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Editor's Remarks

In this special issue (with 80 instead of the regular 64 pages), we feature the spectacular photography of Dan Suzio (travelogue, p. 152). We also include our first (and possibly only) bilingual article (conservation alert, p. 130). The Chinese text exists to facilitate the use of this article in educational and conservation efforts at Dinghushan, China's oldest nature reserve. Finally, instead of a "Focus on Conservation" highlighting a conservation effort worthy of your support, we provide an editorial for your consideration on p. 208. That decision was triggered by the upsurge in media attention surrounding Burmese Pythons established in southern Florida (see the newsbriefs on pp. 201 and 202). Alien introductions have become all too common, and are indicative of much greater problems facing not only the state of Florida, but much of the world, as invasive species become increasingly common inhabitants of places where they simply do not belong (see the book review on p. 195). This editorial, like many of the commentaries we have published in past issues, is intended to elicit a response. Whether you support or oppose our stand on this particular issue, we invite your comments, a selection of which we promise to include in a future issue.

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