

AUSTRALIA NEW GUINEA FISHES ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Australia New Guinea Fishes Association. This is a reprint of our first journal newsletter, with outdated information deleted.

ANGFA has four objectives -

- to promote the study of indigenous fishes of Australia and New Guinea.
- to promote the exchange of information regarding the biology of indigenous fishes
- to promote good fellowship amongst those people interested in the study of Australia and New Guinea fishes.
- to publish a quarterly journal titled "Fishes of Sahul".

The journal's purpose is to act as a medium to increase the flow of information between people interested in fishes from Australia and New Guinea. It will be published in Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. This newsletter is a more informal communication between members and will be sent out with the journal.

ANGFA needs 250 members to be a viable organization and publish a high quality journal on a quarterly basis. So if you know of other people in Australia, New Guinea or overseas, interested in Australia and New Guinea fishes please tell them about ANGFA, show them your journal and encourage them to join. Membership subscriptions should be sent to -

ANGFA Treasurer, P.O. Box 502 RINGWOOD, Vic. 3134. Australia.

ANGFA also needs quality articles on all aspects of Australia and New Guinea fishes. We hope and encourage scientists, hobbyists and other people interested in these fishes to write for our journal. Articles of a couple of hundred words up to 6,000 - 7,000 words are welcome and needed. Articles should be forwarded to -

Journal Co-Ordinator, P.O. Box 502 Ringwood Vic. 3134 Australia.

Guidelines to authors.

"Guidelines to authors" have been prepared and we will send them to anybody interested in writing an article.

ANGFA began as a result of a visit to Melbourne by Graham Heidke and Adrian Tappin in late 1982. These two Queenslanders suggested the formation of an organization of people interested in the study, keeping and breeding of Australian fishes. A small group of people in Melbourne agreed with the concept and this led to a number of meetings and the formation of ANGFA and publishing of our new journal.

Following the original meeting two regional groups have been formed, one in Queensland and one in Victoria. We are hoping similar groups will be formed in all other States and Territories of Australia and New Guinea. All it requires is one interested person in each State or Territory to contact our Secretary, Mrs. Amanda Genovese (c/o P.O. Box 25 Balaclava, Vic. 3183, Australia.) or phone 03 527-2546 and she will send you a list of the names and addresses of people who are already members living in your state or Territory. You can convene a meeting and you are up and running.

Queensland Group. The Queensland regional group meets in private homes on the last Friday of each month. Any person interested in attending a meeting or requires further information are requested to contact-

Adrian Tappin (07) 396-7566 or Graham Heidke (07) 282-1630

Victorian Group. The Victorian group also meets in private homes at this stage on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Field trips etc are being planned. For dates and Venues contact Amanda Genovese or Ron Turner (03) 850-3401.

One Hundred covers have specially made to hold your "FISHES OF SAHUL". Each cover will hold 24 editions. They are available from ANGFA Treasurer at a cost of \$10 including postage in Australia, \$12 surface mail or \$15 air mail to overseas members.

Overseas Members Because of the high cost of cost posting our journal overseas, membership subscription is A\$20 per. year.

" FISHES OF SAHUL " (pronounced Sa-hule) refers to the Australian land mass up to about 10,000 years ago when land bridges existed between Australia and New Guinea and Tasmania.

Our thanks to Graham Thompson who researched the little known name with the staff at Monash University, for Sahul is certainly a beautiful word for an amazing group of beautiful fishes.

Its not too late to become a foundation member, closure date is 31st December 1983. If your already a member, just send the extra \$15 to our Treasurer with a note indicating you wish to become a foundation member.

Kind regards and best wishes to all members and future members.