

Indian elephant bull Luka at Belfast Zoo
(Photo: Robert Streatfield)

THE DALIP SAGA

by Peter Linde

Since being so badly let down by the heavy lift transportation last September (see 'Flying an Indian tusker across the Atlantic', *Help Newsletter* 1996), we now feel we have exhausted all possible realistic methods of transport for Dalip. We did manage to locate two shipping lines which were willing to transport him to Felixstowe; however, new EU directives forbid us from bringing an elephant into this country from America through any other port than Tilbury. Although we have argued with our own bureaucrats that ships willing to

transport Dalip don't dock at Tilbury, they are powerless to act against Brussels, confirming that we have indeed lost control of our own borders.

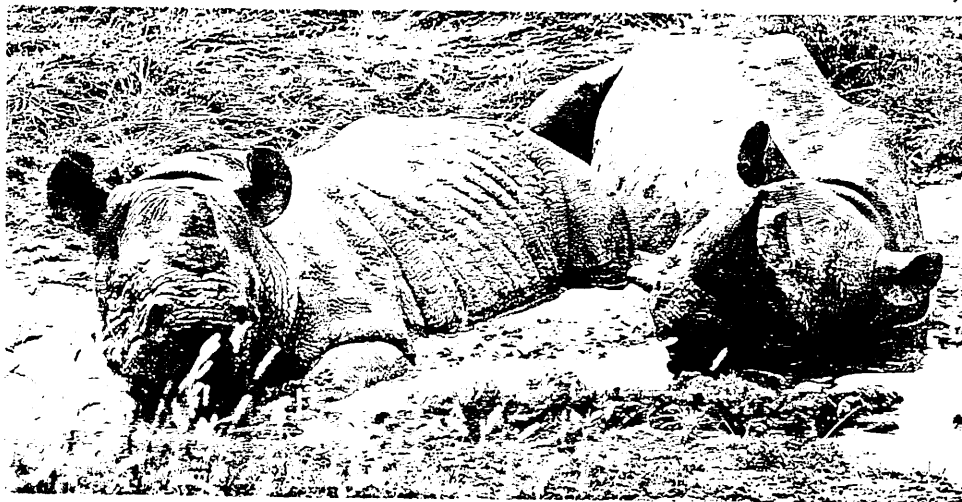
The good news is that we have just managed to purchase Luka, the successful breeding Indian bull belonging to the Chipperfield organisation. At present Luka resides at Belfast Zoo, but he should be with the herd at Port Lympne by the middle of November.

RHINOS

by Berry White

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The past year, apart from one sad incident, has probably been one of the most successful and rewarding ever for the rhino section. First came the surprise and delight of Nakuru's first calf, a male, Mweru, sired by Addo and born on 12th September 1996. Then on 21st December Nakuru's wild-caught mother, Rukwa, one of our original cows, gave birth to her fourth calf at Port Lympne, three months after becoming a grandmother; moreover, this was our first successful birth of a female calf since she gave birth to Nakuru seven years previously. The calf, named Ruaha, was fathered by the Chester Zoo bull, Parky.



Kingo and Vuyu enjoying a wallow (Photo: Berry White)

Rukwa has once again proved to be an excellent mother, very protective of her daughter Ruaha, who although excitable at times has inherited her mother's placid and affectionate nature. Meanwhile, Nakuru has changed from a cheeky, rascally attention-seeker to a proud and devoted mother. Her son, Mweru, continues to grow well and is probably the steadiest calf we have had.

Unfortunately the luck ran out when it came to Naivasha. On 6th June this year she gave birth to a female calf, again Parky's, but despite her attempts to lift the little one into life, it was not to be. This was the first stillbirth we have experienced. Naivasha is recovering well and is now running with Addo. We hope she will breed again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chester Zoo for their cooperation in the loan of Parky to our collection.

One of the highlights of the summer was the introduction of Rukwa's 14-year-old son, Kingo, to the wild-caught six-year-old female, Vuyu, who came to us two years earlier from the Addo Elephant Park, South Africa. Vuyu had run and mated with our two unproven bulls, Baringo II and Jasper. As she was regularly cycling and Kingo was proven, it was important to get the two together. Due to his aggressive behaviour on introduction to females, we had not been able to run Kingo with any of our cows for two-and-a-half years, and his trip to Chester had proved unsuccessful. With Vuyu, however, he seems to have met his match. From the outset the two seemed very compatible, and by the afternoon of that first day Kingo was mounting Vuyu. The relationship is going well, and Vuyu even bosses Kingo around sometimes. We believe matings have taken place.

Etna and Baringo II, who will be five at the end of this year, still run together. Several matings have taken place between them. Etna has also spent two cycles with Addo, although no matings were witnessed. At the time of writing, she appears to have stopped cycling, so we will wait and see.

Arusha's behaviour remains a mystery. She had been mated regularly by Addo for months on end, and then appeared to stop cycling for about three months. Now, in the last month, she has been mated on two occasions.

In the winter months we will be able to collect daily faecal samples from all our cows and from these, with the help of the Institute of Zoology in London, we may be able to establish if any of them are pregnant. It would be lovely to think that perhaps in the next couple of years our young upcoming cows will be having their first calves.

BABIRUSAS

by Berry White

Friday 13th December brought the arrival of two male babirusa piglets. It had been decided that as past youngsters had been lost within the first couple of days, these would be removed for hand-raising immediately after birth. Closed-circuit television had been installed in the house, and as soon as two piglets were seen they were removed. If, by chance, a third piglet was born (three is the maximum known), it was to be left with mother Bettina in case her parental behaviour had improved. The two piglets were taken to keeper Bob Saville's flat, where for several weeks they remained, causing, as they grew, a degree of mayhem. Christened Nick and Tiny Tim (the festive season being upon us), they were moved back to the babirusa house when weaned and have continued to thrive. The red river hogs continue to grow well and we hope to have breeding success in the not too distant future.



Babirusa piglets Tim and Nick at five days old
(Photo: Robert Saville)

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STOCKLIST

STOCKLIST 30th SEPTEMBER 1997

Common Name	Species Name	Howletts	Port Lympe	Total
African Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	5.10		15
Indian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>		1.6	7
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis michaeli</i>		5.7	12*†
Sumatran Rhinoceros	<i>Didermocerus sumatrensis</i>		1.0	1*
Brazilian Tapir	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	2.3	0.1	6*†
Malayan Tapir	<i>Tapirus indicus</i>		2.2	4
Przewalski Horse	<i>Equus przewalskii</i>		3.40	43†
American Bison	<i>Bison bison</i>		5.12	17
European Bison	<i>Bison bonasus</i>	3.6	4.1	14
Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>		1.1	2*
Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus a. arnee</i>		2.11	13
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	1.15	2.6	24
Bongo	<i>Tragelaphus eurycerus isaaci</i>	6.11		17*†
Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	5.19		24*
Chousingha	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>	6.15		21
Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor niger</i>	0.7	7.23.1	38†
Barasingha	<i>Cervus duvauceli</i>		17.39.21	77†
Eld's Deer	<i>Cervus eldi thamin</i>		0.4	4
Axis Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	4.19	132+	155+†
Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>	11.21	2.3	37
Babirusa	<i>Babyrousa babyrussa</i>		4.2	6
Red River Hog	<i>Potamochoerus porcus pictus</i>		1.1	2
Atlas Lion	<i>Panthera l. leo</i>		2.4	6
Siberian Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>	4.4	1.2	11
Indian Tiger	<i>Panthera t. tigris</i>	9.8	5.2	24
Black Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	0.1		1
Snow Leopard	<i>Panthera uncia</i>	1.1	4.8	14*†
Clouded Leopard	<i>Panthera nebulosa</i>	5.5		10†
Northern Lynx	<i>Felis lynx</i>	2.3		5
Siberian Lynx	<i>Felis lynx wrangeli</i>	1.0	4.3	8
Caracal	<i>Felis caracal damarensis</i>	1.1	1.2	5*
Serval	<i>Felis serval</i>	4.3		7†
Ocelot	<i>Felis pardalis</i>	3.4	5.2	14*†
Fishing Cat	<i>Felis viverrinus</i>	3.3	8.6	20†
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	0.2		2
Indian Desert Cat	<i>Felis libyca ornata</i>	2.1	1.4	8
Rusty-spotted Cat	<i>Felis rubiginosa phillipsi</i>	1.1	3.3	8
Hunting Dog	<i>Lycaon p. pictus</i>		6.6	12
Asiatic Wild Dog	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	9.6	1.1	17†
Canadian Timber Wolf	<i>Canis lupus occidentalis</i>	22.9	11.9	33
Maned Wolf	<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>		2.6	8†
Bush Dog	<i>Speothos venaticus</i>	1.1	3.3	8†
Honey Badger	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>	1.1	1.1	4
Parma Wallaby	<i>Macropus parma</i>	58.5		18
Mara	<i>Dolichotis patagona</i>	34.5		12
Lowland Gorilla	<i>Gorilla g. gorilla</i>	16.31	9.0	56*†
Siamang	<i>Hylobates syndactylus</i>	6.5	1.2	14*†
Moloch Gibbon	<i>Hylobates m. moloch</i>	7.8		15*
Javan Brown Langur	<i>Trachypithecus a. auratus</i>	12.24		36†
Mitred Langur	<i>Presbytis m. melalophos</i>	6.16		22
Spectacled Langur	<i>Presbytis obscura</i>	1.1		2
White-faced Saki	<i>Pithecia pithecia</i>	4.4	1.2	11†
Black-capped Capuchin	<i>Cebus apella</i>		9.4.1	14
De Brazza's Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>	1.1	2.4	8
Diana Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus diana</i>		3.6	9

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Samango	<i>Cercopithecus mitis albogularis</i>	2.3	5
Whiteside's Guenon	<i>Cercopithecus ascanius whitesidei</i>	1.1	2
Lesser White-nosed Monkey	<i>Cercopithecus p. petaurista</i>	2.3	5*
Black Howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>	3.2	5
Black-and-white Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza kikuyuensis</i>		6.13.2
Black-and-white Colobus	<i>Colobus guereza occidentalis</i>	8.3	21†
Golden Lion Tamarin	<i>Leontopithecus r. rosalia</i>	2.3	11
Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur	<i>Lemur v. variegatus</i>	5.5	5*
Blue-and-gold Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	1.1.4	10*†
Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>		6
Helmeted Guinea Fowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	0.0.7	28
Burmese Python	<i>Python molurus bivittatus</i>	3.1.36	7
Boa Constrictor	<i>Boa c. constrictor</i>	0.1	40
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† Animals not included in the stocklist which are on loan to other collections at 30.09.1997

Nos.	Common Name	On Loan to:
1.0	Black Rhinoceros	Natal Parks Board
0.1	Brazilian Tapir	Chester Zoo
1.0	Brazilian Tapir	Southport Zoo
0.4	Przewalski Horse	Cholmondeley Estates (+half share 0.4 foals)
1.0	Bongo	Chester Zoo
1.0	Bongo	Marwell Zoo
2.2	Sambar	Cholmondeley Estates
1.4	Barasingha	Cholmondeley Estates
1.1	Axis Deer	Cholmondeley Estates
1.0	Snow Leopard	Barcelona Zoo
1.0	Snow Leopard	Bratislava Zoo
1.0	Snow Leopard	Thrigby Hall Wildlife Gardens
2.2	Clouded Leopard	London Zoo
0	Clouded Leopard	Thrigby Hall Wildlife Gardens
0	Serval	Southport Zoo
0.1	Serval	Drusillas Zoo
0.1	Ocelot	Chessington Zoo
1.0	Ocelot	Shaldon Wildlife Trust
0.1	Fishing Cat	Banham Zoo
0.2	Fishing Cat	Drayton Manor Park Zoo
0.1	Fishing Cat	Melbourne Zoo
1.1	Fishing Cat	Southport Zoo
1.0	Marbled Cat	Parco Faunistico 'La Torbiera'
2.1	Striped Hyena	Tygerberg Zoo
0	Brown Hyena	Tygerberg Zoo
1	Dhole	Twycross Zoo
1.0	Maned Wolf	Chester Zoo
1.0	Bush Dog	Chester Zoo
1.0	Bush Dog	Marwell Zoo
1.0	Lowland Gorilla	Columbus Zoo
1.0	Lowland Gorilla	St Martin La Plaine Zoo
0.1	Siamang	Twycross Zoo
1.0	Siamang	Manor House Wildlife Park
1.0	Javan Brown Langur	Antwerp Zoo
0	White-faced Saki	Edinburgh Zoo
0	White-faced Saki	Shaldon Wildlife Trust
0	White-faced Saki	Southport Zoo
1.0	White-faced Saki	Whipsnade Zoo
1.0	Grey Woolly Monkey	Twycross Zoo
1.0	Black-and-white Colobus	Chessington Zoo
1.3	Goeldi's Monkey	Combe Martin Wildlife Park

1.0	Goeldi's Monkey	Southport Zoo
1.0	Emperor Tamarin	Bielefeld Zoo
1.0	Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur	Dudley Zoo
1.0	Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur	Shaldon Wildlife Trust
10.6	Lowland Gorilla	(half share) Congo Government
2.3	Bonobo	(half share) Congo Government

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1.0	Black Rhinoceros	Paignton Zoo
1.1	Black Rhinoceros	National Parks, South Africa
1.0	Sumatran Rhinoceros	half share owned by Indonesian Government
1.0	Brazilian Tapir	Jersey Zoo
1.1	Gaur	Copenhagen Zoo
1.0	Bongo	Wuppertal Zoo
1.0	Blackbuck	Chester Zoo
1.0	Snow Leopard	Cincinnati Zoo
0.2	Snow Leopard	Helsinki Zoo
1.1	Snow Leopard	Odense Zoo
1.0	Caracal	Halle Zoo
0.1	Caracal	Marwell Zoo
1.1	Ocelot	Ridgeway Trust
1.0	Ocelot	São Paulo Zoo
1.0	Lowland Gorilla	London Zoo
1.2	Lowland Gorilla	half share owned by Congo Government
1.0	Siamang	Banham Zoo
1.0	Siamang	Barcelona Zoo
0.2	Moloch Gibbon	Assiniboine Park Zoo
1.0	Moloch Gibbon	Munich Zoo
1.1	Lesser White-nosed Monkey	Combe Martin Wildlife Park
2.3	Golden Lion Tamarin	Brazilian Government
0.1	Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur	Doué La Fontaine Zoo
1.0	Black-and-white Ruffed Lemur	Cologne Zoo