

den, daß es PRITCHARD versteht, in einer geradezu leidenschaftlichen Art und Weise den Leser mit den Problemen des Schutzes und der Diversität der Galápagos-Schildkröten vertraut zu machen und sich damit nicht primär an den wissenschaftlich arbeitenden Spezialisten wendet, sondern einem großen Leserkreis öffnen will. So bildet die vorliegende Monographie einen gelungenen Auftakt (mit kleinen Schönheitsfehlern) zu einer hoffentlich erfolgreichen Serie. Der Band vermittelt eine auf dem letzten Stand stehende, geschlossene Darstellung einer nahezu ausgerotteten Tiergruppe und sei nicht nur Herpetologen, sondern auch jedem Zoologen und vor allem auch jedem angehenden Galápagos-Touristen zur Lektüre wärmstens empfohlen.

LITERATUR

- CRUMLY, CH. R. (1997): The Galápagos Tortoises: Nomenclatural and survival status.- *Herpetol. Rev.*; 28 (3): 167.
- PAULER, I. (1997): The Galápagos Tortoises. Nomenclatural and survival status.- *Elaphe* 5(3): 69.
- PRITCHARD, P. C. H. (1967): *Living Turtles of the World*; Neptune, New Jersey (TFH Publ. Inc), 288 pp.
- PRITCHARD, P. C. H. (1979): *Encyclopedia of turtles*; Neptune, New Jersey (TFH Publ. Inc), 895 pp.
- PRITCHARD, P. C. H. (1989): *The Alligator Snapping Turtle. Biology and conservation*; Milwaukee (Milwaukee Public Museum), XI + 104 pp.
- PRITCHARD, P. C. H. & TREBBAU, P. (1984): *The turtles of Venezuela*. In: ADLER, K. (Hrsg.): *Contributions to Herpetology*, number 2; Ithaca, N. Y. (SSAR - Society for the study of amphibians and reptiles), VIII + 403 pp., 47 Taf., 16 Karten.

R. GEMEL (Wien)

The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece (STPS) announces opportunities for volunteer work

A From mid-May to mid-October on the main sea turtle nesting beaches of Greece (Zákynthos, Crete and Peloponnesus) during the 1998 nesting season. Volunteers are involved in both field work and public awareness. Field work includes counting of tracks and nests, protecting nests, tagging turtles and excavating hatched nests. Public awareness is aimed at informing tourists and is carried out mainly through information stations, slide shows in hotels and on-site interpretation. Volunteers stay on designated free camp sites with very basic sanitary and cooking facilities. Volunteers are trained and supervised by experienced project members.

B Throughout the year at the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre in Glyfada, a suburb of Athens. Volunteers will be mainly involved with daily treatment of injured turtles, maintenance, construction works and informing

visitors. Accommodation is provided at the Centre.

Candidates for both projects must be over 18 years of age, able to communicate in English and prepared to participate in a very demanding work. Travel costs, food and other expenses are covered by the volunteers. Minimum participation: 4 weeks.

For further information and application forms write to: Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece (STPS), 35 Solomou st., GR-10682 Athens, Greece. Tel/Fax: + 30-1-3844146. E-mail: stps@compulink.gr

GEORGIOS POLOGEORGIS
STPS Volunteer Section Chair, member of European Environmental Bureau (EEB), European Union for Coastal Conservation (EUCC), World Conservation Union (IUCN).

Contemporary Herpetology, a new electronic journal

On January 1, 1998, *Contemporary Herpetology* (CH), a peer-reviewed electronic journal devoted to herpetology (URL: <http://vmsweb.selu.edu/~pcsd4805/>), will go on-line with the following articles:

* A key to the anuran larvae of the United States and Canada (RONALD ALTIG and ROY W. MCDIARMID).

* Taxonomic status of the Wyoming toad (HOBART M. SMITH, DAVID CHISZAR, and JOSEPH T. COLLINS).

We are currently soliciting papers, which can be submitted to the managing editor TRAVIS TAGGART (taggart@selu.edu) via e-mail. CH will publish articles covering all aspects of herpetology, including ecology, ethology, systematics, conservation biology, and physi-

ology. CH will also publish monographs, points-of-view, and faunistic surveys of poorly-known areas. CH will not publish herpetocultural or anecdotal papers. Internet technology provides publication capabilities that were either impossible or expensive in previous media, including full-motion video, full-color digital photography, computer simulations, and audio playback. For questions about CH, contact the editor

JOE B. SLOWINSKI
(jslowins@cas.calacademy.org), Curator of Herpetology, Museum of Natural History, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California, USA.

Two new volumes issued by SSAR

SSAR issued two new books that we believe will be of great interest.

SSAR is now publisher of the series "Biology of the Reptilia" edited by CARL GANS and issued volume 19. The contents of this volume will be of particular relevance for herpetoculturists and veterinarians.

The other volume, on the worldwide amphibian decline phenomenon, is the first major book published on this topic.

KRAIG ADLER
Editor, SSAR; Professor of Biology, Cornell University, Seely G. Mudd Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853-2702, USA.

ZOBODAT - www.zobodat.at

Zoologisch-Botanische Datenbank/Zoological-Botanical Database

Digitale Literatur/Digital Literature

Zeitschrift/Journal: [Herpetozoa](#)

Jahr/Year: 1997

Band/Volume: [10_3_4](#)

Autor(en)/Author(s): Anonym

Artikel/Article: [ÖGH-Nachrichten / ÖGH-News 178](#)