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*Venezuela warns that climate change impacts land, water sources and health*

**T**he President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, expressed his concern about the effects that Climate Change is having on the planet and pointed out that the country is already feeling the impact of this phenomenon, which has been registering up to 4° Celsius above the average causing more heat, which among other aspects, is affecting agriculture.

"Brutal droughts in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Panama and torrential rains in Venezuela, Colombia and Peru. Global warming is already impacting the land, water sources and health," he warned.

During a working day in which a balance of the execution of tasks and advances of the Community-Military Brigades

for Education and Health (Bricomiles) was offered, the Head of State affirmed that he is closely following the issue of the climate emergency.

"It is an issue of great importance, of great interest (...) and at the Meeting of Presidents of South American Countries, held in Brazil, a vital issue was the climate emergency in order to coordinate institutions and working groups in South America" that will allow all governments to establish a single policy in order to be more sustainable and fight against climate change.

He pointed out that the Meeting of Presidents of South American countries, held on May 30 in Brasilia, addressed the effects of climate change in the region.

### Binational agenda

As part of the agenda of the presidential delegation touring Brazil, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, met with his counterpart of Environment and Climate Change of the South American giant, Marina Silva, to discuss environmental aspects to be worked jointly.

At the meeting, it was decided to strengthen the integration of the teams of the two countries, to advance in the areas of reforestation, bioeconomy, environmental management and quality and rural development.

Likewise, an action was agreed between Venezuela and Brazil for the recovery of the Amazon, an area considered the lungs of the world.



To preserve the natural space

## Amazonian countries map out a roadmap to strengthen environmental management

**T**he Venezuelan Minister for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, in the context of the recent Summit of the Presidents of South American countries, participated in an online conference that brought together representatives of the Ministries of the Environment of the Amazon countries.

The objective is to develop a work path to strengthen environmental management in the Amazon and face the different challenges caused by the climate crisis, in order to protect and preserve the natural space.

The meeting highlighted the support given to the presidency of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the organization of the Conference of the Parties (COP30) in Brazil, as well as the strengthening of the Authorized Control Bodies (OCA) and the generation of trust between countries.

At the same time, it highlights the similarity of initiatives on integrated fire management, preservation of indigenous communities and the discussion of the necessary concerted agenda to advance a strategic plan on the environmental aspects of the Amazon.

A proposal was made to review the legislation of the eight Amazon countries to combat organized crime and strengthen the protection of fauna and mining. The importance of building trust and considering the different realities of each country in order to work together in the defense of the Amazon was also discussed, as well as the difficulty of accessing international financing due to the economic blockade against Venezuela.

"Let us hope that this Conference of the Parties (COP30) will be a great success for the entire Amazonian bloc and the countries of Latin America, because I believe that this first meeting represents a challenge for this space so that we arrive strengthened as a bloc," said Lorca.

He added that "it is important to start by revitalizing the OCA, as mentioned by the Brazilian minister. We must generate a new framework of trust among the countries and among the Heads of State and Government who exchange information".

He welcomed the initiative that has been in the works for several months, "we could say for more than a year now, on the part of the governments of Colombia

and Brazil, and which we have supported on all occasions, since it makes it easier for us to unblock those middle instances, which in the end are the ones that allow us to reach an agreement".

He recalled that President Nicolás Maduro has called on different occasions to make reality much more than what we write for the speeches, "and that we objectify and have concrete agendas that we are proposing".

He maintained that "the climatic reality affecting Venezuela is the same as that of Colombia in the northern region, and that of western Venezuela (...) it is the same reality that is affecting the peoples of the south. We have seen that in some countries there are legislations for the protection of fauna that are different from those of other nations or more severe in others. This will allow us to strengthen this area with the mining issue as well," he said.

He called for a diagnosis of the realities of each country, while indicating that Brazil's leadership is recognized, "as Lula said, the great big brother because of its economic capacities, population density and territorial extension.



Minister Lorca called for diagnoses of the realities in each country



For mitigation of the greenhouse effect

## Venezuela builds self-assessment report for COP-28

The Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), as the governing entity in environmental matters of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, coordinated a second workshop called "Collective Construction of the World Balance of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela", aimed at representatives of other State institutions related to the matter.

The meeting was held to allow the participation of the different institutions related to the environment, with the objective of building the first report of the World Balance to be presented by Venezuela this 2023 at COP-28.

In the activity, the thematic was developed, proposals were built, aspects were debated and analyzed, with the participation of 72 people, representatives of various State entities.

The report is an initiative adopted by the United Nations Framework Convention on

Climate Change (UNFCCC), strengthened by the Kyoto Agreement and reinforced by the Paris Agreement, with the objective that all countries implement compliance and support actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming.

In addition, the self-evaluation of each of the nations is sought, through the follow-up and study of the systems and actions established in the execution of environmental policies that promote the fulfillment of the global goals.

They also discussed the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), as a methodological environmental contribution, which is materialized in decisive actions in the fight against the climate crisis and in which Venezuela involves a large part of its administration in charge of various areas.

In this regard, the general director in charge of Climate Change Management and

Monitoring, Yusbelys Belisario, highlighted the delivery of the first voluntary contributions of the Venezuelan Government, granted in 2015, ratified in 2017 and updated in 2020, with which the adaptation components were expanded from 5 to 18 sectors.

This Global Balance is structured around the 20% reduction of emissions, through the observation of the progress that allows establishing the roadmap for the optimization of actions in terms of climate crisis, focused on three main areas: mitigation, adaptation and financing.

Finally, the implementation of the biennial Transparency Report was explained, with which it is intended to comply in a much more complete, specific and clear manner, with the preparation of the Global Balance, within the parameters of the Paris Agreement.



*This is the second meeting promoted by the Minec with representatives of government agencies with jurisdiction*



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## Reforestation and ecological walk commemorate 17 years of Mission Tree



*Mission Tree has planted more than 41 billion plants to date.*

The 17th anniversary of Misión Árbol was commemorated with an Ecological Walk, which was attended by hundreds of Venezuelan men and women who walked a route from the Leonardo Ruíz Pineda Recreational Park, in Caricuao, to the arrival point at the National Sports Institute (IND), in El Paraíso, both parishes of Caracas.

The activity was organized by the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (Minec), and the president of Misión Árbol, Wilmer Vásquez, present at the activity, who stated that the Earth is everyone's planet and everyone's home.

He reminded that the Mission was created by Commander Hugo Chávez Frías in 2006, to contribute with reforestation, recover the affected ecosystems and mitigate the serious effects of the Climate Crisis. And, he added, to create awareness among the human beings living in the country.

During the activity, which also counted with the participation of high school students, sports lovers and members of various social movements, one thousand trees were planted in the Caricuao park.

At the IND, a sports day was held for exercise lovers, amidst music and entertainment. "To remember what the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, said: healthy mind, healthy body, plant a tree and jogging for sports," said Vásquez.

The Vice-Minister of Sports Massification, José Luis Tovar, who accompanied this initiative, assured that Venezuelan men and women are active in the interest of being part of this ecological awareness to

preserve life on the planet. He also invited people to join in to enjoy and take advantage of the various sports and eco-socialist activities of the State institutions.

To date, Mission Tree has managed to plant more than 41 billion plants, in order to recover more than 60 hectares of forest in order to sow in the community the eco-socialist conscience for the preservation of life in the national territory.







*Recipient of the National Geographic Award - Buffett 2023*

Macanao Peninsula Fauna Refuge

## Venezuelan wins National Geographic Conservation Leadership Award

**B** iologist José Manuel Briceño was awarded by National Geographic/ Buffett 2023, for his conservation work with the Margarita Parakeet.

This was announced by the Venezuelan environmental NGO Provita, an organization of which Briceño is Deputy Director.

According to the information, José Manuel has worked for the last twenty years in the Conservation Program of the Yellow-headed Parrot (*Amazona barbadensis*) in the Macanao Peninsula, Margarita Island.

The source highlights that Briceño has made exceptional contributions, among them supporting the formation of the Ecoguardians, who work arduously to recover the wild population of the endangered Yellow-headed Parakeet.

He also participated in the development of the first action plan for the species together with colleagues from Bonaire and Aruba, in 2021.

Briceño is also currently working on the ecological restoration project for the dry forest of the Macanao Peninsula.

The National Geographic/ Buffett Conservation Leadership Awards are presented annually to recognize and celebrate unsung heroes of conservation. They are aimed at leaders in natural resource management and protection in Africa and Latin America.

### Wildlife refuge since 2021

The joint environmental work between the Bolivarian Government, the Popular Power and NGOs such as Provita, achieved two years ago, the declaration of three Fauna Reserves in the state of Nueva Esparta, as part of

the Ecosocialist Agenda of the Carabobo 200 Plan.

These Fauna Reserves are located in the Macanao Peninsula and two on Coche Island, with the objective of protecting the wildlife in these areas.

The main objective of the Macanao Fauna Reserve, with an area of more than 12,000 hectares, is to protect the central mountainous system of the Macanao Peninsula as a habitat for endemic subspecies and endangered species.

With the Fauna Reserves, legal figures are obtained to protect all these species, in addition to facilitating the management for obtaining financial resources for the development of the management plans of these spaces, which seek to minimize the impacts of Climate Change.

Could disappear by 2050

## Reefs contribute to the preservation of marine life

**W**orld Coral Reef Day is celebrated every June 1st to remember the beauty of these living communities.

Reefs are marine communities where a great diversity of marine animals such as fish, nudibranchs, snails, sea urchins, starfish, lobsters and corals coexist, as well as algae and sea grasses, which are the most common plants in these ecosystems.

They are a solid structure, built by living organisms, a great community that are part of the seas of planet Earth.

These ecosystems were formed millions of years ago, and have witnessed the dramatic changes that planet Earth has undergone. Over time, some species have disappeared and new ones have emerged.

Reefs are capable of changing the direction and speed of ocean currents, and they also function as a natural barrier for the coasts against hurricanes.

According to estimates by the Marine Ecosystems Division of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the planet could lose the world's living coral reefs by 2050.

The data is alarming and requires urgent measures to be taken by nations for their preservation.

The ephemeris is intended to publicize the importance of protecting these marine formations, as well as to promote the commitment of organizations and companies in the conservation and protection of reefs.

Many fish and marine animals depend on a healthy reef. Their

health tells us a lot about the health of the ocean, as well as offering protection and providing a rich and thriving food web.

Reefs are essential to plant and fish life, contribute to the vitality of the fishing industry, protect beaches and shorelines from erosion, act as an ocean filter, and provide life-saving medicines.

Rising sea temperatures, industrial and plastic pollution, sewage, chemical sunscreens, unmanaged and high-density tourism threaten all coral reefs.

Coral reefs form a magnificent visual landscape with their colorful and diverse shapes, and play a protective role for the environment by contributing to the greenhouse effect by removing and recycling carbon dioxide.



*Reefs are marine communities in which a great diversity of marine animals coexist*



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**06/04/2023**

*Vegetation is essential to preserve the balance of the planet, from this idea, our Commander Hugo Chavez created the Tree Mission to promote the recognition of the Rights of Mother Earth and contribute to the construction of a new environmental society. For a Green Venezuela!*



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**06/03/2023**

*The Humanitarian Task Force "Libertador Simón Bolívar", today celebrates its 18th anniversary saving lives and taking Venezuelan solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Congratulations, heroes and heroines of the Homeland, you are our pride and example!*



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*Venezuela has scientific and technological projects that seek to prevent and mitigate environmental impacts on soil and water, developed by experts who use their knowledge to provide solutions to the effects caused to our Pachamama.*



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