

in size circulated in the water of the cave. No other large fish were noted contrary to Smith's statement that an 800 lbs jew fish was in the cave. Smith said that bats also occur on Dog Island. Return to Connel Bay and enroute to Lameshur (along Centerline Road to Coral Bay, thence along ocean around east & south side of island. Census of pearly-eyed thrasher as follows: 3 to Adrian area; 21 in Addian area; 3 to dividing leading down to Coral Bay; 2 to Coral Bay and three from Coral Bay to Lameshur. One small snowy egret (green legs) noted at Coral Bay in the mangroves. A family of sparrow hawks were noted at Connel Bay and one at divide of Centerline Road. At Lameshur, James Mathias caught a hawk-billed turtle in a net in bay east of peninsula at Lameshur. Photo 570723-5 and 570723-6 of this ♀ turtle. James is in one picture. This turtle attains a weight of 130 lbs. The bite of this turtle can break a finger. If these turtles are turned on their back, and food and water administered, they will live for weeks. If a ring is placed three feet and staked by rope in the bay, will last for months. Most turtles are kept by tying together the two front feet which immobilizes the animal. Alfred George also caught three turtles, both species represented, from the entrances of Lameshur Bay. According to James Mathias, these turtles differ from the green turtles in size and color. He is to return tomorrow and break out some wells for chowder. Conch shells are used for food but this should be discontinued. Wrote letter to MacFarlane for use of sloop and Captain to investigate outlying islets.

Dear Mr. MacFarlane:

July 23, 1957

In reference to our conversation July 20, I have compiled a suggested itinerary of islands which should be visited to determine which are free of Old World Rodents, the mongoose and the pig. If native animals exist on these islands they can be used to restock exterminated forms on St. John Island.

The use of a sloop for 12 days would be useful in helping us realize our objective.

July 29 Frenchman's Cap, Dog Island, Little James Island, Great St. James Island.

July 30 Thatch Cay

July 31 Grass Cay, Mingo Cay

Aug 1 Whistling Cay, Mary's Point, Watermelon Cay.

Aug 2 Flanagan Island, Le Duck Island, Bobby Rocks, Water Creek