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World promises to protect nature


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Promise to protect animals and nature



The **United Nations** have agreed to protect wild animals and where they live by 2030.



The United Nations is a group where over 193 countries go and discuss things. They recently had a big meeting about how to protect nature called COP15.



Many people are worried about how we are treating nature. Forests are being cut down, and water is being **polluted**. This is when chemicals and waste gets into the water and makes it unsafe for the animals and plants that live in it.



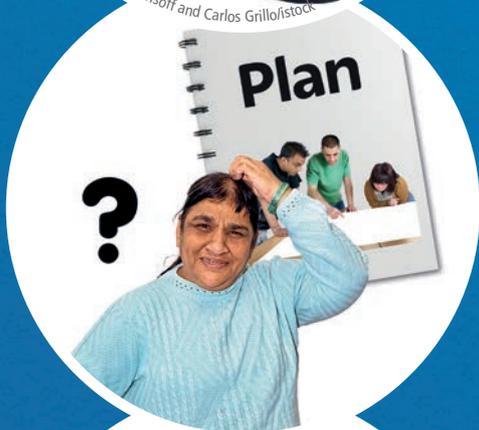
The United Nations agreed to protect 1/3 of the planet's land and water by 2030. This means stopping people from building on or polluting those places.



The countries agreed they should protect important natural spaces, like rainforests and coral reefs. Many wild animals live in these places.



These places are important because once they are gone, they are gone forever. They do many important things for the planet, including providing oxygen, food and water for humans and animals.



Although the countries have agreed to protect these spaces, they do not have a plan or know how they will do it yet.



In the future, countries will tell the United Nations how well they are doing at what they promised.

Early warnings before natural disasters



The United Nations have also agreed that everyone on earth should have an **early warning system** for natural disasters at an event called COP27.



An early warning system can find out if a natural disaster is about to happen. If people know a disaster is coming, they can stop it from doing as much damage.



Natural disasters are things like floods, earthquakes and forest fires.



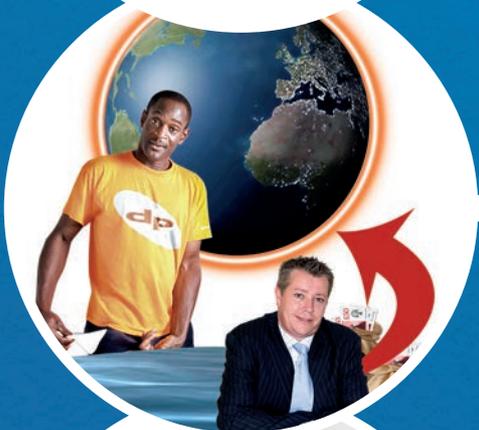
Natural disasters are now more likely to happen because of how humans are affecting **climate change**. This is the long-term change in temperatures and weather across the Earth.



Humans affect climate change when they burn fossil fuels, like gas and coal.



At the moment, only half of the countries in the world have an early warning system. The United Nations have agreed that everyone should have one by 2028.



The countries most badly affected by natural disasters are often the poorest ones. The countries having the biggest and most damaging effect on climate change are often the richest ones.



The United Nations thinks this will cost about £2.5 billion. They do not have a plan yet for where the money to pay for the early warning system will come from.

Subtitles for everyday life for Deaf people



It is now possible for people to read live **subtitles** of what people are saying using special glasses and an app. Subtitles are a written translation of speech.



A company called XRAI Glass have made software to do this that can be downloaded for **smart glasses**.



Smart glasses are glasses that have lots of technology built inside them. They work with people's smart phones.



Smart glasses can display images onto the glass lens, so that the person wearing the glasses can see it.



With XRAI Glass, the microphone in the smart phone listens to what people are saying, and turns it into words. The glasses then show the words to the wearer.



Smart glasses cost about £400, and a smart phone costs £150 or more. The XRAI software app can cost up to £50 a month, but there is also a free version.



XRAI hope that many people around the world will use their software.



1 in 6 people in Britain have hearing loss. They either cannot hear things at all, or find it difficult to hear what people are saying.

Positive football firsts from last year



Last year there were lots of positive football **'firsts'**. These are things that have never been done before.



The FIFA World Cup took place in Qatar. This is the first time it has been held in a Middle Eastern country.



For the first time, there were 6 women refereeing during the competition.



Past competitions have only used male referees.



A survey by Sport England also showed that over 100,000 more girls are playing football now than there were 5 years ago.



The England Women's team also won the European Championship in July 2023, which has helped make women's professional football more popular.

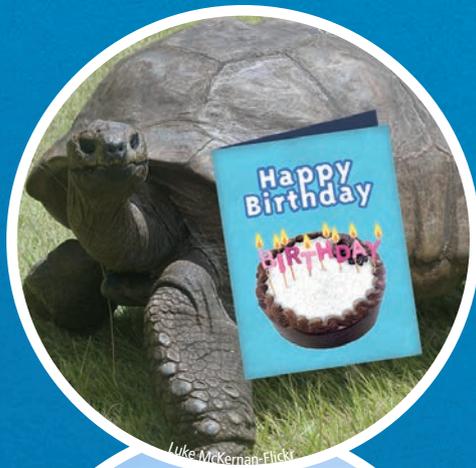


In the Men's World Cup, Morocco made it to the semi-finals, which is the furthest any African team has made it in the competition.

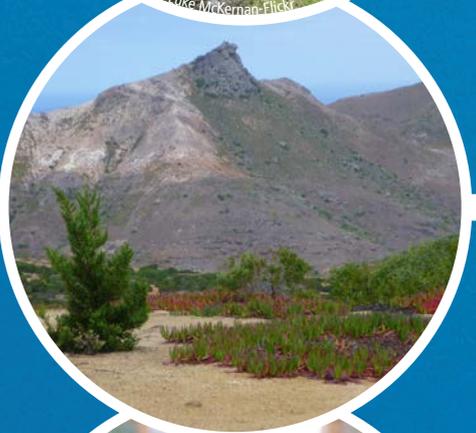


And finally, Lionel Messi, one of the most successful footballers in the world, celebrated his team Argentina winning their 1st World Cup in 36 years.

World's oldest tortoise's birthday



Jonathan the Giant Tortoise had his 190th birthday last year.



Jonathan lives in Saint Helena, a small island in the South Atlantic. He came there from the Seychelles in 1882.



Jonathan could be the oldest known animal on earth. The oldest human was Jeanne Calment from France who lived to be 122.



Nobody knows when Jonathan was born, or how old he really is. Some people think he could be older than 200!

First disabled astronaut chosen



The first ever disabled astronaut has been chosen to go to space. He is a British Paralympic runner called John McFall.



John McFall is part of the 2022 European Space Agency Astronaut Group. He will work at the International Space Station with other astronauts.



When he was 19, John had an accident and had to have part of his leg cut off above the knee. He wears a **prosthetic** leg.



In 2008, John took part in the Summer Paralympics in Beijing. He won a bronze medal for a 100 metre race.

Plumber works for free to help disabled



A plumber in Burnley has been working for free for old and disabled people.



James Anderson set up Disability and Elderly Plumbing and Heating Emergency Repair in 2017.



James does this to remember his son, who died when he was very young. James says he wants to be "like the man he would have grown up to be."



James says that more and more people need help. He tries to help everyone who asks and has even helped to deliver food and Christmas presents recently.

Captain Tom's website for kindness



The family of Captain Tom have set up a website called www.agiftofkindness.net



People can share stories about when other people were kind to them.



In 2020, Captain Tom Moore became famous when he walked around his garden 100 times to raise money for the NHS.



He died on 2nd February 2021 aged 100. His family hope their website will make people kinder, which is what Captain Tom Moore would have wanted.

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