

is creating a new nature park covering both the Camargue proper, with the existing nature reserve, and the Petite Camargue to the west.

Harmless Chemical for Elm Disease

To protect elm trees in Milwaukee, in the USA, against Dutch elm disease a new chemical TCPA has been tried instead of DDT which is so damaging to wildlife. TCPA has no effect on wildlife, not even on the beetle that carries the disease. Injected into 34,000 elm trees in the first trial, it gave near perfect protection by strengthening the tree's ability to resist the disease. Further trials are being made.

What Badgers Eat in Ireland

An investigation by J. S. Fairley shows that badgers in Cos. Down and Antrim eat mainly earthworms, bark, grass, beetles and other insects, birds, and rabbits, confirming what is known about the badger's food in other parts of the British Isles.

Wildlife Department in Ghana

The Ghana Government has created a Department of Game and Wildlife within the Ministry of Forestry to step up wildlife conservation.

ORANG UTANS CONFISCATED IN BORNEO

LAST December the Governor of Hong Kong issued an Order making it an offence to possess, buy, sell, export, or offer for sale or export orang utans without a permit. Penalties for breaking the Order included a fine of up to \$500. This came shortly after the FPS and other conservation bodies had protested to the Governor at the export last September of two young orang utans from Hong Kong to Holland. The Order effectively closed Hong Kong as an outlet for smuggled orang utans, and, as the authorities in Bangkok and Singapore, two other major outlets, were keeping a close watch for smuggling, it was difficult to get orang utans out of Borneo, and about fifty accumulated in the port of Samarinda on the south-east coast.

The Zoological Society of Frankfurt requested the Governor of East Borneo to take action, but received no reply; however, Mr. Made I. Taman, Head of Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management in the Indonesia Directorate of Forestry, on being approached, wrote to the Chief of Police, who gave instructions that all protected animals were to be seized and if necessary released. The police seized fifteen orang utans in Samarinda, and were still searching for others, and a broadcast announcement warned people that the shooting or catching of protected animals would be severely punished.

The only hope of stopping this abominable trade in one of the world's rarest species is to stop up the outlets, and especially by persuading all zoos to refuse any orang utan captured in the wild. It is notable that the pair that were smuggled through Hong Kong to Holland last September were flown out with a health certificate and an export licence for monkeys. As a result of this case the Governor gave instructions that applications for licences must be more carefully scrutinised, and more details supplied with applications for health certificates. The FPS is assured by the Commonwealth Office that the Hong Kong Order is only an initial measure, and that more comprehensive legislation against trading in orang utans is being considered.