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Book Reviews

Abenteuer Zoo, 600 Tierparks, Aquarien, Wildparks und Vivarien, Der Zooführer für Deutschland, Österreich und Schweiz (The Adventure Zoo, 600 Animal Parks, Aquariums, Wildlife Parks and Vivaria – The Zoo Guide for Germany, Austria and Switzerland; in German only) **by Dirk Petzold and Silke Sorge**
Leopold Stocker Verlag, Graz, 2012 | 445 pp, 2nd revised new edition ISBN 978-3-7020-1314-1

If you want to visit a zoo or wildlife park or aquarium in Germany, Austria or Switzerland you should have this completely revised guide book at hand. Petzold and Sorge have undertaken to update and completely revise their first edition, published in 2007. The new edition contains a lot more species portraits, maps and more information about equipments in zoos (like navigation details or available diaper changing tables etc.). 50 additional institutions are added to this new edition. Photos have been changed and all texts have been updated and revised. Apart from the big zoos and aquariums one can find information about many smaller institutions as well as specialised butterfly or reptile collections and museums with live animals. Apart from basic information one can find zoological highlights like feeding hours, species lists, and information about opening hours, entrance fees, playgrounds, restaurants, bringing of dogs etc.

A focus of the guide book is to provide information about species conservation and conservation projects; hence part of the proceeds of the book will go to the species conservation foundation, "Stiftung Artenschutz", in Germany.

The book is currently only available in German, but should not be missing in a zoo/aquarium aficionado's library. ■

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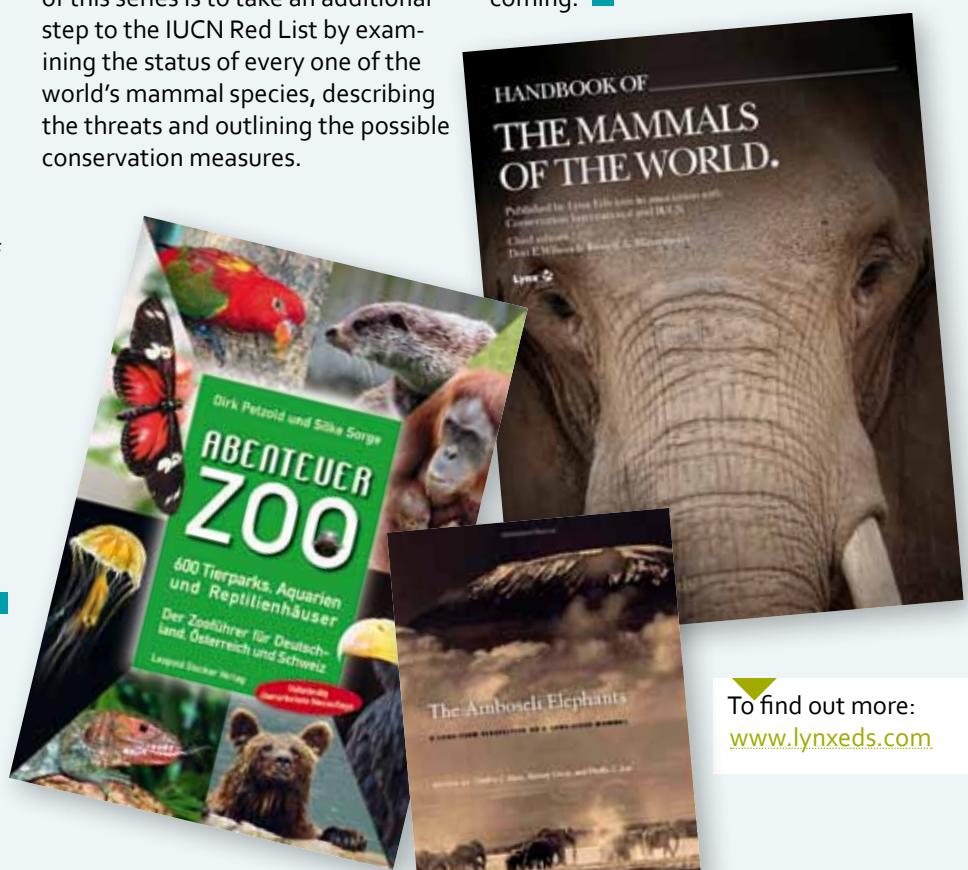
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Handbook of the Mammals of the World. Vol. 2: Hoofed Mammals Edited by **Don E. Wilson and Russell A. Mittermeier**
Lynx Edicions, Barcelona, 2011 | 885 pp ISBN 978-84-96553-77-4 (hardback)

The huge success of the *Handbook of the Birds of the World* clearly demonstrates that works of such scope, excellence, consummate expertise and beauty provide a vital foundation for the appreciation and conservation of the species they describe. This fundamental principle also underlies a companion project, the long-awaited *Handbook of the Mammals of the World*. For the first time ever, this eight-volume series covers every species of mammal on Earth with the combination of scientific rigour and readability for which Lynx Edicions has become well known.

The *Handbook of the Mammals of the World* is published in association with Conservation International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), as an important driving force behind this series is to support the conservation of mammals and their habitats. A clear goal of this series is to take an additional step to the IUCN Red List by examining the status of every one of the world's mammal species, describing the threats and outlining the possible conservation measures.

The first volume of the *Handbook of the Mammals of the World*, covering the carnivores of the world, was published in 2009. The recently published second volume covers all currently recognised hoofed mammals, which include many families of large, well-known animals often exhibited in zoos. They are revealed in all their fascinating detail, in riveting accounts written by some of the most renowned authorities in the world. The species accounts supply complete and up-to-date information at a time when new and increasingly sophisticated methods of genetic analysis are reshaping our knowledge of these species. To give just one example, the family Bovidae has almost doubled its size in the last five years, to the 279 distinct species known today. The book, which costs around 200 Swiss Francs, contains close to 900 pages with 56 colour plates, 664 colour photographs, 430 distribution maps and about 5,000 bibliographical references. The other six volumes of the *Handbook of the Mammals of the World*, covering the remaining mammalian taxa (Vol. 3: Primates, Vol. 4: Sea Mammals, Vol. 5: Marsupials, Vol. 6: Rodents, Vol. 7: Insectivores, Vol. 8: Bats), are forthcoming. ■



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