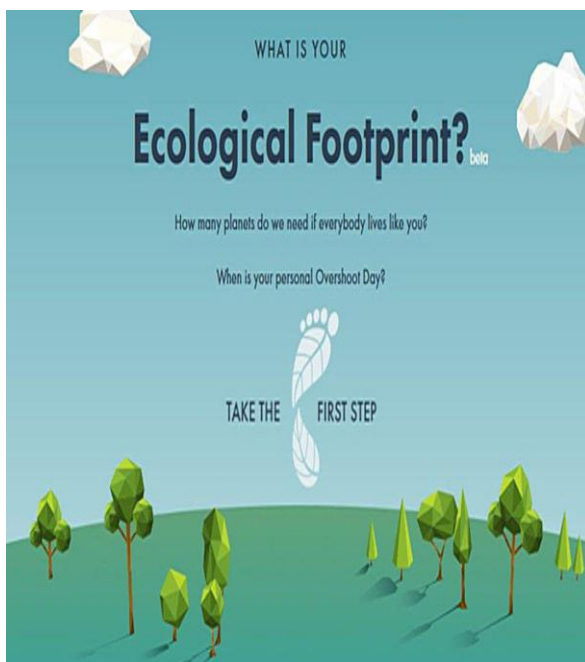


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Enjoy the improved
Footprint Calculator!



The school year is in full swing. Whether you or your loved ones are learning in person or studying at home, our Footprint Calculator is ready for action! We listened to calls for more tools and better follow-up after your results are calculated. Therefore, the calculator now features intriguing improvements and an even stronger solutions platform. [Step onboard!](#)

Setting the stage with the Footprint Calculator



On Day 2 of this year's Project Green Challenge (October 2) by our partner Turning Green, more than 4,300 students from 80 countries used the Footprint Calculator to learn more about their impact on the planet. They also identified changes that can help them live within the resource budget our planet provides. "The new Covid-19 has changed our lives forever. (...) We use less transportation and resources," writes the Team Green Gang from Bogota, Colombia. [See the winning submissions](#)

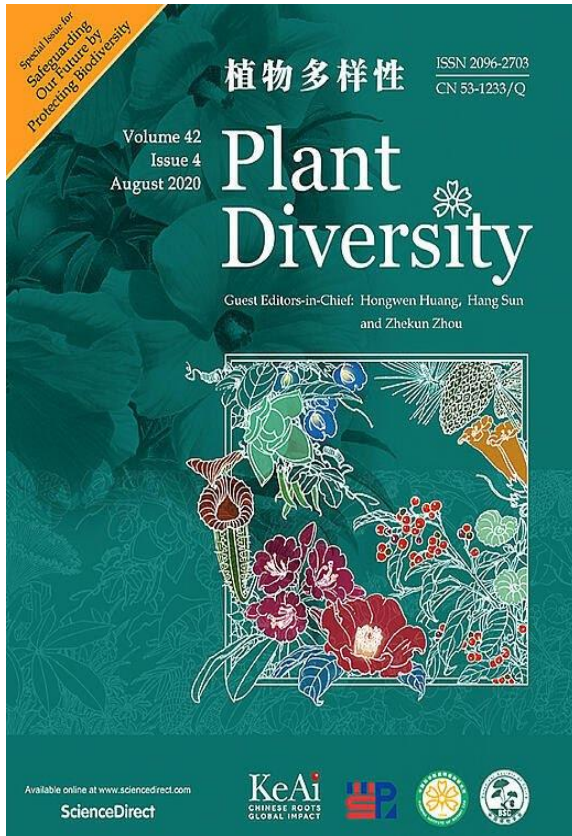
7th Portuguese town announces its Footprint results



The average Ecological Footprint for residents of Barcelos, a city of some 120,000 inhabitants in the northern part of Portugal, is about 20% lower than the Portuguese average (3.25 vs. 4.1 gha per person), while its biocapacity is on par with the national average at 0.7 gha per capita. Barcelos is the 7th municipality in Portugal to publicize its Footprint and biocapacity results since the nationwide project launched in 2017 in Guimarães, the historical birthplace of Portugal. The custom Footprint Calculator for the residents of Barcelos will be available in the coming months. [Read more](#)

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Maintaining biodiversity will define our long-term success



Biodiversity is garnering widespread attention, including in the context of ecological overshoot. [The Economist](#) featured our data in a daily chart and the UN's latest Global Biodiversity Outlook pointed to it as well ([see page 49](#)). In a recent academic paper co-authored with the American botanist and environmentalist Peter Raven, we spelled out that curbing human demand on natural ecosystems, focusing conservation on biodiversity "hotspots", and better documenting the existence and distribution of biodiversity around the globe, are three strategies required for the human intervention that is needed to safeguard the ecosystems on which we depend. The paper is available in the newest edition of the *Plant Diversity* journal. [Read more](#)

Virtual Events



MEET ecotourism development webinar (October 28): Learn about the MEET Network's approach to conservation-focused ecotourism in Mediterranean Protected Areas. Discover a free online course which explores developing ecotourism products for these destinations [thanks to the framework provided by the Ecological Footprint](#) through the customized ecotourism Footprint Calculator. [Sign up](#)

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Timișoara Architecture Biennial (BETA 2020, until October 25): For its third edition, this festival aims at inspiring architecture and construction professionals, as well as the general public, to take care of our planet as we develop and manage cities. It features real exhibits in Romania's capital and online events. Global Footprint Network's President Mathis Wackernagel was invited this week to lead a webinar on the significance of one-planet prosperity for architects. [Watch the recording](#)



Daring Cities (until October 28): Created by Global Footprint Network's partner ICLEI and the Federal City of Bonn to recognize and empower urban leaders, this virtual, action-oriented forum is kicking off its third and last week. It showcases and catalyzes exemplary city-based solutions to tackle the climate emergency, including ambitious resilience-building. [Check out the program](#)

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Our mission is to make those decisions one-planet compatible.**

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