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Resource Watch – Monitoring the Planet’s Pulse

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ABSTRACT

There is more data available today than ever before. Yet, too often policymakers, business leaders, and analysts cannot access the data they need to make informed decisions about the environment and human well-being. That's why [World Resources Institute](#) and over [30 partners](#) built Resource Watch, a dynamic new platform that provides trusted and timely data for a sustainable future. Resource Watch leverages technology, data and human networks to bring unprecedented transparency on the state of the planet.

Curated by WRI's experts, [Resource Watch](#) features hundreds of data sets on the state of natural resources and human well-being all in one place. Users can visualize and analyze the unprecedented challenges facing human society and the planet – including air quality, water crises, energy generation, climate trends, poverty, state instability, sea level rise, human migration, biodiversity and much more – and use the overlay function to learn how these issues intersect. By breaking down traditional silos and studying how issues overlap, we can more effectively understand the causes and solutions to crucial problems.

With Resource Watch users can:

- Explore changes to the planet and society
- Visualize patterns between data sets on the map or download data for analysis
- Sign up for alerts on issues and places that you care about
- Analyze data to understand underlying causing and find solutions
- Share new insights through the platform and on social media

SPEAKER

Craig Hanson is the Global Director of Food, Forests & Water at World Resources Institute. In this role, he guides programmatic strategy, catalyzes projects, and ensures a focus on results and strong staff capacity. Craig has co-developed a number of leading initiatives, including Global Forest Watch, the Global Restoration Initiative, the Forest Legality Alliance, the Food Loss and Waste Protocol, Champions 12.3, the Better Buying Lab, and the Food and Land Use Coalition. He is a co-author of the current World Resources Report, *Creating a Sustainable Food Future*, and lead author on publications such as *The Restoration Diagnostic* and the *Corporate Ecosystem Services Review*.

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