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miles along the Atlantic Ocean. Specifically prohibited are refineries, steel and paper mills, petrochemical complexes and offshore bulk transfer terminals.

A Change of Name
Man and Nature is a new title covering four old journals: *Connecticut Conservation, Massachusetts Audubon, Maine Field Naturalist* and *Narragansett Naturalist,* which were already identical within their differing covers. They are the journals of the Connecticut Conservation Association and the Audubon Societies of Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

LATIN AMERICA

Reserves for the Quetzal
Stimulated by Dr Anne LaBastille, landowners in Guatemala have formed a Quetzal Protection Association, and set up a private cloud forest reserve on Volcan Atitlan. They are encouraging adjoining owners to add more land to the area. Dr LaBastille also helped in the establishment of the Volcan Baru National Park in Panama, another quetzal habitat. The quetzal, related to the trogons, is the national bird of Guatemala.

Straight into the RDB
A new species, the Elfin Woods warbler *Dendroica angelae,* recently discovered in the mist forest of eastern Puerto Rico, is expected to go straight into the IUCN Red Data Book, as there are probably only 300 pairs, occupying some 450 hectares within the Luquillo Experimental Forest.

National Park Threatened
The Santa Rosa national park in Costa Rica, gazetted in March 1971, is threatened by a large jet airport on its northern flank, which will be largely deforested.

Goat Control Proceeds
The Ecuador National Park Service has succeeded in exterminating the feral goats on Barrington (Santa Fe) Island in the Galapagos National Park, and certain endemic plants already appear to be recolonising lost territory. Similar extermination on Marchena has been almost achieved.

AFRICA

Even along the Limpopo?
"We have a steady stream of complaints about air pollution from factories. Families have moved from their homes because of the noisome vapours pouring over their plots, killing plants and fouling the fabric of the house. Water supplies have been contaminated to the extent that they are undrinkable. Public water supplies are poisoned by factory and human effluents . . ." From the May *Newsletter* of the Wild Life Society of Rhodesia.

Rare Madagascar Tortoise
A fresh survey of the Soalala-Baie de Baly region has established that a few dozen individuals only of the rare tortoise *Testudo yniphora* remain. These are the only ones remaining anywhere.

Pelican Marking Scheme
Great white pelicans marked with a bright pink tag on the left leg may have come from Lake Shala, Ethiopia. If you see one, in any part of Africa, tell Dr Emil Urban, Faculty of Science, Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa.

ASIA

Rothschild's Myna Trade
Two dozen Rothschild's mynas, a Red Data Book bird, were seen in one cage in Singapore bird gardens recently, and a later observer reported over 75 in the same place. Hundreds are said to be coming out of Bali to dealers in California, Germany and Holland.

Rhino Poaching Threat
Two years ago the number of

great Indian rhinos in Jaldapara sanctuary, West Bengal, had risen to 70, but since then it has been reduced by at least 15 per cent. 14 carcases have been found and it is feared many more are not found. At this rate the population will be wiped out within 6–10 years.

Death of a Rhino
The only Sumatran rhino in captivity in the world, survivor of a disastrous capture expedition some years ago, died at Copenhagen Zoo in February.

Wildlife Protected in India
The number of mammals protected under Indian law is now 37, including the lion, tiger, cheetah and three species of leopard. Eight bird species are also protected.

Okinawa Woodpecker Threat
The last 40 or so Okinawa woodpeckers *Sapheopipo noguchii,* saved from the manoeuvres of the US marines, are now under civilian threat, unless the Japanese Government, to whom the Ryukyu Islands were transferred in May, can be persuaded to stop the destruction of its woodland habitat.

Siberian Tiger Threat
Fears are being expressed for the future of the Siberian tiger, some of whose best remaining habitat lies along the Sino-Russian border in the Far East. The build-up of troops here is unlikely to favour the survival of these populations.

NEW NATIONAL PARKS

A Ne-ne Park at Last
A Ne-ne Park, first suggested by Peter Scott ten years ago, has been established with three pairs of birds in the headquarters area of Haleakala National Park on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

The Ajlun-Dibbeen Forest, part of the watershed of the River Jordan, is Jordan's latest national park.

Kouchibouquac, New Brunswick's second national park and the first of any size, covers 72 square miles of coast and mountains. The name means "river of the long tideway".

NEW NATURE RESERVES

Derbyshire Naturalists' Trust's latest reserve is at Overdale in the Peak District, 48 acres of heathland intersected by streams, presented by Associated Portland Cement.

Skipper's Island, 162 acres of rough grass, scrub and saltmarsh in Walton backwaters between Dovercourt and the Naze is Essex Naturalists' Trust's latest reserve. The Trust has also been given a 47-acre farm at Little Baddow.

Darlands Lake, Totteridge, and Hopkyns Wood, Tewin, an oak-hornbeam wood with a badger set, are the two latest reserves of the Herts and Middlesex Trust for Nature Conservation.

Edge Wood is a new 25-acre reserve of the Shropshire Trust on Wenlock Edge.

Three new reserves of the Scottish Wildlife Trust: Loch of Craiglush, near Loch of Lowes, Perthshire, 70 acres of water and 18 of land, by agreement; an extension to the Keltneyburn reserve in North Perthshire, 64 acres by agreement; and Bawsinch, 15 acres of former market garden next to Duddingston Loch, Midlothian, only the second reserve to be actually purchased by this Trust, all of whose other reserves are by lease or agreement.

The National Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy are jointly acquiring the 3415-acre Four Holes Swamp in South Carolina. It contains about 40 miles of canoeable waterway.