

ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 1, on Wednesday, 29th April, 1964, at 5.30 p.m.

The Marquess of Willingdon, President, in the Chair.

AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1963.
- (2) Presentation of the Auditors' Report.
- (3) Discussion of the Auditors' Report.
- (4) Presentation of the Council's Annual Report.
- (5) Discussion of the Council's Annual Report.
- (6) Election of Officers of the Society.
- (7) Election of Members to fill vacancies on the Council.

NOTES

(1) The Council's Annual Report and the Auditors' Report are given on pages 196-197.

(2) The Council recommend that the following shall be elected as Officers of the Society for 1964 :—

President : The Marquess of Willingdon.

Honorary Treasurer : Mr. I. D. Malcolmson.

(3) The following members of Council retire on 29th April, 1964, and are not eligible for re-election for one year :—

Dr. F. Fraser Darling.

Mr. James Fisher.

Mr. E. O. Shebbeare.

(4) The following have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Council and their names are submitted for confirmation :—

Mr. David Attenborough.

The Lord Craigton

Mr. R. C. Morris.

ILLUSTRATED TALK

(To follow immediately after the A.G.M.)

“The Ecology and Management of Hippopotamus in Uganda,” by
Dr. R. M. Laws.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1963

On 11th December the Society achieved its Diamond Jubilee, having been founded, as the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire, at a meeting held at the British Museum (Natural History) on 11th December, 1903. The occasion was celebrated by a dinner in the restaurant of the Zoological Society of London on 16th December, 1963, with the President, The Marquess of Willingdon, in the Chair. Mr. E. P. Field, a member of the Society for over forty years, proposed the health of the Society, and Dr. T. C. S. Morrison-Scott, Vice-Chairman of Council, responded. Afterwards a presentation was made to Lt.-Col. C. L. Boyle, who retired on 31st December, and to Mrs. Boyle. Lt.-Col. Boyle had been Secretary since the death of Mr. H. G. Maurice in May, 1950.

At the General Assembly of the International Union for Conservation of Nature at Nairobi in September, the Society was represented by Colonel and Mrs. Boyle, and also by Mr. R. S. R. Fitter, Secretary-designate, and Mrs. Fitter, Editor-designate of *ORYX*. Before the General Assembly, Colonel Boyle conducted a meeting of the Survival Service Commission, from the Chairmanship of which he later retired. This meeting was also attended by Mr. and Mrs. Fitter. Colonel Boyle attended a meeting of the Executive Board of IUCN at Morges in May, and Mr. Fitter, who was appointed a member of the reconstituted Survival Service Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter Scott, attended the first meeting of its Action Group at Morges in November. For a report on the General Assembly at Nairobi see p. 154, and for one on the SSC see p. 157.

Following the Nairobi conference, the Society started two campaigns—one against the fashion for clothing and other articles made from the skins of the spotted cats, with the aim of putting an end to the illicit trade in leopard and cheetah skins and the large-scale poaching which supplies it (see p. 155); and one against turtle soup to save the turtles of the world from over-exploitation.

News of the Society's small herd of Arabian *Oryx* will be found in a note on p. 143. The following statement of future policy on the capture of endangered species was agreed on by Council:—

The Fauna Preservation Society will discourage any attempt to capture for whatever purpose animals of any endangered species, if that attempt seems of itself likely to cause or add to the risk of the extermination of the species as a wild animal. The Society will be prepared to acquiesce in such action only in extreme cases where it is shown to the Society's satisfaction to be essential to ensure the continued existence of the species.

The Deer (England and Wales) Act, of which the Society was one of the sponsors, became law on 31st July. It provides for the first time a close season for wild deer in England and Wales, and regulates the use of weapons with which they may be shot. A Bill for the restriction of the import of rare animals, on which the Society had been working for the past three years, was adopted as a private member's Bill by Miss Harvie Anderson at the beginning of the 1963–64 Session and is due for consideration in April, 1964.

Two numbers of *ORYX* were issued, instead of the usual three, the second being a double number. Important papers published during the year included surveys by Mr. E. P. Gee on the Indian wild ass and on the wildlife resources of Nepal, including the Great Indian Rhinoceros. The Society contributed £196 towards the expenses of Mr. Gee's visit to Nepal and the printing of his report.

The Society's films continued to be much in demand, more than eighty applications for them being received during the year.

A set of display cards of rare Asiatic animals was prepared from the illustrations used in Lee Talbot's "A Look at Threatened Species", published in *ORYX* in 1960 (see inside back cover).

At the Annual General Meeting on 29th April Mr. John Hillaby spoke on "A Foot Safari through Africa". There were four other general meetings: on 9th January three films new to the Society's film library were shown—"Southern Rhodesia Wild Life," "Safari South," and "Big Game Country." On 26th January Mr. E. P. Gee spoke on "Wild-life Preservation in Nepal and India"; on 29th October Mrs. Iris Darnton spoke on "Australian and Tasmanian Wildlife"; and on 13th November Mr. Tom Harrisson spoke on "The Future of the Orang-utan and Other Wild Animals in South-East Asia".

At the end of the year the resignation of Mr. John Hillaby, Public Relations Officer since January, 1960, was received with regret.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT

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

4th March, 1964.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

We have completed the audit of the Books and Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December, 1963, and report thereon as follows:—

GENERAL PURPOSES ACCOUNT

The Balance on this Account at the end of the year was £172 4s. 9d. after transferring £105 from the Life Membership Fund, and deducting £789 0s. 11d., being the excess of Expenditure over Income on the year's working.

The total donations received, amounting to £869 0s. 1d., have been credited this year to this Account.

The excess of Expenditure over Income in the previous year was £1,454 10s. 11d.

GENERAL RESERVE FUND

The Balance on this Fund at 1st January, 1963, was £7,306 17s. 2d., to which has been added £100 in respect of a Legacy transferred from Income and Expenditure Account.

A transfer of £783 5s. 4d. has been made to this Fund to repay advances

made to the "Operation Oryx" Fund, increasing the Balance at 31st December, 1963, to £8,190 2s. 6d.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE ROLL

The number of Members on the Roll at 31st December, 1963, was 2,178, made up as follows:—

Honorary Members	24
Life Members	467
Ordinary Members	1,687
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	2,178
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This shows a decrease of 1 Honorary Member, 133 Ordinary Members, and an increase of 5 Life Members.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

The Balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now £6,345. This is after crediting £280 in respect of Life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £105 to the General Purposes Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those Life Members whose membership ceased during the year.

INVESTMENTS

The total investments at 31st December, 1963, at Cost amounted to £15,146 10s. 9d., and the Market Value at that date was £15,959 19s. 11d., showing a net appreciation of £813 9s. 2d.

SURPLUS

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £14,707 7s. 3d., as compared with £14,322 2s. 10d. at the end of the previous year.

" OPERATION NOAH "

Kariba Fund

A donation of £500 was received during the year from the RSPCA, Overseas Fund, making a total £895 3s. 10d. which has been paid over to the National Resources Board of S. Rhodesia.

" OPERATION ORYX "

Donations of £855 4s. 1d. were received during the year, including £853 4s. 1d. from the World Wildlife Fund, to meet expenditure paid from the Society's General Account in 1962. Net expenditure of £69 18s. 9d. was incurred and the remaining balance of £783 5s. 4d. was transferred to General Reserve Fund in part repayment of advances made.

(Signed) W. B. KEEN & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

“Operation Oryx”

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at 1st January, 1963—									
At Bank							24	18	0
Advanced by General Reserve Fund .				853	4	1			
Donations—									
World Wildlife Fund							853	4	1
(Repaid to General Reserve Fund.)									
Others .							2	0	0
Net Payment made to Major Grimwood	67	1	9						
Administration Expenses	29	15	0						
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				96	16	9			
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Balance transferred to General Reserve				950	0	10	880	2	1
Fund									
							69	18	9
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				£950	0	10	£950	0	10
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“Operation Noah”—Kariba Fund

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1963

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1963			
Donation received—RSPCA Overseas Fund	395	3	10
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	895	3	10
Payments to National Resources Board of S. Rhodesia	895	3	10
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We have examined the above Receipts and Payments Accounts with the books and accounts of the Funds and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

W. B. KEEN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

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3rd March, 1964.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

GENERAL PURPOSES

EXPENDITURE							
1962		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1,288	To Salaries				1,625	14	8
	„ Public Relations Officer—Fees						
435	and Expenses				435	0	0
1,333	„ Printing of Journal				1,384	9	0
164	„ Printing and Stationery				229	6	7
	„ Rent of Offices—						
	Regent's Park	250	0	0			
	Less Donation from Zoo-						
	logical Society	250	0	0			
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	Other premises	40	19	0			
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150	„ Office Expenses				40	19	0
129	„ Telephone				240	12	5
—	„ Advertising				47	6	11
—	„ Postage, etc.				46	13	0
274	„ Films (Contribution to Pro-				321	6	5
	duction)						
250	do. Maintenance				—	—	—
19	„ Assistant Secretary's Pension—				28	6	0
	Premium						
100	„ Accountancy and Audit—				523	6	9
	Audit Fee, 1963	31	10	0			
	Accountancy, 1963	31	10	0			
	Income Tax Claim, 1963	26	5	0			
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79	„ Subscriptions and Donations—				89	5	0
	International Council for						
	Bird Preservation	5	5	0			
	Council for Nature	1	0	0			
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26	„ Secretary's Expenses—				6	5	0
	Attending IUCN Meetings						
	at Morges and Nairobi				744	2	8
94	„ Secretary- and Editor-design-						
	ate's Expenses—						
	Attending IUCN Meeting at				400	0	0
	Nairobi						
	„ Rhinoceros Survey—						
	E. P. Gee's Expenses	80	17	0			
	Cost of Printing Report	115	7	9			
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	„ Educational Picture Cards and				196	4	9
	Posters				297	1	0
	„ Office Furniture and Fittings				213	11	5
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	<u>£4,341</u>				<u>£6,869</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1963

ACCOUNT

1962		INCOME			
£	£		£	s.	d.
	55	By Subscriptions—			
	1,580	Arrears	286	2	7
		Current	2,974	3	4
	293	Tax recovered on Covenants for year 1962–63	335	1	0
1,928	—		—	—	—
	400	„ Legacies	100	0	0
	400	Less Transfer to General Reserve Fund	100	0	0
—	—		—	—	—
	520	„ Donations	869	0	1
	520	Less Transfer to General Reserve Fund	—	—	—
—	—		—	—	—
632	—	„ Interest on Investments (Gross)			869 0 1
132	—	„ <i>Journal</i> —Sale of			637 2 6
	507	„ Christmas Cards—Sale of	489	18	9
	308	Less Cost of Production	328	7	5
199	—		—	—	—
5	—	„ Royalties on Sale of Ties			161 11 4
—	—	„ Sundry Sales			11 15 0
—	—	„ Grant from IUCN (Survival Service Commission)			16 2 3
	—	„ Diamond Jubilee Dinner—			
	—	Proceeds of Tickets and Sale of Table Cards	347	10	0
	—	Less Expenses	346	10	0
—	—		—	—	—
2,896	—		—	—	1 0 0
	—	„ Balance—Excess of Expenditure over Income for year, carried to Balance Sheet			6,080 9 8
1,445	—				789 0 11

£4,341£6,869 10 7

BALANCE SHEET,

		LIABILITIES				
1962	£	£		£	s.	d.
1,431			<i>Sundry Creditors</i>		1,749	2 6
232			<i>Receipts in Advance—</i>			
			<i>Subscriptions</i>		159	2 11
<u>1,663</u>					<u>1,908</u>	<u>5 5</u>
			BALANCE, being Excess of Assets over Liabilities :—			
			<i>General Reserve Fund—</i>			
			Balance at 1st January, 1963	7,306	17	2
			<i>Add "Operation Oryx"</i>			
			1962 Advance re- paid per World Wildlife Fund	853	4	1
			<i>Less Net expendi- ture, 1963</i>	69	18	9
				<u>783</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
			Legacies transferred from In- come and Expenditure Account	100	0	0
7,307				<u>8190</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
			<i>Life Membership Fund—</i>			
			Balance at 1st January, 1963	6,170	0	0
			<i>Add Fees received during year</i>	280	0	0
				<u>6,450</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<i>Deduct Transfer to General Pur- poses Account—</i>			
			<i>Subscriptions of deceased Life Members</i>	105	0	0
6,170				<u>6,345</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<i>General Purposes Account—</i>			
		2,276	Balance at 1st January, 1963	856	5	8
		35	<i>Add Transfer from Life Member- ship Fund</i>	105	0	0
		<u>2,311</u>		<u>961</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
			<i>Deduct—</i>			
			10 Loss on Sale of Investments	—	—	—
			Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	789	0	11
		<u>1,445</u>		<u>172</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
856				<u>16,615</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>£15,996</u>				<u>£16,615</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

31st DECEMBER, 1963

		ASSETS						
1962	£		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
		<i>Sundry Debtors—</i>						
146		Income tax recoverable	132	8	7			
33		Sundry persons	21	12	0			
						154	0	7
120		<i>Stock of Christmas Cards in hand (at or under cost)</i>				25	0	0
—		<i>Office Furniture and Fixtures (not valued)</i>						
		<i>Investments (at cost)—</i>						
		£1,247 13s. 3d. Conversion 3½% Stock	1,135	7	2			
		£525 3% Savings Bonds 1965–75	525	0	0			
		£1,724 19s. 2d. 2½% Savings Bonds 1964–67	1,602	6	8			
		£1,320 10s. 7d. British Gas 3½% Gtd. Stock 1969–71	1,220	15	11			
		£1,046 6s. 0d. Conversion 3½% Stock 1969	990	5	3			
		£330 British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., Ordinary Stock (10s. units)	1,137	15	4			
		£390 Watney Mann and Co., Ltd., Ordinary Stock	1,767	3	1			
		£206 5s. Guardian Assurance Co., Ltd., Ordinary Shares (5s. each)	2,008	3	3			
		£37 10s. Pearl Assurance Co., Ltd., Ordinary Stock (5s. units)	962	9	0			
		1987 New Investment Co., Ltd., 5s. Ordinary Stock Units	2,165	19	3			
		125 Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares \$25 each	1,631	5	10			
15,147		(Market Value at 31st December, 1963 : £15,960.)				15,146	10	9
		<i>Balance at Bank and Cash in Hand—</i>						
		General Account	1,285	18	1			
		Petty Cash Account	4	3	3			
550						1,290	1	4
£15,996			£16,615			12	8	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account with the books and Accounts of the Society and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balance and the Investments of the various Funds.

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3rd March, 1964.

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