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Green Achiever General Update - April 2015

ISO 14001 Revision Nears Completion

Following a five-day meeting in London last week, the working group revising the international environmental management systems standard ISO 14001 has finalised the technical requirements of the new standard.

Following a final edit and translation, a ballot of ISO members will be conducted in July and August, with the new ISO 14001:2015 standard set for publication - as predicted - in September 2015. A three year period has been set by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) for the 300,000 certificate holders worldwide to transition to the new standard.



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More information can be found on the [IEMA](#) website.

Court Orders UK to Cut NO₂ Air Pollution



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The UK's highest court has ruled that the government must take immediate action to cut air pollution.

The ruling is a significant victory for campaigners, who began legal action after the UK breached EU limits for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in the air.

Diesel vehicles are a key source of so-called NO_x emissions, and NO₂ is linked to a range of respiratory illnesses.

The Environment Department said work had already been started on revised plans to meet EU targets on NO₂.

More information can be found on the [BBC News](#) website.

Amazon: 1% of Tree Species Store 50% of Region's Carbon

About 1% of all the tree species in the Amazon account for half of the carbon locked in the vast South American rainforest, a study has estimated.

Although the region is home to an estimated 16,000 tree species, researchers found that just 182 species dominated the carbon storage process.

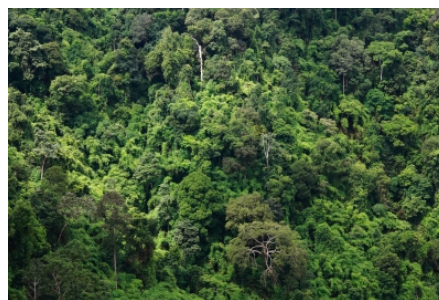


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Amazonia is vital to the Earth's carbon cycle, storing more of the element than any other terrestrial ecosystem.

The findings [appear in the journal Nature Communications](#).

More information can be found on the [BBC News website](#).

Sponsor a Tree, Save on Tea



Here at Hilley Farm we are carrying out an exciting tree planting project in which 4500 native British trees were planted in March on 3 hectares of our surrounding farmland. Each tree has been grown from seed in individual cells and are now 1 year old (about 50 - 100cm tall). We are offering the opportunity for businesses and individuals to sponsor a tree from our newly planted woodland in Shropshire.

The woodland is made up of native British species including oak, silver birch, alder & hazel. A tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year and can sequester 1 ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old.

By sponsoring a tree you can save enough carbon equivalent to 205 cups of water boiled.

To find out more about our woodland and how you can sponsor our trees, check out our [E4environment](#) website or give us a call on 01743 343403. Mandy recently wrote about our woodland on the [E4 Blog](#).