



Fig. 1. Plastic flamingo decoys. (Holder is Gunther Friederich.)

cially if it is stuffed into a sack for transportation, and the working depth will be about $\frac{1}{3}$ less.

I purchased a net for R. Simmons but he did not try it under all the caveats listed above (no moon, no tides at Sua Pan), caught no birds and declared it too big and unwieldy. He is convinced that the foot nooses are the best method. We are going to have a contest on 14–15 November 2001 to see who catches the most flamingos at Walvis Bay each using our own techniques (but the tides are not in my favor then until 02h24!).

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Lesser Flamingo ringing programme: appeal for information

A long-term ringing programme for Lesser Flamingos has been started by Leicester University, The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, and the National Museums of Kenya, supported by the Earthwatch Institute, at Lake Bogoria National Reserve, Kenya, under the auspices of William Kimosop, Warden. The primary purposes of the programme are to collect up-to-date biometrics on the species and to study their migratory patterns. To date, 37 birds have had metal rings placed on their right legs and large orange Darvic (plastic) rings on their left legs, both above the tibia-tarsus joint.

If you observe a bird with these rings, please notify the Ornithology Department, NMK, PO Box 40658, Nairobi, Kenya (e-mail: kbirds@africaonline.co.ke). If you find a dead Lesser Flamingo with these rings, please send the ring number and finding information to the same address.

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