

# Annual Report for 1973

At the end of the year membership stood at 3357, compared with 3229 in 1972 continuing the pattern of small increase over previous years; of the 350 new members elected 149 were overseas. There were 43 deaths and 179 resignations or deletions. A further 17 people took out benefactor membership and three new life members were elected.

## **Oryx 100% Fund**

Donations totalling £6867 were received during the year, of which £4704 was earmarked. This was the second year of the arrangement whereby all unearmarked donations (to a total of £5000) are matched by the Society, and accordingly a further £1704 was so designated. £9351 was paid out to the twenty-seven projects listed in the audited account of the Fund on page 501. Grants went to help conservation in Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, the Falkland Islands, the Galapagos Islands, Greece, India, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, the Mascarene Islands, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sarawak, South Africa, Spain and Sudan, aiding, among other endangered animals, tiger, Arabian oryx, mountain gorilla, great Indian rhino, marine turtles and Asiatic lion. Among types of projects funded were surveys of species in their natural environment, the provision of much needed conservation education material and the support of national parks, especially in their anti-poaching activities.

The large item relating to the Falkland Islands represents an earmarked transfer payment from the Society on behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves for the purchase of Saddle, Ship, Cliffknob, Beef, North and Coffin islands and a part of New Island known as Landsend Bluff, which are now held by the SPNR. The FPS advises the SPNR on the management of these islands.

## **Endangered Species Fund**

Three grants were made in 1973: £200 to Friends of the Earth, towards the cost of their very effective advertisement (illustrated by our Chairman) at the time of the International Whaling Commission meeting; £67.18 to the Survival Service Commission of IUCN, to enable Professor Tom Harrisson to attend one of its Alert Group meetings; and £24.45 to Mr A. Baxter Cooper for survey work in connection with the survival of the North Ronaldsay sheep in the Orkneys, work now taken over by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

## **Legacies and donations**

Further instalments amounting to £2750 were received from the late Mrs Grace Soward, and other legacies were £2500 from the late Captain J. J. Toller, £482 from the late Mrs S. E. Elworthy, £400 from the late Edwin Cohen, £100 from the late F. L. Reynolds and £25 from the late John T. E. Kenney. Generous donations included £200 from the St Katherine's Fund and £100 from the Offenheim Charitable Trust and the second of three promised anonymous

annual grants of £2000. A donation of £100 was received in memory of B. L. Thurber and £325 from Mrs E. Greville-Williams as a result of a bequest.

### **Arabian Oryx Herd**

The Arabian oryx herd at Phoenix Zoo, Arizona, and San Diego Zoo, California, increased during the year from 34 to 38: 19 male and 19 female, of which eight males and seven females, belong to the FPS. During the year six calves were born. Of the 38 animals, 31 are at Phoenix and seven at San Diego.

### **Wildlife Tours**

There were no departures during the year but, under arrangement with a new agency, Peregrine Holidays of Oxford, tours to Rwanda and Zaïre and to Zambia and Botswana are planned for 1974, and to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and South India for 1975. FPS members have been enabled to participate in a now fully-booked tour to the Galapagos Islands and upper Amazon basin in Ecuador leaving in August 1974, and further departures are being arranged. Both the Rwanda-Zaïre and Ceylon-India tours have been planned by the Hon. Secretary and Editor in recent special visits to the countries concerned.

### **International Meetings**

In February the Hon. Secretary represented both FPS and IUCN at the Plenipotentiary Conference to conclude an International Convention on Trade in Certain Species of Wildlife, held at Washington, DC. In June he represented the Society at the 25th International Whaling Commission meeting in London. The Hon. Secretary and Editor attended the 3rd WWF Conference held in Bonn in October and, immediately following this, the Survival Service Commission meeting in Morges. The Hon. Secretary also attended three meetings of the recently formed Alert Group of SSC, in London in January, Morges in May and Paris, in September. In the gap between the departure of Miss M. Warland as Executive Officer of the SSC and the appointment of Mr A. J. Mence in August, the Hon. Secretary visited Morges three times to help the Secretariat prepare the Alert Group agendas, and on one of those occasions attended the IUCN/WWF Joint Project Operation meeting.

### **Representation on Other Bodies**

The Society has official representation as follows: The Chairman and Sir Landsborough Thomson on the Council for Nature; the Hon. Secretary at the International Whaling Commission as an observer, and on the Conservation Liaison Committee and the Council for Nature's Endangered Species Subcommittee; the Hon. Secretary and Captain C. R. S. Pitman on the Countryside Assembly; the Hon. Secretary and Dr J. D. Lockie on the Mammals Committee (formerly the Working Party on Mammalian Predator Control); the Hon. Secretary and Lt-Col. C. L. Boyle on the International Council for Bird Preservation, British Section; Lt.-Col. Boyle on the

Oil Pollution Advisory Committee; Lord Medway on the Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland; Captain Pitman on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust; Major W. N. Scott on the Biological Council; Dr Robin Banerjee on the Assam Valley Wildlife Scheme and Mr Ian MacPhail as an observer on the Movement for Survival. During the year the Editor became the Society's representative on the Survival Service Commission of IUCN. In addition, Council members provide cross-representation on a further twenty-four bodies.

### Meetings of the Society

A full house of more than 250 members and friends attended the Annual General Meeting on June 13th, at which the Society was addressed by Lord Greenwood and the BBC films *The High Andes*, *Falls of Iguazu* and *Patagonia* were shown after an introduction by Jeffery Boswall. A wine and cheese supper was served, as at the other meetings during the year, each of which filled the Zoo Meeting Rooms to capacity. In March Anthony Smith spoke on the Matto Grosso, followed by *The Peace Game*, a film generously placed on permanent loan with the FPS film library by the South African Tourist Corporation. The October meeting, at which Philip Wayre and Richard Waller spoke about tigers and the wildlife of India and Philip Wayre showed his film, *Twilight of the Tiger*, proved so popular (with 150 members having to be turned away) that a repeat programme the following month, made possible through the kindness of the two speakers, almost filled the hall for a second time.

### Film Library

178 bookings were made in the year, a drop on last year probably explained by the superannuation of several well-used films, as the average number of showings—eight per film over the year—was the same as 1972. Three new films were purchased towards the end of the year: the BBC Horizon *Whales, Dolphins and Men*, the National Film Board of Canada's wolf film, *Death of a Legend*, and the National Film Board of South Africa's *Blesbok*.

### Christmas Cards

62,745 Christmas cards were sold, the highest number ever. For this we have to thank Ralph Thompson, for allowing us to use his delightful portrait of a tiger cub, and Denys Ounden for his picture of hedgehogs, which repeated the success of his badger two years ago. We are extremely grateful to both artists for their generosity.

### The Zoological Society of London

The Society is, as always, most grateful to the Zoological Society of London and its staff for providing our office accommodation and for all kindness and facilities offered during the year.

# The Auditors' Report

To: The Council and Members  
of the Fauna Preservation Society

## Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1973

We have completed the audit of the books and accounts of the Society for the year ended 31st December 1973 and report thereon as follows:

### Life Membership Fund

The balance standing to the credit of the Fund is now £11,777. This is after crediting £450 in respect of Life Membership Subscriptions received during the year and transferring £215 to the General Reserve Account which represents the value of subscriptions of those life members whose memberships ceased during the year.

### Film Purchases—Reserve Fund

A transfer from Income and Expenditure account of £364.99 was added to the opening balance £889.30 and from this total of £1,254.29 was deducted purchases of £383.63. The balance to be carried forward is £870.66.

### Endangered Species Fund

The balance at 1st January 1973 was	£711.74
to which has been added from Income and Expenditure Account	719.42
	<u>1,431.16</u>
Expenditure during the year was	291.63
leaving a balance to be carried forward	<u><u>£1,139.53</u></u>

### General Reserve Account

The balance on this fund at 1st January was	£20,305.55
to which has been added:	
Profit on sale of investment	743.11
Legacies	6,257.98
Fees of deceased life members	215.00
Re-invested income	1,602.49
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account	<u>237.24</u>
giving a balance at the year end of	<u><u>£29,361.37</u></u>

### Investments

The total investments at 31st December, 1973, at cost amounted to £38,227 and the market value at that date was £40,728, showing a net appreciation of £2,501.

### Surplus

The surplus of assets over liabilities at the end of the year amounted to £43,148.56 compared with £33,448.59 at the end of the previous year.

### Oryx 100% Fund

To the balance at 1st January 1973 of £5,146.98 has been added £3,697.30 transferred from Income and Expenditure Account and £7,380.02 from Donations and Interest, making a total of £16,224.30. Grants amounting to £9,351.12 have been made during the year, leaving a balance of £6,873.18.

25th March, 1974

NORTON KEEN & CO.  
Chartered Accountants

# ORYX 100% FUND

**Year ending 31st December, 1973**

	INCOME	<b>£ p</b>
Balance at 1st January 1973		5,146.98
Income for year—		
Donations	6,867.58	
Transfer from General Fund	3,697.30	
Loan interest	512.44	11,077.32
		<u>£16,224.30</u>
<b>GRANTS</b>		
Purchase of islands, Falkland Islands (Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves)		2,500.00
Operation Tiger (World Wildlife Fund)		607.00
Conservation Education in Costa Rica (Director, Costa Rica National Parks Service)		500.82
Manatee Study, Nigeria (Dr Sylvia Sikes)		500.57
Dugong Study, Kenya (R. B. Kater and A. G. Hillier)		500.00
Land Rover for Survey of Southern Darfur Province, Sudan (Lord Macpherson)		500.00
Mountain Gorilla Survey, Rwanda (Miss Dian Fossey)		406.00
Lake Nakuru, Kenya (WWF)		350.00
Re-introduction of Arabian Oryx into Jordan (Wayne Homan)		327.14
Arabian Oryx Bibliography (Frank Turkowski)		280.87
Rewards for informers on rhino poaching, Nepal (John Blower)		251.14
Birds of Prey Conservation Programme, Western Spain (Director, Biological Station of Donaña)		251.05
Trengganu Leathery Turtle Project, Malaysia (Director of Fisheries, Trengganu State)		250.57
SANCCOB Rescue Station, South Africa (South African National Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds)		250.07
Great Indian Rhino Study, Nepal (S. C. Michell)		250.00
Radio, Aberdare National Park, Kenya (East African Wild Life Society)		250.00
Binoculars for India (WWF Indian Appeal)		222.00
Study of Endangered Antelopes, Lebombos Mountains, Mozambique (Jose L. Tello)		200.57
Anti-poaching work, Mountain National Parks, Kenya (EAWLS)		175.00
Anti-poaching work, Tsavo East, Kenya (EAWLS)		175.00
Environment study, Skiathos Island, Greece (Environ- mental Survey—Greece)		102.00
Green Turtle replanting scheme, Sarawak (Curator, Sarawak Museum)		100.57
Giant Tortoise Feeding Behaviour Study, Galapagos (Cambridge and London Galapagos Expedition 1973)		100.00
BOU Mascarene Islands Expedition (British Ornithologists' Union)		100.00
Black Vulture Ecology Study, Majorca (Dr J. D. Lockie)		100.00
Production of Indian Lion Report (Paul Joslin)		94.00
Red Data Books to Czechoslovakia (Dr F. J. Turcek, Slovak Academy of Sciences)		6.75
		£9,351.12
Balance at 31st December 1973—Local Authority deposits		4,000.00
Balance at bank		2,873.18
		<u>£16,224.30</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

		<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
1972	£		£ p
668	<i>Sundry Creditors and Provisions</i>		2,793.04
	<i>Receipts in Advance</i>		
619	Subscriptions		738.53
134	Others		—
	<u>1,421</u>		<u>3,531.57</u>
	<i>Balance, being excess of assets over liabilities:</i>		
	<i>Life Membership Fund</i>		
	Balance at 1st January 1973	11,542.00	
	Add: Fees received during year	450.00	
		<u>11,992.00</u>	
	<i>Deduct: Transfer to General Reserve Account:</i>		
11,542	Fees of deceased Life Members	215.00	11,777.00
	<i>Film Purchases—Reserve Fund</i>		
	Balance at 1st January 1973	889.30	
	Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	364.99	
		<u>1,254.29</u>	
889	<i>Deduct: Purchases during year</i>	383.63	870.66
	<i>Endangered Species Fund</i>		
	Balance at 1st January 1973	711.74	
	Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	719.42	
		<u>1,431.16</u>	
712	<i>Deduct: Expenditure during year</i>	291.63	1,139.53
	<i>General Reserve Fund</i>		
	Balance at 1st January 1973	20,305.55	
	Add: Profit on sale of investment	743.11	
	Legacies received during year	6,257.98	
	Transfer from Life Membership Fund	215.00	
	Re-invested income on Hume Holdings Ltd.	1,602.49	
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	<u>237.24</u>	<u>29,361.37</u>
20,306			<u>£46,680.13</u>
<u>34,870</u>			

## —31st DECEMBER, 1973

1972 £	ASSETS	£	p	£	p
	<i>Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance</i>				
2,094	309 Income tax recoverable on investments	242.11			
1,785	Other	2,929.20		3,171.31	
	<i>Stocks in Hand</i>				
1,383	(at or under cost)			1,405.00	
	<i>Office Furniture and Fixtures</i> (not valued)				
	<i>Investments</i> (at cost)				
	907 Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Co. Ltd. 25p ordinary shares	1,788.25			
	400 Metal Box Co. Ltd. £1 ordinary shares	850.00			
	1,125 Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. 5p ordinary shares	962.45			
	£10,000 Hume Holdings Ltd. Loan	10,000.00			
	525 Thorn Electrical Industries Ordinary 25p shares	2,233.90			
	3,045 United Biscuit (Holdings) Ordinary 25p shares	2,263.46			
	£4,136.00 Greater London 9¼% Stock 1980	4,120.22			
	£3,412.37 Greater London 7¼% Stock 1977	3,274.94			
	1,050 Viking Resources Trust Ltd. 25p shares	1,299.68			
	1,400 General Electric Co. Ltd. 25p shares	1,990.43			
	1,736 Standard Bank Ltd. £1 ordinary shares	2,635.50			
30,340	Deposits with local authorities	6,808.18		38,227.01	
	<i>Balance at bank and cash in hand</i>				
1,053	General account			3,876.81	
<u>34,870</u>				<u>£46,680.13</u>	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account, and the Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Oryx 100% Fund, with the books and accounts of the Society and with the information and explanations supplied and certify them to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the bank balance and the investments of various funds.

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25th March, 1974

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### GENERAL PURPOSES

1972	EXPENDITURE	£ p	£ p
£			
5,323	Salaries—Office Manager and secretarial staff		4,385.29
300	Editor's honorarium	300.00	
376	Editor's expenses	151.96	451.96
	Hon. Secretary's overseas expenses including		
673	Survival Service Commission of IUCN		768.79
215	Hon. Secretary's local travelling		236.09
2,125	Production of Journal	3,780.36	
475	Postage for Journal	617.14	4,397.50
	Rent of offices—		
	Regent's Park	250.00	
—	Less: Donation from Zoological Society	250.00	—
521	Office and miscellaneous expenses		615.78
701	Stationery		490.40
359	Telephone		356.10
92	Advertising		120.00
577	Postage		734.16
38	Films—insurance		37.90
120	Accountancy and audit		120.00
45	Income tax—accountancy charges (including prior years)		105.00
305	Grants and subscriptions to other bodies		389.82
2,632	Transfer to 100% Fund		3,697.30
1,000	Transfer to Endangered Species Fund		719.42
38	Office furniture and fittings		—
16	Conference expenses		—
	Balance—excess of income over expenditure carried to Balance Sheet		237.24
680			237.24
<u>16,611</u>			<u>£17,862.75</u>



## for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1973

## ACCOUNT

1972			INCOME	
£	£		£ p	£ p
		Subscriptions—		
	8,457	Current	8,740.90	
9,473	<u>1,016</u>	Tax recovered on Covenants 1972/73	<u>1,046.77</u>	9,787.67
4,381		Donations		4,398.71
1,238		Interest on Investments (Gross)		1,316.47
778		Journals—sales and advertisements		777.56
	1,615	Christmas Cards—sales	2,500.00	
		Less: Cost of production and post- age	<u>1,297.60</u>	1,202.40
422	<u>1,193</u>	Sundry sales—net		379.94
319		Films—handling charges—net income	364.99	
		Less: Transferred to Film		
		Purchases Reserve Fund	<u>364.99</u>	—

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