SENEGAL'S TRADE IN CAGE BIRDS, 1979-811

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Senegal is one of the world's principal exporters of cage birds. The estimated value to Senegal of this trade is equivalent to U.S. \$500,000 annually. Between 1979 and 1981, over 1 million birds were exported annually to at least 26 countries. During this period, the Government of Senegal proposed some policy guidelines and legislative changes to manage this important industry rationally. The present report updates the exportation figures for these years and indicates some of the proposed legislation.

Senegal has annually exported an average of 1.2 million birds for the cage bird industry since 1955. Bruggers (1982) thoroughly described Senegal's contribution to world commerce in cage birds including analyses of the trappers and their methods, exporter operations, species distribution, quantities trapped, mortality rates, and importing country preferences. The present report updates exportation to 1981 and indicates the concern of the Government of Senegal as shown in legislative changes that have occurred in Senegal since the initial report was completed in 1978. These two bird exportation documents are unusual in that they examine the cage bird industry from the viewpoint of the exporting country.

METHODS

The present report was prepared from information obtained from the published annual exportation reports and the original files of the Direction des Eaux, Forêts et Chasses of the Ministere du Developpement Rural et l'Hydraulique, Dakar, and from discussions and conferences with government officials and exporters. Some of the data previously published in Bruggers (1982) are summarized and included in the tables with the new data for comparisons. Most of the data are presented in pairs of birds as they were recorded in the original exportation files. Scientific and common names of bird species are based on Serle and Morel (1977) and are given in Table 1. Costs are in U.S. dollars but based on African Financial Community Monetary Unit, the CFA Franc—30 = U.S. \$1. Table 1. Names of the principal birds sold in or exported from Senegal. (From Serle and Morel 1977)

Scientific name	Common name
CICONIIDAE	
Leptoptilos crumeniferus	Marabou stork
GRUIDAE	
Balearica pavonina	Crowned crane
PTEROCLIDIDAE	
Pterocles exustus	Chestnut-bellied sand-grouse
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COLUMBIDAE	
Streptopelia decipiens	Mourning dove
Columba guinea	Speckled pigeon
Oena capensis	Namaqua dove
Streptopelia vinacea	Vinaceous dove
Treron waalia	Bruce's green pigeon
Streptopelia senegalensis	Senegal laughing dove
PSITTACIDAE	
Psittacula krameri	Rose-ringed parakeet
Poicephalus senegalus	Yellow-bellied parrot
Poicephalus robustus	Brown-necked parrot
Psittacus erithacus	Grey parrot
HIRUNDINIDAE	
Hirundo spp.	Swallows
STURNIDAE	
Lamprotornischalybaeus	Blue-eared glossy starling
Lamprotornis caudatus	Long-tailed glossy starling
Spreo pulcher	Chestnut-bellied starling
FRINCILLIDAF	
FRINGILLIDAE	Valley frankad same
Serinus mozambicus	Yellow-fronted canary White sumped seedestor
Serinus leucopygius	White-rumped seedeater
PLOCEIDAE	
Quelea quelea	Red-billed quelea
Quelea erythrops	Red-headed quelea
Euplectesorix	Red bishop
Euplectes hordeaceus	Fire-crowned bishop
Euplectes afer	Yellow-crowned bishop
Vidua chalybeata	Village combassou
Vidua macroura	Pin-tailed whydah
Vidua orientalis	Broad-tailed paradise whydah
Ploceus cucultatus	Village weaver
Ploceus melanocephalus Passer luteus	Black-headed weaver
Passer striseus	Golden sparrow Grey-headed sparrow
1 1000E1 BI 10E160	Grey-neaded sparrow
ESTRILDIDAE	
A madina fasciata	Cut-throat finch
Amandavasubflava	Zebra waxbill
Estrilda caerulescens	Lavender fire-finch
Estrilda troglodytes	Black-rumped waxbill
Estrilda bengala	Red-cheeked cordon-bleu
Lagonosticta senegala	Red-billed fire finch
Estrilda melpoda	Orange-cheeked waxbill
Pytilia phoenicoptera	Red-winged pytilia
Lonchura malabarica	Warblingsilverbill
Lonchura cucullata	Bronze mannikin

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Senegal continued to export between 1.00 and 1.25 million birds annually between 1979 and 1981, as it did between 1972 and 1978. However, the importance of the exporters shifted (Table 2). Oisellerie Diallo and Viv-anim dropped from constituting more than 70% of the market during the earlier years to between 46% and 62% in 1979-81. The importance of Afrique Ocean also seems to be slightly diminishing from peaks in 1973 and 1975. In contrast, Grand Oisellerie, Faune Senegalaise, and Oisellerie du Senegal increased from 19% before 1979 to about 33% of the trade between 1979 and 1981. Two new establishments, Africazoo and Nosexport, began operations in 1981 and captured 9% of that year's market.

Of the 36 countries that received birds directly from Senegal between 1972 and 1978, 29 again imported cage birds in 1979-1981 (Table 3). Most exporters continued to export principally to European countries (Table 4); however, unlike previous years when France, Belgium, Italy, West Germany, Holland, and Spain accounted for more than 84% of the market, between 1979 and 1981 these countries imported only 61%. In fact, during both 1980 and 1981, the United States replaced France as the principal importer of birds from Senegal, accounting for 23-18% of the trade, or 160,247-102,980 pairs of birds, respectively. As in the past, the peak export periods each year generally continued to be March-June and August-September (Fig. 1).

Unfortunately, the disparity between the numbers of birds registered for export from Senegal and the number imported into the United States continues. For example, during 1979 and 1980, 133,900 and 320,494 birds were registered in Senegal for exportation to the United States (Table 5). However, during 1979 either slightly more than 60,000 birds (tabulated from Appendix; Nilsson 1981) or 113,314 birds (noted from text Table 5, page 13; Nilsson 1981) were imported by the United States; during 1980 only about 160,000 birds were recorded as imported. Discrepancies in the number of individuals of several species also exist, most notably, during 1980 for yellow-bellied parrots, yellow-fronted canaries, lavender fire-finches, blackrumped waxbills, and red bishops. Misidentification or improper registration also seems to be a problem. Nilsson (1981) listed at least 11 species of birds (Table 6) as coming to the United States from Senegal which are not registered as being exported from Senegal and which are not even recorded on the checklist of birds for the country (Morel 1972). These kinds of inconsistencies demonstrate the confusion that exists in the bird importation industry and undermines the serious and conscientious efforts of the individuals and organizations that are trying to understand and monitor the industry's impact on bird species of the world.

Species of the family Estrildidae continued to represent more than half of the total number of birds exported (Table 7). Cut-throat finches, orangecheeked waxbills, black-rumped waxbills, and redcheeked cordon-bleus accounted for about 70% of these birds during 1981. However, yellow-fronted canaries were the most requested species during both 1980 and 1981, when between 99,872 and 88,824 pairs, respectively, were exported. Cut-throat finches also accounted for 178,319 pairs during these 2 years.

The 1979-81 exportation rates of the principal bird pests to African Agriculture (quelea, Ploceus weavers, bishops, and sparrows) accounted for between 12% and 14.9% of the total exportation, a percentage comparable with most previous years (Table 8). Specifically

Table 2. Number of pairs of birds exported from Senegal by different export establishments between 1973 and 1981.

			19	73-1978		1979		1980		1981	
Exporter	Establishment	No. yrs exported	No. pairs (average)	% (avg.)	Range	No. pairs	9%	No. pairs	%	No. pairs	%
A. Diallo	Oisellerie Diallo, Thiaroye	6	304,252	40	115,403-436,330	213,427	33	183,004	26	153,850	26
A. Diba	Grand Oisellerie Touba, M'Backe	6	59,839	9	45,000-92,990	62,864	10	84,079	12	83,784	14
L. Masfrand	Afrique Ocean, Kaolack	6	77,970	11	50,000a-107,500	50,000a	8	31,964	5	58,681	10
P. Mbaye	Oisellerie du Senegal, Thiaroye	6	17,808	3	906-38,641	42,011	7	85,343	12	50,390	9
Mr. Cisse	Viv-anim, Dakar ^b	6	223,292	31	210,712-255,095	185,842	29	225,315	33	117,053	20
B. Wade	Faune Senegalaise, Thiaroye	6	46,371	7	30,000-82,158	74,585	12	69,357	10	55,475	10
C. Fall	Esportateur, Rufisque	1	2,500	0	began 1978	9,150	1	15,765	2	5,621	1
M. Ndiaye	Africazoo, Dakar	0	0	0	began 1981	0	0	0	0	5,527	1
M. Diop	Nosexport, Dakar	0	0	0	began 1981	0	0	0	0	44,667	8
Unidentified ^c						604	0			7,036	1
TOTALS OR AVERAGES			732,032	100		638,483	100	694,827	100	582,084	100

^a Data estimated.

^b Viv-anim was operated by a different owner between 1973 and 1978.

^c Unidentified: exporter's name not legible or missing from registration book.

	1	972-1978	Year of importation				
Country	No. years of importation	Range	1979a	1980	1981		
Argentina	2	600-3,190	1,750	9,605	6,250		
Australia	1	400	-	· -	-		
Austria	7	400-5,275	3,385	-2,408	4,669		
Belgium	- 7	41,241-133,682	58,665	61,654	51,675		
Benin	0	0	2	-	-		
Canada	1	1,000	-	100	-		
Denmark	7	4,690-11,375	15,030	11,250	8,646		
ElSalvador	0	0		725	-		
England	7	11,745-76,042	35,645	34,115	31,410		
Finland	1	400	_	_	-		
France	7	102,115-235,136	112,165	111,250	91,030		
Gabon	1	84					
Greece	5	75-810	650	1,000	1,013		
Guadaloupe	1	24	150	.,000	1,010		
Holland	7	63,105-130,241	60,450	61,548	73,359		
Hong Kong	3	700-1,835	1,250	11,800	10,000		
Iran	4	150-650	1,200	11,000			
Israel	4	100	-	-			
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Italy	1	48,494-94,581 690	39,908	56,485	57,008 90		
vory Coast	1 7		-	-			
Japan		15,395-38,987	26,047	24,050	34,275		
Kuwait	. 1	1,100	_	-			
Lebanon	1	340	-	-	-		
Malaysia	2	700-1,320	-	-	-		
Mali	0	0	900	1,260	225		
Malta	1	526	755	250	1,467		
Mauritania	2	10-100	-	-	-		
Morocco	3	160-180	-	1,500	2		
Portugal	2	300-2,635	4,500	4,372	6,629		
Reunion	3	400-1,376	150	-	-		
Saudi Arabia	1	675	—	-	3,334		
Singapore	0	0	870	-	200		
South Afrika	3	2,050-3,525	-	-	-		
Spain and Las Palmas	7	31,099-59,397	58,327	40,423	21,015		
Swaziland	0	0	-	3,275	-		
Sweden	7	45-1,600	1,530	55	3,200		
Switzerland	6	580-4,125	3,700	5,095	3,985		
Syria	1	1	-	-			
logo	0	0	15	_			
Inited Arab Emirates	3	250-435	120	-	530		
United States	7	1,810-64,910	66,950	160,247	102,980		
Jruguay	4	200-8,920	560	-	_		
Venezuela	2	535-1,835	_		in the second		
Vietnam	1	500	-	-			
Vest Germany	7	111,395-161,932	87,054	88,155	78,042		
Unidentified			7,995	4,205	1,050		
TOTALS			588,483	694,827	582,084		

a Afrique Ocean data are not included.

the number of golden sparrows, Ploceus weavers, and red-billed quelea exported increased either twofold or threefold, whereas the number of bishops decreased about 20%. As in the past, about 20,000 individuals of these species were exported to the United States during 1980 and 1981. Fortunately, none of these species are listed by Nilsson (1981) as having become established in the continental United States or Canada.

CONCLUSIONS

The cage bird industry is continuing to thrive in Senegal The estimated annual value of this industry to Senegal is equivalent to U.S. \$500,000 (Anonymous 1981). Since the original report by Bruggers (1982), government officials, exporters, and resident scientists have met on several occasions to establish policy guidelines. As a result, a major effort is being made to protect species by improving conditions of capture, transport, storage, and exportation of the birds. This objective has led to more stringent proposed legislation

Country	Oisellerie Diallo	Grand Oisellerie Touba	Export- ateur	Afrique Ocean	Oisellerie du Senegal	Nos- export	Africazoo	Viv- anim	Faune Senegalaise	Uniden- tified ^a	Total
Argentina	0	0	0	0	1,800	700	0	3,750	0	0	6,250
Austria	0	3,899	0	0	400	0	0	0	370	0	4,699
Belgium	8,585	5,600	0	1,320	9,630	700	200	4,035	21,605	0	51,675
Denmark	275	430	0	0	600	2,200	1,362	3,479	0	300	8,646
France	40,615	3,820	0	14,299	10,870	3,897	0	14,239	0	3,290	91,030
Great Britain	1,525	6,565	0	3,925	0	0	0	17,240	2,155	0	31,410
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,013	0	0	1,013
Holland	22,075	7,570	0	6,835	8,000	9,800	1,500	12,254	4,325	1,000	73,359
Italy	15,755	25,740	0	6,630	0	0	0	1,715	5,075	2,093	57,008
Ivory Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	90
Japan	750	4,270	600	17,400	0	1,400	0	9,255	600	0	34,275
Mali	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
Malta	0	0	0	1,132	0	0	0	0	0	335	1,467
Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Portugal	4,271	300	300	0	0	0	0	1,758	0	0	6,629
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	904	400	2,030	0	0	0	0	3,334
Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	200
Spain	16,294	0	4,721	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,015
Sweden	0	1,200	0	700	0	0	0	0	1,300	0	3,200
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	1,900	600	665	820	0	0	3,985
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	530	0	0	530
United States	33,100	5,360	0	0	4,760	19,300	0	31,300	9,160	0	102,980
West Germany	10,380	18,980	0	5,536	11,030	4,040	1,800	15,375	10,883	18	78,042
Unidentifieda	0	50	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,050
TOTALS	153,850	83,784	5,621	58,681	50,390	44,667	5,527	117,053	55,475	7,036	582,084

Table 4. Number of pairs of birds exported to each country by each export establishment durin

^a Unidentified: exporter's name or country of destination not legible or missing from registration book.

in these areas and to establishing some species export quotas (Table 7; Anonymous 1981).

Specifically, the proposed goals and regulations include the following:

- 1. Maintaining the bird exportation trade without adversely affecting the populations of the species.
- 2. Reinforcing control measures over exporters by
 - a. requiring certificates of origin for species and shipments
 - b. establishing annual exportation quotas on the number of individuals of each species
 - c. requiring veterinary examinations before shipment.
- 3. Redistributing more equally the revenues obtained from the commerce by
 - a. increasing the cost paid to the Eaux et Forêts for collection permits
 - b. increasing by 75% the amount of money collected by the Government for each pair exported.

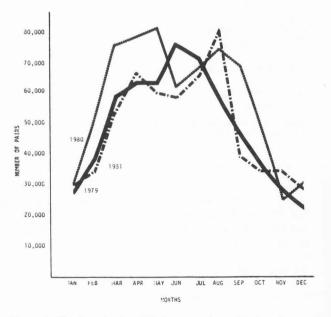


Figure 1. Number of pairs of birds exported monthly from Senegal during 1979, 1980, and 1981.

Table 5. Number of birds exported to the United States from Senegal between 1979 and 1981, and numbers published by Nilsson (1981) for 1979 and 1980 as having arrived in the United States and as dying during shipment or quarantine.

· ·		1979			1981		
Species	Exporteda	Importedb	Deadc	Exporteda	Importedb	Deadc	Exporteda
PTEROCLIDIDAE							
Pterocles exustus	_d				_	-	100
COLUMBIDAE				300	200	0	
Columba spp.; Streptopelia spp.				300	300	0	
PSITTACIDAE							
Psittacus erithacus and	800	70	0	1 410			2 200
Poicephalus robustus Poicephalus meyeri	800	70	1	1,416	26	1	3,890
P. senegalus	2,700	4,323	825	13,314	2,584	171	9,120
Agapornis fischeri	-	180	7	-	-	-	-
A. personata	-	180	31	_	-	-	-
Agapornissp.	-	-	-		2,483	98	-
Psittacula alexandri	-	-	100	-	850	-	-
P. krameri	250	600	183	5,378	1,887	194	2,160
BUCEROTIDAE							
Tockus erythrorhynchus	-	-	-		7	7	
TURNIDAE							
Lamprotornis spp.		1.1	-	300	-	-	100
RINGILLIDAE Serinus leucopygius		90	2	1,756	360	11	2,700
S. mozambicus	5,000	6,971	1,527	42,704	4,415	481	29,480
	0,000	0,011	1,021	42,104	4,410	401	20,400
PLOCEIDAE							
Vidua chalybeata	-	1,160	150	5,186	554	246	2,480
V. macroura V. paradisaea	_	178 176	8 14	2,124	870	36	3,920
Passer luteus	6,000	3,299	709	4,136	1,345	232	8,080
Ploceus spp.	-	1,200	155	5,620	517	120	1,600
Euplectes afer	-	340	17	-	840	89	2,000
E.orix	-	240	31	11,110	-	-	6,650
STRILDIDAE							
Pytilia melba	-	28	0	_	-	_	_
P. phoenicoptera	-		-	2,400	1	1	50
Lagonosticta spp.	-	446	17	-	1,156	1,241	-
L. rhodopareia	-	12	9	-	-	-	-
L. senegala	3,700	1,586	446	36,236	-	-	11,280
Estrilda bengala	14,200	1,758	143	60,496	-	-	22,440
E.cyanocephala E.granatina	-	300 38	1 14	-		_	-
E. caerulescens	4,000	1,135	86	25,474	1,215	530	5,800
E. melpoda	22,110	7,030	21	13,960	2,901	333	15,320
E. troglodytes and	,	.,		10,000	2,001	000	10,020
E. astrild	31,150	9,220	4,052	29,384	3,552	587	14,540
Amandavasubflava	2,400	1,320	131	14,004	714	75	11,060
Ortygospiza sp.	-	-	-	-	3	3	
Erythrura prasina	~	-	-	-	690	148	-
Lonchura caniceps	2 600	20	0	11.004	-		-
L. cucullata L. malabarica	2,600 8,800	5,430 4,475	1,187 340	11,224 14,000	3,660	424 596	8,320
Amadina fasciata	17,250	12,949	154	16,652	3,430 3,700	1,553	14,380 30,380
Misc. ESTRILDIDAE	-	-	-	-	119,065	21,036	50,380
Inidentified	_			1,320	_	_	200
Collectione	12,940		_	2,000		_	
		01.000	10.001				N C BERLEN
TOTALS	133,900	64,829	10,261	320,494	158,125	28,213	205,960

a Based on Senegal exportation figures. ^b Based on U. S. importation figures (after Nilsson 1981). ^c Dead on arrival or in quarantine (after Nilsson 1981). ^d No data available or reported. ^e "Collection" species: weavers; sparrows; mannikins; cordon-bleus; cut-throat and fire-finches.

Table 6. Some of the species listed by Nilsson (1981) as being	
imported into the U.S. from Senegal that have not been	
recorded in the checklist of hirds by Morel (1972) for Senegal	

Table 8. Percent of total annual exportation of species considered pests to cereal crops.

Scientific name		Section	Range	Year of exportation					
Agapornis fischeri	Fisher's lovebird	Species	1974-1978	1979	1980	1981	Avg.		
Agapornis personata	Masked lovebird	<u> </u>							
Psittacula alexandri	Moustached parakeet	Golden sparrow	1.3-2.4	0.9	1.3	2.4	1.7		
Poicephalus meyeri	Meyer's parrot	Ploceus spp.	0.6-2.6	1.1	2.6	1.7	1.9		
Uraeginthus (Estrilda) cyanocephala	Blue-capped cordon bleu	Yellow-crowned							
Estrilda granatina	Violet-eared cordon bleu	bishop	0.3-1.4	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.1		
Erythrura prasina	Long-tailed munia	Red bishop	7.8-9.7	7.1	5.2	6.0	7.7		
Vidua paradisaea	Paradise whydah	Red-billed quelea	1.5-2.3	1.7	2.2	3.1	2.1		
Lonchura caniceps	Grey-headed mannikin	TOTALS	13.6-17.7	12.1	12.8	14.9	14.5		
Ploceus aurantius	Orangeweaver	TOTALS	13.0-17.7	12.1	12.0	14.3	14.0		
Ploceus intermedius	Masked weaver								

Table 7. Number of pairs of birds exported from Senegal between 1974 and 1981. Data based on original exportation records. Underlined numbers exceed proposed annual quotas.

Species		Years						
Species	1974-1978	1979a	1980	1981	annual quota			
COLUMBIDAE (total) Columba spp.: Streptopelia spp.	2,501-3,955 2,501-3,955	2,805 2,805	2,690 2,690	<u>3,292</u> 3,292	3,000 3,000			
PSITTACIDAE (total) Poicephalus senegalus Psittacula krameri Psittacus erithacus and Poicephalus robustus ^c	6,764-10,987 5,220-9,090 667-2,083 36-1,629	11,601 7,940 1,657 2,004	24,075 <u>16,486</u> 5,385 2,204	17,829 11,118 3,575 3,136	_b 13,000 6,000 4,000			
BUCEROTIDAE (Tockus spp.)	62-200	25	0	0	-			
STURNIDAE (total) Lamprotornis spp.	416-5,113 416-5,113	3,353 3,353	4,870 4,870	3,706 3,706	6,000 6,000			
FRINGILLIDAE (total) Serinus mozambicus S. leucopygius	81,480-99,655 79,055-90,330 2,425-9,325	67,595 65,890 1,705	106,860 99,872 <u>6,988</u>	98,609 88,824 <u>9,785</u>	100,000 3,000			
PLOCEIDAE (total) Passer luteus Ploceus spp. Euplectes afer E. orix and E. hordeaceus Vidua chalybeata Vidua spp. Quelea quelea	110,395-135,327 7,650-16,900 3,595-19,125 1,875-7,935 52,840-60,250 6,791-11,455 6,775-18,425 11,914-13,825	77,475 5,530 6,670 7,745 41,800 3,305 2,555 9,870	$116,402 \\ 8,813 \\ 17,735 \\ 10,060 \\ 36,110 \\ 10,993 \\ 17,096 \\ 15,595$	107,580 13,819 10,020 10,158 35,090 8,395 11,828 18,270	unlimited unlimited 30,000 60,000 10,000 16,000 unlimited			
ESTRILDIDAE (total) Amadina fasciata Amandava subflava Estrilda melpoda E. bengala E. troglodytes and E. astrild Lagonosticta senegala L. caerulescens Lonchura cucullata L. malabarica Pytilia phoenicoptera	$\begin{array}{c} 334,698-502,024\\ 76,293-128,000\\ 1,505-12,960\\ 47,432-71,330\\ 38,935-75,000\\ 75,050-168,995\\ 5,475-9,825\\ 5,933-15,955\\ 13,200-25,675\\ 8,975-17,150\\ 200-1,750\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 386,339\\ 81,655\\ \underline{15,645}\\ 75,630\\ 44,159\\ 112,380\\ 8,860\\ 9,910\\ 21,080\\ 16,920\\ 100\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 436,400\\ 94,611\\ \underline{17,461}\\ 62,925\\ 70,577\\ 93,794\\ \underline{29,093}\\ \underline{24,177}\\ 19,397\\ 22,865\\ 1,500 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 349,569\\ 83,708\\ \underline{28,228}\\ 50,466\\ 53,019\\ 61,868\\ \underline{15,408}\\ \underline{14,138}\\ 19,040\\ 23,062\\ 632 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} -\\ 100,000\\ 12,000\\ 80,000\\ 90,000\\ 175,000\\ 10,000\\ 12,000\\ 25,000\\ 50,000\\ 2,000\end{array}$			
Collection, ^d Others, unidentified	0-43,255	39,290	3,530	1,499e				
TOTALS	548,596-830,126	588,483	694,827	582,084				

^a Afrique Ocean data are not included.

b Quotas were not established for these species.
 c 95% Psittacus erithacus.
 d "collection" species: weavers; sparrows; mannikins; cordon-bleus; cut-throat and fire-finches.

^e Includes 50 sand-grouse, 100 marabou storks, 34 swifts and swallows, and 50 crowned cranes.

4 In general, better enforcing the regulations that guide the industry.

None of these specific propositions have yet been ratified into law; it still "rests with the individual exporters and importers and the participating countries to try to manage themselves and the industry in a rational manner" (Bruggers 1982). Unlike the situation in many exporting countries, progress is being made in Senegal.

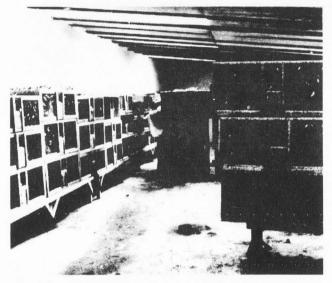
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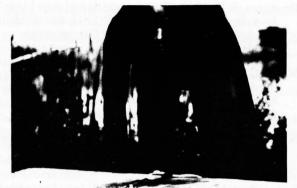
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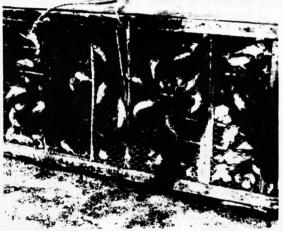


Normally, newly acquired birds are removed from their crowded transport cages and placed in holding cages inside buildings where they remain until they are sold.



Most birds are captured using clap nets, with water and grain as bait and stuffed or sun-dried birds as decoys.



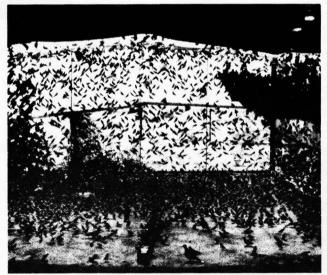


Trappers take birds to collection centers where they are picked up by the exporter or sent to Dakar by train or taxi.



Birds are provided millet (Pennisetum typhoides) and canary-grass (Phalaris canariensis) seed, water. and antibiotics until sold.





One exporter has a 5x20x3-m outdoor flight pen into which newly acquired birds are released.

Several vendors sell birds (and seed) daily to residents and tourists in local markets of Dakar. Prices are subject to bargaining.

Most birds are exported in wooden boxes which, for passerines, measure 30x60x15 cm. Between 150 and 250 birds are shipped in each cage.

