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25 pages: ARTICLES: Marine turtles in Mozambique: Towards an effective conservation and management program (A. Costa, H. Motta, M. A. M. Pereira, E. J. S. Videira, C. M. M. Louro, and J. Joao) — Predation on the zoanthid *Palythoa caribaeorum* (Anthozoa, Cnidaria) by a Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) in southeastern Brazil (S. N. Stamppar, P. F. da Sola, and O. J. Luiz Jr.) — Rat eradication as part of a Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) conservation program in an urban area in Cebedelo, Paraíba State, Brazil (D. Zeppelini, R. Mascarenhas, and G. G. Meier) — Morphodynamics of an Olive Ridley nesting beach in the Baja Peninsula (V. M. Gomez-Munoz, and L. Godínez-Orta) — NOTES: First records of Olive Ridley Turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) in Seychelles (S. Remie and J. A. Mortimer) — Sexual harassment by a male Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) (B. W. Bowen) — Inci-

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Newsletter of the Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Network/ Réseau Canadien de Conservation des Amphibiens et Reptiles

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Alliance of Natural History Museums of Canada Annual Meeting and Awards

On 24 and 25 September 2007 the Alliance of Natural History Museums held its annual meeting in Ottawa. The ANNHMC is a network of Natural History Museums created in 2003 to enhance collaborative work in the areas of research, collections development, and education about the natural environment. The 12 founding members (from west to east) are the Royal British Columbia Museum, Royal Alberta Museum, Royal Tyrell Museum of Palaeontology, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Manitoba Museum, Canadian Museum of Nature, Montreal's Nature Museums (Biodome, Insectarium, Botanical Gardens and Planetarium), New Brunswick Museum, Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, and the Rooms, Newfoundland and Labrador. The Royal Ontario Museum joined in the summer of 2007.

"By sharing knowledge and resources among member museums, we can improve our efforts in opening up the world of Canada's rich natural history to Canadians and educating them about important environmental issues" explained Johanne Landry, President of the ANHMC and Director of the Insect-

arium (part of Montreal Nature Museums). We have a strategic plan in place and have completed a survey of our combined collections. This meeting was an important opportunity for our representatives coast to coast to come together and identify our next steps." Together, the member museums safeguard more than 19 million catalogued specimens of plants, animals, minerals and fossils collected over 150 years that are the record of Canada's natural history through time.

At a reception 25 September on Parliament Hill in Ottawa the Alliance welcomed the Royal Ontario Museum as a new member and presented a new award, the Gold Leaf Award for significant contribution to the study of natural history in Canada to Dr. Francis R. Cook, researcher emeritus at the Canadian Museum of Nature and editor of the *Canadian Field-Naturalist*, and posthumously to the late Dr. Bruce Naylor, former director of the Royal Tyrell Museum of Paleontology and founding ANHMC president. The award has been renamed for Dr. Naylor.