

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Scotland sets ambitious goal of 66% emissions cut within 15 years:** Holyrood ministers aim higher after hitting target of 42% cut by 2020 six years early, but say Brexit poses challenge. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 19/01/2017)
  - **Global sea ice is at lowest level ever recorded:** The area of ocean covered by floating ice is at its lowest since the satellite era began, and probably the lowest it has been for '000s of years. ([news scientist.com](http://news scientist.com) 16/01/2017)
  - **Bird flu found in flock of 10,000 pheasants in Lancashire:** Bird flu has been confirmed in a 'flock' of about 10,000 pheasants at a premises in Lancashire, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has said. ([telegraph.co.uk](http://telegraph.co.uk) 24/01/2017)
  - **Industry Appeals with Government to 'Remove Barriers for Energy Storage':** The area of ocean covered by floating ice is at its lowest since the satellite era began, and probably the lowest it has been for thousands of years. ([blueandgreentomorrow.com](http://blueandgreentomorrow.com) 16/01/2017)
  - **Swedish supermarkets replace sticky labels with laser marking:** Food retailers aiming to cut plastic packaging by ditching stickers on fruits and vegetables, instead using hi-tech 'natural branding'. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 16/01/2017)
  - **Trump's 'control-alt-delete' on climate change policy:** Are the recent actions taken by the Trump team on the issues of climate and energy the opening shots in a war on knowledge? Or are they simply what you'd expect from a new administration of a different political hue? Let's examine what we know. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 25/01/2017)
  - **UK targets offshore innovation:** The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) is investing up to £1.3m in a new offshore wind innovation hub, which aims to bring industry together to innovate and reduce the cost of energy from the sector. ([renews.biz](http://renews.biz) 25/01/2017)
- And finally...**
- **Prince Charles co-authors Ladybird climate change book:** Prince Charles has co-authored a Ladybird book on the challenges and possible solutions to climate change. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 15/01/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Like many businesses, Aardvark is watching the events unfolding around the triggering of Brexit and the new Trump regime with great interest. We were therefore pleased to see the UK Government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper published this week setting out ten pillars for driving forward industrial strategy including investing in science, research and innovation and delivering affordable energy and clean growth via a funding boost of £28 million which has been granted for energy innovation projects, including energy storage. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

