

NEWS RELEASE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL OSPREY FOUNDATION, INC.

A new organization, *The International Osprey Foundation, Inc.*, has been formed to study the problems of restoring Osprey numbers to a stable population, make recommendations to enhance the continued survival of the Osprey, and initiate educational programs. The objectives of TIOF are:

1. To promote the study and preservation of the Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*, and other raptors throughout the world.
2. To establish and maintain lines of communication between those studying Ospreys whether on an amateur or professional level.
3. To create a working bibliography on Ospreys.
4. To develop a program of public education publicizing the ecology and status of Ospreys.

TIOF is based on Sanibel Island, Florida and monitors the thirty-odd Osprey nests on the island. Recently, it has also taken over responsibility for an ongoing artificial nesting program which The Fund for Animals, Inc. established on the island in 1976.

Internationally, TIOF is in the process of creating a computerized list of Osprey researchers by way of registration cards which will help to form a better line of communication between those doing similar research throughout the world. Another major project is the creation of a working bibliography on Ospreys which will be similar to the one produced on Bald Eagles by Lincer, et al, 1979.

Membership in TIOF, a non-profit organization, is open to anyone with an interest in Ospreys. Membership categories are:

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| 1. Individual/\$10 | 5. Contributing/\$100 |
| 2. Family/\$15 | 6. Donor/\$250 |
| 3. Sustaining/\$25 | 7. Life/\$500 |
| 4. Supporting/\$50 | 8. Student/(To undergrad level) \$8 |

Membership checks or request for registration cards should be sent to:

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