

ZOOLOGICAL RESULTS OF THE INDIAN CHO-OYU EXPEDITION (1958) IN NEPAL

PART 1.—FOREWORD

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The Zoological Survey of India attached Mr. A. K. Datta (then Zoological Assistant) as the Zoologist to the Indian Cho-Oyu Expedition which successfully climbed this peak in Nepal in 1958. Mr. Datta made collections, between altitudes 2,000—5,000 metres above sea-level, of about 2,000 specimens of animals belonging to various groups such as small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fishes, spiders and insects. A number of interesting photographs were also taken by him to illustrate the terrain and the habitat of the various animals collected.

Collections were made from a total of 64 Collecting Stations. Where possible, Mr. Datta also recorded the maximum and minimum air temperatures at each Station. This information is given in Part 2.

The Zoological Results of the Expedition will be published in 9 parts as follows :—

Part 1.—Foreword. (*By M. L. Roonwal.*)

Part 2.—The Collecting Stations. (*By A. K. Datta.*)

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Part 5.—Amphibia. (*By M. B. Kripalani.*)

Part 6.—Pisces [in part]. (*By A. K. Datta.*)

Part 7.—Pisces [concluded]. *Psilorhynchus pseudecheneis*, a new Cyprinid fish from Nepal. (*By A. G. K. Menon and A. K. Datta.*)

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