Introduction

Last month we announced that many of the forthcoming issues of ZOOS' PRINT would be Reports or Report summaries of the Conservation Assessment and Management Plan (C.A.M.P.) Workshops we conducted last year under the auspices of the Biodiversity Conservation Prioritisation Project. This month's Report is about Indian Reptiles. There are around 500 taxa of Indian Reptiles so this Report has been summarised more than others will be. We were unable to include either the Taxon Data Sheets or one of the important Summary Data Tables. If there are individuals or agencies which require all the information, they can order a full report.

Also the captive breeding section of the Reptile Report could be greatly expanded but time was not on our side to permit our doing this. A full analysis will be done using the most recent information from the Central Zoo Authority in the course of the next few months.

We are publishing these Reports in ZOOS' PRINT so that a larger audience can see them and possibly use the information to initiate field studies and other research on highly endangered species or species for which there was insufficient information to derive a category. The workshops and the information produced by 30-40 field biologists should catalyse some additional activity to rectify problems and fill gaps revealed by the assessments in the workshop.

Readers may like to take note of the fact that the Forest Department of Tamil Nadu hosted the Reptile Workshop and the State Forest Service College collaborated and provided facilities as well. We are very grateful to them and other collaborators for assisting with this important workshop.

Next month's ZOOS' PRINT will be on another subject area entirely, that of confiscated animals and rescue centres in India and South East Asia. This is the Proceedings of a Workshop on confiscated animals held in Taipei, Taiwan, ROC, and attended by Mr. Katwal, Chief Wildlife Warden of Tamil Nadu.

We have included a section of other material also including herptile abstracts from A.V.C. College, some wildlife related news clippings which many readers seem to enjoy, a Report of an important Tiger meeting in Texas, and some very interesting news from zoos. We have sent formats to the Large, Medium and Small zoos and requested them to fill the form and send it for publication in ZOOS' PRINT so readers can keep up with their advances in breeding, research and education. We have been distressed that the number of articles from zoos has fallen and are doing much soul searching about this. The forms are one result of this process as we know that zoo personnel are quite taken up in the daily duties of the zoo and don't have a great deal of time to write scientific or even discursive articles. Another advantage of the form is that it doesn't have to be sent for review and the news can be published while it is current. We hope more zoos will send in their news forms at least and also try to send more articles.