**Listening Exercise 243**

**Environment**

Guidelines:

A. Review the questions

B. Listen to the audio twice (click the icon). (If link does not work from email, save to computer and then open).

C. Answer questions using information in the audio passage. If unable to answer, refer to the transcript.

D. Check transcript, vocabulary, translation and answers to confirm correct responses and gauge understanding.



**Questions**

1. What is this article about?
   1. Archeological discovery
   2. Human extinction
   3. Scientific experiment
   4. UN report
2. Which best describes what the group desires to accomplish?
   1. Decrease animosity
   2. Divert attention
   3. Increase perceptions
   4. Gain insights
3. Which best describes how they intend to achieve their goals?
   1. Interdisciplinary approach
   2. Local communities
   3. Singular focus
   4. Tribal traditions
4. This event is the first of its kind in how many years?
   1. 3
   2. 13
   3. 15
   4. 18
5. Which of the following does NOT describe the end result?
   1. Collective optimism
   2. Scientific reference
   3. Voluminous report
   4. Worldwide evalutation
6. Which best describes the groups attitude toward the challenges facing mankind mentioned in the article?
   1. Competing threats
   2. Complimentary solutions
   3. Interconnected phenomena
   4. Synergistic benefits

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| La destrucción de la naturaleza amenaza el bienestar del hombre al menos tanto como el cambio climático. Así afirmó el lunes el presidente del grupo de expertos de la ONU sobre la biodiversidad al inicio de una reunión en París. | Nature's destruction threatens man's welfare at least as much as climate change. This is what the president of the UN group of experts on biodiversity said at the start of a meeting in Paris on Monday. |
| *“Nuestro desafío colectivo es elevar un perfil y demostrar la importancia de la biodiversidad y los ecosistemas al mismo nivel que el cambio climático provocado por el hombre, y debemos hacerlo a través del análisis cuidadoso y profundo de al evidencia relevante de las ciencias naturales, las ciencias sociales, las humanidades y, por supuesto, el conocimiento indígena y local.”* | *"Our collective challenge is to increase a profile and demonstrate the importance of biodiversity and ecosystems at the same level as human-induced climate change, and we must do so through careful and in-depth analysis of relevant evidence from the natural sciences, social sciences, the humanities and, of course, indigenous and local knowledge."* |
| Científicos y diplomáticos de ciento treinta países trabajarán hasta el sábado para adoptar la primera evaluación mundial de ecosistemas en los últimos quince años. Ciento cincuenta expertos trabajaron durante tres años en un informe de mil ochocientas páginas que se convertirá en la verdadera referencia científica en materia de biodiversidad. | Scientists and diplomats from 150 countries will work until Saturday to adopt the first global assessment of ecosystems in the last fifteen years. One hundred and fifty experts worked for three years on a report of eighteen hundred pages that will become the true scientific reference in the field of biodiversity. |