

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

Signs Head to San Salvador Island

Two informational signs manufactured for the International Iguana Society are in transit to the Bahamas. The signs will be installed on heavy galvanized steel posts mounted on concrete foundations on the shoreline of Green Cay north of San Salvador.

One sign is in English and the other translated into French for the benefit of the French tourists from Club Med that visit the cay.

The signs will be installed with help from the staff of the Bahamian Field Station, San Salvador, and members of the Bahamas National Trust.

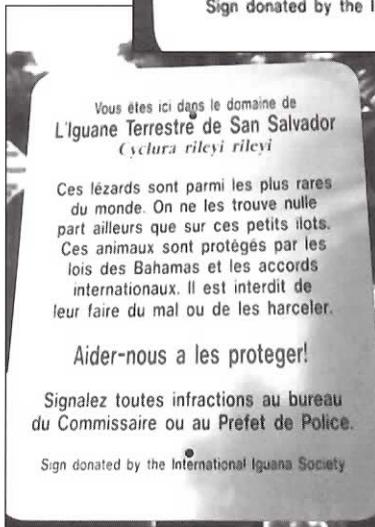
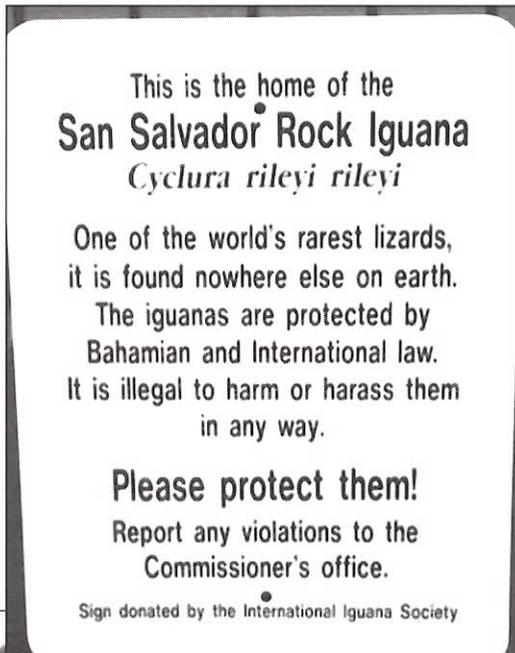
The signs were paid for primarily by a collection made during the November 1995 I.I.S. Conference on San Salvador. The participants raised \$240 and another \$240 from the I.I.S. was utilized.

Green Iguana Brochure

The I.I.S. is working on a brochure for the iguanas of the central american country of Belize.

Belize is a small English-speaking country with many natural areas with iguana populations. The iguanas are hunted for food when the females come to the riverbanks to lay their eggs in March. The brochure will provide Belizians with accurate iguana information and try to convey the problems of hunting gravid females. This practice has depleted many iguana populations in many areas.

Belize is a very conservation oriented country and it is likely that the message of the brochure will be effective. In protecting iguana populations the project will be a cooperation between the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center, and I.I.S. Other conservation organizations in Belize will help distribute the brochure after it is printed.



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Sign at the entrance of Guanacaste National Park, Cayo, Belize. Photograph: R.W. Ehrig

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The Tragedy of Iguana Smuggling

In the past few years several hundred Rhinoceros Iguanas were stolen from the native habitats in Hispaniola, decimating several wild populations. These animals were sold by a number of reptile dealers around the U.S. as captive-bred iguanas. I.I.S. was one of the few herpetological organizations that attempted to stop this disgraceful abuse of protected animals.

These Rhinoceros Iguanas, *Cyclura cornuta*, had not eaten in a month or more. They had numerous injuries, severely smashed rostral scales, and were near death. A number of IIS members around the state of Florida successfully rehabilitated these animals. All survived.



International Iguana Society, Inc.	
Annual Treasurers Report	
1/1/96 to 12/31/96	
<i>Category Description</i>	12/31/96
Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	927.00
Goods Sold	1,664.50
Interest	202.44
Membership Dues	7,316.00
Total Income	10,109.94
Expenses	
Advertising & Promotional Expenses	361.68
Annual Conference	20.00
Bank Debit	21.00
Conservation Assistance	579.95
Cost of Goods	423.49
Government & Prof.	211.25
Iguana Times:	
Postage	2,481.57
Printing	8,438.29
Supplies	80.32
Iguana Times-Other	323.90
TOTAL Iguana Times	11,324.08
Labor:	
Vicky Andrews	658.53
TOTAL Labor	658.53
Office Expense:	
Equipment	125.00
Miscellaneous	123.47
Telephone	611.36
Office Expense-Other	163.63
TOTAL Office Expense	1,023.46
Total Expenses	14,623.44
Total Income/Expenses	-4,513.50

