

Reptile and Amphibian Survey



DURING the past eighteen months Hennie Beukes (left) and Chris van den Heever and their three Bantu assistants have collected nearly 3 000 lizards, snakes and other reptiles, as well as amphibians, in the Free State.

This work forms the basis of an intensive survey of these animals. Reptiles and amphibians collected in this way are studied by the herpetologist of the Museum, Mr Schalk de Waal, and are all preserved.

Four of the fifteen species which have never before been collected in the Free State are depicted on the accompanying photographs.



Tiger snake
Telescopus semianulatus



Bergadder
Bitis atropos



Dwarf Gecko
Lygodactylus capensis



Jones' Girdled Lizard
Cordylus jonesii



New Aquisition

Mr F. W. Bishop putting finishing touches on his model of the British Barquentine "WATER-WITCH" which he donated to the Museum. The original Waterwitch was built in 1871 and in 1939 was the last square-rigged vessel on the British coast.

Nuwe aanwins

Een van die ligertweeling (leeu X tier-kruising) wat onlangs in Bloemfontein gebore is, is dood aan 'n misvormde hart. Die diertjie is pragtig opgestop deur Sjoerd van Ee en is reeds uitgestal.

