Stuart Pimm ‘Audits the World’ in New Book

BY DANIELLE BIZZARRO

In his new book, “The World According to Pimm,” a Scientist Audits the Earth, the Columbia biologist forecasts that unless proactive measures are taken, 30% of the specimens housed in the world’s largest biodiversity collection will go extinct. The book, which will be on the shelves in October, promises to put the concerns of conservation biologists in plain English for a lay audience.

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