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(Photo by R. Garrison)

GREEN-NAPED PHEASANT PIGEON HAND-RAISED AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO

The first artificial hatching and subsequent hand-raising of a green-naped pheasant pigeon (*Otidiphaps nobilis nobilis*) began on 5 September at the San Diego Zoo. The egg was incubated in a forced-air Petersime incubator at 99.5° F. (dry bulb) and 87° F. (wet bulb). The incubation period was 27 days, with a pip to hatch interval of 60 hours. A crop milk substitute of whole egg and water was fed initially until the chick was gradually weaned onto a liquid diet of ground pigeon pellets mixed with a fruit slurry of papaya and applesauce. Currently, the chick has fledged and is weaning onto a diet of coarse ground pigeon pellets, cooked rice, oatmeal and fruit.

(C. Kuehler)

SUMATRAN RHINO UPDATE REPORT

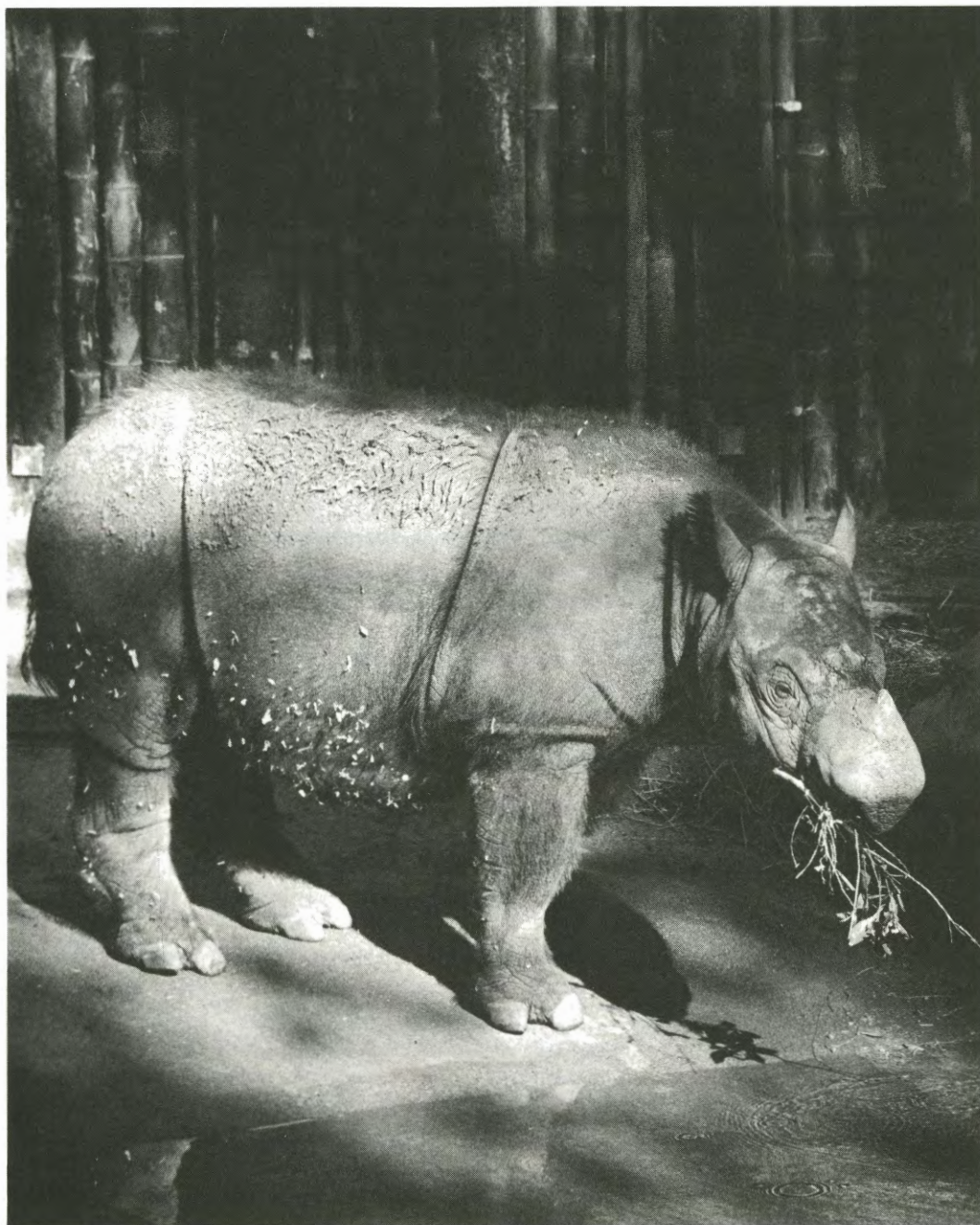
Mahatu, one of two female Sumatran rhinos received from Indonesia in November, is now in residence at the Los Angeles Zoo. She will remain at the zoo until May, when she will be transferred to the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden as part of the Association's SSP program. Zoo staff reports that Mahatu is very calm and manageable, as well as an aggressive eater; and in spite of the fact that just four months ago she was living in the wild in Sumatra, she acts as if she has lived her life in captivity. The other female, Kumu, is also adjusting well to her surroundings at the San Diego Zoo. (See cover photo.)

(W. Thomas)

CENTRAL FLORIDA ZOO REPORTS HATCHING OF RED-BELLIED MACAWS

Red-bellied macaws (*Ara manilata*) hatched at the Central Florida Zoological Park, Lake Monroe, on 15 February 1987. A clutch of three eggs was laid, resulting in the hatching of two chicks. Other significant hatchings followed on 9 May 1987, when one chick was hatched out of a clutch of two; and on 25 May 1988, when two chicks were hatched from a clutch of three eggs. We believe that we are the first institution to have hatched this species in captivity. Anyone with further information is requested to contact Martha Harrison, Senior Bird Keeper, Central Florida Zoological Park, P.O. Box 309, Lake Monroe, FL 32747.

SUMATRAN RHINO AT THE LOS ANGELES ZOO



(Photo by Neal Johnston)

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