

aguan model. Instead, they will be allowed to remain and make their livings as before, although they will be restricted from cutting the forest and collecting the artifacts. Thus while Isla Zapatera's development adheres to the internationally accepted definition of a national park, it will remain a home for the poor farmer as much as a vacation spot for the rich tourist.

In all, over 24 natural and historic areas are being considered for inclusion in the parks system. They will cover about 11% of the country's land area (the average figure for industrialized countries is about 3%).

Conservation in the third world is often seen as contradictory to economic and social development. Nicaragua is demonstrating the falseness of this view with their unique national parks system - parks for the people!

Reference: Boucher, Douglas, "Parcs nationaux pour le peuple au Nicaragua". Revue Contretemps, Volume 1, May 1984, pp. 15-17.

#### VOICES OF CONCERN

Members of the Natural History Society often find themselves concerned with issues and not knowing where or who to contact to make their feelings known and their voices heard. This issue of the newsletter marks the beginning of a new column that will help alleviate this problem. Your input will be most welcome in letting people know who's responsible for what issues.

Dan MacAskill suggests that letters of concern about federal cuts to the Canadian Wildlife Service should be sent to the Federal Minister of the Environment:

Hon. Suzanne Blais-Grenier,  
Room 582,  
Confederation Building,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, K1A 0A6

Evelyn Meader would like to see letters written expressing concern over the proposed construction of six new nuclear power plants in New Brunswick (for more information, call Evelyn at 569-4991). The letters should be written to:

Premier Richard Hatfield,  
Province of New Brunswick,  
Centennial Building,  
Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H1

Please watch this spot for other concerns to be voiced.