Sustainability News
March 2023

Greening Move Out

JOIN THE GREENING MOVE OUT
VOLUNTEER SUPPORT TEAM

• HELP COLLECT AND SORT DONATIONS, DIVERT WASTE FROM THE LANDFILL
• ITEMS WILL BE SOLD BACK TO STUDENTS AT REDUCED COST IN FALL 2023
• SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE 2 HOUR SHIFTS, TRAINING PROVIDED

UNDERGRADUATE MOVE OUT
MAY 15-19, 10 AM - 4 PM

SENIOR MOVE OUT
MAY 30-31, 9 AM - 4 PM

Tigers Go Green Blog Recap

High Seas Treaty Protects Marine Wildlife

By: Ezekiel Akinsanya ’26

71% percent of our world is covered in water, with 97% of this water coming from our oceans. Who’s in control of the various oceans around the world
Talks on protecting international waters started in 2004, but currently, only 1% of international waters are being protected. Saturday, March 4, 2023 marked the most significant progress we’ve made towards protecting international waters in what is being coined the “High Seas Treaty.” This legal framework presented by UNCLOS will work towards protecting 30% of the world’s oceans by regulating deep-sea mining, changing shipping routes, and investing in marine conservation.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, 10% of marine species were found to be at risk of extinction... It is crucial that we protect these species because over a quarter of our emissions are absorbed by the ocean. A single whale, for instance, can sequester 33 tons of carbon, which is comparable to the yearly absorption of almost 1500 trees.

The treaty also pioneers equitable climate policy; wealthy nations are pledging money to ensure delivery and will support developing countries in adhering to it’s terms. Notable examples are the EU and the US announcing nearly €820 million ($872 million) and $6 billion respectively for international ocean protection...Read the full story.

Composting Support at Princeton
Princeton Research Day

Princeton Research Day is a celebration of early-career research and creative works by undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and other early-career researchers and creators.
Presenters from across campus divisions develop their ability to communicate complex topics to broad, non-specialist audiences through the creation of 3-minute videos published online starting May 5, 2023, and with optional poster presentations for the in-person event the following week.

**Sustainability Work in Zambia**

During Spring break, Gil Joseph '25 and Mutemwa Masheke '23 traveled to Lusaka (Zambia) to research Zambia's progress toward carbon neutrality and, more broadly, toward the development of sustainable energy sources to meet the growing energy demands in the country.

During their trip, the students had the opportunity to interview policy makers such as the Minister of Energy and Directors of the Zambian Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO) – the state-owned electricity company in Zambia.

They learned about upcoming initiatives to diversify Zambia's energy grid, including the promotion of private green energy sources, to meet the growing energy demand and the country’s sustainability goals.

The students also had a chance to sit in during a parliamentary session, visit a hydroelectric plant at the foot of Victoria Falls, and meet the country’s Vice President, W.K Mutale Nalumango!

**Earth Month Extravaganza**
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
FRIST CAMPUS CENTER, MPR

1:00 – 4:00 PM, ROOM B/C
DROP IN TO MEET AND SAMPLE LOCAL DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE CATERERS (FREE SAMPLES!), GEAR VENDORS, EVENT SERVICES, AND MORE.

1:30-2:30 PM, ROOM A
JOIN A TALK ON DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIERS. LEARN HOW TO BEGIN THESE PRACTICES IN YOUR ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE RSVP ON MYPRINCETONU.

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OPEN WEDNESDAYS

April 5 through May 3
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Firestone Library/Chapel Plaza

Featuring
Catalina Empanadas • Coffee Club • The Granola Bar
Judith’s Desserts • Little Star Foods • Nutty Novelties
OM Champagne Tea • Picklelicious • The Soupeteer
Sprouts Flowers • Terhune Orchards

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Register for YCCS

Environmental Shabbat on Earth Day

The Center for Jewish Life is hosting an Environmental Shabbat in honor of Earth Day!

Guest speakers will include Rabbi Akiva Gersh, a vegan Rabbi with expertise in teaching scriptural Jewish texts with an emphasis on environmentalism, Liana Rothman, the manager and co-founder of the Jewish Youth Climate Movement, and Princeton EEB professor Daniel Rubenstein.

Look forward to a delicious vegan Kosher shabbat dinner with robust discussion questions, student representatives from environmental campus groups, and an interactive panel with the speakers to follow dinner.

On Saturday, Rabbi Gersh will provide a teaching session on Jewish environmental texts and students will lead a Shabbat-friendly nature walk around campus to round off the experience with a meaningful opportunity to connect with nature.