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coincide with a designated Biosphere Reserve, inundate 15 hectares of rainforest, and result in the destruction of an additional 20 hectares. The proposed construction of the dam is incompatible with National Park goals: to afford an aesthetic experience while protecting natural ecosystems. Construction of the dam would also establish a precedent which contradicts existing conservation policy.

4. Whereas the Grenada Dove (*Leptotila wellsi*) is recognized as an endangered species; whereas the Grenada Dove is endemic to the island of Grenada; whereas the Grenada Dove was named the National Bird of Grenada by the Government of Grenada; and whereas the Grenada Dove population has drastically declined since 1987.

Therefore be it resolved that the Society of Caribbean Ornithology:

- a. Encourages efforts to protect the Grenada Dove and its habitat;
- b. Urges the Government of Grenada to protect the remaining habitat of this species, particularly the wooded hillsides of the Mount Hartman estate;
- c. Encourages conservation education, public outreach, and continued research and management of the Grenada

Dove; and

- d. Is willing to offer technical assistance to work with the Government of Grenada on these items to whatever extent is possible.

5. Recognizing that the northeastern coast of St. Lucia, extending from the Marquis in the north to Dennery Knob in the south, contains an exceptionally high diversity of native flora and fauna; and recognizing that the last remaining populations of several species of birds now rare in St. Lucia (e.g., White-breasted Thrasher, *Ramphocinclus brachyurus*; St. Lucia Nightjar, *Caprimulgus otiosus*; St. Lucia House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*; and the Forest Thrush, *Cichlheminia lherminieri*) are now restricted to this area; be it resolved that the Society of Caribbean Ornithology fully supports the Grand Anse Advisory Committee in the establishment of the Grande Anse Estate as a National Park, to conserve these vital habitats and the viability of the unique species associated with them.

To submit resolutions for the next annual meeting please contact the chairman of the resolutions committee: Mr. Ernesto Garcia, Wildlife Biologist, Caribbean National Forest, USDA Forest Service, P. O. Box B, Palmer, Puerto Rico 00721.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Puerto Rican Ornithological Society has been activated. The Board of Directors consists of young and talented persons, including Carlos Rufz (President), and Marelisa Rivera (Vice-president). For information, contact Raúl A. Pérez-Rivera, Colegio Universitario de Humacao, Estación Postal 428, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Humacao, PR 00633.

A formal Trinidad and Tobago Rare Bird Committee has been formed. The charter members are Dr. Floyd Hayes (Secretary), Richard French, Ian Lambie, William L. Murphy, Victor Quesnal, and Graham White. For more information

contact The Secretary, Department of Biology, Caribbean Union College, P. O. Box 175, Port of Spain, Trinidad, WI. Tel.: 809-662-2241/2(w); 645-6223(h); Fax: 809-662-1197; e-mail: cuc1844@aol.com

The second edition of William Murphy's, *Birder's Guide to Trinidad and Tobago*, is just about ready to go to press. This new edition will have spiral metal binding that allows it to lie flat, yet will have a cover that provides a spine on the bookshelf.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

27-31 March 1996 - Cooper Ornithological Society, Bahia Hotel, San Diego, California. (Barbara Kus or Abby Powell, Department of Biology, San Diego State University, San Diego, California 92182, U.S.A.; Telephone: 619-594-4357/594-1685; Fax: 619-594-5676/594-2035; bkus@sunstroke.sdsu.edu/apowell@perl.sdsu.edu).

31 March-5 April 1996 - VI International Symposium on Avian Endocrinology, Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. (Dr. Robert J. Etches, Department of Animal and

Poultry Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1; Telephone: 519-824-4120; retches@aps.uroguelph.ca).

11-14 April 1996 - Wilson Ornithological Society, Grand Hotel, Cape May, New Jersey. (Pete Dunne, local chair).

19-22 May 1996 - Annual Meeting of the Association of Systematics Collections, Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland. (Amy Y. Rossman; Telephone: 301-

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504-5364; Fax: 301-504-5810).

3-7 June 1996 – **Society of Avian Paleontology and Evolution**, Washington, D.C. [Storrs Olson, NHB MRC 116 (Birds), Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560, U.S.A.; Telephone: 202-357-2031; Fax: 202-786-2328].

2-7 August 1996 – **Society of Caribbean Ornithology**, Nassau, Bahama Islands. (Jim Wiley, 2201 Ashland St., Ruston, Louisiana 71270, U.S.A.; Telephone: 318-274-2499; Fax: 318-274-3870).

13-17 August 1996 – **American Ornithologists' Union**, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho. (Peter Lowther, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60605, U.S.A.; lowther@fmnh.org).

20-24 August 1996 – **2nd International Symposium and World Congress on the Preservation and Conservation of Natural Science Collections**, St. Johns College, Cambridge, United Kingdom. (Chris Collins, Natural Sciences Congress

'96, Geological Conservation Unit, Department of Earth Sciences, Downing St., Cambridge, CB2 3EQ, United Kingdom; Telephone: 0223-62522; Fax: 0223-60779).

29 September - 4 October 1996 – **6th International Behavioral Ecology Congress**, Australian National University, ACT, Australia. [Andrew Cockburn, Botany and Zoology, Australian National University, ACT, 0200, Australia; e-mail: isbe6@anu.edu.au].

2-5 October 1996 – **2nd Raptor Research Foundation International Conference on Raptors**, University of Urbino, Urbino, Italy. (Dr. Massimo Pandolfi, Istituto di Scienze Morfologiche, Via Oddi 21, 61029 Urbino, Italy; Telephone: 39-722-328033; Fax: 39-722-329655).

16-22 August 1998 - **XXII International Ornithological Congress**, Durban, South Africa. (Dr. Aldo Berruti, Department of Ornithology, Durban Natural Science Museum, Durban, South Africa; Fax: 27-31-262-6114; berruti@superbowl.und.ac.za).

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to bring to your attention, and to ask for your assistance on a project currently being undertaken by the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo. The West Indian Conservation Project has been established to provide a database for ongoing initiatives promoting the conservation of endangered animals throughout the West Indies, with which Bermuda is both historically and biotically linked. The ultimate goal is to provide a directory of the work being conducted both by individuals and by organisations which will serve as a reference, enabling conservationists and funders to recognise and prioritise threatened species and direct attention and/or funding to areas where it is most needed.

With this aim we are mailing a questionnaire to conservationists, researchers, funding agencies and local government agencies active in such projects in the region. The information obtained from this questionnaire will then be used to produce the directory, a copy of which will be sent out to all respondents. If you are interested in participating in this programme, we would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed questionnaire. We are trying to encourage as

many respondents as possible, so if you know of any other appropriate target individuals or agencies please supply a contact name and address. Finally, if you are aware of any other efforts to establish a similar database, please let us know as we would be keen to promote a collaborative programme.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Questionnaire forms are at the end of this issue of *El Pitirre*