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## ANNOUNCEMENT

## Fauna Malesiana Foundation: starting a new organization

To coordinate and expand the continuing survey of the fauna of the Indo-Australian archipelago a foundation has recently been established, the Fauna Malesiana Foundation, based in Leiden, The Netherlands. This new organization will be advised by scientists from various countries, including those situated in the region. The Foundation is currently seeking financial support for several projects, one being the establishment of a Fauna Malesiana Bureau. The Bureau will produce a Fauna Malesiana Bulletin (in a format similar to the Flora Malesiana Bulletin) and serve as the administrative centre for the Foundation's various activites. Another important project is the production of a new series of publications, the Fauna Malesiana. This series is envisaged to comprise handbooks for the identification of animal groups as well as other documents relating the fauna of the archipelago.

The permanent address of the Foundation is

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Enquiries and communications should be directed to The Secretary. The Foundation invites authors preparing any kind of faunal survey relating to the Indo-Australian archipelago to contact the Fauna Malesiana Coordinating Editor.

The Foundation welcomes any support, and is particularly looking for sponsors sharing the same ideals and objectives.