

Wider Horizons

WHERE THE POACHERS' TROPHIES GO

In scanning the IUCN Bulletins which report the latest discoveries of illegal trade in endangered species, it appears that the home countries of many tourists to Kenya feature in this trade. Belgium is the main 'clearing house' for Zaire's ivory. Japan and West Germany are the largest two markets for fur from Hong Kong, whose value of fur export in 1977 was US \$ 46 million. France, alone, is to import wild crocodile skins from the Central African Empire. Adverts for rhino horn, leopard skins, elephant skins, etc. can be seen in the U.K. and West German press, and probably in the press of other European countries too.

SWARA readers can assist the IUCN in their work by sending any newspaper cuttings advertising the selling or buying of endangered species to: IUCN/AAC TRAFFIC GROUP, 1, Marshall Street, W.1, U.K.

BOTANICAL RESEARCH GRANT

The Dennis Stanfield Memorial Fund has been established to assist persons of scientific merit to undertake botanical research on tropical African plants. Awards of £100 each were made in 1974 and in 1977, and the third award which will be of £150, will be made in 1980. Application forms should be obtained from the Executive Secretary of the Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0LQ, United Kingdom, and should be returned to the same address by 30th October, 1979.

The award is to be used for such items as travel, equipment, books, computing time, research expenses and the like, in connection with any aspects of botanical research. The award is open both to amateurs and professionals.

BIONIC BIRD

A Marabou stork had her broken lower beak repaired by a local dentist, in England. The lower 'denture' was made from toughened plastic, normally used in false teeth.



Marabou stork.

GORILLA PROTECTION PROJECT

Project Survival has been launched to raise \$ 50,000—the sum of money deemed necessary to prevent any further poaching of mountain gorillas in Rwanda.

Thousands of these peaceful primates once roamed the forests of

Rwanda, but today less than 250 remain.

African Wildlife Leadership Foundation, in conjunction with the International Primate Protection League, is requesting donations toward this anti-poaching project to be sent to: AWLF, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036, USA.

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UGANDA

WHITE RHINO EXTERMINATED

News, received at the very end of July, confirms that Tanzanian soldiers are continuing to shoot animals from 7am to 10pm in the Rwenzori and Kabalega Falls National Parks. Here, elephants, zebra and ostrich are threatened and few buffalo, Uganda kob or antelopes remain. It appears that the White rhino has recently been exterminated in Uganda. These two parks are now conserving mainly vegetation and birds, and a potential conflict with pro-Amin men on the Sudanese border threatens Kidepo National Park.

NEW PARKS?

The only other information received indicates that the Park's Authority is considering increasing the number of National Parks. The Gorilla Forest Reserve is one of the areas recommended to become a new Park.

SWARA intends to continue to report news of the Parks and wildlife of Uganda, when the information becomes available.

White rhino:
now all reported killed in
Uganda.



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