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Killing of over 1,400 dolphins in the Faroe Islands causes outrage

They killed more than 1,400 dolphins this Sunday night in the Danish Faroe Islands, in what the hunters said was a traditional hunt.

Minister Arreaza announces progress in the comprehensive policy of the timber sector to strengthen the National Forestry Engine

The Minister of Popular Power for Industries and National Production, Jorge Arreaza, announced that his office works to advance a comprehensive policy for the timber sector and strengthen the forestry engine of Venezuela.

The government reopens areas of La Llovizna Park that were closed due to Orinoco and Caroní floods

This Friday, September 17, the regional director of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (MINEC) in Bolívar, Jessiel Gascón, announced that the spaces of the La Llovizna Park that had been closed due to the flooding of the Orinoco and Caroní rivers were opened.

The Tree Guardians National Plan began



The Tree Guardians National Plan began this Thursday in Ciudad Caribia, with the slogan "Saving Life on the Planet", a project promoted by the Mission Tree Foundation, an entity attached to the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (MINEC).

President Maduro decorates Yulimar Rojas with the Order of Libertadores y Libertadoras for her historic victory in the Olympic and World triple jump

The constitutional President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro Moros, celebrated in Miraflores together with the Venezuelan people, the historic victory of the athlete Yulimar Rojas, Olympic and world queen of the Triple Jump.



The National Guardians of the Tree Plan began



The initiative aims to train and prepare children from the age of three to the elderly, in terms of the care and preservation of plant species, as well as promoting the necessary protection of nature.

The plan will be deployed throughout the country and the participants will be grouped in brigades according to their ages, with the names of Araguaey, Jacaranda, Flamboyán, Bucare and Mango. In the act of launching was the owner of the MINEC, Josué Lorca; the Vice Minister of Youth and Sports, Jesica Bello; the vice minister of Supreme Social Happiness, president of the Black Hipólita Mission and the Unique Authority of the Ciudad Caribia Motor District, V/A Luis José Pestana Abreu, and the president of the Nevado Mission, Maigualida Vargas, among other authorities.

In Ciudad Caribia, the Tree Guardians will have more than 300 organized girls and boys, founders of the project who will integrate the different brigades. There are 1,673 infants in the country.

Minister Lorca expressed in his speech that with the Guardians of the Tree it is intended to cover a total of 2,500 people in the national territory, integrated as brigade members and thus comply with the Fifth Historical Objective of the Plan of the Homeland: "Preserve life in the planet and salvation of the human species". "It is a movement instructed by our president Nicolás Maduro Moros, to add all those wills from children, adolescents, youth, adults and older adults, to protect the Pachamama, to protect nature" said Lorca. For her part, Vice Minister Bello, congratulated all those who made the plan possible, and stated that they must work together "to strengthen this type of activities that integrate children and adolescents, to exercise a unique and independent task of caring for mother nature."

The Unique Authority of the Ciudad Caribia Development Engine District, V/A Luis José Pestana Abreu, highlighted that this training had a 15-day process, in which the humanistic values of ecosocialism were instilled in the boys and girls, waiting for that each one with their small contribution and the learning obtained strengthen the flora and fauna that make life in the urban complex of Ciudad Caribia. "I invite attendees to take care of and preserve the spaces that are there for the enjoyment of the whole community" said Pestana Abreu. Finally, Lorca thanked the attendees and those who are part of Guardians of the Tree, for ratifying their commitment with nature and follow the instructions of President Nicolás Maduro, in order to strengthen all areas related to Mother Earth.

Interinstitutional Commission inspected grutta exposed in Filo de San José Alto of Mérida

An inter-institutional commission of experts carried out an inspection this Friday of a cave that was exposed due to a collapse, in the Filo de San José Alto sector, of the Zea municipality of Mérida state.

The delegation was made up of Franklin Leal, from the National Parks Institute (INPARQUES); Cirmar Moreno of the Ministry for Mining and Ecological Development; William Guillén from the National Institute of Geology and Mining (INGEOMIN); Simón Sulbarán, Mining Prosecutor of the National Mining Inspection and Inspection Service (SENAFIM); Raúl Martínez, the mayor of Zea municipality, and the technicians Jóvito Valbuena and Humberto Calderón.

The experts determined that there was a mass movement due to underrumbe, due to the collapse of a sector, which caused the exposure of undisturbed rock in blocks, ranging from megaclassic to small boulders of rocky in a disorderly way on the ground.



Open areas of La Llovizna Park that were closed due to Orinoco and Caroní floods

On August 18, the Ecosocialism authority in Bolívar announced the closure of 30% of the Park areas in the Caroní municipality, due to the increase in the levels of the Orinoco and Caroní, causing flooding in some areas of the place, very visited by families from Ciudad Guayana.

5K and open lookouts. Gascón toured all the areas of the Park that were closed and said that the area called 5K is one of the visitors' favorites, it is now open. He affirmed that they will begin maintenance work at those sites that were affected. "Come to La Llovizna Park and enjoy 100% of its areas. We are working as a team, the main viewpoint and viewpoints 1,2,3 and 4 are ready to receive the whole family" he assured.

The Regional Director of the MINEC in Bolívar asked the people to comply with biosecurity measures, respect the regulations of the Park, take care of it and protect it, in addition to applying all prevention mechanisms to guarantee a happy visit. "Our security teams: park guards, Bolivarian National Guard and Regional Park Directorate, accompanied by MINEC Bolívar staff, work together so that the people can fully enjoy this natural wonder," he concluded.





Killing of more than 1,400 dolphins in the Faroe Islands causes outrage



The international marine conservation organization "Sea Shepherd" says in a statement that an overpopulation of 1,428 Atlantic white-faced dolphins were cornered on Skálabotnur beach in the Faroe Islands on September 12, where they all died. Footage from the slaughter shows hunters halfway into the sea, which turned red, with the carcasses of dolphins piled up on the beach.

Traditional hunting, called "grindadrap", generally involves hunting long-finned pilot whales and has been advocated by locals, who say it is an important and sustainable food source, given the high pilot whale populations. But Sea Shepherd says that dolphin meat was no longer popular to eat and was probably contaminated. What do they do with dead dolphins? "Normally, the meat of a grindadrap is shared between the participants and the rest among the locals of the district where the hunt takes place. However, there is more dolphin meat from this hunt than anyone would want to take. So the dolphins they are being offered to other districts in hopes of not having to throw them away" Sea Shepherd said in its statement.

Threat of eruption puts Canary Islands on alert

A series of small tremors in the Canary Islands of Spain have alerted the authorities for the possibility of a volcanic eruption.

Authorities have detected more than 4,200 tremors since Saturday around La Palma island, which scientists have described as a seismic swarm. Before a volcano erupts, there is a gradual increase in seismic activity that can build up for an extended period.

The Canary Islands Volcanological Institute (INVOLCAN) said that the Cumbre Vieja had a reservoir of 11 million cubic meters (388 million cubic feet) of magma inside by Thursday. The Cumbre Vieja is a dormant stratum volcano, and its previous eruption occurred in 1971. The earthquake with the highest power recorded so far was of a magnitude of 3.4, according to the Institute.

La Palma has about 85,000 inhabitants. The Institute has instructed its staff on the island to follow up on any changes, including testing the water from the wells. The Canary Islands are a volcanic archipelago made up of eight islands. Its end closest to Africa is located 100 kilometers (60 miles) from Morocco.

Argentina obtains 82 million dollars to protect native forests

Argentina received a donation of 82 million dollars from the UN with the aim of protecting native forests to reduce the emission of polluting gases into the environment, official sources reported Tuesday, pointing out that it is the largest donation ever to a Latin American country for that purpose.

The agreement was signed between the Argentine Foreign Ministry and the Green Climate Fund, an organization created by the United Nations to combat climate change, based on the results of the enactment of the native forests law in 2007 that reduced illegal deforestation in the South American country.

The regional representative for Latin America and the Caribbean at the United Nations Food Organization (FAO), Julio Berdegú, participated in the agreement. "Also the REDD + Results-Based Payments Project (Reduction of Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) that will seek to contribute to the implementation of the National Action Plan for Forests and Climate Change" they reported in a statement.



• Source: +Verde.com

President Nicolás Maduro assures that banking financial sector intend to sabotage the development of the 100% digital economy in the country

"The development of the 100% digital economy is being hampered by the country's banking financial sector, there is an underground campaign in which some bankers are trying to sabotage my goal, to prevent people from having direct payment among their payment instruments", denounced the Head of State, in the program Here with Ernesto, this Sunday, transmitted by VTV.

He explained that the sabotage maneuver aims to force the population to pay with foreign currency in cash "and not in the formula that we have to pay with cards."

He explained that the National Government advances in the definition of strategies that allow to recover the purchasing power of Venezuelans, an action that would be strengthened with the lifting of illegal sanctions against the economy.

He also pointed out that the strength and conscience of the Venezuelan people is manifested in creativity to generate new ventures in times of economic war, and to be able to counteract all the damage that internal and external enemies do to further destabilize the Venezuelan's food condition.

President Maduro, with great optimism, assured that "this year 2021 we are going to live times of economic miracle, product of work and effort and the resolution of a people to fight for their homeland." "Sooner rather than later we are going to achieve a fair market, fair prices and control the distortion created as a result of the economic war". And he continued saying that "we seek to build a country that produces wealth and that distributes those wealth for the economic, social, and cultural happiness of all the people, of a country united in peace".





SPORTS

President Maduro decorates Yulimar Rojas with the Order of Libertadores y Libertadoras for her historic victory in the Olympic and World triple jump

The Head of State awarded Yulimar Rojas with the Order of Liberators and Liberators, in his Second Class Lanzas de Libertad, in recognition of his commitment and international career. The National President also shared with several Paralympic champions who also made unprecedented history for Venezuelan sport at the Tokyo 2020 + 1 Games.

"This beautiful feat that will be remembered by this beautiful people and by the world, that dreams can be achieved in this sport," said queen Rojas, in her first words of thanks. She greeted her comrades, athletes of whom she assured have left everything to raise up Venezuela and she showed her joy for the results and medals that demonstrate an unprecedented victory in Venezuelan sports history. "I thank God, because without him none of this would be happening, thank the people who have been part of my life, my family, to all those who have contributed a grain of sand for Yulimar to celebrate this medal together with Venezuela, the first medal for an athlete female in an Olympics, I think it's amazing and I'm fascinated. Even I don't believe it myself, I'm kind of floating ", she said with the spontaneity that characterizes her. She found it wonderful to see the love she has received on a daily basis, and she reiterated that it is amazing to remember this moment throughout her entire career. And there will be many happy moments and medals for our country. "I know that this does not ends here, the sport will continue to grow, we will continue to bet on the replacement generation in the sports part, we must continue supporting the athletes that we have set an example and it is reflected in what we did in Tokyo and in each competition ."

Yulimar said that her good vibes made the Venezuelan delegation to the Olympic and Paralympic Games achieve these historic achievements. "I am very happy and I hope it continues valuing all the work we do and Venezuela continues to shine at all times and this tricolor of the 8 stars and the national anthem is heard in every part of the world. So that Venezuela is recognized for its culture, landscapes and other things and also for sport, which is a fundamental part of our country" she summarized.

She concluded her speech by ensuring that Venezuela will continue to count on her, because now she has her sights on the Paris Olympic Games in 2024, where she aspires to compete in two major events: long jump and triple jump, in which she hopes to win the Olympic gold medals.



CULTURE



Third Convention of the International Center for Decolonization Studies will be from 12 to 16 OCT

The III Convention of the International Center for Decolonization Studies will be held from October 12 to 16. The participation in the event is planned to be in person and online, on the occasion of the month of Indigenous Resistance.

The information was released by its president, Humberto González, after a preparatory meeting at the Center for Studies of Indigenous Peoples and Cultures of the Bolivarian University of Venezuela (UBV), reports the website of the Venezuelan News Agency (AVN).

The Convention will address various issues such as interculturality, indigenous languages, impact of climate change on indigenous populations and the COVID-19 pandemic; Good Living and the migration of indigenous peoples as a consequence of multiple factors.

González said that it is necessary to consolidate what is related to the defense of indigenous education, "the pedagogical methods and daily action in the different educational institutions, in relation to the values, patriotism and libertarian ideas of the Republic."

The creation of the International Center for Decolonization Studies was announced in November 2018 by the President of the Republic, Nicolás Maduro.

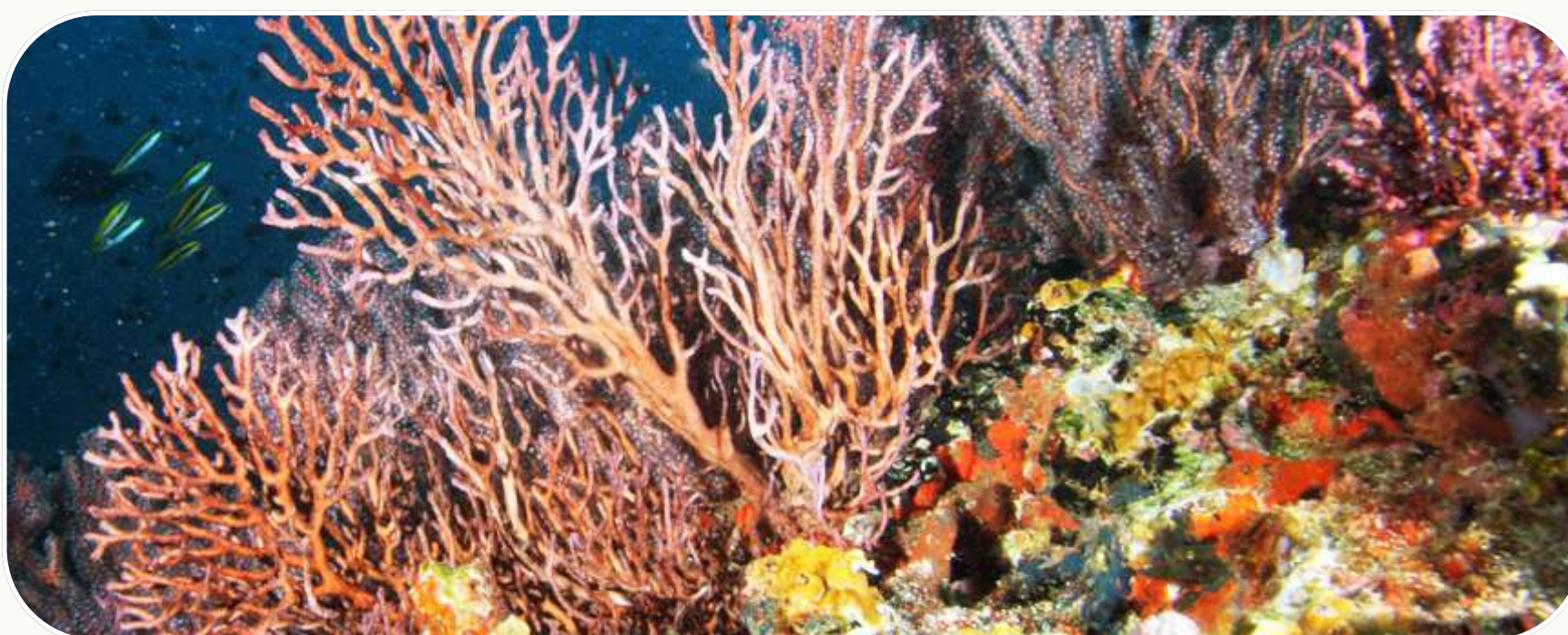


An invasive species threatens coral reefs from the eastern coast of the country

INVASIVE SPECIES BECOMES A NEW PEST THREATENING THE MARINE SYSTEMS OF THE NORTHEAST OF VENEZUELA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION

Coral reefs are among the oldest structures on earth built by living organisms. Most of the reefs are strong assemblages of stony corals or scleractinians. However, there are regions such as the western Indo-Pacific where soft or octocoral corals dominate the reefs (Benayahu and Loya 1977, 1981; Nishihira and Dinesen 1983), especially those belonging to the order Alcyonacea, a diverse group of colonial benthic invertebrates. In the Caribbean, a codominance structure can occur between scleractinians and octocorals, but in our region, the Gorgonacea order is the most representative of the octocorals, where sea fans and sea whips are included, characterized by being highly flexible and often with various branches (Bayer 1957; Wells 1957).

The soft coral *Xenia* sp., also known as pulsating coral, is native to the Indo-Pacific Ocean and has been observed since 2007 within Mochima National Park. There is no information on when this octocoral was introduced to our coasts, but currently, this invasive species has caused the death of extensive coral areas and their associated biota in the central area of Mochima.



The main characteristic of this sessile species is its high competition for space, which causes the local corals of the region to rapidly overgrow, causing their death and using the exoskeletons of the dead corals as a substrate for fixation and expansion to other areas.

Xenia sp. presents a complex chemical system based on terpenoids that can cause necrosis in the coral tissue as well as the inhibition of its growth (Sammarco et al. 1983). The efficacy of the allelopathic compounds responsible for these deleterious responses varies greatly between species and can cause damage, both by direct contact and by the presence of toxins released into the water column.



An evaluation on the impact of *Xenia* sp. on the autochthonous coral community in Isla de Mono, indicates that by 2008, the invasive species was restricted to the sandy beach in the east of the island, covering an area of approximately 10 m². By then, the community consisted of 42 species: 15 stony corals, 4 soft corals, 1 fire coral, 8 sponges, 3 anemones, 2 zoanthids, 1 hydroid, and 8 echinoderms (cucumbers and sea urchins). By 2016, *Xenia* sp. invaded the island's coral community, growing on it and causing the loss of coverage of more than 80% of the total. Similarly, a decrease in the richness of benthic species was observed, reporting a total of 16 species: 7 stony corals, 2 soft corals, 1 fire coral, 2 sponges, 2 anemones, 1 zoanthid, and 1 echinoderm.



Thorough evaluations and a safe extraction plan for *Xenia* sp are critical in the Mochima National Park and surrounding areas, since due to the marine currents there will probably be a spread towards the west of the park, and in a short term it could be dispersed towards the rest of the Venezuelan coast and oceanic islands.

• Source: Rio Verde

EPHEMERIS



September 20

- International Freedom Day.

September 21

- La Negra Matea is born (1773) | Venezuelan slave, in charge of taking care of Simón Bolívar.
- The Venezuelan scientist Jacinto Convit receives the Abraham Horwitz Prize (1989) in Washington.
- World Day against Alzheimer's.
- International Day of Peace.

September 23

- Lino de Clemente was born (1767) | Venezuelan military and politician.
- The Cathedral of Caracas is declared a National Historic Monument (1957).

September 24

- José Félix Blanco was born (1782) | Venezuelan priest and military man.
- Juan Beroes was born (1914) | Venezuelan poet and diplomat.

September 25

- Luisa Cáceres de Arismendi was born (1799) | Venezuelan heroine.
- Septembrina Conspiracy (1828). It was an attempt on the life of Simón Bolívar.

September 26

- The Cathedral of the Divine Shepherdess is inaugurated in Tucupita (1982).

RECOMMENDATIONS



Chasing Coral

"Chasing Coral" addresses the will and wisdom of a publicist, a self-proclaimed coral nerd, cutting-edge camera designers and famous marine biologists as they invent the first sequential camera to record coral bleaching. Sadly, it's a daunting task, and the team tirelessly battles technical problems and even the force of nature to achieve its cherished goal: documenting the unquestionable and tragic transformation that happens beneath the waves. In Chasing Coral, with its exceptional photography, great suspense and surprising emotion, is a dramatic revelation that prompts audiences to act.

