

THE TRAINING OF STUDENTS

The shortage of competent systematists is critical and the proposed IBP activities will accentuate this need. Many of the contemplated Subcommittee on Systematics and Biogeography projects seem ideally suited for the advanced training of students in this area, particularly in field work, which is an indispensable part of the training of systematists. The Subcommittee recommends that the funding agencies give sympathetic attention to applications for pre- and post-doctoral support and to requests for travel funds for participation in SB-sponsored studies. We strongly urge the development of mechanisms for the participation of foreign students in such projects.

To accomplish such training, we recommend that use be made of programs such as those of the Organization for Tropical Studies and the proposed Smithsonian-Pan American Union project for training systematists and ecologists.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Planning Conference on the Hawaii Project

This conference will be held in Honolulu on 21 - 23 March, 1967 to plan the project organization and program, in consultation with local authorities and biologists. The personnel involved, arrangements, and proposed budget are being worked out by a joint Systematics and Biogeography - Conservation of Ecosystems Planning Committee and will be submitted shortly.

Workshop on Endemism and Extinction

The Subcommittees on Systematics and Biogeography and Conservation of Ecosystems are jointly planning a workshop leading to the publication of a treatise on endemism and extinction which will serve as a guide to systematists, ecologists, and conservationists in planning scientific investigations and conservation measures. This work will survey the present state of knowledge and theory on these subjects, list information sources, and point out specific problems and situations which need attention. Planning by a joint committee of Systematics and Biogeography and Conservation of Ecosystems is under way, and the workshop will be held in 1968.