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## CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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(Photo by N. Johnston)

### SUMATRAN RHINO

A third Sumatran rhino, another female, has arrived in North America. This animal (photo above) is currently residing for the winter at the Los Angeles Zoo, but is ultimately destined for permanent residence in the recently renovated Elephant House at the New York Zoological Park. Meanwhile, capture operations continue in Sumatra with intensifying hopes for procurement of a male soon. There are now 17 Sumatran rhino in captivity: 2.2 in Indonesia; 1.7 in Peninsular Malaysia; 1.1 in the United Kingdom; and 0.3 in North America.

### STAFF CHANGES

Conservation Biologist Randy Rockwell will depart from the AAZPA Conservation Office in early March to accept the position of General Curator/Associate Director at the Jacksonville Zoo. During his tenure Randy has contributed much to the activities of the Conservation Director's Office, especially the prolific production of masterplans over the last 18 months. Best wishes are extended to him in his new endeavors.

### SSP MASTERPLANS

The first official drafts of SSP Masterplans for 3 more taxa have recently been distributed to Participating Institutions: Asian elephant; Indian rhino; and Scimitar-horned oryx. At least first editions of 34 SSP Masterplans have now been produced; 6 more have conducted masterplan formulation workshops and masterplans are being finalized; 4 will conduct masterplan formulation workshops in the next 3 months; 9 will hopefully produce a masterplan by the end of this year.

### 1990 PROPAGATION GROUP ELECTIONS

Because of impending departures of staff in the Conservation Director's Office, the 1990 Elections for Propagation Groups will be conducted in February of this year.

(T. Foose)