

Crafts, English Workshops & Certification
Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico
PPR-1.- Places and Perspectives
Middle School Learning Circle



Name of Project: We only have one world, and it's ill... What are we doing about it?

Goal Of The Project: To find out what importance is given to environmental issues in communities and countries around the world.

How are we doing it?: To measure the importance given to environmental issues in communities and countries, we are making a media research in local and/or national newspapers. We are looking for how many articles about environment does a newspaper issue has. With this we can see the interest of governments and societies to disclose environmental information among their communities, and therefore, take actions to fight the serious problems we are facing nowadays and that are killing our planet. Ideally we should monitor a newspaper for several days to have a better approach to a representative data. With the help of our Learning Circle friends, we collected the following information.

Monitoring newspapers for environmental issues

Name of school: Crafts, English Workshops & Certification

Location: Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico

Name of newspaper: "Diario de Xalapa" (Daily Xalapa)

Type of newspaper: Local, daily.

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
16/04/2008	5	30 thousand hectares of forest and jungle lost in Chiapas.	30 thousand hectares of forest and jungle are lost each year in the state of Chiapas because of fire.	National
		In short the construction of the delfinary will start.	A delfinary is going to be built in the the Veracruz's Acuarium.	State
		Death animal and thousands of famlies affected leaves storm in Nautla.	A big storm carried tons of garbage and death animals through rivers and to the sea, that are affecting thousands of families.	Front Page
		Extraordinary resources required to clean Veracruz's bay.	a lot of money is going to be invested to clean up Veracruz's bay.	State
		Another spill in Papantla.	a 12 inch pipe broke and around 120 thousand oil liters were spilled.	General
17/04/2008	3	They clean affected zone by storm, Pemex attendes spill.	The zone affected by the storm in Nautla and the Oil spill are being taken care off.	Front Page
		Fishermen demand indemnisation.	A highway was buit in the Mandinga Lagoon zone which affected oyster shoals, fishermen demand indemnisation becuse the of the miningul fall in capture.	State

		People who don't verify will be sanctioned with 1100.	In Estado de Mexico, the people who don't verify their cars to reduce polluting gas emissions can be sanctioned with a \$1100 mexican pesos fine.	National
21/04/2008	6	They break wall against floods.	People who live next to the Bobos River are affraid because a construction company broke a retaining wall to build a mall.	State
		The botanic garden organizes pot plant contest.	Xalapa's Botanic Garden is celebrating a pot plant contest, because of the Botanic Gardens's National Day. The celebration's slogan is " Using our plants in a sustainable way".	Culture
		The importance of the species interactions.	A lot of animal and plant's species are disappearing, but a lot of others are growing because of their interactions.	In Vivo
		Martínez De la Torre is in danger because of the rain.	The city of Martínez de la Torre could get flooded in the next rain season because of the lack of protection around it.	State
		Pemex will respond to demands in Papantla.	People are sueing the federal oil company Pemex because of several spills registered in Papantla. They say they are going to take care of it, but they have not carried it out.	General
		Without solution garbage problem.	In the city of Martinez de la Torre people is complaining because of a relocation of trash containers. The people in the market are throwing the trashing to the streets.	State
22/04/2008	6	Xalapa's air, the most polluted	Xalapa has the most polluted air in the State. It doesn't have big industries but it has a lot of cars.	General
		Public cleaning routes restructured	Municipal government is opening new routes to collect trash in the city of Xalapa.	General
		Earth's International Day	April 22 is the Earth's International Day. It started in 1970 and has evolved into a global care taking celebration of the earth.	
		The most extreme drought in the last 10 years.	In the town of Tihuatlán, Veracruz, the rain will drop 40% this year.	State
		Planet Earth injured to death.	Extraordinary metereological events, long droughts, glacier thaw and global heat is destroying the planet.	Opinion
		Vertical gardens in the historical downtown.	In Mexico City's historical downtown their are growing gardens in the buildings's walls.	Political Mision
23/04/2008	3	Veracruz lost 80% of forest areas.	In the city of Veracruz, 80% of forest areas have been lost because of new constructions (Homes, highways, etc.). People are blocking the streets in protest.	Front Page
		Rehabilitation works in Coatza.	In the city of Coatzacoalcos the Municipal Government is doing rehabilitation works in parks and they are cleaning water channels.	State
		Polluted stream affects families in Misantla.	In the city of Misantla there is a very polluted stream, where more than 90 sewers flow and death animals, among other things have been seen. The families that live next to it are complaining because they can't stand the smell.	State

24/04/2008	4	Pemex's pipes have been abandoned for decades.	The oil spills that have taken place in Papantla, Veracruz will continue happening because the pipes have been abandoned for decades and no maintenance has been given to them.	General
		Cattle dies because of the lack of water and high temperatures.	In the middle of Veracruz State cattle has been dying because they don't have enough water to drink and the high temperatures that have been registered in the past weeks.	State
		Culture present in Xalapa's Carnival	For the first time, plants have been sold to visitors in a big greenhouse inside the "Central de Abastos" complex.	Our Life
		Development plan privileges road constructions and cleaning-up	140 million pesos will be invested in, among other things, the cleaning-up of the "Dique's Lakes" and the attention to sanitary sewers from 60 colonies in the city of Xalapa.	General

Average news in a newspaper issue 4,5

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Periodical control of automobiles' exhaust gases, reforestation plans focuses on sustainable projects, advertising campaigns directed to consciousness in throwing away less trash, taking care of water, garbage separation for recycling, and stopping forest fires. The worst problem in our community and country is the lack of environmental education.



MARTINEZ DE LA TORRE, Ver.- La basura sigue siendo un problema sin solucionar en este lugar.

Sin resolver, problema de la basura

por Néstor Soriano

MARTINEZ DE LA TORRE, Ver., 20 de abril.- A pesar de que se ha anunciado la reubicación de contenedores de basura en esta cabecera municipal, tal parece que las autoridades locales no han podido solucionar este problema y han dado vueltas al

asunto, señalaron vecinos del centro de la ciudad, quienes comentan que con eliminar contenedores de algunos puntos críticos lo único que se genera es dar largas a este problema.

Tan sólo en la periferia del mercado municipal, dos de los contenedores de basura que estaban instalados fueron

retirados en las últimas semanas, pero ahora, cuando los locatarios del mercado, que eran los principales abastecedores de basura, intentan arrojar sus desechos del día, lo hacen en la vía pública y entonces el problema de la basura para ese lugar se incrementa mucho más.

Vea: **SIN RESOLVER...** 2/G



LOS DELFINES estarán en una pecera de 2 millones de litros de agua.

En breve iniciarán la construcción del delfinario

Invertirán \$70 millones; estará instalado en el acuario

por Iván Peralta

VERACRUZ, Ver., 15 de abril.- En las próximas semanas se iniciarán los trabajos de construcción del delfinario en

el Acuario de Veracruz, proyecto en el cual se invertirá un monto de 70 millones de pesos, informó Anselmo Estandía Colón, presidente del Consejo de Administración del centro recreativo.

Mencionó que el dinero para la ampliación de las instalaciones será de recursos propios y dinero proveniente de un crédito, pues se trata de

que no se invierta todos los recursos generados para no descapitalizar a la institución.

Dijo que el proyecto es a concluirse en un plazo de siete años y se construirá en una extensión de 890 mil metros cuadrados a un costado del Acuario del puerto, señaló el directivo del sitio turístico.

Vea: **CONCLUIRAN...** 2/G

Name of school: **Gymnasia #6**

Location: **Gubkin, Russia**

Name of newspaper: **"Novoye Vremya" (New Time)**

Type of newspaper: **Local, three times a week**

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
19/04/2008	0	-	-	-

Average news in a newspaper issue 0

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Environmental protection is of a universal concern. That's why serious measures to create a system of ecological security, to improve the ecological situation have been taken by the Belgorod authorities and the Duma. The range of environmental problems is wide. The initial steps onward to protect nature, to stop accommodating rubbish in the countryside have been taken. These measures also include:

- 1) control of automobiles' exhaust gases,
- 2) reconstruction of highways,
- 3) usage of electricity instead of gas,
- 4) covering roads with pavement tiles,
- 5) planting trees and bushes in the towns of the Belgorod Region,
- 6) making garbage disposal equipment and plans,
- 7) use of low-pollution cars,
- 8) supporting low-waste technology,
- 9) finding waste burial site especially for top priority wastes.

The region Duma and the governor adopted the program of Ecological Improvement of the Belgorod region. A great sum of money is used to fulfill it. The program includes making garbage disposal equipment and plants. Near Belgorod such garbage plant started working.

Our school is surrounded with trees. There are a lot of flowerbeds near it. All pupils of gymnasia take part in the greenery. Every year we plant trees, bushes and flowers.

Every month we organize a newspaper collection, plastic bottles collection for recycling. All pupils take part in it.

In the Belgorod region in the settlement of Maslova Pristan a plant of plastic bottles recycling has been built. We hope it will stop accommodating rubbish in the countryside.



Name of school: Woodsfield Elementary
Location: Woodsfield, Ohio, United States
Name of newspaper: The Beacon
Type of newspaper: Local, once a week

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
27/03/2008	1	Not specified.	It is about recycling schedule. This is about days you can go and take your cans and other objects to a recycling place.	Public Notice

Average news in a newspaper issue 1

Activities done in the community or countries to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.

Name of school: Woodsfield Elementary
Location: Woodsfield, Ohio, United States
Name of newspaper: The Marietta Times
Type of newspaper: Local, daily

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
07/04/2008	2	Not specified.	At 3 P.M on April 12 there was a household hazardous waste pick up.	Not specified
		Not specified.	There was a slip on Ohio route 7. The slip caused 2 large boulders to fall on the road. The boulders were as big as little cars.	Not specified

Average news in a newspaper issue 2

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.

Name of school: Woodsfield Elementary
Location: Woodsfield, Ohio, United States
Name of newspaper: Sunday Times Leader
Type of newspaper: Not specified

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
06/04/2008	1	Toxic chemical discovered.	The environmental issue was about a toxic chemical discovered. I found it the State/Nation section. Here is what it talked about: thousands of West Virginia and Ohio residents have elevated levels of a chemical used to make the nonstick coating Teflon, according to preliminary data from a study.	State/Nation

Average news in a newspaper issue 1

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Recycle bottles, cans, and paper.

● **Tristate Briefs**

Toxic chemical discovered

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) – Thousands of West Virginia and Ohio residents have elevated levels of a chemical used to make the nonstick coating Teflon, according to preliminary data from a study.

In 2005, DuPont agreed to fund health screenings for up to 70,000 residents who claimed releases of the chemical C8 from the Washington Works plant near Parkersburg had contaminated public and private wells.

Some studies estimate that 90 percent of U.S. residents have an average 5 parts per billion of C8 in their blood. Data released last week involving about 24,000 residents in communities around the plant show an average of 28 parts per billion.

“These folks are not like what you find around America,” said Alan Ducatman, a West Virginia University researcher and principal investigator for the C8 Health Project.

An earlier study reviewed blood samples from 378 residents of the Little Hocking Water Association in Washington County, Ohio.

DuPont has used C8 for more than 50 years in making nonstick and stain- and water-resistant coatings for cookware, carpets and other products.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers C8 a likely carcinogen.

DuPont plans to phase out use of C8 – ammonium perfluorooctanoate – by 2015.

Name of school: Woodsfield Elementary
Location: Woodsfield, Ohio, United States
Name of newspaper: The Intelligencer
Type of newspaper: Not specified

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
29/02/2008	3	Throwing cold water on "global warming".	Talks about throwing cold water on "Global Warming". It means that the cold water can cause stampedes and hysteria.	Opinion
		Not specified.	Talks about a mining town facing toxic flood danger in Leadville, Colorado. It includes them talking about them having to be able to leave the area quickly if the toxic flood happens.	Not specified
		Not specified.	talks about a fire "ripping" through a historic downtown in Fostoria, OH. The fire was reported around 6:30 Wednesday evening and burned its way through a block of business, including a fitness center, a jewelry store and a bar.	Not specified

Average news in a newspaper issue 3

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

In our community we have recycling bins set all through town and at our school we have two different trashcans, one for paper, and recyclables like that and the other trashcan we have is for actual trash.

OPINION

Throwing Cold Water on 'Global Warming'



THOMAS SOWELL
Syndicated Columnist

It has almost become something of a joke when some "global warming" conference has to be cancelled because of a snowstorm or bitterly cold weather. But stampedes and hysteria are no joke — and creating stampedes and hysteria has become a major activity of those hyping a global warming "crisis."

They mobilize like-minded people from a variety of occupations, call them all "scientists" and then claim that "all" the experts agree on a global warming crisis.

Their biggest argument is that there is no argument.

A whole cottage industry has sprung up among people who get grants, government agencies who get appropriations, politicians who get publicity and the perpetually indignant who get something new to be indignant about. It gives teachers something to talk about in school instead of teaching.

Those who bother to check the facts often find that not all those who are called scientists are really scientists and not all of those who are scientists are specialists in climate.

But who bothers to check facts these days?

A new and very different

this conference are people who have already expressed skepticism about either the prevailing explanations of current climate change or the dire predictions about future climate change.

These include authors of such books as "Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1500 Years" by Fred Singer and Dennis Avery, and "Shattered Consensus," edited by Patrick J. Michaels.

This will be one of the rare opportunities for the media to hear the other side of the story — for those old-fashioned journalists who still believe that their job is to inform the public, rather than promote an agenda.

The subtitle of the upcoming conference — "Global Warming: Truth or Swindle?" — is also the title of a British television program that is now available on DVD in the United States. It is a devastating debunking of the current "global warming" hysteria.

Nobody denies that there is such a thing as a greenhouse effect. If there were not, the side of the planet facing away from the sun would be freezing every night.

There is not even a lot of controversy over temperature readings.

What is fundamentally at issue are the explanations, implications and extrapolations of these temperature readings.

The party line of those who say that we are heading for a global warming crisis of epic proportions is that human activities generating carbon dioxide are key factors responsible for the warming that has taken place in recent times.

The problem with this reasoning is that the temperatures rose first and then the carbon dioxide levels rose. Some scientists say that the warming created the increased carbon dioxide, rather than vice versa.

Many natural factors, including variations in the amount of heat put out by the sun, can cause the earth to heat or cool.

The bigger problem is that this has long since become a crusade rather than an exercise in evidence or logic.

Too many people are too committed to risk it all on a roll of the dice, which is what turning to empirical evidence is.

Those who have a big stake in global warming hysteria are unlikely to show up at the conference in New York, and unfortunately that includes much of the media.

Name of school: Woodsfield Elementary
Location: Woodsfield, Ohio, United States
Name of newspaper: The Times Leader
Type of newspaper: Local, daily

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
03/04/2008	1	The Great Lakes accord being opposed.	The Great Lakes accord is about protecting water from being siphoned out of the Great Lakes by states in other regions of America. Ohio is located just below Lake Erie, which is one of the Great Lakes. The article says, "Now the case being with the Great Lakes Compact that seeks to protect water from being siphoned out of the Great Lakes watersheds by states in other regions of the country."	Not specified

Average news in a newspaper issue 1

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

In our community we have several recycling bins set up around town. In our classrooms we have two separate trashcans, one as a regular trashcan and then one for paper.

TICKET

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NATION

Recession possible

Bernanke mum on interest rates

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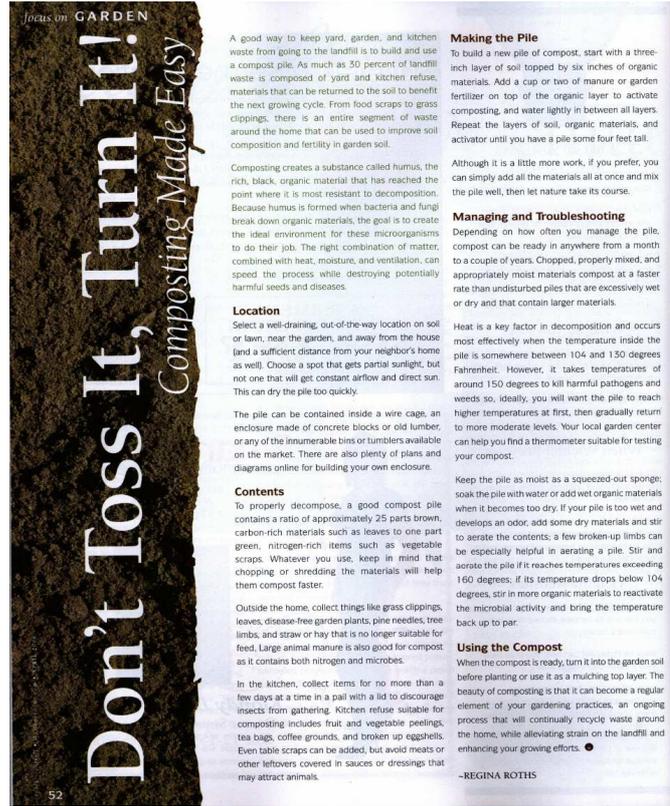
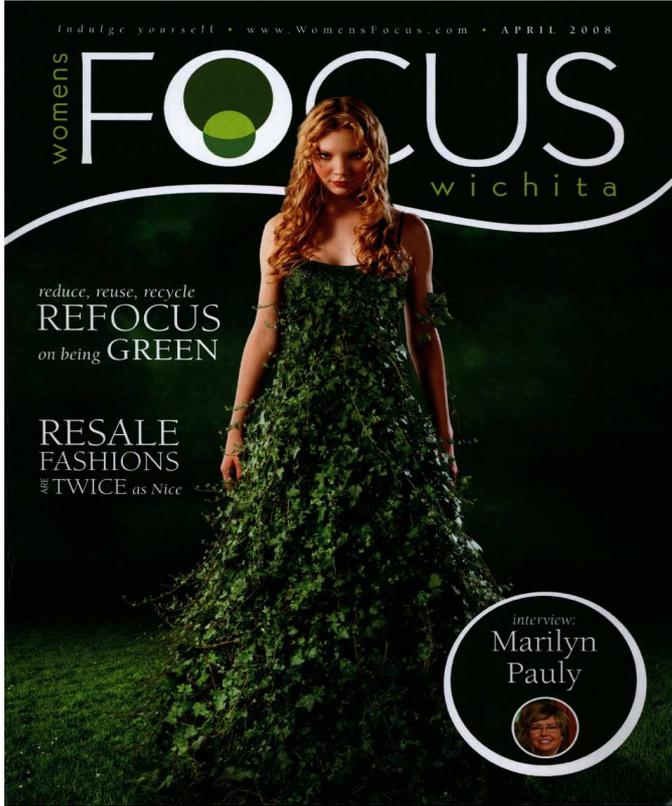
Name of school: Hadley Middle School
Location: Wichita, Kansas, United States
Name of newspaper: Women's Focus Wichita
Type of newspaper: Magazine

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
April, 2008	5	Shades of green	"Go green" for one week and write about it. The idea was to find simple ways to be more eco-friendly without making major lifestyle changes. It's an account, by the author, in this experience.	page 41
		Hair to the rescue	Salons throughout the United States and Canada are sweeping up hair clippings and mailing them to MatterOfTrust.org, an ecological non-profit organization. The hair is made into mats and brooms that are used to soak up oil spills. Hair has always been very efficient at collecting skin oils off our face, but now we're seeing how great hair is at soaking up petroleum oil. So now, when you get your hair cut, you may be donating a piece of yourself to clean the oceans.	page 47
		Putting the green in Greensburg	The article talks about a peaceful town, Greensburg, where it was hit by an f5 tornado. It took about 15-20 min. to wipe out the town. Approximately 95% of the homes and businesses were gone. The tornado left 11 deaths and 59 injuries. Now businesses are coming together to help the town. They are also donating equipment. In the future Greensburg is going to look better than before.	page 48-49
		Recycling in Wichita	What we save and what we lose when we do or don't recycle, and what we can do to help.	page 51
		Don't toss it, turn it! Compositing made easy	How to make a compost pile. Location, contents, making, managing and troubleshooting using a compost.	page 52

Average news in a newspaper issue 5

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.



Name of school: Hadley Middle School
 Location: Wichita, Kansas, United States
 Name of newspaper: The Wichita Eagle Newspaper
 Type of newspaper: Local, daily.

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
24/03/2008	0	-	-	-
25/03/2008	0	-	-	-
26/03/2008	0	-	-	-
27/03/2008	0	-	-	-
28/03/2008	0	-	-	-
29/03/2008	0	-	-	-
31/03/2008	0	-	-	-
01/04/2008	0	-	-	-

02/04/2008	1	Proposed trash plan has many changes.	This trash plan suggests you would no longer choose your own trash company. Instead, cities would be encouraged to contract with a trash hauler to pick up all residential trash from a given area. Supporters say that would cut truck traffic and improve efficiency, reducing trash bills. Under this plan, a recycling charge would be included in the regular trash bill. Residents would not be allowed to throw out grass clippings. Instead, they would have to use a mulching mower, put a composting pile in the yard, or take their clippings to a composting business. Residents who generate little trash would be able to trade their trash cart for a smaller one and pay less.	page 1b
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Average news in a newspaper issue 0,11

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.

Proposed trash plan has many changes
Plan calls for one service, less in landfill

BY DION LEFLER
The Wichita Eagle

In the not-too-distant future, your local government might pick your trash hauler, you'd have to find your own way to dispose of grass clippings, and you'd pay for recycling whether you use it or not.

Those are three of the more controversial provisions in a draft solid waste plan presented to Sedgwick County commissioners on Tuesday.

.com
If you had to pay for curbside recycling, would you take part, or just throw everything in the trash? Share your opinion in a survey attached to this story at www.kansas.com/featured.

The goal of the plan, developed by a county committee, is to reduce the 1,279 tons of trash that county residents send to the landfill.

County and city officials who support the plan say it's time for the Wichita area to catch up with similar-size cities that have reduced municipal waste.

Other officials say the proposals could be too burdensome for residents and businesses and that the best way to handle the trash is to let the free market work.

One of the keys to the plan would be to grant one company exclusive

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Franchising

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Dave Williams/The Wichita Eagle

Name of school: Shchuchin State Gymnasium

Location: Shchuchin, Grodno Region, Belarus

Name of newspaper: Narodnaya Gazeta

Type of newspaper: Not specified

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
25/04/2008	5	Not specified	The first article is about the changes in the weather. There is a report about hydrometeorology center in our country and ecological problems in the country.	EcoSreda
		Not specified	It is dedicated to a very important problem of shortage of drinkable water.	EcoSreda
		Not specified	This article talks about spring hunting on birds and animals. People in our country want to forbid spring hunting on birds and animals, because hunters kill a lot of creatures in the world.	EcoSreda
		Not specified	This article talks about painters, who draw nature. There is an article about an art exhibition devoted to The Earth day.	EcoSreda
		Not specified	This article talks about April 22, The Earth day. In this day people all over the world think about our planet. They think about air pollution, water pollution and nuclear pollution on our planet. Also they think how to protect wild animals and birds.	EcoSreda

Average news in a newspaper issue 5

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

In my country many peoples try to protect and to save our fragile planet, to help nature. People in our country organize many ecological projects and actions in order to help clear our planet from different pollutions.



ВОЙНА ЗА ВОДУ

Запасы пресной воды на планете стремительно иссякают. Уже через 10-15 лет продажа воды может стать выгоднее, чем продажа нефти. И все же нам необычайно повезло. В Беларуси пресной воды хватит не только для потребления, но и для продажи. Сегодня в это трудно поверить, но уже завтра мы увидим – чистая пресная вода превратит Беларусь в одну из богатейших стран мира.

Первобытный человек боролся за огонь, древний – за золото, современный – за нефть. Завтра человечество будет сражаться за воду...

ВОЙНА ЗА ВОДУ

Глобальная жажда

Сетишки могут подмывать, что конфликт за воду возможен лишь в тех частях планеты, где господствует пустыня. И ошибается.

По данным ЮНЕСКО (Программа Организации Объединенных Наций по окружающей среде) уже в 2010 году 60% населения Земли будет испытывать дефицит пресной воды. К 2050 году процент нуждающихся увеличится до 75.

На самом деле, если бы человечество могло, оно истребило бы водный ресурс уже к 2025 году, максимум 2030 году. К счастью для нас, глубже золото распространено не только неравномерно и часть стран все же сорвал реверс.

Вот что говорит директор Института охраны природы Российской академии наук Виктор Данилов-Данилюк: «Глобальный водный кризис неизбежен. Если мы не изменим нашими темпами рост потребления воды во всем мире, вы увидите, что лишь к 2025-2030 году люди продолжатся будут расти такими темпами, все водные ресурсы мира,



Виктор Данилов-Данилюк, директор Института охраны природы Российской академии наук

Глобальный водный кризис неизбежен. Никогда не позже 2025-2030 года если продолжаться будут такими темпами. Все водные ресурсы мира будут уже использованы.

доступны для экономического освоения, будут уже использованы. Но поскольку все же использовать нефть и в силу неравномерности распределения воды по поверхности суши, а также стран, как Бразилия, Канада и Россия, частично освоить эти живые водные ресурсы, до которых руки хозяйственников не дотянутся.

то снова испарится. Постоянный запас жидкого золота, которым мы можем свободно располагать, составляет лишь 3% (1) от общего количества воды на планете.

Однако и здесь не все плохо. Плавящаяся часть льда, три процента (1700) приходится на льды полярных зон (история, человечество уже не может использовать для своих нужд).

Впрочем, и тем количеством воды, которое досталось человечеству от природы, люди рационально воспользоваться не смогли. Сегодня большая часть использованной воды возвращается в реки и озера в виде сточной. Прямое строительство очистительных сооружений постоянно отстает от роста потребления воды.

Но даже если взять идеальную ситуацию, когда скорость очистки и

К 2010 году 60% населения Земли будут испытывать дефицит пресной воды. К 2050 году процент нуждающихся увеличится до 75.



Name of school: Kortkerosskaya Secondary School
Location: Kortkeros, Komi Republic, Russia
Name of newspaper: Molodyozh Severa (Youth in the North)
Type of newspaper: Not specified

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
Not specified	2	Who needs protection?	The material is devoted to the "Red Book the Komi Republic". This book is 10 years old. There are 500 hundred pages. It contains information about 253 types of vascular plants, 155 types of moss, 79 types of lichen, 32 types of fungi (mushrooms), 15 types of mammals, 34 types of birds, 4 types of Amphibia, 3 types of reptiles, 1 type of amphibian, 5 types of birds and 46 types of insects. Some types of endangered species were not rare but not studied. Palia(a type of fish) was in "Red book". This tasty fish (a type of salmon), which is useful for the stomach was widely caught in 1950s-1960s on the Pechora river. But the research showed that it was another kind of fish –Arctic loach. Scientists suggested excluding palia from "Red Book" as they found new areas of its living and include Arctic loach into "Red Book".	Not Specified
		Ecological problems of Komi Republic	This article is devoted to the Komi Republic is very rich in mineral recourses. The development of the economy is connected with the protection of our environment. Organizations which extract mineral recourses; produce and distribute gas and water pollute more. In 2006 they produced 684 kilograms of dangerous rubbish per person. Our Republic took the first place in the North-west region of Russia and the eighth place in Russia for pollution. Transport carries in its negative contribution too. (230,000 tons a year). 115,000 tons of pollution comes from exhausted	Not Specified

Average news in a newspaper issue 2

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.

Name of school: Kortkerosskaya Secondary School
Location: Kortkeros, Komi Republic, Russia
Name of newspaper: Krasnoye znamya (Red Flag)
Type of newspaper: Not specified

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
Not specified	2	Half of the century with the fishing rod	Sergey Sharapov writes about his experience as a fisherman. He says about 1960s-1990s when the rivers were polluted because of the floating of timber and a big number of motor-boats. But there were more fish in those times. Now the rivers are not polluted but all the lakes, water meadows are enmeshed in with nets, even during the spawning period when fishing is forbidden. Reproduction of fish is broken.	Not Specified
		Cold threat to birds	The article writes that birds are flying back from warm countries earlier this year. Scientists think that it is because of the global warming. But it's still cold in our place. It is snowing. The birds can't find food under the snow and die. The author asks the readers to help birds.	Not Specified

Average news in a newspaper issue 2

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.

Name of school: Kortkerosskaya Secondary School

Location: Kortkeros, Komi Republic, Russia

Name of newspaper: Argumenty i Fakty (Arguments and facts)

Type of newspaper: Not specified

Date	Total number of articles	Title	The article talks about...	name of section
Not specified	1	Even nails turn down	Asbest (a town in Sverdlovsk region) takes the leading place as the most polluted town in Russia. The main enterprise in the town is "Uralasbest" that extracts asbestos. 10,000 people work there. The factories are far from the town, but they pollute the air with asbestos dust which is a carcinogenic substance. The enterprise tries to reduce pollution. In 2003 the factory polluted the air with 20,3 thousand tons of harmful things, in 2007- with 16,5 thousand tons.	Not Specified

Average news in a newspaper issue 1

Activities done in the community or country to diminish pollution, save water, recycle, etc.

Not specified.



Conclusions

Average amount of environmental articles, per issue, in newspapers around the world:

2,12

"No se puede defender lo que no se ama y no se puede amar lo que no se conoce" (You can't defend what you don't love, and you can't love what you don't know)

Tito Rodríguez (1958-2007)

The first step to face and fight environmental problems is to be informed. How can we be informed with an average of 2 articles per newspaper issue?.

We are conscious that there are countries with more problems than others, but in general, we think this is an alarming number.

Eventhough there are lots of people and organizations already doing meaningful things for our planet, there is still a lot to do. It is in the hands of every single human being to make a change and start taking care of our ill planet.

Let' save our planet! Let's love it! Let's get informed!

