

Appendix

Timeline of Events

February	1969	Belize Audubon Society
March		BAS Bulletin published
August		First BAS protected area management project on Half Moon Caye
January	1970	First BAS Christmas Bird Count (Belize City area)
February		First Annual General Meeting
March		Visit of Canadian Audubon Society, First Checklist of the Birds of Belize
May	1971	First research in Crooked Tree
June		First radio spot (Audubon Weekly)
February	1973	Guanacaste Park declared a Crown Reserve
April		Belize Audubon becomes an independent Society
July		Jabiru added to Wildlife Protection Ordinance
December	1975	Second BAS Christmas Bird Count area (Belmopan)
September	1977	Seven mangrove cayes made Crown Reserve Bird Sanctuaries
November	1981	Wildlife Protection Act enacted National Parks System Act enacted
March	1982	Half Moon Caye Natural Monument (HMCNM) established
July	1983	David Craig attends International Whaling Commission
November	1984	Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary (CTWS) established Wild Wings/Underhill Foundation funds CTWS Cockscomb Basin made a Forest Reserve and “no hunting” area

November	1984	BAS authorized to manage GOB reserves Crane Game Ranch proposed
January	1985	BAS opens office funded by Massachusetts Audubon Society
February		Community Baboon Sanctuary (CBS) established
March		First Peace Corps Volunteer in BAS Office
April		World Wildlife Fund (US Mission) visits the Cockscomb Basin Forest Reserve
June		Operation Raleigh in Crooked Tree Village
August		Ted Martin swims for the reef and opens Reef Preservation Fund
January	1986	MacArthur Foundation grant for management of protected areas
February		Belize National Conservation Conference Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary (CBWS) established
April		BAS becomes member of IUCN
November		Society Hall Nature Reserve established
December		Blue Hole National Park (BHNP) established
May	1987	Hol Chan Marine Reserve established
October		Grant from WWF-US for CBWS
December		Zoological Society of Milwaukee County funds CBS
February	1988	Prince Philip visits CBWS First Lighthawk flight over reserves
August		BAS hosts first General Assembly of Central American Conservation NGO's
April	1989	Opening of Community Baboon Sanctuary Museum
March	1990	BAS Office moves to 29 Regent Street Dolores Godfrey appointed Executive Director
April		Guanacaste Park receives National Park status
June		Bladen Nature Reserve established
August		Osmany Salas first Protected Areas Manager
November		Visit of Mrs. Kathryn Fuller, President WWF-US CBWS expanded to 102,000 acres Cayo Audubon chapter formed

April	1991	June Neal appointed first Environmental Educator
July		BAS attends National Audubon Society's Biennial Convention, Estes Park, Colorado
November		BAS coordinates Belize Summit on Environment and Development
February	1992	Protected Areas Manager attends World Congress
March		Tenth anniversary of the HMCNM
May		Howler Monkey translocation from CBS to CBWS
June		United Nations Conference on the Environment (Earth Summit) Virginia Vasquez appointed Executive Director
March	1993	WWF-US President, Chairman and Board members visit CBWS New Visitor Center opened at CBWS
April		Visit of Mrs. Adele Simmons, President, MacArthur Foundation Valdemar Andrade appointed Environmental Educator
May		BAS Office moves to 12 Fort Street Christine Anthony appointed first Accountant
June		First National Symposium on the State of the Belize Environment
September		BAS accepts Regional Vice-Chair for Central America IUCN Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas
October		Seminar on Economics of Natural Resources
January	1994	Placencia Chapter formed
February		Opening of Silver Anniversary Celebrations Eco-Fest
March		Educational Center opened at Guanacaste National Park
May		25th Annual General Meeting
July		BAS manager of Shipstern Nature Reserve Society Hall renamed Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve

July	1994	BAS mans guard post at BHNP
October		IUCN Regional Mesoamerican Committee meets in Belize
November		BAS signs agreement with Christian Environmental Association
January	1995	Toledo Environmental Conservation Carnival
March		Friend to the Parks programme initiated
April		Entry fees for BAS-managed protected areas
July		Raleigh International venturers work at BHNP, HMCNM, CBWS
August		Ted Castillo appointed Executive Director
September		Clara Cuellar appointed first Environmental Education Coordinator
October		Corozal Environmental Conservation Carnival
November		Protected Areas Conservation Trust enacted
January	1996	Environmental Conservation Carnival to Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve
April		Government, Forest Department and BAS sign historic agreement
May		A to Z of Belizean Wildlife 2nd edition launched
August		Raleigh venturers at Tapir Mountain & CBWS
September		CTWS Visitor Center opened
October		BHNP Visitor Center opened
November		Michael Somerville appointed Environmental Education Coordinator
December		Turtle Week Exhibition
		Inauguration of new CBWS facilities
		BAS represented at IUCN Congress in Canada
		Pedro Perez appointed first Membership and Marketing Director
		BAS Awareness Week
		BAS Secretary Lydia Waight honoured
		100 Birds of Belize and TMNR Manual launched
		Belize Barrier Reef declared World Heritage Site

January	1997	Coastal Treasures of Belize launched
January	1997	Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary book launched
May		TMNR Community Resource Center opened
August		Lamanai Room Declaration
		Trekforce builds new pier for HMCNM
September		CTWS Interpretive Boardwalk opened
October		Osmany Salas returns as Executive Director
		Pamela Scott appointed Protected Areas Manager
		Pedro Perez appointed first Marketing Director
November		BHNP RARE Trail opened
February	1998	CTWS designated RAMSAR wetland
March		CTWS Observation Tower opened
May		Valdemar Andrade returns as first Advocacy Coordinator
		Ignacio Pop and Steve Tillett first Wardens of the Year
June		BAS Agenda for the 21st Century launched
		Public Education Campaign launched
July		British Executive Service Overseas help BAS
October		First Bird-Fest International
November		Smithsonian Traveling Coral Reef Exhibit
		Rudi Burgos appointed Membership and Marketing Coordinator
February	1999	Opening of 30th Anniversary Celebrations
		Walkathon
		Green Art/Flower Show
April		Easter Family Camps

