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ICBP CONSERVATION EXPEDITION COMPETITION

The International Council for Bird Preservation is an organisation concerned about the conservation, management and wise utilisation of wild birds and their habitats worldwide. In 1985/1986, ICBP will again be running a Conservation Expedition Competition to encourage more expeditions to carry out conservation based ornithological research abroad and to gain experience of international conservation issues and cooperation.

The competition is open to university or other ornithological teams and ICBP will contribute up to \$1000 to each of the best two proposals and may provide letters of endorsement and management support to the runners-up. Projects will be judged on their conservation content, feasibility and likely impact; they must involve a local counterpart and have clearance from the host government and/or a local institute.

In 1985, awards went to Chris Raxworthy and a University of London team to carry out the first ornithological survey of Zahamena Forest in Madagascar, and to Duncan Reavey and an Oxford team to make a study of Mount Oku in Cameroon. An ICBP expedition to Mt Oku in 1984 identified it as one of the richest and most threatened centres of genetic diversity in Africa. ICBP hopes that the Oxford team will draw attention to the rapid clearance of Mt Oku by cultivation and over-grazing before it is too late for birds like Bannerman's Turaco *Tauraco bannermani* and the Banded Wattle-eye *Platysteira laticincta*. The endangered bird life of both areas has been highlighted by the recent publication of *Threatened Birds of Africa and related Islands*, the ICBP/IUCN Red Data Book (1985).

To enter the competition a project proposal must be submitted to the ICBP Secretariat not later than January 31 and prizes will be announced at the end of March. Full details and entry forms are provided in a guide to the competition which costs £3 and can be obtained from ICBP, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, UK.

CORRECTION

THE BIRDS OF MAURITANIA, John P. Gee, *Malimbus* 6, 1984, p 49: For Black-headed Gull *L. audouinii* read *L. ridibundus*. Insert the following (for the omission of which the Editor apologizes):

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Audouin's Gull	M			X	X	X			X					1 ad. Cap Timiris 22/11/73. 1-3
<i>L. audouinii</i>														imm. and sub-ads. at pond 15 km s of Nkt 6 June to early Aug 1974.