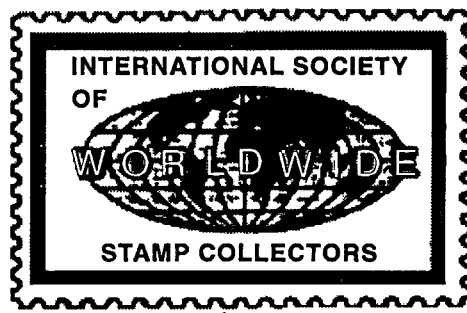


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## Endangered Species of Zimbabwe

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The Convention and International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) was established in July 1975, with 134 member countries currently belonging. A conference is held every two years to monitor and implement policies dealt with by various committees. From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1997, the 10th meeting of CITES was held in Zimbabwe. CITES works by regulating or banning trade in species that they have placed on three lists.

Appendix I lists animals and plants whose figures have dropped near or below the accepted optimum level, making extinction near and imminent. All commercial International Trade is prohibited. Species selected from this category are portrayed in this stamp issue. Appendices II and III permit controlled Commercial Trade. The CITES meeting covered several contentious issues, including the de-listing of the Zimbabwean Elephants to Appendix II. The Africa Resources Trust, Campfire Association and other interest groups in Zimbabwe, in conjunction with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Management, have worked to change the management policies, which are a major part of tourism, commerce and the economy of Zimbabwe. At the end of the conference Zimbabwe succeeded in the lobby for the de-listing of her elephants to Appendix II. This special issue of stamps, which was issued on April 15, 1997, was researched, designed and painted by Zimbabwean artist Paula Ware.

### Cycad (*Cycadeceae Encephalartos manikensis*)

The manikensis complex of species is specific to the Zimbabwean area. This primitive plant is said to be a relic from the dinosaur age, and much prized by collectors around the world. Cycads are long-lived, perennial, unisexual plants that



Fig. 1

develop cones and produce seeds. Reproduction may occur only once every 15 years in some species, and the male and female plants produce cones at the same time for fertilization. (Fig. 1)

### Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus minor*)

The diminishing numbers of this bird prompted a captive breeding program in 1978 by the Zimbabwean Falconers' Club. The habitat hunting terrain requirements have changed by encroaching development and pollutants in agriculture. One female bird can eat as many as 3,000 quelea birds in a year. The accumulated toxins cause sterility and often death, placing the species in jeopardy. (Fig. 2)



Fig. 2

### Pangolin (*Manis temmincki*)

A shy, nocturnal animal that has been placed on the Specially Protected Species List because of its association with traditional and cultural beliefs, the pangolin is often



Fig. 3

See "Endangered Species," page 3.)

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NEXT ISSUE: Watch for some good articles by William Silvester and Charlie Jensen, another great QUIZ by Bob Toole, and a biography of our first member in 2000, Carol J. Edholm!

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## ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

It's time to get back to business! Consider this a "State of the Society" message. Although we have now just enrolled new member #2228; the ISWSC currently has 709 active members. This represents a loss of a little over 100 members per year from about three years ago, when we had over a thousand members. The reasons for the attrition are many and include age, ill health, discontinuation of collecting, and conflicting time demands as major reasons cited. Not a single member has ever resigned due to dissatisfaction or negative feelings toward the Society, but then not every resigning member states a reason.

Another problem is the dwindling number of young members of the ISWSC. Currently we have only 10 such members and we are not getting many inquiries from young people interested in joining. I am hopeful that our newly elected VP for Charitable Services, Jeff Hayward, will be working towards increasing our youth membership.

The ISWSC Board members, officers and managers have been holding an email discussion of this problem and have decided that a two-pronged approach is needed. The first is an effort at retention including reminders to members who are close to their expiration dates, listing such members in each issue of *The Circuit*, incentives for renewing early, and other similar efforts. The second is a recruitment effort to enroll new members. This could include advertising, bonuses for member recruiting new members, letter writing campaigns to philatelic

**(See "President's Column," concluded on page 10.)**

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**“Endangered Species,” continued from page 1:**

killed and presented to chiefs, leaders and spirit mediums. The animal has a long tail and heavy brown scales. The long claws on the front feet tear into ant colonies, where it probes with a meter-long tongue to lap up ants. (Fig. 3)

**Black Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*)**

Trade in rhino horns, specifically for use in ceremonial dagger-handles and traditional medicines, has brought the rhino to near-extinction in Africa. The Zimbabwe population declined from 1700 in 1989 to 300 in 1993, prompting the initiation of protection zones, fitting of radio collars and dehorning. Numbers have risen by 20 in the last 2-3 years as a result of a successful but very expensive anti-poaching exercise. (Fig. 4)



Fig. 4

**Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*)**

This tusk-bearing animal is the world’s largest living land mammal. Over-hunting and grazing restrictions have reduced the African population drastically. Zimbabwe had fewer than 500 in 1920, but with effective conservation their numbers have soared to over 30,000 more than the optimum sustainable number level of about 35,000. Before the CITES conference this was causing problems, as Zimbabwe was bound by the CITES laws. One of the problems Zimbabwe faced was how to effectively manage wildlife with regard to elephants. The most important result of the conference for Zimbabwe was the de-listing of the elephant from Appendix I to Appendix II. (Fig. 5)



Fig. 5

**Python (*Python sebae*)**

The skin of this reptile is highly sought after as a fine and decorated leather. An adult may reach up to six meters, and newly hatched snakes average 60cm in length. This causes fear, contributing to its threatened extermination. This species of snake is seldom aggressive and is an asset in controlling noxious rodents such as the cane rats. Captive breeding has been successful. (Fig. 6)



Fig. 6

**Dues Information:**

**Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$10\***

**Youth membership (under 18), \$8\***

**Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence), \$17\***

\*=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, PO Box 150407 Lufkin, TX 75915-0407 USA.

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For reasons of accountability, *only members of the ISWSC, APS or ASDA may place ads.* All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

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Full page, \$75\*\*; Half page, \$40\*\*; Quarter page, \$20\*\*; Per column inch, \$5. Six repeat insertions of the same ad for the cost of five ads (one free). We will also offer a two-sided insertion for \$125 per issue. \*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra. \*\*Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunato (see p.2) for special rates.

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**Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor, Marian MacLeod. For all addresses, refer to page 2.**

**Timely Tip**

**by Harold J. Humm (#678)**

**T**o remove self-sticking stamps from paper, especially if the self-sticking adhesive is not water soluble, apply a few drops of Ronsonol Lighter Fluid to the back of the paper. The stamp will then come off easily.

Excessive adhesive can be removed from the back of the stamp with a tissue moistened with lighter fluid.



**International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors**  
**Auction # 21**  
**Closing April 15, 2000**

		<u>Cat. Value</u>	<u>Min. Bid</u>
1	USA 68 U stamps, G-VF 65/Q7, mostly earlies, selected for cancels. Cork bullseye, numeral killers, a few precancels. A few w/ faults (SE, clip perfs, etc.	250.00	60.00
2	USA 233 VF MH, slight toning, DG. 237 F MHH, TH, large DG. Both decent face appearance	222.50	10.00
3	USA 246/260 U, G-VF #248-9, 251, 256. 250, 254 are SE. 257-60 all nicely centered	190.75	15.00
4.	USA 1895 issue U, G-VF. #264, 267-70, 272-74, 276. Perfs cut/touch 2 sides of 276	86.05	8.00
5.	USA 285-86, 289 (SE), 290 (ironcd CR), all UN, NG, F-VF. 287-88 U F. All CVs as U.	107.50	6.00
6.	USA 74 dif U older issues, Colombian. Trans-Miss, Banknotes, 1920s comems, etc. All w/ some defect, SE, etc. CVs up to \$27.50	?	10.00
7	USA Farleys unused, 754, 763-64 pairs, 762 line pair. 760 single. All nice margins. Plus MNH, 1379a BLK & PL BLK. 1368a	21.05	4.00
8	USA MNH grouping. 1311, 4 S/S. 1419c, 1580 PL BLKS. 1393a, 2201a, both full BKLTS. E21 & 23. OCV '98	13.60	3.00
9	USA 24 dif M&U, BOB issues. Incl M, E13-14, U, E2, E5, F1, J1, 3, 15. Plus 6 high CV revenues	117.15	17.00
10	USA 581 stamps, all on paper. 97% comems, mostly recent (incl 60 foreign). 42 Century issues, 24 BLKS (8 PL#), 19 PL# singles, 23 in se-tenants.	?	
11	USA 50 dif FDCs on Fleetwood envelopes w/ cahets & unad. Incl 1909, 2122, 2196, 2419, O132 Plus singles & Blks/4 of dif 1983-89 se-tenant issues. Brookman CV.	270	50.00
12	USA 34 dif FDCs, all unad, cachets. 1984 & later, mostly blks or se-tenant multiples. Bookman CV	89.00	25.00
13	USA 25 FDCs, 1950s & 80s, most are unad & cachets. Plus 11 postal cards incl 4 FDCs Also a special Elvis cover.	26.70	
14	UNITED NATIONS Small collection mtd on Harris pages, 1951-95. Pages fine condition. 88 stamps 2 MNH.	26.70	
15	GREAT BRITAIN Huge box w/ 1,000s G.B. definitives, all eras, Kings to Eliz Machins. Some jumbled, many sorted in glassines. Appears 1/2 on paper. Weight = 21 oz	?	
16	BAHAMAS 31 G U, CNR. CR, some discoloration on front.	70.00	30.00
17	CANADA 86 F, MH, 1898 map, Christmas	22.50	10.00
18	CANADA 100 MNH, G, perfs cut at bottom, off-center	75.00	25.00
19	CANADA 113 F, MHR, tiny TH on back, some clipped perfs. 119 F, MHR.	85.50	30.00
20	CANADA 192-4, F-VF, MH. 211-16, F-VF, MNH.	45.45	19.00
21	CANADA 294 & 321, F-VF MNH, couple SM stains seen on front of 321.	24.00	10.00
22	CANADA & USA Box w/ several 1,000 Canada & a few GB, all on paper. Old, beat-up stock book w/ USA, couple 100 U comems 1930s-70s & Pres series. Best Item Apollo-Soyuz mult. MNH.	?	20.00
23	CYPRUS 10 G, U, overprint on PL# 215.	70.00	28.00
24	GHANA 1-174, C1-6, J6-10. Complete issues 1957-64, all M, appear NH incl S/S.	60.15	5.00
25	HONG KONG QE2 definitive sets, 490/504 & 630/644, 27 dif stamps.	25.00	7.50
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27	JERSEY 226 dif, mostly U, incl dues, hi-values, & definitives, plus 44 non-philatelic cards & covers.	?	17.00
28	MALAYA Postage due paradise! J1, 3-4, 7-9, 12, 21a. 9 stamps, all U.	73.50	34.00
29	NORTHERN RHODESIA 25-45, missing 28, 29, 31. F-VF, MLH. KG6. OCV '97	47.00	25.00
30	SINGAPORE 26 dif U: 86-95, 107-11, 189-99.	37.75	21.00
31	SINGAPORE 45 dif U in sets/part sets. 263-74, 336-46, 453-62, 567-75, 580-1.	32.70	14.00
32	SINGAPORE 110 dif U, large & small issues, incl KG6 definitives & QE2 pictorials	?	7.50
33	SOUTH AFRICA Homelands. Bophuthatswana, Transkei, Venda, Ciskei. 69 dif postally U.	?	10.00
34	UGANDA 2 FDCs; 1997 Gandhi 1,000 shil. S/S. 1999 300 shil. Uganda Post issue. Both U, cachets, but crinkled edges. Also, 2 MNH 100 shil. Toy Story stamps, BoPeep & Lightyear. Plus 19 Uganda Post stamp brochures, a few dupes.	?	6.50
35	BRITISH 46 stamps in ret. unins. ISWSC sales book. All eras, Canada, Malaysia, Nigeria & a few Norway. Sales price = \$25.55. DON. CV approx.	65.00	

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37	AUSTRIA 170 dif M&U, mostly definitives before 1940s. Generally familiar stamps.	?	7.50
38	GERMANY 669 U, VF, light circular cancel	50.00	20.00
39	GERMANY Approx 85 stamps U, some recent. Majority older, incl 29, 35, 337-9, 678, 683, 685 Many dupes incl hi-values. A few Austria included.	236.25	24.00
40	GERMANY 381 stamps mtd, M&U. Some early, then inflation, later W. Ger. Also a few Berlin, plus some DDR.	93.00	22.00
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42	GREECE 254 stamps, U, mostly dif. 1889-1990, incl 95A, 104, 172. OCV '96.	62.00	22.00
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44	HUNGARY & POLAND Poland 1115-23, Hungary 1539-47, C81, all MNH. Plus Poland 1465-72 CTO. OCV '98.	16.85	3.00
45	ICELAND 34 U (17 dif), 546/645. No 15¢ stamps included.	55.70	12.00
46	ITALY 531/1272, MNH sets/singles. 64 stamps incl 584, 857-9, Triete 155, 902, 909 blocks OCV '98	22.15	4.00
47	ITALY 11 oz bag w/ 1,000s sorted into glassines. Appears to be mostly on paper, modern definitives	?	
48	NETHERLANDS & SCANDINAVIA 168 dif incl 24 Finland MNH & 95 Neth early to modern w/ 20 B#'s. Also Norway & Denmark. In 4 ret OMNI books. '92-'95 CV's.	172.66	
49	NORWAY 72 U stamps, incl 24 Iceland. All modern, all CV's in \$ ranges up to 11.25.	124.00	17.00
50	ROMANIA 14 philatelic covers w/ 48 dif stamps & 5 S/S. Mostly sets, 1985-87, incl 3344, 3399-03, 3451, 3464. CV as singles.	23.07	
51	SAN MARINO & VATICAN S.M., 7 singles & sets, MNH incl 185, 439-45, 716-27, CB1, Vat, 4 MNH sets 77/382. OCV 1979.	17.10	4.00
52	SCANDINAVIA 72 dif U Finland, Norway, & a few Iceland. All modern w/ most CV's in \$ ranges.	102.00	15.00
53	SWEDEN MNH stamps & BKLT panes. 799-803, 821, 830a, 857a, 946-50, 1430-24	17.75	7.00
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55	CUBA 4 dif sets, MNH 648-62 (\$36.55 CV), 686-700, 3059-64, 3328-34, unpriced by Scott. Yvert CV = 1325 francs (+\$36.55).		53.00
56	CUBA 277 stamps + 13 S/S, +2 pope aerograms. All MNH, 1993-97, a few dupes. Sent by Cuban ISWSC members for approx \$130 in club dues. Sports, trains, planes, people, Scott unpriced. Mostly complete sets.	?	
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58	ECUADOR 300 dif M&U, 1881-1960s. incl C5 (SE), +4 fakes not counted, w/ info. Also 200 dupes not counted.	100.00	8.00
59	HAITI 61 dif U, 1881-1939, Plus 50 dupes not counted in CV.	13.75	
60	NICARAGUA 338 dif, many M, 1862-1960s, w/ info on fakes. Plus 100 dupes not counted in CV.	104.55	8.00
61	PARAGUAY 148 dif M&U, 1870-1960s. Plus 30 dupes not counted & info on fakes.	50.00	5.00
62	EL SALVADOR 240 dif M&U, 1967-1940s. Incl C124 MNH. Also 30 dupes not counted in CV.	90.00	5.00
63	VENEZUELA 357 dif U, 1870s-1970s. Some better issues, many from long sets. 50% pre-1940.	?	12.00
64	LATIN AMERICA Collection in looseleaf Harris binder w/ cover nearly gone. 3,232 stamps, mostly dif, M&U & CTO. Range from earlies to 1970s. Good distribution thru years. Half are Mexico, Argentina (many officials), & Brazil. Other quantities incl Chile (286), Uruguay (273) Nicaragua (242) ?		50.00
65	CHINA 100 stamps 112/1105, M&U, many M. Majority after 1940. Some sets, few blks. on Sales sheets in binder.	90.00	25.00
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67	FRENCH POLYNESIA C134-36, C136a, set & S/S MNH.	52.75	24.00
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