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Oryx - The International Journal of Conservation, is now published quarterly by Cambridge University Press on behalf of Fauna & Flora International. It is a leading scientific journal of biodiversity conservation, conservation policy and sustainable use, with a particular interest in material that has the potential to improve conservation management and practice.

The website, <http://www.oryxthejournal.org/>, plays a vital role in the journal's capacity-building work. Amongst the site's many attributes is a compendium of sources of free software for researchers and details of how to access Oryx at reduced rates or for free in developing countries. The website also includes extracts from Oryx issues 10, 25 and 50 years ago, and a gallery of research photographs that provide a fascinating insight into the places, species and people described in the journal.

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RARE EAGLE OWL

Vosseler's owl *Bubo vosseleri* is known only from five specimens, all in the Amani valley in the Usambara Mountains in north-east Tanzania. This tame one (no. 4) was brought to Mr Graham White as a chick. Colin P. Groves

A Good Slogan

"Leave only footprints . . . Take only photographs" (in Norway's national parks).

AFRICA

Kenya Merger

President Kenyatta has announced the amalgamation of the National Parks and Game Departments.

Black Rhino in S W Africa

The latest estimate of black rhinos in South West Africa is 90. It is believed that there were never a great many in this region.

Introduced Mammal Survey


A survey of feral and introduced mammals in Southern Africa (north to Rhodesia) is being carried out so that distribution maps can be prepared. Offers of help to the Department of Nature Conservation, Faculty of Forestry, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

NUTAE Transformed

The Nuffield Institute of Tropical Animal Ecology has been renamed the Uganda Institute of Ecology, and is being temporarily administered by the Uganda National Parks.

No Pesticides in Naivasha

A survey by Leslie Brown and Professor Tom Cade of Cornell shows that there is still a very low incidence of organochlorine pesticide pollution in Lake Naivasha, Kenya's famous bird lake. Properly managed, the lake should continue to be safe from this sort of pollution. The survey,



headquarters of WWF and IUCN and world conservation centre in Geneva. The foundation has been promised a donation of £1m, and has already bought 3 hectares of land next to the Geneva Botanic Garden. Half this area is likely to be sold to the municipality for an extension to the Botanic Garden.

Polluted Beaches

The National Science Research Council of Italy classifies 60 per cent of Italian beaches as polluted, 14 per cent as on the point of becoming so and only 26 per cent as still clean. Seventy per cent of the pollution is due to industry, petroleum wastes from ships and untreated sewage.

News from Norway

Wolves are to be protected throughout Norway and bears in Southern Norway. Finland, on the other hand, has decided to maintain its wolf bounties. All Norwegian ships are now forbidden to dump heavy-metal and other poisonous waste at sea. All development and prospecting in Spitsbergen is to be controlled.

Brent and barnacle geese and all birds of prey, including the previously exempt eagle owl, are now protected in Norway.

European Diploma Award

The Council of Europe has awarded its Diploma to the protected landscape of the Siebengebirge nature park in West Germany.