

# Book reviews

London WC2E 8LU, UK. No price given.

The 825 pages of this paperback cover the Proceedings of the World Congress on National Parks held in Bali, Indonesia, in October 1982.

## Conservation of Threatened Natural Habitats

Edited by Anthony V. Hall

South African National Scientific Programmes Report No. 92, 1984.

Available on request from Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, PO Box 395, Pretoria 0001, S. Africa. No price given.

This book grew from the proceedings of the International Symposium on the Conservation of Threatened Natural Habitats held at the University of Cape Town in September 1980. Especially useful for university courses in conservation biology.

## Global Ecology

Edited by Charles H. Southwick

Sinauer Associates Inc., Massachusetts, 1985.

Distributed in the UK by Blackwell Scientific Publications, £14.80

This collection of readings is divided into five sections: Divergent Views on the State of the World; Principles and Trends in Global Ecology; Problems of Pollution and Environmental Deterioration; Humanistic Considerations; and Science, Conflict and Human Prospects. The range of papers is wide and the majority are from 1984 publications, although 50 of the total 323 pages are taken up by the Global 2000 Report of 1982, prepared for the President of the US by the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of State. The Editor has chosen the particular readings because they represent the most important issues of our times—deserving a broad audience among students in many fields. There is an introductory chapter on The Biosphere by Charles Southwick and a useful index.

## Extinctions

Edited by Matthew H. Nitecki

University of Chicago Press, 1985, £14.75 (PB), £27.50 (HB)

Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Spring 60

Systematics Symposium in Chicago, May 1983. The book deals with extinctions both large and small, but concentrates on mass extinctions.

## Sahara Desert (Key Environment Series)

Edited by J.L. Cloudsley-Thompson

Pergamon Press in collaboration with the IUCN, 1984, £14.95

The 22 contributed chapters (348 pages) cover climate, soil, water, invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles, birds and mammals, archaeology and prehistory, indigenous peoples, oases, and concludes with a chapter on the problems of desertification.

## Madagascar (Key Environment Series)

Edited by Alison Jolly, Philippe Oberlé and Roland Albignac

Pergamon Press in collaboration with the IUCN, 1984

Illustrated with black-and-white photographs, line drawings and engravings, its 14 chapters, from a total of 18 contributors, cover the diversity of Madagascar's flora and fauna, its conservation and the existing nature reserves.

## The Pond

Gerald Thompson, Jennifer Coldrey and George Bernard

Collins, 1985, £9.95 (PB)

A photographic celebration of pond life by Oxford Scientific Films: not just British ponds, the life of European, North American and other ponds is included.

## The Whistling Hunters

Michael W. Fox

State University of New York Press, 1984, \$9.95 (PB), \$29.50 (HB)

This, the definitive monograph on field studies of the endangered Asiatic wild dog (dhole), *Cuon alpinus*, at under \$10 is excellent value.

## The Lion-Tailed Macaque: Status and Conservation (Monographs in Primatology Series, Volume 7)

Edited by Paul G. Heltne

Alan R. Liss Inc., New York, 1985, £44.00

Proceedings of a symposium held in 1982 to

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Madagascar paradise flycatcher (from *Madagascar*, published by Pergamon Press).

facilitate the exchange of information and expertise on the captive biology of *Macaca silenus*, to assess its conservation needs in the wild, and to formulate a programme of information exchange and co-operation to ensure the certain survival of this endangered primate.

## The Japanese Ivory Industry

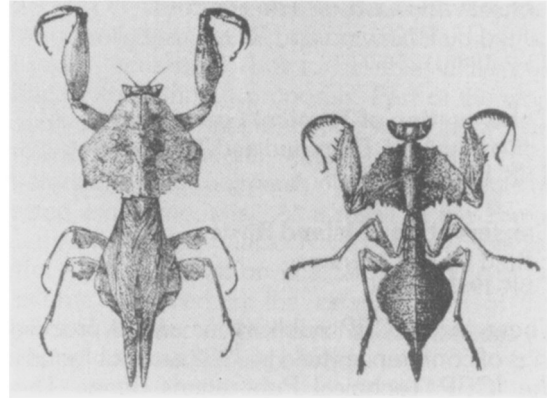
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WWF-Japan, 1985

Available from WWF-Japan, 6th Fl. No.39 Mori Bldg, 2-4-5 Azabudai, Minato-ku, Tokyo 151, Japan. \$6.75 surface mail, \$7.75 air mail.

This report covers the history of Japanese ivory imports from the 6th century to the 1980s, describes the modern uses of ivory, the dealers and carvers involved, and the possible future of the industry. It concludes with five recommendations. It is well illustrated with black-and-white photographs.

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*Brancksikia freyi*, female and larva. These mantids are leaf mimics (from *Madagascar*, published by Pergamon Press).

## The International Primate Trade. Volume 1. Legislation, Trade and Captive Breeding

Edited by David Mack and Russell A. Mittermeier  
TRAFFIC (USA), 1984

Available from WWF-US, 1601 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009, USA.

An overview of the primate trade in seven chapters by experts in the field.

## The Encyclopedia of Birds

Edited by C. M. Perrins and A. Middleton

George Allen and Unwin, 1985, £25

A useful, family-by-family, encyclopedia. It would have been more useful to have had more unusual species illustrated rather than double pages of a mute swan and other familiar birds found in almost every other encyclopedia.

## Pocket Guide to the Birds of Borneo

Charles Francis and Bertram Smythies

Sabah Society/WWF Malaysia, 1984, \$10.00 (PB) (local price)

A paperback (condensed) version of Smythies's classic; it should be a boon to local naturalists and visiting bird watchers. Highly recommended.

## Bird Behaviour

Robert Burton

Granada Books, 1985, £10.95

Comprehensive and lavishly illustrated with nearly 600 photographs. Amazingly good value.