

## Reports and Journals

A report published by the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) calls for voluntary phasing out of lead weights by anglers within five years and recommends reviewing the situation in 1984 to see if further measures need taking. The report is the work of the NCC's Working Group on Swans, set up in 1979 following public concern over mute swan deaths. It concludes that large numbers of swans are dying of lead poisoning from ingesting lead; an estimated 250 tons of lead shot ends up in our waterways each year – an equivalent of two pieces of shot per foot of lowland rivers and canals. *Lead Poisoning in Swans* is available from NCC, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury SY4 4TW, £2.25 including postage.

*Indian Trade in Reptile Skins* by Tim Inskipp, *International Trade in Ornamental Shells* and *International Trade in Corals*, both by Sue Wells, compiler of the Invertebrate Red Data Book, are available from Wildlife Trade Monitoring Unit, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, UK. Donations towards reproduction and mailing costs appreciated.

*Conserving Africa's Natural Heritage*, the Proceedings of the 17th Meeting of IUCN's Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas, held at Garoua, Cameroon, in November 1980, contains papers on monitoring protected areas of tropical Africa, training for wildlife management, legislation, and areas in Africa for consideration as possible World Heritage Sites. Available from the Executive Officer, CNPPA/IUCN, Av. du Mont Blanc, CH-1196 Gland, Switzerland. Price US\$15.00 including surface postage.

*Regional Ecosystems Survey of the South Pacific Area* is an important comprehensive survey by Arthur L. Dahl, Regional Economic Adviser of the South Pacific Commission, of the different kinds of biome, their conservation, any rare or endemic species, conservation legislation, and national parks or other protected areas in the whole South Pacific region, which extends from New Guinea in the west to Pitcairn in the east and from the Marianas in the north (actually well north of the Equator) to Lord Howe, Norfolk and Kermadec islands in the south. It is published as Technical Paper, no. 179, by the South Pacific Commission (Noumea, New Caledonia), jointly with IUCN.

*Wildlife Conservation and Recreation* is a report on the management problems facing the voluntary conservation bodies, discussed at the spring 1980 meeting of the Recreation Ecology Research Group. Edited by Alan Fishwick, it includes contributions from Eric Duffey, A.E. Smith, Frank Perring, Max Hooper, Jim Hemsley and Stephen Warburton. Subjects discussed include the Somerset Trust's involvement in the Mendips, nature reserves in the Yorkshire coalfield, and the impact of woodland management on wild daffodil populations.

*International Trade in Plants: Focus on US Exports and Imports* analyses the plant trade data from other countries based on their CITES annual reports and gives examples of how the trade can severely reduce local wild populations. It also summarizes US legislation relating to the plant trade and describes how and where plants are brought in. Each year approximately 165 million plants are imported, 10 per cent of them listed by CITES, and 279,000 CITES-listed plants are exported. The 125-page report is available from TRAFFIC (USA), 1601 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009. \$9.50 (Cheques payable to WWF).