

part of the risks in the Earth of tomorrow. Predator and populations of the exotic buffalo (Ridpath and Waithman, 1988). Other diseases may still be waiting out there to devastate native wildlife and/or domestic livestock when the environmental conditions are conducive to it's outbreak.

#### Management and/or Control Expenses

One of the most insidious results is the millions of dollars spent worldwide to control and manage accidental and intentional releases. Looking again at the water buffalo problem in Australia, the government has spent over a half of a million dollars building fences and in shooting programs in attempts to control and eradicate them (Ridpath and Waithman 1988). They have also expended millions in attempts to control the exotic rabbit. The government of Great Britain has established, staffs, and funds a governmental agency whose sole responsibility is the control of introduced exotics (DeVos, et.al 1956). Over the past 20 years, the state of Texas has spent millions of dollars on research attempting to determine the effects of exotics on native ungulate populations. These unforeseen costs of exotic introductions have utilized economic resources that could have been dedicated to research and management of native species. The necessary control and management of introduced species also utilized a vast amount of human resources that could be better used elsewhere.

#### Conclusion

As can be seen, the introduction of exotics has many dangers, all of them with a direct impact on native wildlife species. The continued introduction of exotics will cause a great change in wildlife populations throughout the world until the human race is without the benefits of native flora and fauna that once flourished throughout the land. We must take positive and responsible actions to prevent the spread of exotics, if for no other reason than to maintain the biological diversity of the lands we have conquered. Perhaps it was said best in 1955 by a well known wildlife biologist, Dr. Oliver Hewitt, when he was discussing the introduction of the European rabbit into the United States, "Surly our science has reached a point where we are justified in condemning this ignorant and irresponsible gamble."

However, at the same time we must remember that our ecosystem will be forced into a new state (overgrazed) into a storage tank incapable of supporting life. This is impossible to escape eventually to cause

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