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INDIAN RHINOCEROS

Currently, there are 17.16 Indian rhinos in the North American SSP, an increase from 12.10 when the SSP was established for Indian rhinos in 1982. Of the 9 institutions holding animals, 5 have had successful reproductions. Of the 4 institutions that have not had reproduction, 2 have animals that are sexually immature; and we should not see any breeding for at least 2-3 years.

The San Diego Wild Animal Park has had the best breeding record so far; their 10th calf was born this past May. Philadelphia has a pregnant female (her 3rd calf, due very soon) sired by the oldest male in the United States at 33+ years. A founder female on loan to Philadelphia from Miami has failed to breed. Hormonal assays show that she is cycling, but the hormone levels are in the low range.

A masterplan meeting was originally scheduled for June of 1988, but this was cancelled and will be rescheduled for March of 1989.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY CONSERVATION
AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ACT

On 2 August, the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Agriculture Research and the Environment met to mark-up H.R. 4335, the National Biological Diversity Conservation and Environmental Research Act. Chairman Scheuer, the sponsor of the bill, offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute. That amendment does not alter the basic nature of the bill. It ensures that international activities of the U.S. be considered in assessments of the Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and includes a provision to require Federal agencies to review their programs to determine if they are consistent with the conservation of biological diversity. Congressman Henry of Michigan also offered two amendments to further expand the global aspect of the bill.