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**Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
PERFORMANCE REPORT (July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992)**

Project:	Nongame & Endangered Species Investigations	No:	EW-2-4
Study:	Barn Owl Investigations	No:	IX
Job:	Nest Box Erection and Technical Assistance	No.	A,B

Personnel:	Karen Terwilliger, Dana Bradshaw, Rick Reynolds	<u>Costs</u>	
		Total:	\$11,235
		State:	\$ 2,809
		Fed'l:	\$ 8,426

Status/Recommendations: On schedule, continue study.

Summary

Since the completion of our official research project in 1989, no intensive distribution and population work has been undertaken; however, much work is still being conducted through volunteer effort, including erecting new nest boxes and monitoring the status of existing nest boxes. Although VDGIF still serves as a centralized repository for this information, there is currently not an effective data management system in place for the routine collection of such information. It is a staff priority to establish such a mechanism as soon as funding and manpower become available.

A. Objective: To monitor and evaluate use of erected nest boxes.

Findings

All work has been completed on this job and the results are available in: Rosenberg, C.P. 1986. Barn owl habitat and prey use in agricultural eastern Virginia. M. A. Thesis. College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. 114 pp. This was included in last year's annual report.

B. Objective: To provide technical assistance and management recommendations to appropriate agencies, institutions, private organizations, landowners, and the public.

Findings

Technical assistance was provided on an as needed basis to private and public landowners in the form of environmental reviews and management recommendations. Numerous informational brochures were sent out to private landowners interested in managing for this species.