

PLAN FOR INDIAN OCEAN BODY

Establishment of a permanent Indian Ocean fishery organisation was recommended at the second session of the F.A.O. Committee on Fisheries held in Rome in April.

Its general objects would be to promote, assist and co-ordinate national programmes over the entire field of fishery development and conservation through international means, notably aid programmes, and to examine management problems, particularly with regard to off-shore resources.

The Director-General of F.A.O. will be asked to place the suggestion before the Council of F.A.O.

Fisheries leaders from 30 countries and observers and experts from many other countries and various international bodies concerned with fisheries, attended the meeting of the Committee on Fisheries.

Among chief subjects discussed were international co-operation in fisheries, proposals for a World Fishery Congress, the world appraisal of fishery resources, education and training of fishermen and persons concerned with fisheries.

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FAUNA PATROL TO PALLINUP ESTUARY

Fauna Wardens A.R. Marshall, V.T. Nelson and Cadet Warden R. Emiliani visited the Pallinup Estuary at the end of June to follow up on a report of unidentified scratchings believed to be made by Dalgite and Bandicoots at Millers Point.

The scratchings were found in Ginlet thicket and covered a considerable area but positive identification was impossible due to recent heavy rains.

Animal traps were set but nothing was taken. An extensive search was made of the area for all animals but although numerous tracks and skats of Kangaroos, Brush Wallaby and Tamar were discovered, no animals were sighted.

Skats taken from the area have since been identified by the University Zoology Department as those of the Echidna. Because of this it is thought that the scratchings were made by Echidnas and not Dalgite and Bandicoots.