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Jamaican Iguana

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Since 1990, when the Jamaican Iguanas (*Cyclura collei*) were rediscovered in the remote Hellshire Hills, researchers have tried to study their habits in order to develop a recovery strategy. We had no answers to many questions regarding their behavior or number of hatchlings lost to predation until 2004, when field-savvy Australian Rick van Veen arrived on the scene. His energy and active removal of several hundred feral predators revitalized the recovery effort — but funds to keep him outfitted in the field are desperately needed. Won't you consider a donation for a pair of boots (Rick wears out a pair every three months) or to help repair the field station damaged by Hurricane Ivan in September?

The Hope Zoo's iguana facilities, where hatchling Jamaican Iguanas are headstarted, also were badly damaged by Ivan. At least \$12,000 will be needed to restore basic services. The field and captive programs are integrally linked, as captive-reared iguanas boost wild population numbers. The Jamaican Iguana is on the road to recovery, but we are at a crossroads. Please consider a holiday donation and help us guarantee a future for the Jamaican Iguana. Your support will make a difference. Please visit the International Iguana Foundation website to make your donation and learn more about this critical program: www.IguanaFoundation.org



The Reptile House at Hope Zoo in Jamaica, destroyed by hurricane Ivan.



Rick Van Veen measuring a Jamaican Iguana in Hellshire Hills.

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Craig Hassapakis, editor of *Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC)*, originally conceived the idea to devote a special publication entirely to iguana conservation. Allison Alberts organized the topics and authors. The first five articles in this issue were subsequently reviewed and edited by Craig, his associate editor, Jack Sites, and the editorial team at *ARC*. They thank the following individuals for their service in reviewing and/or editing those articles: Mark Goodwin, Malcolm McCallum, Gad Perry, Michael Dreslik, Csilla Csaplár, John McVay, Stephen Johnson, Deahn Donner Wright, Bethany Meisinger-Reiff, and Craig Snyder. Due to an impacted publication schedule at *ARC*, *IGUANA* kindly offered to publish the special issue. This solution exemplifies the cooperation being exhibited in herpetology, and *ARC* and the authors of the articles are grateful to the editors of *IGUANA* for their foresight and generosity in accommodating this material.

Editorial Note.—In Powell (2004. *IGUANA* 11(2):108–113), the author commented (figure caption, p. 109) that “*Cyclura carinata bartschi* is not genetically distinct from the nominate subspecies,” citing Malone and Davis (2004. In: Alberts et al. (eds.), *Iguanas: Biology and Conservation*). In fact, the genetic composition of the Booby Cay population has yet to be compared to populations in the Turks & Caicos Islands that are assigned to the nominate population. We thank Glenn Gerber for bringing this to our attention.

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