

NORTH-WEST CAPE

A complaint has been lodged with the Department that insufficient attention is being paid to the conservation of fauna and flora at the North-West Cape United States Navy Communications Station.

The Commissioner of the Shire of Exmouth, Lt. Col. K. Murdoch, has advised that while there has been some destruction of fauna by workmen in the area, the attitude of both civilians and members of the U.S. Naval Force is good and is improving. All incoming personnel are advised of our requirements for the protection of fauna.

A relatively large number of euros, says Col. Murdoch, has been killed on roads by haulage trucks. The kangaroos were attracted by the fresh grass on the road verges. This problem will not now be so great, with the seasonal rains that have fallen recently, as grass will be available generally.

On the flora side the Shire has been most active. Two thousand trees have been planted out and an additional 10,000 seedlings are now available for planting. No native flora is being disturbed, except where necessary on actual construction sites.

Lt. Col. Murdoch is himself an honorary warden of fauna is keeping a close watch on the area from this angle.