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'Losing Noah's Ark': Brazil's plan to turn the Pantanal into waterway threatens world's biggest wetland. Hidrovia project to dredge Paraguay River and build ports may destroy vast biodiversity and refuge of jaguars, giant otters and armadillos – and an age-old riverine way of life. [Read more ...](#)

The problem with people: how more tourists and a growing population are taking their toll on the Galápagos islands. Overfishing, invasive species and rubbish mountains are putting a strain on the islands' delicate ecosystems. [Read more ...](#)

'Now you can have rest in your home': the mirror roofs cooling homes in Freetown. Initial results show homes in Sierra Leone's capital fitted with heat-reflective roofing sheets can be up to 6C cooler. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

How Venezuela's opposition proved its election win: 'A brilliant political move'. A meticulously planned operation with tens of thousands of volunteers succeeded in gathering 83% of voting tallies [Read more ...](#)

'We are all on the front line': DR Congo's young women rebels take on M23. Local self-defence militias called the Wazalendo are taking up arms against the M23 group that's launching attacks in DRC. [Read more ...](#)

Paetongtarn Shinawatra becomes Thailand's youngest PM after winning parliament vote. Paetongtarn Shinawatra, 37, is the daughter of former Thai PM Thaksin Shinawatra [Read more ...](#)

Feast your eyes: the Ugandan artist serving up a potent mix of food, art and family. With racism, xenophobia and food insecurity on the rise, Brogan Mwesigwa is recreating a traditional 'getting to know each other' festival as his contribution to Kampala's KLA Art show. [Read more ...](#)

'A dream': How the Americas' first free town took its independence back. A small town founded by runaway slaves in the foothills of Colombia in the 17th century has been granted administrative autonomy after a long fight. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Excess memes and 'reply all' emails are bad for climate, researcher warns. Most data stored on power-hungry servers is used once then never looked at again. [Read more ...](#)

There's Food for Everyone on Earth. So Why Is Hunger Getting Worse? [Read more ...](#)

Zoo enlists breastfeeding mothers to help orangutan. A group of breastfeeding mothers have been enlisted by Dublin Zoo to try to help an orangutan bond with her newborn. [Read more ...](#)

Nasa still does not know what to do about its astronauts stuck in space. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Fairtrade at 30 – The Future is Fair. A Kenyan Fairtrade tea grower will be the guest speaker at a conference in Exeter to celebrate 30 years of Fairtrade. [Read more ...](#)

SUEZ staff collecting items to help families affected by war in Ukraine. [Read more ...](#)

Forest restoration can boost people, nature and climate simultaneously. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 31st August 6.30-9.00pm *African History Reflection Day 2024* organised by BTWSC/African Histories Revisited in association with TAOBQ (The African Or Black Question). [Details ...](#)

Sunday 1st September at Picturehouse *Power to the People*, presented by surfer and geologist Lucy Cotton. [Details ...](#)

Friday 6th to Thursday 12th September *Big River Watch* Survey your local river. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd September. *Tidelines Assembly of River Beings*. A creative exploration of how we might speak on behalf of and give voice to the wider community of beings that are part of the river Exe catchment. To take part or attend the Assembly as a witness contact: info@tidelines.uk

Sunday 29th September The Great Exe Salmon Run 2024 [Details ...](#)

Campaigns:

Rainforest Rescue: Indonesia: Protect the habitat of Tripa's orangutans! Keep oil palm plantations out of the protected Tripa peat swamp forest! [Petition ...](#)

38 degrees: Help save nature by rewilding the Church's massive landholdings! [Petition ...](#)

Everyday Plastic: Beaches, Streets, Rivers, Parks, Shoreline to mountaintop, and all the places in between. Wherever you live, our outdoor spaces need you. Be a part of the Million Mile Clean. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Debt Justice: The climate crisis is heating up, here's why we can't solve it without dealing with the debt crisis. [Read more ...](#)