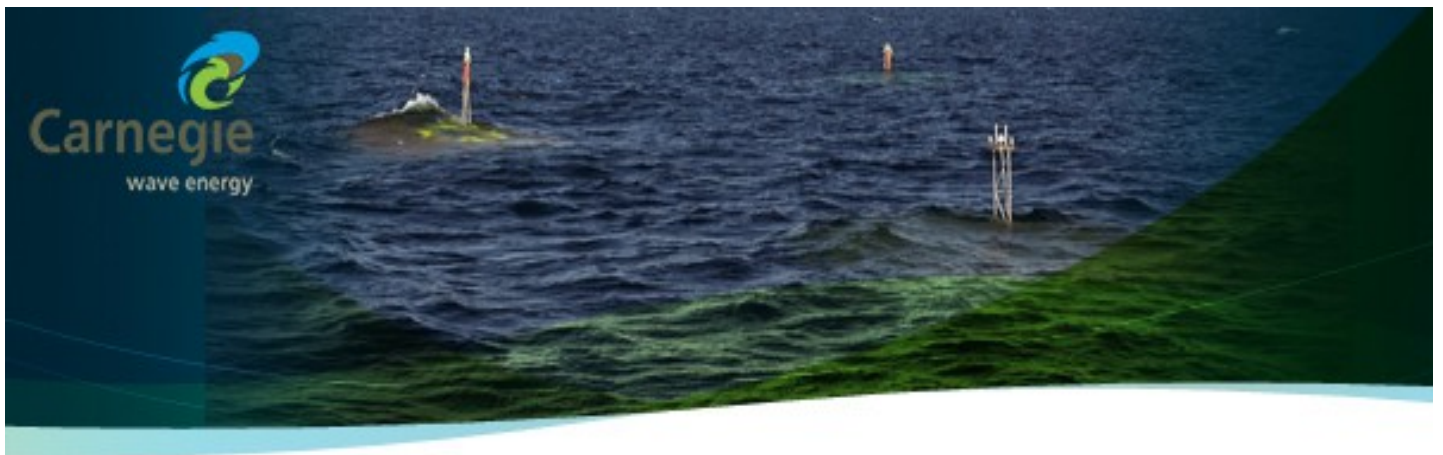
He answered it himself: “Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood. In the face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade.”

<http://www.commondreams.org/views/2015/09/24/standing-congress-pope-francis-calls-out-industry-death>

**As we mentioned in the last report. Weapons in some situations, like in Libya, were just handed out to anyone who wanted them. You then have the perfect opportunity to manufacture more weapons in order to correct earlier mistakes.**

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## 'It Can Be Done': New Report Details Path to 100% Renewables by 2050

**Greenpeace says** world leaders must not let the fossil fuel industry stand in the way of the necessary—and attainable—transition to a clean and safe energy future

<http://www.commondreams.org/news/2015/09/21/it-can-be-done-new-report-details-path-100-renewables-2050>

**Writings of the utterly misguided. Unlike Greenpeace, and as we said in our last report, we do not receive a penny from the wave industry. We just say exactly what's needed in order to save the planet.**

**The same can certainly not be said of the larger groups. Governments, who in turn back and support some of the most disgusting industries on the planet, hand out grants to these organisation, such as WWF., RSPB., Greenpeace and FoE. Who in turn, are not only silenced into submission, but shamelessly masquerade as being on the side of righteousness whilst revealing their cold and bitter disregard they actually have for life on the planet.**

**Please see these two links below, real solutions without the apocalypse.**

<http://youtu.be/NeJsaDmZz4o>

<http://carnegiewave.com/>

**And also read this:**

The relationship between states and the third sector has been getting cosier for years and has long been controversial. With around 27,000 charities dependent on statutory funding for three-quarters or more of their income, it has long been argued that governments are bribing this sector into silent submission. Others have suggested that a reliance of government grants erodes independence and stifles innovation.

Source Institute of Economic Affairs



Contrary to what we are told,  
wind farms will cause the extinction  
of many bird and bat species.

Prime Minister of Turkey,  
Energy Ministers of the G20 countries,  
Ladies and Gentlemen of the G20 Meeting,

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are preparing the Istanbul meeting of October 2nd, the objective being to coordinate the energy policies of G20 countries. This is an opportunity to relay to you some serious concerns held by the ordinary people of this planet regarding the "energy transition".

Wind farm and photovoltaic output depend on the weather. Thirty years have passed since the introduction of this intermittent, erratic electricity. Without means for its storage on a massive scale, it remains of little use. Using fossil fuel power plants to regulate this energy is prohibitive in cost and cancels out savings realized on CO2 emissions.

Entrepreneur and philanthropist Bill Gates said that the cost of decarbonization using today's technology is "beyond astronomical". Having invested one billion dollars in finding new ways to harness the energy from the sun, he suggests governments likewise redirect wasteful green subsidies to research & development (1). He also donated \$28 billion to charity, nearly half his fortune (2).

Subsidies to ineffective wind "farms" have created a "1.8 trillion dollar global industry" (3), whose cost is stifling the economy everywhere while CO2 emissions fail to regress. Collateral damage, on the other hand, is considerable, no matter how many "experts" for hire dismiss the evidence, such as adverse health impacts revealed by conscientious professionals (4). Likewise, the massacre of birds and bats by the million (5) is denied, as are deleterious effects on the price of electricity, employment, property values and tourism potential. Wildlife habitats and marine ecosystems are sacrificed, as well as marine mammals, forests, landscapes, amenity of the countryside and

quality of life. Ground water is being contaminated (6), unrecyclable turbine blades accumulate in dumps, the extraction of rare earths for wind turbines kills miners, women and children in China (7), while everywhere populations are fed mendacious buzzwords like “green energy”, “wind is free”, and “renewables will save the planet”.

Vested interests and unscrupulous politicians have hijacked the “Green” Agenda, causing unprecedented devastation throughout the world, notably when wind turbines are erected in migration corridors or protected habitats, killing rare species – as in Ontario (8). Press articles testify to growing suspicions of corruption, and a book describes how (money) “bundlers” are working within the US administration, distributing favors to private interests: “Throw Them All Out” (9).

Infrasound emissions increase as wind turbines become larger, causing more wind farm victims. These are neither attended nor compensated. Also, e.g. in Turkey, property rights are being breached by bulldozers illegally entering private properties, or valuable land being expropriated outright in violation of the Constitution (10). State Council (High Court) orders to stop construction are not always implemented by local authorities (10). In Bodrum, residents had to remain on guard 24/7 carrying sticks to prevent construction workers entering their land. Yet many wind projects in Turkey are being actively supported by the German or Danish governments, and financed by the EBRD and/or the World Bank.

Residents globally suffer the brutality of windpower development. Take Mexico, where entire communities of indigenous populations from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec are taking to the streets to demonstrate against the invasion of their tribal lands by hundreds of unwanted wind turbines. Violence pits wind farm personnel against protesters, causing loss of life (11). Wind development caused more deaths in Guatemala and Kenya (12), and in Dongzhou, China, 20 protesters were killed by police firing into the crowd (13).

Ineffectiveness & cost caused the wind farm bubble to burst in Spain, Greece, Portugal & Italy. Richer countries like Denmark, Germany and the UK, are scaling back their support, as have China (14) and India. Others – Australia, Canada, France & Turkey, having entered the game belatedly, lurch ahead blindly, moved by a political agenda which may yet prove corrupt (15). Only the United States can maintain its misguided renewables’ policy after 30 years of wasteful subsidies – courtesy of its bonds and treasury bills remaining sought-after investments the world over, giving the U.S. the unique advantage of being able to print money at will.

None of this bodes well for the future of mankind. In a bid to assist decision making based on current realities, we respectfully urge you to consider the information herein provided. It’s just the “tip of the iceberg”, and we hold further evidence at your disposal. On behalf of those suffering now and in the future, we strongly recommend that G20 countries reassess their energy policies, starting with calling a moratorium.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Duchamp, Chairman, World Council for Nature



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Turkish version of our letter: <http://www.cesmeplatformu.org/g20ye-moratoryum-talebi/>

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At last! After more than a year of campaigning, **Doritos and its parent company PepsiCo just came out with a new palm oil policy.**

Thanks to you, the policy contains stronger language around human rights and carbon emissions. And PepsiCo is the first company that's agreed to publish an action plan within 3 months of releasing this new policy.

But, there's a problem. The new policy still contains massive loopholes.

Last time, our viral video got PepsiCo back to the negotiating table. So we've made another video to get them there again. Can you share?

<http://action.sumofus.org/a/pepsico-doritos-video/2/2/?akid=13418.755751.dc-TVu&rd=1&t=1>

**And here below we have the consequences of this oh so sustainable / non-sustainable palm-oil production alike. It's all the same stuff, grown in exactly the same way and far removed from where the Oil Palm is a native tree. This report is 2013 but the situation is as bad today.**

**For those worried about global-warming get onto this.**

# Singapore smog from Indonesia fire 'could last weeks'

20 June 2013

Asia



Singapore's prime minister has warned that the haze engulfing the city-state could last for weeks, as air pollution soared to record levels.

The pollution standards index peaked at 371 on Thursday, breaking previous records and well above hazardous levels, before falling to about 300.

The haze is the result of forest fires started by farmers clearing land on the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

The issue has sparked accusations between the two neighbours.

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Environment and Water Resources Minister, wrote on his Facebook wall that he would demand "definitive action" from Jakarta.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-22982018>

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## **This Selfie May Set a Legal Precedent**

Written by PETA | September 22, 2015



A few years ago in Indonesia, a photographer left his camera unattended. That was tempting for a curious male crested black macaque, who took the camera and began taking photographs—some of the forest floor, some of other macaques, and several of himself, one of which resulted in the now-famous “monkey selfie.”

Monkey self-portrait

The macaque, named Naruto, is known to field researchers in Sulawesi, who have observed and studied him for years as they work in the region. Acting as Naruto's "next friend" (or representative), PETA has filed a lawsuit in U.S. federal court in San Francisco against the owner of the camera, photographer David J. Slater and his company, Wildlife Personalities Ltd., which both claim copyright ownership of the photos that Naruto indisputably took. Also named as a defendant is the San Francisco-based publishing company Blurb, Inc., which published a collection of Slater's photographs, including two selfies taken by Naruto. The lawsuit seeks to have Naruto declared the "author" and owner of his photograph. Our argument is simple: U.S. copyright law doesn't prohibit an animal from owning a copyright, and since Naruto took the photo, he owns the copyright, as any human would.

Why is this so important, and what does it all mean? If this lawsuit succeeds, it will be the first time that a nonhuman animal is declared the owner of property (the copyright of the "monkey selfie"), rather than being declared a piece of property himself or herself. It will also be the first time that a right is extended to a nonhuman animal beyond just the mere basic necessities of food, shelter, water, and veterinary care. In our view, it is high time. We are also asking the court to allow PETA to administer the proceeds of "monkey selfie" sales for the benefit of Naruto and his community, without compensation to PETA.

This case exemplifies what PETA has championed for 35 years: Animals deserve recognition of appropriate rights for their own sake, and not in relation to their exploitation by humans.

**What a picture! My own personal view on this is, if these proceeds could buy up his own patch of forest and have it protected, then a great deal of good could come of this.**

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From: do-not-reply@peta.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Fri, 25 Sep 2015 19:15:54 -0400  
Subject: Lobster Liberation



Linda Bean

Live Lobsters – 'You Catch 'em We Cook 'em'



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To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Sat, 3 Oct 2015 08:00:25 -0500  
Subject: Quick signature needed: **Give Big Polluters the boot**

Last week was HUGE for climate progress — the Pope spoke to Congress and the U.N., strongly urging them to confront climate change head on. And China's President Xi and President Obama announced a historic joint agreement to fight climate change in both countries. But all of **this momentum could be stopped if Big Polluters are allowed to participate** in —and potentially disrupt — the upcoming international climate negotiations in Paris this December.

Only two days left to save the climate talks — sign the petition so Big Polluters don't take over!

We have a small window left to make an impact and save these climate talks from Big Polluters' corrupting influence — the deadline to get our signatures to the U.N. demanding Big Polluters are kicked is October 4! We need your name.

Thanks,

Brooke Still  
Online Campaigner, LCV

**How about kicking the big killers out and giving them the boot??? Bring those in who are more benign and do no harm.**

<http://youtu.be/NeJsaDmZz4o>

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