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IN-HOUSE EVENTS

Earthwatch Expedition Open Days

To be held in our Oxford office, Mayfield House, 256 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DE, from 10am–1.30pm

Saturday 24th January

Saturday 4th April

Saturday 7th November

Our Expedition Open Days are intended for people who are new to Earthwatch, and/or have never been on an Earthwatch expedition before. You will have the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the many opportunities available, and chat with past volunteers and our friendly and experienced staff about the benefits of volunteering.

Participation on one of our expeditions can help to make a major contribution to environmental research and conservation.

Admission is free to all, although you should ask for your ticket in advance, as numbers will be strictly limited. Light refreshments and a snack lunch will be provided on the day.

For a full programme, please call +44 (0)1865 318856 or email events@earthwatch.org.uk, or visit www.earthwatch.org/europe/events

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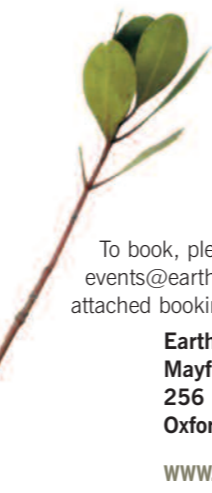
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The 2009 Earthwatch lecture series will take you from the waters of the Scottish Hebrides deep into the Peruvian Amazon, from the woodlands of Oxfordshire to the beaches of the Caribbean, and even further afield. Join leading international scientists for an insight into Earthwatch-supported research and conservation activities.

In November our ever popular annual debate, showcasing possible solutions to a topical but complex dilemma, promises to be as engaging as always. At all four events you will have the opportunity to speak with scientists, Earthwatch volunteers and staff to find out how you can become directly involved in our work.

This year we are also hosting three Expedition Open Days in our Oxford office, providing you with in-depth information to help you make the decision about joining one of our expeditions.

Please keep an eye on our website, or sign up to our eNewsletter to learn about other events throughout the year.



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Information about the Earthwatch lectures

- Lectures are free to students and current Earthwatch donors; otherwise a donation will be requested on the door.
- You should ask to be sent your ticket in advance as numbers are limited.
- Doors open to the general public at 6pm (cash bar) and lectures start at 7pm.
- Lectures are followed by a cash bar, open to all, 8.30pm-9.30pm.
- Accompanied children (aged ten upwards) are welcome.



Earthwatch is an international environmental charity that engages people worldwide in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment.

All over the world, Earthwatch-supported scientists and volunteers are gathering critical information about the planet's endangered species, threatened habitats and vulnerable ecosystems. This fieldwork informs conservation decisions and leaves a legacy of knowledge and skills within local communities.

Through Earthwatch, you can become directly involved in field research by working as a volunteer alongside our scientists. Whether you are monitoring climate change in Ecuador's rainforests, helping the community in Kenya to protect endangered black rhinos, studying dolphins off the coast of Scotland or reducing turtle egg poaching in Costa Rica, your valuable contribution will help to further our understanding and improve our stewardship of the natural world.

Earthwatch works in close partnership with a wide range of individuals, companies, teachers, students and non-governmental organisations around the world. If you are interested in getting involved, please visit: www.earthwatch.org/europe

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Featuring...

- Forests and Climate Change
- The Coastal Ecology of the Bahamas
- Exploration of the Peruvian Amazon
- Trinidad's Leatherback Sea Turtles
- Whales and Dolphins of the Hebrides
- The Annual Earthwatch Debate
- Our Expedition Open Days

...and more!

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LECTURE Thursday 26th March

FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

7pm-8.30pm at the Royal Geographical Society
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Chaired by Paul Rose, explorer, television presenter and expedition leader.

The world's forests are home to an extraordinary range of species, and are arguably one of our greatest safeguards against climate change. Yet deforestation, whether for timber, farming or human settlement, continues at an alarming rate.

CLIMATE CHANGE, CANOPIES, AND WILDLIFE

Dr. Mika Peck, University of Sussex

What are the impacts of climate change on the cloudforests of north-west Ecuador? Are existing reserves in one of the richest and most diverse of all biodiversity hotspots big enough to protect large charismatic mammals like the spectacled bear and big cats? How much do carbon offset programmes really benefit wildlife? Can technology such as Google Earth help us to identify canopy tree species and biologically diverse areas from space? These are just some of the questions that will be addressed during this lecture, which is based on data collected by Earthwatch volunteers in the mountains of Ecuador.
www.earthwatch.org/europe/exped/peck.html

THE FOOTPRINT IN THE FOREST

Dr. Dan Bebbler, Earthwatch Institute

The concept of a virgin forest, untouched by the hand of man, is a fairy-tale. All the world's forests are affected, to varying degrees, by human activities. Though many of us come no closer to forest products than the morning paper, billions around the world rely on forests directly for timber, fuel, food, medicines, and other benefits. As the climate changes, partly due to deforestation, the benefits we derive from forests may be threatened. The Earthwatch forest research programme, part of the HSBC Climate Partnership, will help us to determine how forests can be better managed in an uncertain future. Hear about our work in the forests of China, Europe, India, Latin America and North America.
www.earthwatch.org/europe/hcp

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LECTURE Thursday 7th May

CONSERVING BIODIVERSITY IN THE AMERICAS

7pm-8.30pm at the Royal Geographical Society
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

Chaired by Dr. George McGavin, author, lecturer, television presenter and explorer.

The Amazon and the Caribbean must rank as two of the most attractive locations on earth, but this very fact renders them all the more vulnerable to exploitation, and the environmental disturbance that will inevitably follow.

COASTAL ECOLOGY OF THE BAHAMAS

Dr. Kathleen Sullivan Sealey, University of Miami

Given their obvious appeal to tourists, the Bahamas have until recently been comparatively unmarred by development; but as the demands mount, so does the need for vigilance. Using a mixture of traditional methods and the latest technology such as satellite image maps, this project, initiated in 2002, is charting the distribution and health of species both above and below the waterline, with the aim of balancing economic development with environmental protection.
www.earthwatch.org/europe/exped/sullivan.html

AMAZON RIVERBOAT EXPLORATION

Dr. Richard Bodmer, Durrell Institute of Conservation & Ecology and the Wildlife Conservation Society

In many areas of the world's largest river, illegal timber companies, pet traders, and hunters have decimated wildlife. This brings extra urgency to the research being conducted by Dr. Bodmer's team of local scientists and Earthwatch volunteers on two near-pristine stretches of the Peruvian Amazon. Operating from a vintage boat dating from the rubber boom period, they are collecting data on the extraordinary variety of species found there, from manatee and giant river otter to macaw and woolly monkey, with a view to securing their conservation.
www.earthwatch.org/europe/exped/bodmer.html

LECTURE Thursday 15th October

MEETING MARINE NEEDS

7pm-8.30pm at the Royal Geographical Society
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

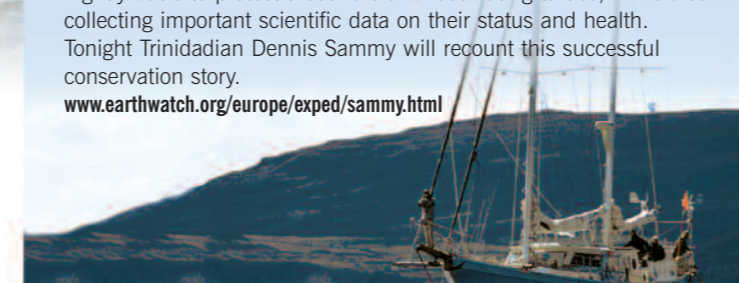
Chaired by Nigel Winsor, Executive Vice President and Head of Programmes, Earthwatch Institute.

Human activities and climate change pose multiple threats to marine species. Tonight you will hear how their conservation needs are being addressed, while also bringing social and economic benefits to the local communities.

TRINIDAD'S LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES

Dennis Sammy, Nature Seekers

How do you turn sea turtle hunters into conservationists? In the 1970s and 1980s, many of the local communities were hunting nesting adult turtles on the north-east beaches of Trinidad on a regular basis. This situation prompted a conservation partnership between concerned individuals and the government, and Nature Seekers was formed. The situation has now reversed, with the local community and Earthwatch volunteers patrolling the beaches on a nightly basis to protect these rare and fascinating turtles, while also collecting important scientific data on their status and health. Tonight Trinidadian Dennis Sammy will recount this successful conservation story.
www.earthwatch.org/europe/exped/sammy.html



WHALES AND DOLPHINS OF THE HEBRIDES

Susannah Calderan, Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust

The waters west of Scotland are extremely productive, being home to nearly 70 per cent of all cetacean species found in Europe. However, until recently, remarkably little was known about them. The Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT), based in Tobermory on the Isle of Mull, was established in 1994 to conduct long-term research in the region. Since 2003, HWDT, with the help of Earthwatch volunteers, has been carrying out visual and acoustic surveys from its dedicated research vessel, *Silurian*, covering thousands of miles each summer. In this lecture you can hear what the last five years of research has uncovered.
www.earthwatch.org/europe/exped/stevick.html

EARTHWATCH DEBATE Thursday 19th November

FROM TSUNAMI TO DROUGHT

7pm-9pm at the Royal Geographical Society
1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

While the devastating impacts of the 2004 tsunami and the alarmingly frequent incidence of flooding loom large in our minds, another age-old scourge – drought – is predicted to become an increasingly universal problem that may well bring neighbouring states into conflict over access to water, not just for agriculture but, even more critically, for drinking and sanitation.

What can be done before it is too late? Four enterprising speakers will outline their ingenious solutions to this looming crisis, before being interrogated Dragon's Den style by a panel of experts to establish the practicalities of their proposals.

You, the audience, will have the final vote in a debate that is sure to be as unpredictable, eye-opening and keenly contested as ever, with the winner receiving a (sadly fictitious) \$1,000,000,000 cheque to put their ideas into practice.

Ticket only. Free to students and current Earthwatch donors; otherwise a donation will be requested on the door. The debate will be followed by an optional buffet supper with wine, £25/€35.

INFORMATION

- 6.00pm: Doors open (cash bar)
- 7.00pm: Debate starts, with an introduction by our chair for the evening
Presentations by our speakers, and questions from our panel
- 8.25pm: The panel vote
- 8.30pm: Second round of talks by our two finalists
- 8.45pm: Final (audience) vote
- 8.50pm: Summary
- 9.00pm: Debate ends – followed by a second cash bar and optional buffet supper.

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