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## GLOBAL 500 UPDATES: 2000

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- **Manual 2000:** Congratulations to **Julia Hailes and John Elkington** for once again providing the public with a great book about leading a conscious life: *Manual 2000*. This new work is fantastic in its prose, its goals, and its presentation. Tackling such diverse topics as what to wear, why to wear it, what and how to buy responsibly, cyberspace, food and diet, and the drawbacks of driving, the authors take great care to provide accurate details to back up their assertions. Everything is cross-referenced for easy navigation. The book is both diplomatic in its delivery and convincing in its assertions. Often surprisingly humorous, it nevertheless presents serious issues that deserve universal attention. To further expand your mental horizons, and even learn new ways to put your knowledge into action, we highly recommend this timely piece of literature. To contact Julia Hailes, e-mail to: [hailes@tintinhull.demon.co.uk](mailto:hailes@tintinhull.demon.co.uk).
  - **What's happening in Ghana?** The **Youth Club for Nature Conservation** is at it again. They have started monthly environmental lessons in three secondary schools, helping several communities to adopt strategies to prevent environmental hazards. Activities include the planting of trees, protecting and cleaning up the vital waterways, and other Earth-sound agricultural practices. Working, in one case, in tandem with a local chief, they recently set up a new demonstration farm. A non-profit NGO, the Youth Club targets secondary school students, educating them on how to formulate community-involved strategies to prevent ecological problems through alternative, sustainable developmental practices. Workshops on sound environmental reporting, annual essay and painting competitions about local issues, for publication with the aim of coordinating a national youth collaboration in protecting natural resources, and demonstration farms to assist underprivileged communities with technical know-how. Providing tools, seeds, and microsymbionts to help people undertake these sustainable farm practices, they also incorporate bee keeping and fish/snail farming into their operations. Perhaps most importantly, the group runs an advisory service to deal with problems encountered by their membership and the general public, collaborating with other NGOs and community leaders to alleviate poverty and secure lasting improvements in quality of life. They are currently working toward getting online and outfitting themselves with desktop publishing capabilities. **Youth Club for Nature Conservation has a new address!**
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## Update from Gunther Mau

Dear Friends,

I have accepted a 2-year assignment in Beijing, as Chief Technical Adviser for the UN/GEF funded 'Tumen River Strategic Action Program', a regional project under the GEF International Waters Program.

It has been great to work with you these last couple of years and I only hope my new work mates in the five countries in which I will be working will be as supportive as you have been.

For those of you passing through Beijing, please do not hesitate to drop in and have a chat. Unfortunately I can't give you an address because the Tayuan Diplomatic Compound where I was supposed to be located is being refurbished I just heard. UNDP Beijing should however be able to locate us!

For the next week or so we are still on air through [mauenter@dynamite.com.au](mailto:mauenter@dynamite.com.au) and then, from mid June onwards, I can be contacted via [gmau@public.un.org.cn](mailto:gmau@public.un.org.cn)

All the very best!

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## Update from Esther Peter-Davis

Hello Marilyn,

The Newsletter caught up with me on my travels and I want to tell you how delighted I am with the work you are doing. The web site is great !

A few words on the activities of our institute. While nearly a year late, we have nevertheless managed to complete our comprehensive action programme for SMEs with trade-specific eco-guides published in six sectors : painting, wood-work, motor vehicles maintenance and repair, heating/plumbing/roofing, printing and construction sites, as well as completing 3 teaching packs for technical schools and 4 eco-diagnostic questionnaires (short tests giving managers a chance to assess their company's environmental status).



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Two of our counsellors are well into their 350th trade-specific conference in high schools and technical schools on the subject of water protection and two others are working on new eco-guides. The guides all exist in French, plus two of them in German and I can send you a copy of the one about car maintenance in English if you are interested. On the training side : 34 people are training to be eco- counsellors this year. Also, we are working on our web site and it should be ready within a few weeks.

I am spending some time with my daughter and son who live in Montreal and even seen another of my sons twice in the past months ! I hope to hear from you - or rather get a message from you. E-mail is a fantastic way to keep in touch.

All the best and thank you for your excellent work. Esther Peter-Davis, Vice-president, ECO-Conseil, European Institute for environmental counselling.

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### **Marilyn Mosley to speak at DPI/NGO Conference**

GLOBAL COMMUNITY: THE EARTH AND HER CHILDREN

29 August 2000 at the 53rd Annual DPI/NGO Conference

Workshop organizer: Center for International Cooperation

Workshop contact and moderator: Patricia Jepsen Chuse President, Center for International Cooperation

Workshop Description: Global community emerges from listening to the voices of all its citizens. The workshop panel will speak for the environment, the new education, the indigenous elder, the child and the animal kingdom. Through these voices we will weave a tapestry of a conscious new world, a world of partnership, solidarity and peace. Through the cooperative interaction of all earth communities, this forum introduces voices rarely heard, voices rarely considered in the governance of nations.

Workshop panelists: Voice for the environment: Dr. Noel Brown (Director of Training-The Ocean Institute Former Director-N. America Office of the UN Environment Programme)

Voice for the new education: Marilyn Mosley (President-Global 500 Environmental Forum Director-Laurel Springs School)

Voice for the indigenous elder: Chief Oren Lyons (Faithkeeper-Haudenosaunee (Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy) Professor of American Studies-State University of New York at Buffalo) Voice for the child: Philipa (Pippa) Baker-Rabe (12 years old, from Ojai, California) Voice for the animal kingdom: Dr. Michael W. Fox (Senior Scholar, Bioethics-Humane Society of the U.S. Board Member-Center for Respect of Life and Environment)

Workshop Format: After a brief welcome by the workshop moderator, a 7 minute

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presentation from each speaker with questions accepted for up to 5 minutes after each speaker. Followed by a ten minute spontaneous interaction and collaboration of the speakers on three recommendations that they would make regarding the action plans of previous world conferences. Concluded with input from the audience for 10 minutes and a revision of the panelists' 3 recommendations so as to reflect the whole workshop's recommendations.

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## **Report of World Environment Day Activities of the Baha'i Vocational Institute for Rural Women, Indore**

Baha'i Vocational Institute Celebrated Environment Day in Three Levels

### 1. Institute Organised Two Day Training Workshop

"Environment Millenium, A Time to Act" was the theme of the two-day training workshop, concluded June 3, 2000. The Workshop provided training to 50 tribal & rural women on subjects like land and water, diseases caused by pollution, water borne diseases, deforestation, pollution of water in rivers, etc. The trainees learned to lessen these problems in their own villages and to spread environmental awareness among others. Through this training, women become self-aware and create awareness among their fellow villagers and families. Trainees composed songs and created dramatic pieces expressing what they had learned. This is a big step towards a pollution free India.

### 2. World Environment Day Observed By Tribal Women

On June 5, 2000, young tribal women from 14 Mahila Mandals (Women's Committees) got together to observe World Environment Day at Panchayat Bhavan Sondwa. These Mahila Mandals are formed by the graduates of Baha'i Vocational Institute. Mr. Jimmy McGilligan, Manager of the Institute, chaired the programme. Mrs. Janak Palta McGilligan, the Institute's Director, gave the keynote address. She welcomed all the participants and emphasized the need for and importance of World Environment Day. She gave a brief history and introduction of U.N.E.P., and Introduced the GLOBAL 500 Forum to the participants. The programme ended with a rally of young women in Sondwa, witnessed by hundreds of people.

### 3. Participation in Human Chain in Indore

On June 5, 2000, 25 trainees and two programme officers from the Institute, Ms. Mamta Jain and Ms. Archana Margonwar, participated in a "Human Chain." Organised by Indore Municipal Co-operation under the leadership of Mayor Kailash Vijayvargiya, this human chain stretched from Bara Ganpati to Palasia Square. This was the first time the trainees took part in such an event.

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**Australians lead the way in practical conservation**



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More Australians are becoming involved in practical conservation than ever before.

Australians are proving that they are not just concerned about the environment but that they are prepared to actually do something practical to help preserve it.

Australia's largest practical conservation organisation the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers has recorded an increase of more than 800% over the past five years in community participation in conservation projects.

Last year participants in ATCV conservation projects contributed more than \$19.2 million of practical assistance to the preservation of the Australian environment.

ATCV National Programs Manager Phil Harrison explains the dramatic increase as the result of greater community awareness of environmental issues:

"The media has played a significant role in educating Australian's about the state of the environment, this has inspired people to find out what they can do." Mr Harrison said.

"Each week ATCV manages more than 130 conservation projects across Australia. By becoming involved in practical conservation thousands of Australian's enjoy the satisfaction of achieving real environmental outcomes."

"An important aspect of community involvement in ATCV conservation projects is that projects are local to many Australians throughout regional and rural Australia. This year ATCV will manage conservation projects in more than 4000 locations." Mr Harrison said.

The increase in the number of Australians involved in practical conservation has been matched by an increase in government and corporate support.

"Businesses, State and Commonwealth Governments appreciate the benefits of supporting community involvement in practical conservation. The environmental and community outcomes are a worthwhile investment." Mr Harrison said.

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### **Sentient Experientials host a wilderness journey/seminar in the Ecuadorian Amazon featuring Global 500 Laureate Pablo C. Amaringo**

[SENTIENT EXPERIENTIALS](#) is pleased to host AN EXPERIENTIAL WILDERNESS JOURNEY/SEMINAR in the ECUADORIAN AMAZON featuring Global 500 Laureate PABLO C. AMARINGO



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"NATURE as TEACHER, INDIGENOUS WISDOM, and RAINFOREST CONSERVATION STRATEGIES"

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 11, 2000

Come in solidarity for an experiential wilderness journey/seminar beholding the majesty of primary rainforest on the banks of the Aguarico River in the upper Ecuadorian Rainforest with Secoya elders and youth - forest masters, traditional healers, visionaries, artists, ethnobotanists, and tropical biologists - who, with commitment and dedication, work at ground-level to support Rainforest conservation and Indigenous cultural transmission among the generations.

A BENEFIT for [GRUPO OSANIMI](#) ECUADOR'S RAINFOREST CONSERVATION and CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECTS

Hosts and Hostesses The SECOYAS, living among 100,000 acres of low-land rainforest, are an ethnic minority, autochthons of the Upper Napo Region of the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest, numbering approximately 350 people in Ecuador and 350 in Peru. Their language belongs to the Western Tukanoan linguistic group and their name, Secoya, means "People from the Multi-Colored River." They are a bold and original people whose culture and ancestral homelands are now imperiled due to imposed political discrepancies, industrial civilization and the encroachment of colonization. Despite the struggle in which they find themselves, the Secoyas have a strong sense of engagement with their history of the past and present, maintain their rich oral tradition, and are masters and mistresses of the forest.

The Secoyas are our personal friends whom we hold in high regard and have known and interacted with for many years. Representatives of the community, spanning three generations, will be our primary welcomers and forest guides. Among them will be forest masters/mistresses with knowledge of extensive plant lore embodying ageless traditions, experience and wisdom. They will not only be our guides, but will also facilitate healings and lead early morning tea ceremonies with story-telling and dream interpretations.

Guest Teacher and Artist-in-Residence PABLO C. AMARINGO is a world-illustrious visionary painter from the Peruvian Amazon. With Colombian anthropologist Dr. Luis Eduardo Luna, Pablo Amaringo co-founded The Usko Ayar School of Amazonian Painting in Pucallpa, Peru in 1985. In 1991, they co-authored the book "Ayahuasca Visions." Pablo's paintings express the peril, anguish and healing power yet left in the sacred botanical kindom. As director of the Usko Ayar School, Pablo teaches painting to the local youth and educates them in the care and preservation of the Amazon ecosystem. During the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (June 1992), Pablo was elected to the Global 500 Roll of Honor of the United Nations Environment Program in recognition of



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outstanding practical achievements in the protection and improvement of the environment through the Usko Ayar School. Pablo Amaringo dedicates his life to spiritual development, healing, rainforest conservation, the arts and education.

Coordinator, Guide and Primary Translator JONATHON MILLER-WEISBERGER is Director of Grupo Osanimi, an Ethnobotanist

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Academic credit is available, through the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), an institution of higher education promoting spiritually engaged fieldwork in anthropology, philosophy, psychology and organizational development.

Para leer en español, escribe a [dahlia@igc.org](mailto:dahlia@igc.org). o Gracias. Thank you.

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### **Update from Leonie Madgwick Vejjajiva (1994 Laureate)**

Leonie, of the Wild Animal Rescue Foundation of Thailand, says she would be happy to host Laureates who come to her country, and answer questions about S.E. Asian fauna. She's also willing to consult with people and lend her expertise about setting up a wildlife NGO.

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### **A Global Environment Message for the 21st Century (Video Message)**

#### 1. The Aim

In the 20th century, people have been enjoying a rich lifestyle. The widespread use of household-electrical-appliances, cars, and computers, an improvement in the level of medical care, and many other advancements have all been brought about by the



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remarkable development of both technology and the economy. On the other hand, an expansion of the gap between the people who receive those benefits and those who do not has led to various disputes and serious environmental problems, such as environmental pollution and the destruction of the natural ecosystem.

In the 21st century, we need to take concrete action to preserve the earth's environment as a global commons for everybody, regardless of any differences such as nationality, sex, the organizations we belong to, social status etc. We must try to make it a better century, based on the reflections, successes and the wisdom of the past, in order to create a future with a rich environment.

Sixty countries and regions of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and 14 international organizations will participate in the Asia Pacific Ministerial Environment Forum in Kitakyushu. A discussion will focus on an action plan to preserve the environment of Asia and the Pacific Region into the 21st century, and result in a thematically titled thesis: "The Opinion of Asia to Send Out to the World." The thesis will be released at the "Global 500 Asia Forum", a concurrent conference of the abovementioned Ministerial Forum. The City of Kitakyushu, where the meetings are to be held, is going to send out a message on the importance of making everyone aware of one's own behavior and the earth through the 21st century. For the sake of the next generation, we can set in place a forum for opinion exchanges & announcements where the general public can participate regardless of age or nationality under the theme of "The Global Environment in the 21st Century."

We would like to provide opportunities for more citizens of all generations to think and act on the global environmental issues in the 21st century by obtaining video messages from the people who represent the 20th century all over the world.

Messages will not only be presented to the participants of the Global 500 Asia Forum, but will be announced to the world via the Internet. We are certain that they will be passed on as important messages to a variety of people around the world, regardless of generation. It would be much appreciated, if you agree with our aims, to give sending a message your utmost consideration. Please limit submissions to a few minutes in length.

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## Asia-Pacific Region and the Global Environment

-- A message for the 21st Century--

Owing to the technological and economic developments of the 20th Century, mankind has had the opportunity to enjoy an abundant and convenient life.



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However, on the other hand, there is an ever-widening gap between the rich and poor, where 1/5 of the world population consumes 4/5 of the world's resources. In the 21st Century it is necessary that we take practical positive steps now, while reflecting on previous experiences and successes to ensure an abundant natural environment for the future. We need to overcome differences such as nationality, gender and social status. UNEP (The United Nations Environment Programme) has recognized people who have made outstanding contributions to the global environment with its "Global 500 Roll of Honour."

Asia presently occupies 60% of the world population, and has a culture rich in diversity, and rich in the beauty of the natural environment.

The Global Asia Forum provides a place to search for a new way towards a sustainable future. Through the sharing of experience, knowledge and new ideas, the young people who will lead us in the 21st century and Asian Laureates can begin to work toward a common and noble goal.

The results of this Forum will be reported in at the ESCAP environment cabinet minister meeting, and will be disseminated globally as the message for the future. In the future, the Forum will be held by the Global Japan Network, composed of Japanese Laureates, Global Environmental Action (GEA), Kita Kyushu city, and UNEP. It is hoped that all the people on this beautiful earth will use this forum as a discussion place to cooperate and respect each other, in order to create a wonderful 21st Century.

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### **Update from Bebe Ajodha (Trinidad) 1999 Laureate**

Was awarded a Humming Bird Medal on Independence Day for loyal and devoted service in the field of environment. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Environmental Management Authority (EMA).

Bebe is now working for the Ministry of Education as Instructional Materials Manager. She also works for the environment now at a policy and decision level and community level.

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### **A Letter from Sheila Siddle of Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage Trust (2000 Laureate)**

Dave and I are taking a long time to get back into the routine of our normal daily lives after the most wonderful and exhilarating trip to Australia. We still feel in a bit of a daze from all that we have seen and the many wonderful people that we have met.



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We were excited to be chosen as Global 500 Laureates, and to be invited to WED 2000 in Adelaide, Australia to receive this most prestigious Certificate.

After a very long journey we arrived in Adelaide in the evening on June 2nd, tired and suffering from jet lag, but we were met and immediately made to feel very welcome and at home. We were escorted to a lovely hotel - The Stanford Plaza Hotel - in a new Gas powered motorcar, which is Environment Friendly. It was cold in Adelaide - on entering the hotel, we were presented with most lovely warm zip up jackets with emblazoned World Environment badges. We were also given a lovely backpack and lots of paperwork explaining what it was all about and what we were about to embark on. They had thought of everything!!

Saturday June 3rd was the start of five days packed with a variety of new and wonderful experiences. The organization that went into this week of events must have been tremendous. There were no hitches during the whole time but I felt sorry for our hosts trying to make sure that the Laureates were on the right buses at the right time and that no one got lost. Our hosts really had to work hard at this!

We have come back to Zambia filled with new resolve - and so many new ideas. Our Education Centre, which is just getting going, will be the area where we can concentrate our efforts in trying to teach children about THE WORLD and THE ENVIRONMENT, and all the things people can do to help keep this world a place worth living in. Our main theme will be about sharing the planet, allowing all creatures to live in harmony together and symbiosis.

Since returning my e-mail has completely let me down, so trying to get off thank you letters and other mail has proved very difficult. Also time has gone so fast because things keep happening.

The most heartbreaking occurrence was the death of my Secretary, Mrs. Maggie Katolo, on June 22nd. I have worked with Maggie for the past ten years and shall miss her dreadfully. She was a friend as well as a very good secretary. A lot of people have had dealings with Maggie, either on the phone or in the office, and I am sure you miss her as well. Her sixteen year old daughter Lucy had to sit through very important exams over this sad period, and she and her brother Jonathan have been very brave.

When we arrived home a film crew from Australia, LJM Productions, and director Lesley Hammond, had arrived. Then, from New Zealand came Donna Malan, Cheryl Cameron and Darren McDonald, who had brought us a new guest, Buddy, from New Zealand in December last year. Obviously they were interested in Buddy, so while they were here we tried to integrate the twelve youngsters with Buddy, Buffy, Diana and Masya. At first we thought it had worked, but then the screaming and shouting started. The main cause of the trouble seemed to be Buffy. Every time any of the young ones got near to Buddy and

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tried to make friends with him, she got very angry and chased them. The biggest baby of the lot was the one I thought would be the most adventurous - that was Alfie - he was such a scaredy-cat that he went and hid in an ant hill and Lorraine and some of the men had to go in looking for him and carry him out. Needless to say, we put them all back into their own enclosures and will try again another day. They are in cages next to each other at food times and the interaction between them is getting better!!

When we first let Buddy and Buffy into the fourteen-acre enclosure with Masya and Diana it was quite a funny performance. Buffy has a funny habit of covering her mouth with her hand. This huge hand covers most of the bottom half of her face - her eyes seem to get extra large and she points with her other hand at whatever it is that is worrying her. All the time she is making this soft "ah-ah-ah-ah" noise. When we opened the door into the enclosure, she did all of this performance - she kept looking at us and pointing out to the trees or the fence or the grass. She went to the open door and stuck her head out and, in seeming amazement, she looked away to the trees (hand still over mouth) then back into the cage. She kept pointing at us and then at the open door as if asking us to take a good look. She kept this up for well over half an hour with Buddy keeping just behind her all the time. He seemed to be more frightened than anything else.

After a good half hour she gingerly put her foot outside, then the other one, then took her hand off her mouth for a few seconds while she pointed with both hands at the fence and trees in turn. Then she quickly got back into the cage, got hold of Buddy and almost threw him out of the door then followed him. They both stood upright on their two legs holding onto each other, seeming to stand still for ages before slowly walking off (still with a tight hold on each other) towards the trees. The look on their faces had Lorraine and I nearly in tears - it seemed at the same time to be one of awe, amazement, anxiety and fear.

On Saturday, July 1st, Dave fell and badly hurt his hip. He was unable to walk, but since it was a weekend and Monday a public holiday, it would have been no good taking him on that long journey to a hospital. So we took him in on Tuesday to see a Doctor who sent us for X-rays. He is very lucky that nothing is broken, but his hip is very badly bruised and only time and rest will get it better.

On 13 July, Maggie had a baby girl. We did not name it, since Maggie already has two dead babies and we wanted to see how she got on with this one. Well, she did not. She did everything she should not have done. She took it by one arm and slung it round her neck - she threw it on the floor when she had something else to do, like eating. Then she started putting it on the floor and covering it with grass. The only thing she did right was let it drink milk from her. Kathie kept Maggie locked in the cage so that she could keep an eye on things. Kathie and Ian were off on 4 August and Lorraine was looking after the Project area. She saw Maggie weave her baby through the bars of the cage, then grab hold of its one leg and with a terrific heave yanked it back through the bars. Lorraine



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thought it must have been dead, but it was not.

Needless to say, we had to take the baby away. Dave darted Maggie with an anesthetic and the Baby was brought home on the evening of August 4th. Lorraine says it is a miracle that the baby lived, and so it has been named: "Miracle."

Miracle is sleeping with Dave and I and demanding a bottle every two hours through the day and night. When it first came home we weighed her - she was 1kg 800g. She is gaining weight about 250g per week. She is lovely and is beginning to make happy little sounds when she sees us. Changing and washing are things I could do without - fortunately nowadays we have disposable nappies, but such a price!

On August 7th Dr. Nick de Souza arrived from the Central African Republic with two male chimpanzees: Barbie, seven years old and Noel, eight years old. Karl Ammann had been fighting to get these two chimps away from the C.A.R. for a long time and World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) had worked hard to get permission to move them. Dr. Nick de Souza is a veterinarian based in Nairobi, Kenya with WSPA. He went to the C.A.R. and after long and arduous negotiations finally managed to get a release.

Lorraine and Ian were on leave in February last year when they got an urgent message to pick a chimp (Junior) from Lusaka. This year was the same. They had just started their leave when I had to contact Ian to 'please' go to Lusaka to meet Dr. de Souza and the two new chimps. We could not get a plane to take them and their boxes were too big for the small charter plane from Chingola.

Barbie had been chained by the neck outside a restaurant for a few years. Fortunately he had been given lots of scraps of food by the visitors so he is not in a bad condition. Noel had been in what Nick described as a desolate zoo, in a very small cage for a few years. His fur is a bit sparse and in not very good condition. He is bit lean, but on the whole does not look too bad. Apparently the zoo had very few visitors and the animals not much food. Neither chimp had had contact with other chimps for quite a few years. When they arrived, we had to get them out of their separate boxes and into adjoining runs. They were both very nervous and I think Noel was very scared seeing the other chimp - he cried and tried to hide. Barbie was apprehensive but relaxed much more quickly.

Nick could only stay for a few days and we wanted him to see if his charges were going to settle in together. For this reason we opened the door between their runs much sooner than we would normally have done. I was amazed when Noel rushed through the opening and embraced Barbie. They really get on well together and it is so good seeing these two being happy together. The one thing all our workmen remark on is their enthusiasm for any type of food we put in front of them, although bread and milk seem to be their favorites at the moment.



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We have a female chimp called Noel and a female chimp called Barbie. We knew the two new ones' names could be a problem. Nick said that neither of them seemed to know their names so we have changed them to BOBBY and NICK. Bobby sounds close enough to Barbie and Nick remembers the vet who had so much trouble getting them here. Ian and Lorraine were able to go on leave eventually on August 9th. Here's to hoping no more chimps will be needing a pick up from Lusaka! They literally left me "holding the baby."

Apparently two days after we left for Australia, my Hippo, Billy, forced her way into my kitchen. No one was around to stop her so she had a good time going through the vegetable basket and the bread bin and generally trashing the whole place. Fortunately she did not break any furniture (only the door) and she was out of the kitchen by the time people got up to go in there in the morning.

Since our getting home, she has been a perfect pest. She has learned that the electric fence, which is supposed to stop her getting into the garden, does not give her a shock if she uses her teeth to break the contacts. She is now insisting on sleeping most of the morning outside the back kitchen door. About eleven o'clock she lazily wanders round to her area near the little pool and waits for her bottles of milk. We think she is worried about the fishermen in the river. They are very active at the moment and have been using dynamite to kill the fish. For this reason she does not seem to go to the river very often and demands food from us all the time.

We have tried desperately to involve the Police in the problem of the fishermen, but they do not seem to have either money or vehicles. I have given them money and put money into vehicles to get them out here but it does not do much good. We sometimes feel that we are banging our heads against a brick wall. But we must persevere because at present the Kafue River, Zambia's second major water supply, is being badly damaged. The headwaters are thirty-eight miles upriver from us and we know at this time there are thirteen fish traps right across the river. They are so big that the water on one side is, in some cases, two feet higher than the water on the other. The fish do not stand a chance and neither does anything else.

We are trying to employ three Game and/or Fish Rangers who might be able to help with our problems. We are not empowered to act on our own but they might help. Our Game Department is going through a changeover from Government to Private and so it might take some time.

I am going to try to e-mail this.... I need to get through to so many people to say "thank you" for all that was done for us, and all that we learned. I would like to let these people know that we want to be in touch, involved, and stay friends. We met so many good people while away. I have a terrible guilt complex because this has taken so long. If this



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gets through, at least I know we can try to keep in touch.

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### **Update from Mei Ng, Friends of the Earth, Hong Kong (2000 Laureate)**

Since Mei Ng returned home, she has had numerous invitations for interviews, conferences, talks and speaking engagements. The latest and most enlightening one was in Shanghai, where discussions focused around shaping that area's 21st Century strategy. Mei Ng was the only NGO representative to speak about community mobilization. At the moment, she and her team are gearing up for the planning and launch of Hong Kong's first renewable energy education centre. Mei Ng says "it is her millennium challenge."