



Today in History

June 3, 1769

▲ A year into his circumnavigation of the world, Captain James Cook observed the Transit of Venus across the sun, the main purpose of his voyage of exploration

1844: The Great Auk, a large, flightless seabird, became extinct when the last pair were killed off the coast of Iceland

1992: The largest ever environmental summit opened in Rio de Janeiro, with 178 nations taking part

2007: Russia warned it would target missiles at Europe if the U.S. placed missile defence bases in Eastern Europe

2014: Scientists announced the discovery of a new type of potentially habitable planet