

supporters of a current Manchester Metro University study of this endangered pheasant on the island of Palawan.

NEW BRITAIN:

blue-eyed cockatoo field studies

New Britain is home to the blue-eyed cockatoo, a species that Chester Zoo has worked with since 1966. Through its success with this species the zoo has acquired an international avicultural reputation, and it also currently manages the European Blue-eyed Cockatoo Studbook. Blue-eyed cockatoos only occur on New Britain and their biology and status is unknown. A recent six-month field study on the distribution, status and biology of blue-eyed cockatoos and other parrots on New Britain, organised by Manchester Metro University was fully financed through Chester Zoo. Field work is now complete and analysis of the results should elucidate the current conservation status and potential threats to this island cockatoo.

NIGERIA:

Gashaka Gumti, conservation research support

Chester Zoo has been working in Nigeria since 1994 in partnership with the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), together with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation. The zoo's present director, then chief curator, then visited Gashaka Gumti Game Reserve to conduct an initial survey of freshwater fish. This was followed by study tours of other Chester staff to conduct surveys of primates, initiate research on chimpanzees and conduct further fish survey work. Chester Zoo provided funds to build research accommodations

on site in 1999. Currently the zoo is financially supporting primate research at Gashaka Gumti in direct partnership with University College London who are working together with their Nigerian counterparts. By creating a long term and high profile research presence at Gashaka Gumti, this research should reinforce the importance of this reserve and ensure both habitat and species conservation.

KENYA:

black rhinos

Chester Zoo has held three species of rhinos over the last ten years but most recently has been working exclusively with black rhinos. The zoo's first black rhino calf was born in 1967 and our most recent calf, 'Manyara', in 1998. Chester is an active member of the EEP for this critically endangered rhinoceros.

Chester Zoo's support for 'Save the Rhino' began in 1994 when the zoo made a three-year commitment to fund

the costs of game guard protection of Northern white rhinos in Garamba. In 1999, in partnership with 'Save The Rhino', Chester Zoo gave substantial financial support to Kenya Wildlife Service to enable the translocation of 20 black rhinos from other reserves to Tsavo East. The zoo has committed to provide funds in 2000 for the maintenance of vehicles used by the game guard team protecting the black rhinos in Tsavo East.

INDIA:

Zoo Outreach Organisation, CBSG India and WILD

Chester has been supporting the Zoo Outreach Organisation/Conservation Breeding Specialist Group Regional Network in India for some years. Most recently funding has also been extended to the newly developed Wildlife Information Liaison Development Society to support bat conservation by facilitating communication between field workers studying bats in India and South Asia.

Translocated black rhino at Tsavo East



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