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Société d'Ornithologie de l'Ouest  
Africain**



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conservation measures, and species accounts. Summary chapters and appendices draw together the information from the country reports to produce a regional perspective and integrated conservation action plan. This is an authoritative document which will be an essential reference for antelope biologists and land managers concerned with conservation.

Alan Tye

## Notices

### **Bird Fair at Rutland Water, U.K.**

The Society mounted a display at the Bird Fair which was held at the end of August 1991 at Rutland Water in England. Over the three days the W.A.O.S. stall drew many visitors, recruited some new members and prompted other enquiries.

One of the Society's members, Bruce Pearson, very generously donated one of his paintings, of water birds on the River Niger in Mali, as a raffle prize. The picture attracted a great deal of attention and resulted in a welcome addition to the Society's funds. It was won by Mr J. Liggins of Nuneaton, Warks. We are very grateful to Mr Pearson for his donation.

Amberley Moore

### **The African Waterfowl Census**

In 1991, the International Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Bureau (IWRB) undertook to coordinate waterfowl censuses throughout tropical Africa, with the collaboration of many dedicated National Coordinators. Nearly 200 persons took part in 16 countries, representing birdwatching and natural history societies, national park departments, research institutions, etc. 85 wetlands were counted, including some of the most important ones in Africa. The results of the first mid-winter counts have just been published by IWRB and are available at £6.00 including post & package. Each participant receives it free.

The census needs to expand further. If you wish to participate in an international birdwatching exercise which will yield extremely important results for waterbird and wetland conservation in Africa, please contact C. Perennou at IWRB, Slimbridge, Glos., GL2 7BX, U.K. for further details.