INTERNATIONAL ZOO-NEWS

ABILENE - TEXAS - USA

Births and hatchings at the Abilene Zoo from May 1st - October 10, 1970 are as follows: 1 Talapoin Guenon, 5 Peachicks, 2.2 Mouflon, 3.4 White-tailed Deer, 2 Greater Galagos, 2.2 Bengal Tigers, and 4 Collared Peccaries.

AMSTERDAM - HOLLAND

A noteworthy success at Artis is the breeding and rearing of two Lesser Pandas; it is a "first" in Holland's 200 history.

Other births and hatchings include a Red Flamingo, three Scarlet Ibises, Black Panthers, Striped and Spotted Hyenas, two Giant Galagos, a Grant's Zebra, a Wisent, a Bison, 2 Argus Pheasants, and a Crowned Pigeon.

New in the Artis stock are two female Greater Kudus and a couple of Caracal.

BARCELONA - SPAIN

Since 1964 the Zoological Garden of Barcelona exhibits a group of Bottle-nosed Dolphins (Tursiops truncatus); this group is housed in a new building which is called Aquarama Barcelona. As usual, these mammals regularly give performances for an enthusiast public.

Recently four (1 male and 3 females) Bottle-nosed Dolphins arrived from the Seaquarium at Miami; own personnel is now training the new comers and soon they will be added to the excisting group.

The Aquarama exhibits moreover 9811 fishes in 115 species; they are housed in about 100 aquariums, diivded over the two-storey modern building.

In July 1970 a White Rhino arrived at the Barcelona Zoo; this animal came from the Unfolosi reserve; it is the first White Rhino ever exhibited at the Zoo.

(Dr. Antonio Jonch)

BASEL - SWITZERLAND

From November 1st, 1969, to August 31st, 1970 the following noteworthy births and hatchings took place: 0.1 Grant's Zebra (3rd Zoo generation!), 3,2 Sitatunga, 2.1 Pigmy Hippos (which makes a total of 44), 1.1 Woolly Monkeys, 19 Java Monkeys (on 25th April twins were born which survived), 1.1 Pigmy Zebu, 1 Great Gray Kangaroo, 8 Dwarf Mongooses, 1.0 Orang Utan (raised by his mother), 2.4 Black Panther (4th Zoo generation), 1.4 Mouflon, 0.1 Giraffe, 0.1 Bison, 1.3 Reindeer, 5 American Black Wolves, 0.2 Tiger (4th Zoo generation), 1.0 Père David's Deer, 0.1 Sea Lion, 2 Tenrecs, 0.1 Tree Hyrax, 0.1 Tahr, 0.1 Serval (3rd Zoo generation) 0.1 Wisent, 24 Tasmanian Waterhens, 2 Black-footed Penguins, 1 Eclectus Parrot, 2 African Eagle Owls, 8 Red-cheeked Ibis, 7 Strawnecked Ibis, 1 Laughing Jackass, 3 Cape Parrots, 6 Snowy Owls, 8 Flamingos, 3 Little Owls, 1 Sarus Crane, 1 Bue and Yellow Macaw and 4 Eider Ducks.

(Dr. H. Wackernagel)

EAST BERLIN - GERMANY

Recent births: a Nilgai Antelope, a Giraffe, a Bontebok (a very rare birth, indeed), and 2 Jaguars cubs (a "first" for the East Berlin Zoo).

Among the new acquisitions are a female Forest Buffalo (Bubalus nanus).

(H. J. Michaelis)

WEST BERLIN - GERMANY

News for the period July-September 1970 includes:

Mammals born:

2 Great Red Kangaroos, 4 Coypus, 1 Causasian Porcupine, 1 Harbour Seal, 2 Indian Leopards, 2 Common Zebras, 2 Collared Peccaries, 1 Lesser Siamese Chevrotain, 1 Hog Deer, 1 Dybowski's Deer, 1 Fallow Deer, 1 Red Deer, 1 Llama, 1 Impala, 1 Sable Antelope, 1 Blackbuck, 1 Aoudad, 1 Gaur, 1 Banteng, 2 Yaks, 1 Ankole Cattle, 1 Lion-tailed Macaque, 1 Heck's Macaque, 1 White-tailed Colobus Monkey, 1 Gibbon (hybrid), 1 Borneo Orang Utan.

Birds hatched:

13 Rheas, 2 Silver Gulls, 2 Red-billed Whistling Ducks, 3 Egyptian Geese, 2 Black Swans, 2 Senegal Bustards, 2 European Flamingos, 2 Chilean Flamingos, 6 Partridges, 2 Green Peacocks, 4 Common Peacocks, 1 Ocellated Turkey.

New Arrivals:

Mammals:

1 European Wild Cat (gift of the Prague Zoo), 1 Red Fox, 2 Cape Hyraxes (gift of the Osnabrück Zoo), 1 Reindeer, 2 Goitred Gazelles (gift of the Karlsruhe Zoo).

Birds:

I Common Gulls, 3 Guillemots, 2 Gannets 6 Cormorants, 3 Pinkbacked Pelicans, 2 Javan Whistling Ducks, 2 Marbled Teal, 5 European Green-winged Teal, 3 Cinnamon Teal, 4 Chestnut-breasted Teal, 2 European Goldenyes, 1 Maned Goose, 1 Andean Goose, 2 Flightless Steamer Ducks, 2 Coscoroba Swangs, 5 James' Flamingos, 3 Rock Doves, 1 Gyr Falcon, 2 Agujas, 2 Brahming Kites, 2 Pigmy Owls, 2 Tengmalm's Owls, 1 little Owl, 2 Boobook Owls, 1 Red-Blue-and-Green Macaw, 1 Blue-fronted Parrot, 3 Yellow-billed Senegal Parrots, 2 Black-headed Caiques, 1 Blue-throated Barbet, 1 Peruvian Cock of the Rock, 3 Red-faced Mousebirds, 1 Blue-winged Pitta, 1 Green Pitta, 1 Superb Glossy Starling, 2 Red-headed Gouldian Finches, and many others.

(Prof. Dr. Heinz-Georg Klös)

BREMEN - GERMANY

Our Bengal Tigress gave birth to 1.1 cubs on 1st July, 1970. The mother looked after the cubs and both are doing well.

Our Siberian Tigers again bred and had a litter of 4 cubs. Unfortunately the mother did not care for the cubs and 3 died. The fourth cub we took over and raised her on the bottle. She was born on 4th September, 1970 and she is doing well, gaining on an average 130 gramms per day.

Other births were 1 Guanaco and 1 Long-haired Giant Donkey.

(George Munro)