

On the occasion of my very interesting visit to Czechoslovakia, last August, Dr. Zdeněk Veselovsky, Manager of the Prague Zoo, handed to me a publication entitled *Seznam Druhů Zvířat Chovaných v Československých Zoologických Zahradách* (Census of Animals Kept in Czech Zoological Gardens) which lists the animals present in Czech zoos as of 1st January 1975. I note in this publication the following *rare* mammals:

Rare Mammals in Czech Zoos

by Pierre Brouard

Species	zoos	stock	Species	zoos	stock
MONOTREMATA					
Echidna			North China leopard		
<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	Prague	4.1	<i>Panthera pardus japonensis</i>	Brno	2
				Liberec	2.2
				Prague	0.1
INSECTIVORA					
Pigmy Hedgehog tenrec			Amur or Korean leopard		
<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	Prague	2.2	<i>Panthera pardus orientalis</i>	Lesna	3.1
				Prague	1.0
PRIMATES					
Mongoose lemur			Bengal tiger		
<i>Lemur mongoz</i>	Prague	1.2	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	Bratislava	1.1
				Brno	2
				Usti	1.2
Sumatran orang-utan			Amur or Siberian tiger		
<i>Pongo pygmaeus abelii</i>	Prague	1.1	<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>	Dvur Kralove	2.3
				Liberec	1.2
Lowland gorilla				Lesna	1.1
<i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i>	Prague	1.3		Ostrava	2.2
				Prague	1.2
EDENTATA					
Giant anteater			Sumatran tiger		
<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	Prague	1.1	<i>Panthera tigris sumatrae</i>	Dvur Kralove	1.1
				Lesna	2.0
				Ostrava	2.2
				Prague	2.4
CARNIVORA					
European otter			African cheetah		
<i>Lutra lutra lutra</i>	Prague	1.0	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Brno	2
				Dvur Kralove	6.3
Pallas's cat				Lesna	1.1
<i>Felis manul</i>	Prague	2.3		Prague	5.7
Clouded leopard					
<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>	Dvur Kralove	1.0			
	Prague	2.2			



Prague Zoo
Przewalski's Wild Horses
Photos: Pierre Brouard



Species	zoos	stock	Species	zoos	stock
PERISSODACTYLA			North China sika <i>Cervus nippon taiouanus</i>	Decin	0.3
Black rhinoceros <i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Dvur Kralove	3.7	Nyala <i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	Dvur Kralove	4.6
Southern White rhino <i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>	Dvur Kralove	2.7		Prague	2.8
	Ostrava	1.1	Bongo <i>Boocercus euryceros</i>	Dvur Kralove	1.3
	Prague	1.2			
Malayan tapir <i>Tapirus indicus</i>	Dvur Kralove	1.3	Roan antelope <i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	Dvur Kralove	4.24
	Liberec	1.1			
	Ostrava	1.0	Sable antelope <i>Hippotragus niger</i>	Dvur Kralove	5.20
	Prague	1.1		Prague	1.3
Przewalski's Wild horse <i>Equus przewalskii</i>	Prague	6.17	Scimitar-horned oryx <i>Oryx dammah</i>	Prague	3.11
Kulan or Turkmenian Wild ass <i>Equus hemionus kulan</i>	Decin	1.1	Bontebok <i>Damaliscus dorcas dorcas</i>	Dvur Kralove	2.3
	Prague	3.5		Prague	1.0
Hartmann's Mountain zebra <i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>	Bojnice	2	Arabian gazelle or Idmi <i>Gazella gazella arabica</i>	Prague	1.2
	Dvur Kralove	3.10			
	Prague	1.2	Central Caucasian tur <i>Capra ibex caucasica</i>	Liberec	2.3
PROBOSCIDEA			Alpine ibex <i>Capra ibex sibirica</i>	Brno	9
African Forest elephant <i>Loxodonta africana cyclotis</i>	Prague	1.0	Markhor <i>Capra falconeri</i>	Prague	1.1
Ceylon elephant <i>Elephas maximus maximus</i>	Prague	1.1	Dall's sheep <i>Ovis dalli</i>	Dvur Kralove	1.2
ARTIODACTYLA			Wisent or European bison <i>Bison bonassus</i>	Bojnice	3
Pigmy hippopotamus <i>Choeropsis liberiensis</i>	Dvur Kralove	2.3		Lesna	1.4
	Prague	1.1		Ohrada	1.0
Pere David's deer <i>Elaphurus davidianus</i>	Ostrava	1.1		Olomouc	2.2
	Prague	1.1		Ostrava	2.1
				Prague	1.5

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EXTRACTS FROM THE SYMPOSIUM ON CONSERVATION AND CAPTIVE REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS HELD AT COTSWOLD WILD LIFE PARK ON 26th APRIL 1975



A great deal of concern was shown as to the fate of the British herpetofauna and the Symposium ended in a resolution being passed which was proposed by Mr. J. E. Cooper, M.R.C.V.S. and seconded by Dr. O. F. Jackson, M.R.C.V.S.

"The meeting, realising the threat to the British herpetofauna, urges legislation to protect *all* species of British reptiles and amphibians by extending the present legislation to the remaining species."

Collecting Amphibians and Reptiles for the Pet Trade: With Particular Reference to Europe by Ian F. Spellerberg, Biology Dept., Southampton University, England.

Abstract

Habitat disturbance and destruction is recognised as the major factor which has contributed towards the decline of many species but many other factors do accelerate the process. The factors of hunting, introduction of alien species, application of pesticides and herbicides, wanton killing and collecting for exhibition have all been detrimental to the populations of many species.

The larger and more exotic warm-blooded species have always enjoyed considerable attention when their future is jeopardised but the unpopular ones (or amphibians and reptiles) have sadly received less

attention. It is, however, paradoxical to discover that there is a very large trade in herpetofauna by zoological gardens, research institutes and by vivarium enthusiasts, and that in some cases this has had a greater impact on the natural populations than has habitat alteration.

With particular reference to the pet trade, shops in the United States sell vast numbers of juvenile tortoises, crocodylians, lizards and snakes. It has been noted that 99.9% of the live crocodylian imports into the United States is destined for the pet trade and that very few were brought in by zoos. Sadly the Texas tortoise, *Gopherus berlandieri* and the Desert tortoise *G. agassizi*, are both threatened by the pet trade, as indeed are many other amphibian and reptile species native to the United States. The pet trade in Australia is widespread and (to take one example) Victoria's largest snake, the Carpet snake *Morelia argus variegata*, is in danger of extinction because of the pet trade.

There is evidence that this uncontrolled pet trade has caused gross damage to wild populations of European tortoises and there are several reports on declining populations of lizards and snakes.

Britain's role in the amphibian and reptile pet trade is not small. Some indications of the immensity of British reptile imports, together with the reptiles' destination, is