

WWF Warns Russians on Above-Average Use of Natural Resources

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If the average human lived the lifestyle of a Russian, humanity would need 2 1/2 planets to sustain itself instead of one, the World Wildlife Fund and international think tank Global Footprint Network said Tuesday, Interfax reported.

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Interfax cited Pavel Boyev, WWF Russia's Green Economy program coordinator, as saying that Russia's ecology is unique.

"While it [Russia] has a relatively big population, it is still increasing its biological resources. If it can preserve this advantage, the economic standing of the country in a situation in which

resources and ecosystem services are scarce could become more beneficial than ever before," he said.

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