

Population surge lead to crisis - UN

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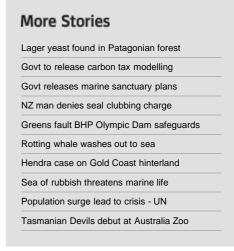
A UN report warns the Earth is facing a food crisis due to population growth and water stress.

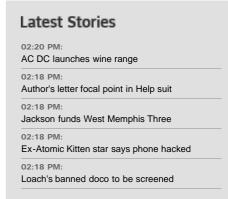
And says such a crisis can only be averted by better farming techniques and smarter use of the ecosystem.

The number of humans is expected to rise from seven billion to at least nine billion by 2050, boosting demands for water that are already extreme in many countries and set to worsen through global warming.

Compiled by the UN Environment Program, the 35-page report says if things don't change the amount of water required for agriculture will increase by 70-90 per in order to feed the global population.

The report has been released today to mark the start of World Water Week.





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