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HARRISON, BARBARA: **PRIMATES IN MEDICINE, CONSERVATION OF NONHUMAN PRIMATES IN 1970**. S. Karger, Basel, 1971, 99 pages.

Nonhuman primates are an increasingly apparent and valuable international natural resource. Also apparent is the fact that free-living-nonhuman primate populations cannot endure the sustained pressures of competition with humans for the same habitat and of continuing uncontrolled harvests. This short and well written book, the fifth in "A Series in Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates," presents a biologist's broad overview of conservation and exploitation—of use and misuse—of nonhuman primates.

Ms. Harrison has organized the book into two major sections and attempts to describe some of the associated and inter-related problems of nonhuman primate management, harvest and use in terms of Exporting Countries and Importing Countries. She succeeds in this attempt.

In discussing the status of various species and families as well as the overall nonhuman primate fauna of various geo-

graphic areas Ms. Harrison makes the most of available data — some of which is not current and much of which is incomplete. The reader must conclude that without major changes in current practices of management, harvest and use of nonhuman primates, the outlook for many species is pessimistic. Furthermore, the author aptly concludes that "The procurement in large numbers of common and less common species for export alive, destined to serve the pharmaceutical industry, the pet trade and research involves waste, cruelty, and hazards to public health."

The bibliography of almost 200 references is an additional asset in this comprehensive summary of the current "state of the art" of nonhuman primate conservation.

This book will be a useful reference to students of primatology and provides a world baseline for future studies and evaluations of nonhuman primate conservation efforts.

John Richardson, DVM.

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TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

Registration at the Towsley Center for Continuing Medical Education.

Welcome, Dr. A. B. Cowan.

Keynote Address, Dr. C. M. Herman.

SYMPOSIUM: Environmental Contamination and its Relationship to Human and Wildlife Health. R. Hartung, Chairman.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13

W.D.A. Business meeting luncheon.

General Session I.

The function and goals of the new Northeastern Research Center for Wildlife Diseases. S. W. Nielsen, Director. University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.