

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Flight turbulence to get three times more common because of CO2:** Turbulence strong enough to bounce unbuckled passengers around an aircraft cabin could become three times more common as carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere rise, experts predict. ([newscientist.com](http://newscientist.com) 06/04/2017)
- **Receding glacier causes immense Canadian river to vanish in four days:** First ever observed case of 'river piracy' saw the Slims river disappear as intense glacier melt suddenly diverted its flow into another watercourse. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 17/04/2017)
- **Renewables' deep-sea mining conundrum:** British scientists exploring an underwater mountain in the Atlantic Ocean have discovered a treasure trove of rare minerals. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 11/04/2017)
- **Green Investment Bank to be sold off in £2.3bn deal:** Bank expected to retain offices in London and Edinburgh, as bid from Australia's Macquarie accepted despite opposition. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 20/04/2017)
- **Repairs to £190k motorway bridge for EU-protected dormice could cost £63k:** A Welsh council could be forced to spend £63,000 repairing a bridge for dormice because they are an EU-protected species. ([telegraph.co.uk](http://telegraph.co.uk) 18/04/2017)
- **Energy UK joins calls to back 'pot one' technologies:** Energy UK has called on ministers to support established renewable technologies, like onshore wind and solar, in order to provide a better deal for customers. ([edie.net](http://edie.net) 19/04/2017)
- **Ridding the oceans of plastics by turning the waste into valuable fuel:** Billions of pounds of plastic waste are littering the world's oceans. Now, an organic chemist and a sailboat captain report that they are developing a process to reuse certain plastics, transforming them from worthless trash into a valuable diesel fuel. ([sciencedaily.com](http://sciencedaily.com) 03/04/2017)

**And finally...**

- **Renewables roadshow: how the people of Newtown got behind solar-powered beer:** A hipster brewery in a Sydney suburb has created beer with an environmental message. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 19/04/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has successfully secured an environmental permit for the restoration of a former sand quarry in Devon. The 1.38ha former quarry will be restored to comprise heathland, mixed woodland and grassland. The Aardvark team have worked closely with the Environment Agency to ensure that the proposal meets with the waste recovery principle, and that any potential environmental risks to the underlying aquifer are appropriately managed. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

