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# EDITOR'S NOTE

As the second volume of *Biawak* is completed, the IVIG wishes to thank the countless individuals and organizations who have supported *Biawak* through their readership, promotion, indexing, feedback, and written and photographic contributions. The global response to *Biawak* has been overwhelming and encouraging, with IVIG memberships currently numbering 533 individuals from 27 countries. Although at the time of its inception it was unclear as to whether or not there was enough of a demand for such a specialized publication, it has become evident that the journal has filled a unique niche within the field of herpetology, and the IVIG hopes to continue publishing *Biawak* for many years to come.

## A Call for Papers

To date, *Biawak* has received article submissions from a myriad of individuals including university and museum faculty, field researchers, veterinarians, students, amateur varanid enthusiasts and private keepers. Missing have been contributions from zoos, aquariums and related facilities. This is surprising, given the growing number of varanids successfully maintained and bred in zoological institutions each year, as well as the broad scope of scientific research carried out on varanid lizards by zoos in recent decades. As valuable sources of data and information pertinent to the biology of varanid lizards, *Biawak* welcomes manuscripts from zoos and related facilities which discuss biological research, behavioral



Martial Eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) predating on *Varanus albigularis* near Mopani Bush Camp, Kruger National Park, South Africa. Photograph by **Bill Davies** [billda25@yahoo.com](mailto:billda25@yahoo.com)

observations, captive breeding, veterinary treatment, training and enrichment of varanids maintained in their collections.

## New Editorial Reviewer

The IVIG welcomes Tim S. Jessop to the editorial board of *Biawak*. Currently a research ecologist with the Department of Wildlife Conservation Sciences, Zoos Victoria, he maintains active involvement in varanid research both in Indonesia studying *Varanus komodoensis* ecology and conservation, and in southeastern Australia investigating the impacts of introduced predators on numerical and functional responses in *V. varius*.

## Logo Needed for the IVIG

The IVIG is currently seeking an official insignia to represent the group online, at events, in publications and on organizational documents. Entries should be submitted electronically in jpeg format and be no smaller than 2400 x 2400 pixels. The only strict requirement for the design is that it must include the IVIG's unabbreviated name, "International Varanid Interest Group". The winning design shall be announced and unveiled in a future issue of *Biawak*. Design entries should be submitted to: [submissions@varanidae.org](mailto:submissions@varanidae.org). The deadline for submissions is 15 May 2009.



*Varanus albigularis albigularis*. Western Kalahari, Namibia.  
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