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Société d'Ornithologie de l'Ouest
Africain**



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The President asked for comments and suggestions on what the Society could do to further the interests of ornithology in West Africa. The Editor hoped he would receive more analytical papers in addition to checklist style material for Malimbus. Mr Allport said that the IWRB was undertaking an annual waterfowl census in West Africa and asked if a notice calling for volunteers could be printed in the journal. He had brought papers with him on methods of survey. It was suggested that a Bird Atlas might be prepared by people working in West Africa, but it was felt that the records would not reflect the true bird population. It was felt that the Society could not undertake any long term major projects as there were no expatriate ornithologists living in West Africa over a long enough time, very few indigenous ornithologists and no funds available. Suggestions for low cost projects were: preparation of a list of birds needing special attention (noting particularly call, distribution, species and subspecies) (see Chappuis, this issue. Ed.), publication of an endangered species list. Further suggestions were the encouragement of short term casual visitors to contribute their bird observations by advertising in publications such as 'British Birds' and 'Birdwatching' and offering to advise such travellers.

Because of shortage of time it was proposed to defer questions until after dinner at the hotel. The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

A.M. Moore

BRITISH BIRDWATCHING FAIR 1990

This event took place at Rutland Water, U.K. at the beginning of September 1990. It had the general aim of raising money for the Coto Doñana National Park in Spain, and was an opportunity for ornithological and conservation societies, booksellers, equipment manufacturers and artists to display their wares. About 9000 people visited the three-day fair. WAOS ran a stall which attracted a surprising and gratifying degree of interest. Ten new members were enrolled, and a raffle for a volume of *The Birds of Africa* was won by Mr M.H. Rogers of Wantage. The organisers intend the Fair to become an annual event and Council hopes to run a WAOS stall at the next one, which should be held in September 1991.

Alan Tye

BACK NUMBERS OF MALIMBUS/NUMEROS ANCIENS DE MALIMBUS

New members of W.A.O.S have been offered sets of Back Numbers at a special price. Some of these were out of print so we have been supplying back numbers of the Bulletin of the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society instead. We have now had the missing numbers reprinted and can supply all back numbers at the rates given on the inside front cover.

Des séries de Numéros anciens ont été proposés aux nouveaux membres de la SOOA pour un prix spécial. Certains de ces numéros étant épuisés nous avons fourni à la place d'anciens numéros du Bulletin of the Nigerian Ornithologists' Society. Ces numéros manquants ont été réimprimés et nous pouvons désormais livrer tous les numéros anciens au tarif indiqué au verso de la page de couverture.

R.E. Sharland