

Subcommittee will select a director, aided if necessary by a full-time coordinator, and will appoint a task force. It will be the duty of the director and the task force, under the continuing general supervision of the Subcommittee to:

- a. Evaluate the suitability of the potential sites for the study and aid in making the final selection.
- b. Find competent experts in the U. S. and other countries.
- c. Prepare the proposal and apply for funds.
- d. Involve graduate trainees in systematic biology and ecology.
- e. Consult and cooperate with groups within and outside of the IBP.
- f. Facilitate the publication of results.

After the program is under way the Subcommittee on Systematics and Biogeography will retain an advisory role.

DESCRIPTION OF TWO PLANNED PROJECTS

Two such projects are being planned at this time.

The Hawaii Project

The Subcommittee has approved this as its first major undertaking. The subcommittee on Conservation of Ecosystems is prepared to participate. The Hawaii Project will be a detailed, long-term, comprehensive investigation of the endemic and invading biotas of Hawaii. This group of islands supports one of the most critical biotas in the world -- critical because of its exceptionally high endemism and the rapidity with which it is disappearing before the