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Editors' Remarks

Conservation of iguanas and their habitats is the principal component of the IIS Statement of Purpose (printed in full just below this note). That also has been a recurring theme in every issue of the *Iguana Times* and will continue to be the predominant message in *IGUANA*. However, conservation is not merely something about which to write and read. Conservation requires action in the form of education, financial support, and sometimes even getting one's hands dirty. The IIS is actively engaged in all of those endeavors. In the past few months, representatives of the Society have carried an educational message from coast to coast: from Jacksonville, Florida to Seattle, Washington and East Palo Alto, California (see Newsbriefs in this and the previous issue of *IGUANA*). The Society has provided financial assistance to aid in developing a captive breeding program for Jamaican Iguanas at the Hope Zoo in Kingston (see Newsbriefs). We are monitoring and working closely with conservation agencies and organizations concerned with iguanas. Most recently, IIS representatives participated in the IUCN/SSC Iguana Specialist Group (ISG) meeting in the Turks and Caicos Islands, which included a Conservation & Management workshop for *Cyclura carinata* (a full report will be featured in the March issue of *IGUANA*). And IIS members prove again and again that they're willing to dirty their hands for worthy causes; see, for example, the Newsbriefs and the Letter from the President. Although every individual involved pays his or her own way or is supported by their home institution, the IIS message they spread is possible only through the support of the Society's members. Even if you have never stood in front of an audience and talked about iguanas, written a check to support an iguana conservation program, or traveled to the tropics to study or monitor a population of iguanas, you are a vital link in these efforts.

Bob Powell, AJ Gutman, and John Binns

Statement of Purpose

The International Iguana Society, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the biological diversity of iguanas. We believe that the best way to protect iguanas and other native plants and animals is to preserve natural habitats and to encourage development of sustainable economies compatible with the maintenance of biodiversity. To this end, we will: (1) engage in active conservation, initiating, assisting, and funding conservation efforts in cooperation with U.S. and international governmental and private agencies; (2) promote educational efforts related to the preservation of biodiversity; (3) build connections between individuals and the academic, zoo, and conservation communities, providing conduits for education and for involving the general public in efforts to preserve endangered species; and (4) encourage the dissemination and exchange of information on the ecology, population biology, behavior, captive husbandry, taxonomy, and evolution of iguanas.

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