

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **3D-Printed Reefs Offer Hope in Coral Bleaching Crisis:** The news on coral reefs alternates between doom and hope. Reefs are among the most fragile ecosystems on the planet and essential to marine life. They are also highly sensitive to climate change and are dying at a dramatic rate. (nationalgeographic.com 13/03/2017)
- **Burning wood for energy ignites fierce academic row:** Scientists on both sides of the Atlantic have become embroiled in a war of words over energy from trees. (bbc.co.uk 15/03/2017)
- **What will Brexit mean for the environment and Britain's green targets?:** Of all the EU regulations to shape UK policies, environmental directives have been some of the most controversial. Three of the most significant are those on green energy, recycling and air quality - all of which pose a challenge for the UK. What might Brexit mean for the UK in these policy areas? (telegraph.co.uk 10/03/2017)
- **UK energy bills have fallen since 2008, says CCC:** Household energy bills are lower today than they were when the UK began serious efforts to tackle climate change in 2008, according to new analysis. (carbonbrief.org 16/03/2017)
- **Soft drinks giants are failing to recycle:** The world's biggest soft drinks producers are using just 6.6% recycled plastics in their bottles, effectively meaning that nearly an entire new container must be created for every drink that is sold. (newstalk.com 15/03/2017)
- **Trump's assault on climate science will not make America great:** Gutting the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency will leave the US more vulnerable to climate change (news scientist.com 08/03/2017)
- **Climate change: Biofuels 'could limit jet contrails':** US space agency-led scientists flew small, instrumented, chase planes directly in the exhaust plume of a big jet to measure the sorts of gases and particles being thrown out. The data suggests aircraft burning a mix of aviation kerosene and biofuel could reduce their climate impact (bbc.co.uk 16/03/2017)

And finally...

- **Falmouth man who dresses up as fish considered threat to national security by Scotland Yard:** An environmental activist who dresses up like a giant fish to raise awareness of the threat to marine life has spoken of feeling "violated" after his emails were allegedly hacked by a secret police unit. (cornwalllive.com 22/03/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark is offering 6 months internship. We are looking for a free-thinking, individualistic person who shares our dedication in raising environmental standards in the public and private sectors to join our team at the head office in Somerset. Full details on the internship can be found here www.aardvarkem.co.uk/careers

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