

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1962

*Presented by the Council to the Annual General Meeting,
30th April, 1963*

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

Survival Service Commission, IUCN—The work of the Commission continued to be integrated with that of the Society. The Secretary, as Chairman of the Survival Service Commission, attended two meetings of the IUCN Executive Board at Morges, Switzerland.

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

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

World Wildlife Fund.—The Society acted as adviser to the Fund upon the allotment of money for conservation projects. The Marquess of Willingdon, President of the Society, remained a Trustee of the Fund's British National Appeal.

Council wishes to express the Society's gratitude to the Fund for financial support to "Operation Oryx".

Membership.—During 1962 the Society's membership rose by 175 to 2,307 members.

Accounts.—Members will note that there was an excess of expenditure over income of £1,445 in the General Purposes Account, but an increase of £67 in the General Reserve Fund.

"Operation Oryx."—The Society's most important conservation activity during the year was "Operation Oryx", reported fully, with detailed acknowledgments, in *Oryx*, VI, 6, December, 1962. Three Arabian Oryx were captured in the Aden Protectorate and moved to temporary quarters in Kenya.

A Committee of Council was then appointed to recommend the best permanent destination for these oryx with a view to raising a breeding herd in captivity, and thus prevent the extermination of this endangered species. The Committee's recommendation, which involved the move of these three oryx to Arizona, U.S.A., was received after the period covered by this report.

Movement of Rhinoceroses.—The Society contributed £250 towards the movement of eight white rhinoceroses from Natal, where they were increasing beyond the capacity of their reserve, to Matopos National Park and Kyle Game Reserve in Southern Rhodesia.

Publications.—The usual three issues of *Oryx* were published.

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

Acknowledgments.—The Society is most grateful to the Zoological Society of London for the unstinted help given by that Society's staff throughout the year. Council wishes especially to express its gratitude for three fine rooms which the Zoological Society has so generously put at its disposal as new offices. Telephone: JUNiper 0872.