

## INVASIVE SPECIES CONFERENCE PROPOSED

The Invasive Species Specialist Group proposes to hold a conference on island restoration. Papers presented and discussion sessions will be strictly limited to: "Methods of eradicating invasive species from islands and the results achieved." The term 'eradicating' may include work to remove invasive species where completion of eradication is some or many years away but the methods used to date are achieving positive results or providing a significant learning experience.

It is proposed that this conference be held at the University of Auckland from noon on a Monday to noon on a Friday with all of the Wednesday devoted to one or more field trips. This provides time for presentation of more than 40 papers or a combination of papers and discussion sessions. There will be space for poster papers. All presented papers, and others if authors are willing, will be published.

Possible dates for this conference are: late November 1999, early July 2000, February 2001.

The February 2001 date would complement a Victoria University of Wellington proposal for a conference focused on island biology generally with

research and restoration as major themes.

If you are interested in this ISSG conference would you please advise me (by email to me, not the Aliens List) on:

1. If you would like to attend and your preferred date.
2. If you would present a paper and a possible short title.
3. Any other suggestions for such a conference.

If I do not get enough enthusiastic response the idea may be scrapped!

Regards,

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### OPPORTUNITIES

#### SMALL GRANTS FROM THE WORLD NATURE ASSOCIATION

The World Nature Association provides small grants for either conservation-related field research or conservation and education projects. You need not be affiliated with an institution or organization to apply. No award will exceed US\$2000 and we are interested in applications for smaller amounts. General criteria for funding are the following: (1) The project location should be outside of the USA; (2) there should be involvement of local people; (3) conservation education, sustainable development (if applicable) and conservation research should be stressed; (4) preference will be given to start-up projects rather than those already receiving funds from larger organizations; (5) applied research projects are preferred to basic research projects; (6) grants cannot cover education costs (tuition, books) nor proposals that request only travel money. Deadlines for proposals are March 1 and October 1 of each

year. To obtain application forms, and further information on projects funded by the WNA contact: World Nature Association, PO Box 673, Silver Spring, MD 20918-0673, USA, Fax: (301) 593-2522.

#### PEQUEÑAS SUBVENCIONES DE LA WORLD NATURE ASSOCIATION

La World Nature Association otorga pequeñas subvenciones para investigación de campo relacionada con la conservación o con proyectos de educación para la conservación. No se necesita estar afiliado a una institución u organización para postular. Las subvenciones no superan los US\$2000 y estamos interesados en propuestas por cantidades menores. Los criterios generales para la selección de proyectos son los siguientes: (1) El proyecto debe tener lugar fuera de los EEUU; (2) la gente local debe estar involucrada; (3) las propuestas deben poner énfasis en: educación para la conservación, desarrollo sustentable (si procede) o investigación para la conservación; (4) se dará preferencia a proyectos