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The Nudibranch Recording Scheme: Mini prints have been produced of 50 of the commoner species (and some problematical forms) of sea slugs. These prints were designed for use with the Linnean Society Synopsis 'British Opisthobranch Molluscs' by T. E. Thompson and G. H. Brown but the notes accompanying the prints explain several recent nomenclatural changes and new additions to the British fauna. It is hoped that photographs will also be of particular use to participants in the Conchological Society's marine census. The prints and notes cost £5.

The Sponge Project: Sponges are often difficult to identify from preserved specimens but the growth form and the colour of living sponges are often very distinctive. The sponge project aims to develop greater understanding of the nature, distribution and biology of the British sponges. A sponge guide is available and contains 42 mini prints of 26 species of British sponges together with a text on their identification and costs £4.50.

If you would like further details or to order any of the mini print sets then please contact Dr. Bob Earll, Zoology Department University of Manchester.

Porcupine Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 8

This issue of the newsletter includes reports from the Spring Seminar held at the Royal Scottish Museum on 31st March and 1st April 1979, the theme being 'Biological Frontiers'. Nine abstracts of papers presented are printed here, relating to the factors affecting the distribution of a variety of marine organisms, including deep water corals, fish and pogonophora. Copies of this issue, and other back numbers, are available price 70p (inc p+p) from Fred Woodward, South Shields Museum, Ocean Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

REQUESTS

Microscope Wanted

Can any well equipped Museum loan a microscope to John Cooter, Keeper of Natural History at Hereford City Museums? Please contact John at Hereford 68121 ext. 207.

Skeletal material wanted

Rogan Jenkinson of Creswell Crags Visitor Centre is in the process of building up a comparative bone collection of modern and Pleistocene Northern European species. This collection will be used at this

classic site to facilitate identification of animal bones. If you have surplus skeletal material or would be prepared to donate carcasses please contact Mr. Jenkinson at the Visitor Centre, Craggs Road, Welbeck, Worksop, Notts S80 3LH (tel. Worksop 720378)

COLLECTIONS SURVEY

This has now been typeset and publication is imminent. Committee are now seeking the additional finance required for publication, and it is hoped that the report will be available on time for the Museums Association Conference.

