

## Oryx 100% Fund

The latest grants from the Society's ORYX 100% Fund are:

- £500** to Roger W. Foote, of the US Peace Corps, for the study of crocodilians and river turtles in the Colombian Amazon—all of which are over-exploited and several highly endangered—in order to provide the essential information for management;
- £300** to Miss Susan Fogden, of Stirling University, for a study of the group structure and social behaviour of the common seal *Phoca vitulina* on the west coast of Scotland. With the coming of the oil and possibly other industry to the west coast management of the seal populations (which are sedentary) will be vitally important and much more needs to be known about them;
- £300** to M. A. D. Donnithorne-Tait, of Cambridge, to study the status and range of the Kashmir stag (the hangul) now reduced to fewer than 1000 animals;
- £250** to Stephen P. Zilberman to study the distribution of species (mainly mammals and birds) in the Manu National Park in Peru, to ensure that future tourist development (an important economic incentive to the government) is well planned.

In addition £250 was voted to the Wildlife and Nature Protection Society of Ceylon from the FPS Film Purchase Fund. This is to enable the Ceylon Society to buy films for an educational campaign designed to show the dangers and environmental damage of excessive forest destruction.

### All Gifts are Doubled

There are other applicants for grants for equally worthwhile projects in the pipeline. The 100% Fund needs money. Please send gifts to the Hon. Secretary. Whatever you send (up to £5000) will be doubled by the Society. Moreover all your money goes for the wild-life projects; the society pays all costs. Please help now.

### Dugongs in Kenya

The dugong population on the Kenya coast, which 30 or 40 years ago was 'very large'—has decreased steadily over the last 20 years. Dugongs are now almost entirely restricted to the Lamu archipelago and the Kipini area, according to R. B. Kater and A. G. Hillier, reporting on their survey last year, which was partly financed by the Oryx 100% Fund. The reason appears to be solely hunting for meat on a commercial scale.

The dugong is protected and numbers are now too few for any regular trade, but nothing could be easier than for local fishermen, catching one of these night-feeding animals, to butcher it in their boat under cover of darkness and take the meat ashore hidden in their fish catch. The dugongs are extremely shy and very wary of boats, making it very difficult to estimate numbers—the authors give a tentative figure of 200. During the day the animals retreat out to sea, only coming inshore to feed in the shallows after dark. As in



**LAND ROVER FOR SUDAN.** Mahmoud Abu Sineina, Director of the Sudan Wildlife Department (*right*) with the Land Rover presented by WWF and the FPS ORYX 100% Fund for a survey of Sudan's Southern Darfur province. This 6000-sq-km. area is rich in wildlife and it is hoped the Sudan Government will establish a game reserve. On the left is Lord Macpherson, who helped to initiate the project, and in the centre Sandy Field, who will make the survey.

other parts of the world the modern nylon fishing nets are death to any dugongs that get caught.

The authors' recommendations for protecting the Kenya dugongs are the establishment of a marine national park north of Lamu, a ban on the setting of fishing nets in the main dugong feeding and access areas, and increased supervision of fishing boats, and these are being taken up with the Kenya authorities.

### Gifts to the Society

The following are among the donations received by the Society up to April 1st this year. Many smaller sums have also been received, and for all of these we are extremely grateful.

Anon	£2000
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Mrs. E. L. M. Barbour Paton	£500
Eric de Rothschild	£200

A life member, the late Dr Allen B. Bratton DSO MC had requested that donations should be sent to the FPS instead of flowers at his funeral. This resulted in 24 gifts amounting to £67.80.

### For ORYX 100% Fund

Bruce F. Wolfe of California, sent \$500 to the ORYX 100% Fund for Stella Brewer's project to rehabilitate confiscated chimpanzees in Senegal—see *Oryx*, Feb 1974, page 308.



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