

Environment Matters – 31st August 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Underwater turbines set to generate record power** By the end of the year, twin underwater turbines should be generating 1.2 megawatts of electricity off the coast of Northern Ireland in a landmark demonstration of tidal power technology. ([New Scientist 21/08/07](#))
- **New technology could convert more waste into aggregate** A new technology intended to convert mineral silt and fines to produce an aggregate for use in construction will be developed by the Recycling Commercialisation Centre with support from the Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP). ([EDIE 24/08/07](#))
- **Ministers approve priority species and habitats list to focus future conservation action** A list of priority species and habitats that will guide future conservation action was approved by the Governments of all four UK administrations today. ([DEFRA 28/08/07](#))
- **Top marks: UK's most ethical companies** This week The Observer's Good Companies Guide reveals the best 20 firms in the FTSE 350 for private investors who want to invest their cash in companies with a conscience. ([Guardian Unlimited 26/08/07](#))
- **China Eco-Cities Update** In 2005, green architect William McDonough and British engineering firm Arup separately announced plans to build ambitious eco-cities housing up to 500,000 inhabitants on the mainland. ([World Changing 22/08/07](#))
- **Food Industry All Aboard Eco-Friendly Transport** More than eight out of 10 supply chain professionals say their business has a formal scheme in place to improve sustainable distribution performance, according to the latest research by international food and grocery expert IGD. ([MHW Magazine 28/08/07](#))
- **Tories and Lib Dem announce new green policies** A moratorium on airport expansion and a raft of new environmental taxes should be at the heart of David Cameron's "green" manifesto, a major party policy study has concluded. ([Telegraph 28/08/07](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has been commissioned to undertake a de-silting trial for British Waterways using our innovative 'G-tube' technology, which we have developed over the last 18 months. The trial, which will be undertaken in September, is based in Warwickshire as part of a canal dredging operation to remove silt from a lock flight.
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And finally,

- **Like it or not, thou shalt recycle thy rotting food** "Don't throw away £1,000!" advised the envelope. Assuming it was a junk mail draw ticket, I almost tossed it in the dustbin. It turned out to be a leaflet from the council, informing me that I could be fined £1,000 for doing any such thing. ([The Times 28/08/07](#))