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As the official organ of the Madras Snake Park Trust, the first issue of its Newsletter appeared in May, 1976. Two further issues (Vol. 1; No. 2 and Vol. 2; No. 1) appeared in the same name. From Vol. 2; No. 2 (issued September, 1977), the newsletter, which comprised mimeographed pages stapled together, was renamed *Hamadryad*. Although editorship was not acknowledged, these were compiled by Zai Whitaker. With the formal separation of the Madras Snake Park from the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, the latter organization took charge of producing this newsletter, from Vol. 10; No. 1 (issued in May, 1985). From Vol. 15 (issued in 1991, although dated 1990), the periodical was upgraded to the status of a peer-reviewed journal. Zai Whitaker continued to edit the journal, up to Vol. 16. Since Vol. 15, a single issue has been produced in a calendar year, although increasing manuscript submissions, in addition to the financial solvency of the journal, will permit two issues a year from Vol. 22. Here at *Hamadryad*, we work as a team, with support from virtually every staff member of the Madras Crocodile Bank. Associate Editors, Harry Andrews and Romulus Whitaker help vet papers and find suitable reviewers. Editorial Coordinator Romaine Andrews assists in sending manuscripts for review and answers queries from authors, besides keyboarding manuscripts. Our DTP consultant Luc Gastmans comes all the way from Pondicherry and this is his seventh issue of the journal. The professional look of the recent issues of *Hamadryad* is entirely his work. Editorial Board Members help both with reviews and editorial policies, and we are particularly grateful to our reviewers for the time they spend on the papers we send them for review.

Since the date of publication is of great importance to both students of taxonomy and nomenclature, provided herein are the year (and when possible, the month) of publication of each issue of *Hamadryad*. Also annotated are herpetological taxa made available in each fascicle.

Vol	No	Date of Issue	New Species
1	1	May 1976	-
1	2	December 1976	-
2	1	May 1977	-
2	2	September 1977	-
3	1	January 1978	-
3	2	May 1978	-
4	1	January 1979	-
4	2	May 1979	-
4	3	September 1979	-
5	1	January 1980	-
5	2	(not issued)	-
5	3	September 1980	-
6	1	January 1981	-
6	2	May 1981	-
6	3	September 1981	-
7	1	January 1982	-
7	2	May 1982	-
7	3	September 1982	-
8	1	January 1983	-
8	2	May 1983	-
8	3	September 1983	-
9	1	January 1984	-
9	2	May 1984	-
9	3	September 1984	-
10	1 & 2	May 1985	-
10	3	September 1985	-
11	1 & 2	April 1986	-
11	3	September 1986	-
12	1	May 1987	-
12	2	September 1987	-
13	1	May 1988	-
13	2	December 1988	-
14	1	July 1989	-
15	1 & 2	1991 (for 1990)	<i>Rana ghothi</i> Chanda
16	1 & 2	1992 (for 1991)	-
17	-	July 1994 (for 1992)	-
18	-	October 1994 (for 1993)	<i>Cnemidospis gordongekkoi</i> Das
19	-	December 1994	-
20	-	December 1995	<i>Polypedates insularis</i> Das
21	-	January 1997 (for 1996)	-

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