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GLOSSARY

Definitions of words footnoted in journal articles.

- P. 6-14 ^a*autoecological*.—Is the study of the relationship of individual organisms to their environment.
^b*xeric*.—"Dry," of or pertaining to a habitat having a low or inadequate supply of moisture.
^c*sisal*.—A species of agave grown for commercial production of fiber.
- P. 15-23 ^d*aestivation*.—A state of inactivity occurring in some animals during prolonged periods of drought or heat.
- P. 24-29 *Diplodactylidae* (In title).—Family of southwest Pacific geckos and pygopods, distributed in Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, and in the case of pygopods, New Guinea.
^e*carphodactylus*.—Adjectival form of Carphodactylini, a tribe of the Diplodactylidae including *Rhacodactylus*.
^f*viviparity*.—Reproductive mode in which development takes place within the mother and young are born live, as opposed to oviparity, in which eggs are laid.
^g*allozymic*.—In reference to allozymes, the different forms of proteins that can be separated by electrophoresis to yield evidence about relationships or similarity of individuals within or between populations and species.
^h*polymorphic*.—Having many forms, usually refers to the presence of more than one manifestation of particular characters within a single taxon.
ⁱ*genetic distance data*.—Measurements of the relative similarity between taxa or individuals being compared, based on direct or indirect genetic information. In this instance, genetic distance data were derived from the allozyme data obtained by electrophoresis.
^j*sclerophyll forest*.—Critically endangered dry forest found only in isolated pockets on the west coast of New Caledonia.
^k*maquis vegetation*.—The characteristic and highly endemic scrub vegetation of the mineral-rich soils of parts of New Caledonia, especially the south.

ABBREVIATION USAGE

New abbreviations appear herein. Past issues should be consulted for previous abbreviation usage.

W = West	N = North
E = East	S = South
et al. = and others	F = Fahrenheit
e.g. = for example	C = Celsius
cm = centimeter	tel = telephone
mm = millimeter	fax = facsimile
km = kilometer	email = electronic mail
kg = kilogram	ha = hectares
m = meter	U.S. and US = United States
UK = United Kingdom	USA = United States of America
p. = pages, page	pers. = personal
~ = approximately	obs. = observation(s)
fig. = figure	comm. = communication(s)

ERRATA

The following journal corrections should be noted in Volume 1, Number 1 (Premiere issue): Page 3. CONTENTS PAGE. The article under Next Issue: *Conservation of South African's Endemic Dwarf Chameleons* has been postponed indefinitely. MASTHEAD. The premiere issue (Volume 1, Number 1) is out-of-print and no longer available, although nicely reproduced photocopies are available for \$10 plus shipping and handling. All back issues are available for \$12 each while regular supplies last. PAGE 10. In the "Key words" section the word *Viridi* should

have been spelled *Viridis*. PAGE 16. Under the photo caption the word *Plethodon* should have been spelled *Plethodon*. PAGE 20. The third sentence of the body of the article should read "Inbreeding depression may adversely affect small populations by unmasking recessive deleterious alleles and reducing heterozygosity." Pages 24-26. COLUMN. 1). The personal communication on page 25 (Groombridge 1994) was not attributed to Dr. Brian Groombridge of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC), Cambridge, England. 2). The WCMC database, referred to in the column, is in fact the CITES database of trade records. 3). By comparing export records and import records, and checking against known countries of origin, it is in fact possible to get some idea of the extent of misreporting (The updated commentary for this particular article was provided by Brian Groombridge on November 8, 1996). PAGE 27. Meetings. The meeting date for the conference *Conservation and Biodiversity of Amphibians and Reptiles of Tropical Rain Forests* was re-scheduled for June 1999 and was then subsequently cancelled.

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