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Froglog: Newsletter of the Declining Amphibian Populations Task Force (59,60)


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Volume 13, number 2, contains — Citizens Saving Turtles: Turtle S.H.E.L.L. Tortue: Helping turtles across the road (Bill Bower) — Lily pads & cattails: Adopt-a-pond updates (Sara Ingwersen) — Kawartha turtle trauma centre: 2003 update (Kristy Hiltz) — Ribbet’s Review (Alison Ronson) — Setting up turtle crossing signs in your community: A step by step guide from the members of the community environment network in Bancroft (Daniel Boileau) — Call’um of the wild: Rescuing turtles in war-torn Bosnia (Wes von Papeau) — Life as a ‘turtler’ at Algonquin Park’s wildlife research station (Sara Boivin-Chabot, Jenny Kellar and Phung Tran) — A turtle-ific quiz.

Amphibian Voice is distributed to schools and communities participating in the Adopt-A-Pond programme. The newsletter’s purpose is to provide information of amphibian, turtle, and wetland conservation issues and efforts in Ontario. It is edited by Sara Ingwersen and Bob Johnson. Adopt-A-Pond is a non-profit wetland education program supported by grants and private donations. Cheques for the latter should be made payable to “Toronto Zoo” and sent to Adopt-A-Pond, Toronto Zoo, 361A Old Finch Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1B 5K7; Fax (416) 392-4979; aap@torontozoo.ca.
Marine Turtle Newsletter (102)

October 2003. 32 pages: EDITORIAL: Changes at the MTN — ARTICLES: satellite tracking of the post-nesting migration of a Green Turtle (Chelonia mydas) from Hong Kong — First report of an association between Planes cyaneus (Decapoda: Grapsidae) and the Loggerhead Sea Turtles in the southwestern Atlantic Ocean — Hawksbill Turtles in seagrass beds — Loggerhead nesting effort and conservation initiatives at monitored beaches of Greece during 2002 — NOTES: Loggerhead Sea Turtle tagged in Brazil caught by a trawler in waters of the common Argentinian-Uruguayan fishing area — MEETING REPORTS — BOOK REVIEWS — ANNOUNCEMENTS — NEWS & LEGAL BRIEFS — RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

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Recovery Strategy for Bowhead Whales in Canadian Eastern Arctic

In 1980 the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) listed the population of Bowhead Whales (Balaena mysticetus) in the Canadian Eastern Arctic as Endangered. For the past several years, the Department of Fisheries & Oceans has worked in collaboration with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the World Wildlife Fund to develop a Conservation Strategy aimed at promoting the recovery of this population of whales. The Strategy is now posted in English, French and Inuktitut on Environment Canada’s Species At Risk web site and a PDF file version can be ordered from there: www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/publications/plans/default_e.cfm

Bound hardcopy and CD versions of the Conservation Strategy will be available. Paper copies will be printed in English/Inuktitut and English/French; the CD will contain English, French, and Inuktitut versions. Can be ordered by mail from Holly Cleator, Marine Mammal Species At Risk Biologist, Arctic Research Division, Freshwater Institute, 501 University Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N6 Canada; or e-mail fwisan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

National Recovery Strategy for Species at Risk in the Sydenham River: An Ecosystem Approach

This is National Recovery Plan Number 25, dated 23 October 2003, 72 pages. It was prepared by A. J. Dextrase, S. K. Staton, and J. L. Metcalfe-Smith on behalf of the Sydenham River Ecosystem Recovery Team. The two main branches of the Sydenham River drain into Lake St. Clair through the Caroilinian Zone in southwestern Ontario. They support at least 34 species of mussels and 80 species of fish. Five of the mussels, eight of the fishes and one turtle have been listed nationally by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Summaries are given for all 14 of these species, some of which are found nowhere else in Canada. The Sydenham watershed is of judged to be of global significance to their conservation. Other sections discuss recovery goal, short-term objectives, overall strategies/approaches to recovery (management, stewardship, research, monitoring, community awareness and outreach, recovery and survival habitat, actions already completed or under way, knowledge gaps, links to existing management plans, recovery action groups and plans, potential impacts of recovery strategy on other species/ecological processes, and evaluation.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Recovery Team Chair, was Alan Dextrase, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, 300 Water Street, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 0M5 Canada. Copies of this report are available from Recovery Secretariat c/o Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3 Canada. E-mail RENEW@ec.gc.ca. See also Recovery web site: www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/recovery/default_e.cfm.

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“This is the final issue of Recovery. The Canadian Wildlife Service will continue to offer information on recovery activities in other formats.”