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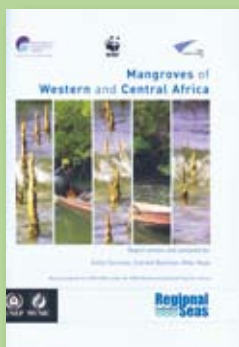
## Beijing 2008 Olympic Games – An environmental review



This report analyzes the projects implemented by the city of Beijing to incorporate environmental sustainability into the 2008 Olympic Games and fulfil the environmental commitments made during the candidature phase. Since 1994, organizing committees of the Olympic Games have progressively increased their focus on environmental issues — and they are now expected to leave a sustainable legacy and promote environmental awareness. UNEP's report analyses the environmental achievements of the Beijing Olympic Committee, and takes stock of successes and challenges in the run-up to next year's Olympic Games.

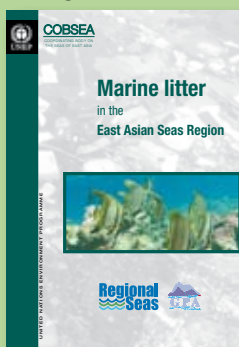
## Mangroves of Western and Central Africa

This report presents a country profile for 19 countries of West and Central Africa, considering the status, distribution, biodiversity, uses, threats and drivers of change for their mangroves. Although there is considerable work being undertaken to research this habitat at the national, regional and global level, there are still significant gaps in information, emphasizing a need for continued efforts to improve assessment in the region.



## Marine litter in the East Asian Seas Region

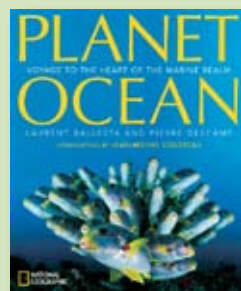
This review provides an overview of marine litter in the East Asian Seas region at both the regional and national levels, and makes recommendations and proposals for change. Areas covered include knowledge and data on the marine litter problem; instruments, programmes and initiatives on marine litter; and gaps and needs in relation to the prevention, control and management of marine litter. The review integrates contributions from governments across East Asia as well as information from marine science institutions and international environmental NGOs.



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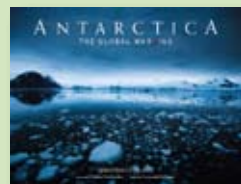
## Planet Ocean: Voyage to the Heart of the Marine Realm

Laurent Ballesta and Pierre Descamp (National Geographic, 2007)  
Written by an underwater photographer-cum-diver and a marine biologist, this book presents more than 400 photographs of extraordinary underwater landscapes from all over the world. The photos are accompanied by 25 essays by leading scientists highlighting topics from aquaculture to global warming — bringing a vivid description of the threats that weigh on the world's oceans and why we must protect the incredible diversity of plants and animals there. The World Conservation Union has partnered on the project to ensure an accurate, timely, and interesting presentation of this vital subject.



## Antarctica: The Global Warning

Sebastian Copeland (Earth Aware Editions, 2007)  
Award-winning photographer Sebastian Copeland documents the fragile glory of Antarctica — capturing both the incredible beauty of the continent and the devastation that climate change is wreaking on it. Featuring a foreword by Mikhail Gorbachev, the book is a stark warning that humankind is gradually destroying one of the most extraordinary places on earth. The book earned Copeland the 2007 International Photography Award for 'Professional Photographer of the Year'.



## The Clean Tech Revolution - The Next Big Growth and Investment Opportunity

Ron Pernick and Clint Wilder (Collins, 2007)  
Ron Pernick and Clint Wilder look at the major forces which have pushed 'clean technology' to the forefront of big business, with multibillion-dollar investments by industry giants such as GE, Toyota, and Sharp. The book highlights eight major sectors in clean tech — solar, wind, biofuels, green buildings, personal transport, the smart grid, mobile applications and water filtration — and argues that clean technologies are opening up a world of opportunities for companies, entrepreneurs and investors.



## Apollo's Fire: Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy

Jay Inslee and Bracken Hendricks (Island Press, 2007)  
The 'Apollo Alliance' is an American advocacy group and think tank that brings together unions, environmental groups and business organizations committed to fostering a green economy. In this book, Washington State Congressman Jay Inslee and Bracken Hendricks, who is the founder of the Apollo Alliance, spell out ways to cut fossil fuel dependency and fight global warming. Their proposals include redesigning the car, investing in solar and wind power, and developing clean coal and safe nuclear power.



## Peace Parks - Conservation and Conflict Resolution

Edited by Saleem H. Ali (MIT Press, 2007)  
Although the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai, few have considered whether environmental conservation can contribute to peace-building in conflict zones. Peace Parks explores this question, examining the ways in which environmental cooperation in multijurisdictional conservation areas may help resolve political and territorial conflicts. The book examines the roles played by governments, the military, civil society, scientists, and conservationists, and their effects on both ecological management and the potential for peace-building in these areas.



## Ivan's Appeal

Catherine Drury (Stamford House Publishing, 2007)  
This children's book puts an imaginative spin on the problem of global warming, with a conversation between Ivan the iceberg and two children on a family cruise in the Antarctic. Ivan appeals to 12-year-old Jo and 9-year-old Colin to help him to stop melting. This leads them to spread the word and inspire other children to take environmental action.

