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Guatemalan Beaded Lizard of the Motagua Valley

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Volunteers from the IRCF and the zoo community will be available to pick up contributions from vendors on Saturday, August 19 for the auction to be held that evening at the Daytona Hilton with Dave Barker hosting. Receipts for your tax-deductible contributions will be issued at that time. To make a tax-deductible donation or view available items prior to the Expo, please visit www.IRCF.org/projectheloderma

The Guatemalan Beaded Lizard (*Heloderma horridum charlesbogerti*) is endemic to the Motagua Valley of Guatemala and is one of the most endangered species of lizard on earth. Its population numbers have been drastically reduced by human encroachment on their habitat. Negative myths about the dangers posed by this venomous lizard have led to killing by local residents and a number of specimens have been collected illegally for the black market animal trade. Estimates place the remaining wild population number at fewer than 200 individuals. The government of Guatemala has just petitioned to have the status of this critically endangered species elevated to the protection afforded by CITES Appendix I.

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As readers have hopefully noticed, *Iguana* is constantly changing. Over the past few issues, we have expanded our attention to all reptilian species while retaining a focus on conservation. We are committed to maintaining a strong interest in iguanas and will continue to present features such as *IRCF on the Move* in this and future issues. Our expanded goal, however, is more ambitious: We hope to provide a bridge between reptile enthusiasts and herpetological professionals. After all, much of conservation is about people, who create the problems but also hold the solutions. Without a broad base of committed public support and involvement, conservation will not happen. Without access to information, the public cannot become interested or informed. We hope we can continue to address this need, but we need your input. If you have issues you would like to see covered, let us know. If you are working on a conservation project that affects reptiles, write an article for us — and, if you enjoy reading this magazine and share our mission, please see if you can get a friend to join the IRCF.

Gad Perry

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