

News and Comment

Marine Turtle Newsletter (110)

October 2005. 26 pages: GUEST EDITORIAL: Wild and head-started Kemp's Ridley nesters, eggs, hatchlings, nesting beaches and adjoining nearshore waters in Texas should receive greater protection — ARTICLES: Strandings of Green Turtles along the Saurashtra coast, Gujarat, India — First sea turtle tagging programme in Iran — NOTES: Observations of Green Turtles in the Lakshadweep Islands, west coast of India — Gladiatorial attack on a turtle — Length-width and length-weight relationships of *Caretta caretta* from Italy, Mediterranean Sea — Tanzania turtle & dugong conservation programme — meeting reports — MTSG UPDATE — BOOK

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Saving the Wild: RENEW 2005

This glossy colour 20-page booklet is published by RENEW (REcovery of Nationally Endangered Wildlife) through the Canadian Endangered Species Conservation Council is subtitled: An opportunity to Participate in Species Recovery in Canada. Contents: Letter from the Canadian Wildlife Directors — An introduction to the recovery of wild species in Canada — Everyone can contribute to saving the wild — How recovery works in Canada — Support is crucial in getting the job done — Recovery successes — Get involved with saving the wild. Visit website www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca.

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It should be noted that the transforming frog (top centre among the eight photographs on the cover) although identified on the inside front cover as "Northern Cricket Frog (Endangered)", appears to lack Cricket Frog characteristic markings and pointed snout but shows more resemblance in head shape to a *Rana*, and may instead be a common Green Frog *R. clamitans*.

Canadian Species at Risk August 2005

Issued by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), the list is 64 pages containing: ABOUT COSEWIC: mandate, membership, definitions — SUMMARY TABLES: 500 species designated in the categories Extinct (13), Extirpated (22), Endangered (184), Threatened (129) and Special Concern (152). In addition, 187 species have been considered but found to be "Not at Risk" (148), or "Data Deficient" (39) (Tables 1-3) — Results of May 2005 COSEWIC meeting (Tables 4-5) — Explanation of status change symbols for reassessed species — COSEWIC ASSESSMENT RESULTS — Table 6: Species assessed and

designated Extinct — Table 7: Species placed in a "risk category" — Table 8, Species assessed and assigned to the "Not at Risk" category — Table 9. Species considered and placed in the Data Deficient category — Record of Status Re-examinations — Record of Name Changes — Names previously used by COSEWIC and synonyms.

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