

# ALLAN'S CAY EXPEDITION

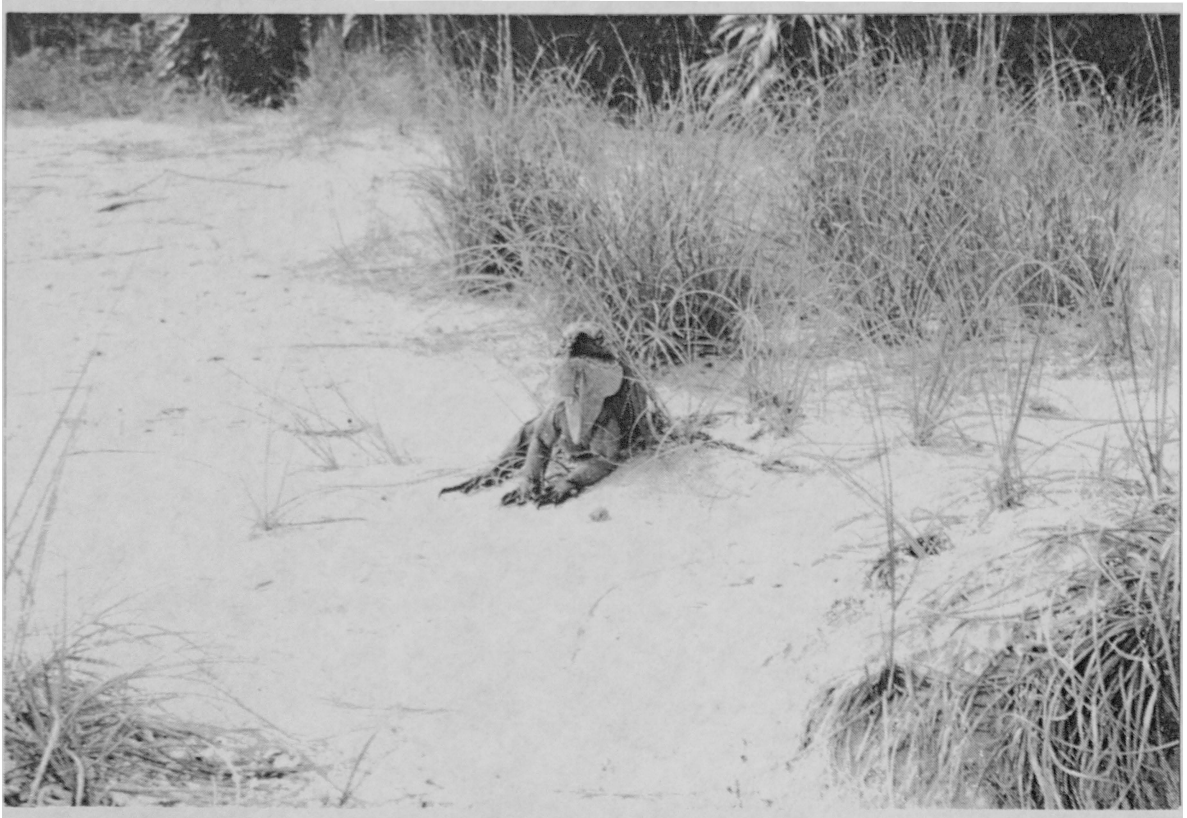
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On Friday, 20 March 1992, Dr. John Iverson of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana commenced his seventh trip to the Allan's Cays in the Bahamas. The purpose of the visit was to capture as many of the Allan's Cay Iguanas, *Cyclura cyclura inornata*, as possible on Leaf Cay and S.W. Allan's or U-Cay. As on previous expeditions, the animals are captured, weighed, probed, marked and released. Iguanas are painted with white nail polish on the crest to identify animals which have already been inventoried.

This was the most successful trip John has had since he started his research in March 1980. 272 iguanas were captured and invento-

ried (148 on Leaf Cay, 124 on U-Cay). Recapture rate was close to 70%. On the last trip in 1990, 248 iguanas were captured. All work is performed under permit from the Bahamas Department of Agriculture.

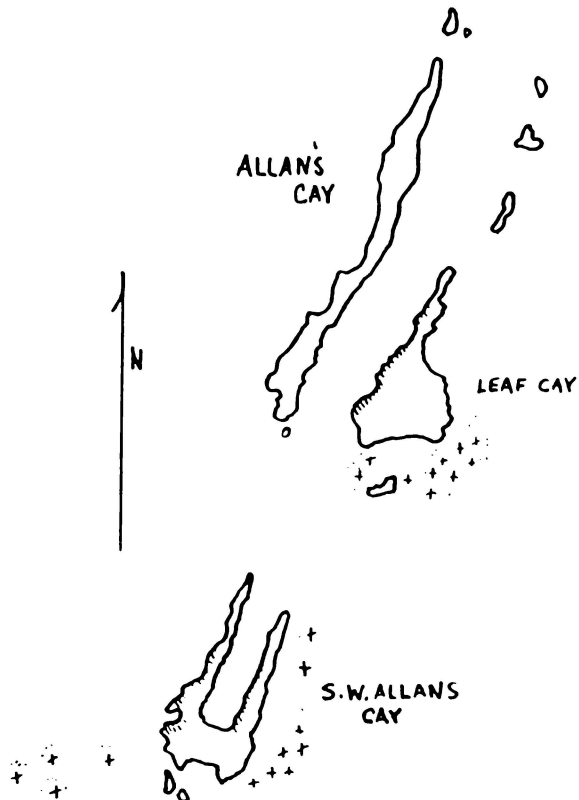
Participants were comfortably working from the sailing vessels "Heart's Desire" and "Good Fortune". IIS members Richard Moyroud, Linda Aurenhammer, Geoff Smith, Tom Akre, Marcie and Bob Ehrig participated. Five iguana carcasses were discovered on this trip, probably a result of 1990's severe drought in the area. Remains were turned over to the Bahamian government. 🦎



Allan's Cay Iguana, *Cyclura cyclura inornata*, resting on U-Cay beach. Photography: R. Ehrig



Allan's Cay Iguanas, *Cyclura cyclura inornata*, patrol Leaf Cay with sandpipers. Photography: R. Ehrig



The Allan's Cays