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Africain**



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THE 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 1986/1987, 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 \$1,000 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 1986, awards went to teams planning ornithological surveys of the Reserve Naturelle no. 12 Marojejy in Madagascar and Rio Mazan in southern Ecuador. The two expeditions have been incorporated into ICBP's Conservation Programme which includes nearly 100 conservation projects all over the world.

To enter the competition, a project proposal must be submitted to the ICBP Secretariat not later than 31 January 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, England.

COMMUNIQUE

L'institut Français de la Recherche Scientifique pour le Développement en Coopération (ORSTOM) porte à la connaissance de la communauté scientifique des ornithologues amateurs et professionnels la création de la station ornithologique de Mbour, située à 80 km au Sud de Dakar. Ce Centre de recherches est spécialisé sur l'étude de l'écologie des espèces paléarctiques et éthiopiennes ainsi que sur les divers aspects liés à la conservation du patrimoine avifaunistique et à l'intégration de l'homme dans les projets de protection des écosystèmes naturels.

La station de Mbour constitue à cet effet une nouvelle antenne sur la façade atlantique et reste à la disposition des biologistes de tous horizons pour échanger des informations de nature à accroître nos connaissances sur l'avifaune résidente et migratrice de l'Ouest Africain.

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SYMPOSIUM

Birds of Evergreen Forest 8 - 10 September 1987 at The Wilderness, Cape Province, South Africa. Papers and posters on the following topics: forest bird communities, biogeography of forest birds, population biology of forest birds, conservation of forest avifaunas. Prospective participants should contact the Symposium Organising Committee, E.C.W.3.S., P.O. Box 1305, Port Elizabeth, 6000, South Africa.

GABAR - A NEW JOURNAL COVERING AFRICAN RAPTORS

GABAR (Growth and Biology of African Raptors) is a new journal publishing material on African raptors, here defined as eagles, hawks, harriers, buzzards, falcons and owls, i.e. excluding vultures, seabirds and other predatory birds already covered by specialist publications in the region. Contents will include: short papers on completed studies, progress reports on ongoing research, short notes, unusual sightings, conservation problems and a Forum in which opinions, continuing controversies, constructive criticisms and new ideas are aired and challenged. The first edition has been printed and copies can be obtained free of charge from the address below. Subsequent editions will be distributed on receipt of a subscription fee.

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7TH PAN-AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Announcement - A wonderful opportunity to observe African wildlife, and birds in particular, to see what research is currently under way there, and to learn of conservation problems in the Afrotropics is presented by the 7th Pan-African Ornithological Congress, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, 28 August to 5 September 1988. This will be the first such Congress in the heartland of tropical Africa. The International Council for Bird Preservation will have one day on the programme. A theme will be problems of the