

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1960

*Presented by the Council to the Annual General Meeting,
25th April, 1961*

Vice-Presidents.—The sad gap left among the Society's vice-presidents in 1959 by the death of Dr. Willard G. Van Name, was filled by the election of Dr. Fairfield Osborn, President of the New York Zoological Society and of the American Nature Conservation Foundation.

Meetings of the Society.—The Annual General Meeting and three other General Meetings were held. Council met four times.

International Meetings.—The Secretary represented the Society at the VIIth General Assembly in Warsaw of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. A short report was published in *Oryx* V, 6.

Specially noteworthy from the point of view of the Society, were the launching of African Special Project 1960–1963 (towards Stage I of which the Society has promised £600) and the work of the Survival Service Commission. The Secretary of the Society was re-elected Chairman of the Commission.

The Journal.—The usual three issues of *Oryx* were published, Volume V, Nos. 4 and 5 being combined into a special issue to take "A Look at Threatened Species", Mr. Lee Talbot's report on his visit to the Middle East and Southern Asia.

An index to Volume V was printed, mentioned in *Oryx*, and sent to all who applied for it.

The New Pamphlet.—A new pamphlet—"Can you imagine a world without wild creatures?"—was prepared for the Society by Mr. John Hillaby, and was in great demand.

Publicity.—At the end of February, Mr. John Hillaby became the Society's Public Relations Officer on a part-time basis. The Council wishes to express its appreciation for the great help which Mr. Hillaby has given the Society.

Films.—The Society's films, a list of which was given in each issue of *Oryx*, were much used, especially during the winter months.

Lectures.—Many talks on the Society's work, illustrated by slides or films, were given.

Kindred Organizations.—During the year the Society kept in close contact with kindred societies throughout the world.

Membership.—During 1960 the Society's membership rose by 113 to 1,912 members. This increase was due both to organized publicity and to the increased interest generally in wild life

preservation, an interest which was both stimulated and reflected by the Press of all shades of political opinion.

Administration.—The steady growth of the Society and expansion of its work involved a great increase in office work. Altogether 2,820 letters and papers were received and dealt with during the year.

Miss Ann Daubercies, L. ès L., a graduate of Lille and Paris universities, was engaged for secretarial work generally and especially for that of the Survival Service Commission of I.U.C.N., which the Society had undertaken in 1959. The Society can now, without outside help, deal with letters and publications in English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Accounts.—The Society has again to report an excess of expenditure over income, amounting to £903.

The Balance Sheet situation, however, remained just satisfactory owing to an increase in Life Membership fees of £460, credited to the Life Membership Fund, and donations of £616 credited to General Reserve.

Survival Service Commission.—Investigations into the status of many rare animals continued. A card index was started on all animals on the Endangered Species List and upon some other rare species. Notes from this list formed Appendix I to the Survival Service's report presented at Warsaw in June. A special report was made on Endangered Mammals of Australia (*Oryx* V, 6).

A combined Survival Service and Fauna Preservation Society exhibition with maps, pictures, and literature was shown at Warsaw. The results of the Black Rhinoceros survey were presented and also the Report by the International Council for Bird Preservation on birds in danger of extinction. Details of the above are given in *Oryx* V, 6.

Information from various sources indicated that three marine animals, the manatee, the dugong, and the leathery turtle, might be in danger of extermination and investigations into their status began.

In October, 1959, and March, 1960, Mr. E. P. Gee, whose report on the Great Indian Rhinoceros was published in *Oryx* V, 2, visited Manipur to investigate the status of the Manipur brown-antlered deer. (His report was published in the *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society*, December, 1960.) In November, Mr. Gee visited the Gir Forest in Kathiawar to report on the preservation of the Indian lion, and Kashmir to report on the Kashmir stag. (These visits were arranged in order to discover

what progress had been made in conservation since Mr. Gee's report of 1958—*vide Oryx* IV, 6.)

Operation Noah.—The audited receipts and expenditure account of the Kariba Fund, which is presented with this report, shows that £2,416 15s. 8d was received in gifts to the Society for Operation Noah, making a total public subscription of £13,868 11s. 9d. for 1959 and 1960. In 1960 £1,510 was sent to Africa (£10,500 in 1959). The expenses of the Fund in 1960 were £142 (£509 in 1959). The balance remaining in hand at the end of 1960 was £1,207. (A further £1,000 was sent to Africa in January, 1961.)

Acknowledgments.—The Council wish to express their thanks to Mr. R. S. R. Fitter for his articles in the Press.

Thanks are also offered to all those who gave lectures and showed films to the Society itself and to others on its behalf.

The Society is most grateful to the Zoological Society of London for office accommodation and for the unstinted help given by that Society's staff throughout the year.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT

*To the Council and Members of the
Fauna Preservation Society.*

28th February, 1961.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1960

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1960, and report thereon as follows :—

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

The Balance of this Account at the end of the year was £2,945 2s., after transferring £30 from the Life Membership Fund and deducting £902 10s. 4d. being the excess of Expenditure over Income on the year's working.

The excess of Expenditure over Income in the previous year was £153 11s. 10d.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

The number of Members on the Roll at 31st December, 1960, was 1,912, made up as follows :—

Honorary Members . . .	15
Life Members . . .	387
Ordinary Members . . .	1,510
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