

Wake up calls

A couple of snippets from the latest edition of **The Greenpeace Africa Roundup!**



1. The floods in Ghana have led to 12 dead. 7 missing.

Over 38,800 people affected. 140mm of rain in a single day - more than double last year's record. But this is not just a story about one storm. Accra has flooded before. This is **not a natural disaster** - it is a wake up call. Who is responsible? What lessons can we learn? And will this be our new norm? Read our latest blog below.

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2. Mombasa just hosted the 11th Our Ocean Conference - the first ever on

African soil. But while world leaders gathered to discuss protecting our oceans, the host city has been pumping 95% of its liquid waste directly into the Indian Ocean for decades. Its sewage treatment plants are in ruins. Plastic fills its beaches. An estimated 600 million Africans depend on ocean resources for food and livelihoods - and IUU fishing alone is stripping African waters of the fish stocks coastal communities rely on to survive. We were in the room with one clear demand: stop making pledges and start taking action. African governments cannot afford to delay. The time to act is now.

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Positive News

🌱 Scientists hailed the world's 'greatest forest recovery'

As the US marked its 250th birthday this week, environmentalists in the country commemorated the "greatest forest recovery in the history of the world".

When European settlers arrived in the present-day US, they set about clearing its forests for agriculture...

The farms, however, were duly abandoned in the mid-1800s as settlers sought pastures new inland. Nature filled the void, highlighting its ability to bounce back when left alone. Today, Massachusetts is estimated to be 60% forested.

"The regrowth of forest in the northeast US, particularly New England, is the greatest forest recovery in the history of the world," said Bill Moomaw, a distinguished visiting scientist at the Woodwell Climate Research Center, US.

"And it all happened because of what I call benign neglect. It was not a plan, it was just abandonment of agricultural lands. It's remarkable what has happened in the last hundred years."



Global electrification reached a ‘tipping point’

The global energy system is at a “tipping point” amid a breakthrough in green energy. That’s according to a new review of global power systems. Published by the Energy Institute, it finds that global electricity consumption rose by 3% in 2025 – an increase met entirely by renewables.

The [review](#) highlights the precipitous rise of clean power, particularly solar, which expanded by 30% in 2025, and was further boosted by a 66% rise in battery capacity. As per previous years, China added more wind and solar than the rest of the world combined, with coal generation declining. India saw coal, oil and gas generation fall, while renewable generation rose nearly 24%.



Crushed rocks can boost young forests – study

Applying crushed basalt to newly planted forests can increase the carbon stored in them by up to 27% over four years, a study by Imperial College London finds.

The [research](#) also makes the case for enriching soils in young woodlands with microorganisms from established forests. Doing so, it found, boosted tree growth and saw aboveground biomass rise by 13% over four years.

“Healthy new woodlands are essential for biodiversity, climate mitigation and resilient landscapes,” said study lead Dr Bonnie Waring. “Our findings show that relatively simple, nature-based interventions can improve tree establishment and increase the carbon uptake of new woodlands during their earliest years.”



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