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The purpose of these short summaries is to create and maintain an awareness of current events and ongoing research addressing issues that readers of *IGUANA* should find interesting and educational. The research reports in particular are usually extracted from technical journals written with other researchers in mind. However, the investigations represent the cutting edge of our knowledge about conservation and natural history of reptiles, and often present critical information that can lead to new insights and additional research.

We have been approached about the possibility of expanding the scope of *IGUANA* to include amphibians. As a rule, we have resisted those temptations in spite of the reality that global amphibian declines may very well represent the results of events that affect reptiles and other animals in an equally dramatic fashion. However, we frequently do include amphibians in herpetofaunal surveys or travelogues. On occasion, we also may include newsbriefs or research reports about amphibians if the topic is relevant to reptilian natural history or conservation.

IRCF members represent a vast cross-section of persons with an interest in reptiles. Included are perspectives from throughout the world, interests in many different kinds of reptiles, and experiences that may range from occasional encounters with animals in nature and concerns about a treasured pet to lives dedicated to developing a better understanding of the world around us. Consequently, we eagerly solicit input from subscribers who have found items in the news or in journals that they think may be of broad interest to other readers. If you find such a piece, please submit a copy to an editor or alert us to a source (publication or link).

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