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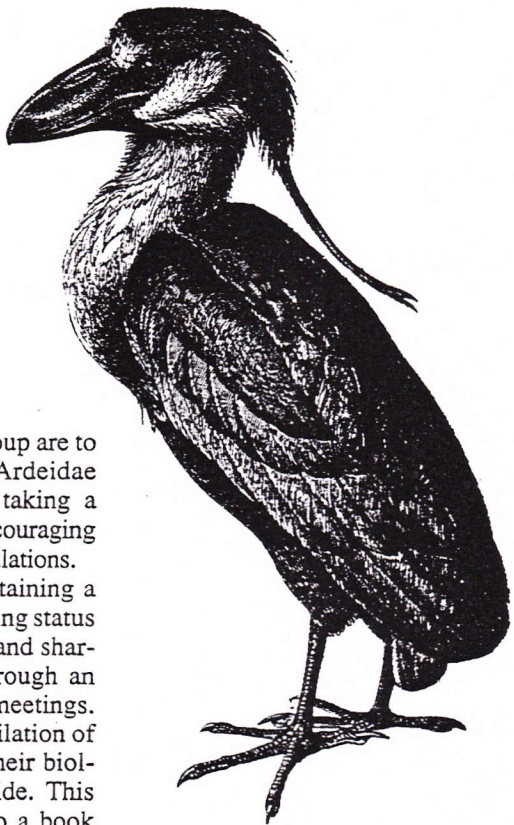
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The aims of the Heron Specialist Group are to promote global conservation of Ardeidae through sound scientific research, taking a regional population approach, and encouraging studies of little known species or populations.

Long-term projects include maintaining a global network of specialists; surveying status and conservation needs worldwide; and sharing ideas, news, and experience through an international newsletter and through meetings.

Short-term projects include compilation of information on heron populations, their biology, and conservation needs worldwide. This information will be synthesized into a book titled *Status and Conservation of Herons*.

Members of the Heron Specialist Group continue to prepare regional reports on the status of herons and conservation issues in order to prepare a global Action Plan. The plan is expected by the end of 1996. In order to facilitate communication between group members and the network of observers, the newsletter will be going on-line and be available on an electronic bulletin board. It will be updated four times per year.

Priority issues for the coming triennium include summarizing conservation priorities for herons worldwide, and encouraging research on status of at risk or poorly known species. The Group plans to have one to two coordinators on all continents and create small regional subgroups.

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